

Oil spill resolved



The view from atop the Energy Building shows extent of oil spill clean up operations. PHOTO: Brad Jordan

By BRAD JORDAN

Wayne Community College is no longer in litigation with 4 contractors over an oil spill that occurred 6 years ago.

The case was settled out of court, according to Linwood Anderson, Vice President For Educational Support Services, when 3 of the 4 companies made an offer to the Board of Trustees to reimburse the college for some of the costs incurred.

Anderson said the college acted upon the Environmental Protection Agency's requirements to clean up the spill, paying as much as \$4,000 a month in fines to the EPA.

Subsequently the college hired Contractors and Engineers Inc. to take care of the spill and to repair the road afterwards.

Anderson stated that the spill occurred as a result of contractors' cutting an underground oil line.

During the 6 years, attempts to clean up

the spill have led to more problems with the line being cut again and disputes.

Up to now, the college has spent approximately \$300,000 on the clean up effort.

When starting the cleanup, workers had to dig down as far as they could without disturbing the water level.

The soil was then removed and treated to get rid of the oil.

When the holes were filled with water, the oil floated on the

surface where it was pumped off.

After the oil was removed, it disposed of properly, and the water was pumped back into the sewer system.

The college is now in the process of filling up the crater-like holes in an attempt to open up the road which has not been used since summer quarter 1992.

Next week the road should be restored to use.

The Department of Environmental Management (DEM)

requires the contractor to maintain 2 monitoring wells under the road where the spill took place.

These wells, until further notice by the DEM, will monitor the soil to assure that all oil has been removed and to report future problems.

Anderson stated that when the road is completely patched, cars will be allowed to drive over it to pack down the soil and make the road ready for paving.

The Voice Box

This issue of the Voice is dedicated to Michael and all persons with AIDS for their examples of lives marked by courage and caring.

This newspaper is the product of journalism students in courses at Wayne Community College. The views expressed in it are not necessarily those of the administration.

EDITOR Denise Deisler
GRAPHIC DESIGNER Ron Lane

REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS
Beth Collins Karen Creech
Denise Deisler Brad Jordan
Michael Parks

ADVISER Liz Meador
MEDIA PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT Mike Futrell
PRINTER Mount Olive Printing Company

Special thanks to Dave Meador, courier

A Special Tribute and Thanks to Ron Lane for his help with the VOICE

PHOTO: Karen Creech



A workman installs a much-needed traffic light.

There was a muddy road ahead!



Closed road created detours on rough roads while clean up was in progress. PHOTO: Brad Jordan