WSU expanding, extending UGL’s 24-hour access

The David Adamany Undergraduate Library will be open 24 hours, Monday through Thursday, for registered students starting Oct. 3. The new hours will serve as a pilot run for future fall and winter semesters. Students won’t be limited to the extended center, either. They will have access to the reserve materials, support from the Library Computing Help Desk and more space to study. Students will not have 24-hour access to the Student Technology Studio and Delliah’s Café, as well as the Academic Advising Center and the Academic Success Center. Associate Director of Access Service at Wayne State University Libraries Mike Hawthorne said the students need but appreciate the opportunity to study in a quiet, safe place. “This idea is an extension of the service the library has provided for the last several years,” Hawthorne said. “Twice a year, the Library System keeps the Undergraduate library open for 24 hours during exam week, for what we call ‘finals frenzy,’ to give students additional time to prepare for their finals and collaborate with the classmates as needed.” Since the 24-hour library is only for registered students, staff and faculty, all visitors must leave by 11 p.m. Students must then enter the building through the Extended Study Center entrance and show their OneCards. The idea of a 24-hour UGL was brought to the Dean of University Libraries, Sandra Yee, by the Student Senate. “Student Senate President Amanda Carnagie said she kept hearing WSU students complain about not having anywhere to study late.” “I think it will help initiate a culture change in the university,” Carnagie said. “A lot of students go to class then go home. A 24-hour UGL will help students to stay longer on campus and increase student’s participation on campus. Now they will have more resources like reserved books and more space.”

Anthony Wayne Project

Anthony Wayne Drive enhancements between Warren Ave. and Kirby Ave. are among a series of initiatives being sponsored by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to improve vehicular and pedestrian safety. By decreasing the amount of lanes along Anthony Wayne from four to two we can promote a pedestrian-friendly campus. This will allow up to 150 short-term parking spaces along the median and the curb. With the new curb-side appeal, students who regularly enter parking structure 2 off of Anthony Wayne Dr. will now need to enter the parking structure off of the Lodge Service Drive which is on the West side of the structure. Along with these construction improvements WSU is becoming more wheelchair friendly by adding more ramps around campus. The temporary inconvenience of construction will make for permanent safety and ease for all of our student pedestrians.

Reminders of the Month

Your students have finished their midterms and are now looking toward the end of the semester. Please consider the following reminders…

• The Academic Success Center offers many options to help students who are looking to make improvements. Have your son or daughter contact the ASC at success.wayne.edu.
• The winter semester schedule is available (classschedule.wayne.edu) so make sure your student makes an appointment with their advisor to finalize their courses before registering for the winter semester on November 1st.
• Remind your student to contact the registration office at registration@wayne.edu or 313-577-3541 if they have any questions when selecting classes.

Have a question or concern with your student’s housing account?

In order to release specific details regarding a student’s account, the student is required to fill out a FERPA (Family Education Rights and Privacy Act) form. FERPA is designed to protect the privacy of student educational records. These forms are available in our office and must be filled out prior to discussing details of a student’s account, including financial details, policy violations, and roommate conflicts.
Academic Calendar

We have a lot coming up in the next two months. You can always visit the academic calendar at [http://reg.wayne.edu/students/calendar.php](http://reg.wayne.edu/students/calendar.php), but here are some of the important dates to your attention.

- **Wednesday, November 24 - Friday, November 26** class will not be in session due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday.
- **Saturday, December 11 - Sunday, December 12** Winter Commencement will take place. If your student is graduating they should have signed up through pipeline by now.
- **Tuesday, December 14** will be a study day for students and no classes will be held.
- **Wednesday, December 15 - Tuesday, December 21** is finals week. The final exam schedule for fall 2010 can be found at [http://reg.wayne.edu/students/examsF10.php](http://reg.wayne.edu/students/examsF10.php)

Help! My student is involved in a roommate conflict!

Encountering a roommate conflict can be a stressful situation for both the student involved, and you, the parent. However, experiencing a roommate conflict can also be an opportunity to gain lifelong skills in communication, tolerance, assertiveness, and problem-solving. For your student, living on their own can be both an exciting and terrifying experience, however, you can play an active role in helping your student build and maintain a positive relationship with his/her roommate(s). When a student calls to explain a roommate conflict, your first instinct as a parent may be to immediately try to resolve the issue by requesting a room change. However, the Office of Housing and Residential Life encourages residents to learn and practice assertive communication and problem-solving skills by working to resolve the conflict with their roommate(s). There are several ways that you, as a parent, can assist your student in resolving the conflict:

- Encourage your student to think about the Roommate Agreement that they filled out at the beginning of the school year. These agreements are a great way for students to start conversations with their roommates about concerns or suggestions for amending these agreements.
- Ask if the roommates sat down and had a face-to-face conversation with each other about the conflict. Many students want to avoid the awkwardness of a face-to-face conversation and instead choose to communicate via email, text message, or social networking websites. Often times, messages are misconstrued without the assistance of body language, tone, and facial expressions.
- Discourage your student from gossiping about issues or concerns. Gossip and rumors may escalate the issues and cause more conflict. Instead encourage your student to directly address the issue with the roommate(s).
- Assist your student with brainstorming a list of options for resolution. Remind your student that resolving a conflict involves all involved parties compromising. Having a variety of options for resolution increases the likelihood that a compromise will occur.
- Remind your student that every conflict has two sides. Encourage your student to look at the issues from a different point of view and try to help them see the bigger picture.
- Encourage your student to seek out the help of the Resident Advisors if they are not able to resolve the issues by themselves. Resident Advisors are trained in conflict mediation and your student’s RA will be able to determine if more assistance is needed from the professional staff Community Director.
- Remind students that other means of conflict resolution should be tried before requesting a new room. Often, with a little bit of effort, students are able to resolve conflict and have a successful relationship with their roommate.

Hungry on Campus?

The Office of Housing and Residential Life offers a variety of meal plans for both residential and commuter students. Meal plan enrollment forms are available at the Office of Housing and Residential Life on the 5th floor of the Student Center.

**Warrior Pass** – $1450/semester
- **15 meals per week** (includes $100 in Warrior Dollars per semester) – $1375/semester
- **10 meals per week** (includes $200 in Warrior Dollars per semester) – $1375/semester
- **5 meals per week** (includes $50 in Warrior Dollars per semester) – $600/semester
- **Super 78** (78 meals to be used during operational hours) – $475/semester
- **Super 20** (20 meals to be used during operational hours) – $125/semester

Important Housing Dates:

Ghafari and Atchison Thanksgiving
Closure Dates:
- Tuesday, November 23rd at 5pm
- Sunday, November 28th at 12pm

Thanksgiving closure dates for cafeterias:
- After dinner on Tuesday, November 23rd and will restart on Monday, November 29th at breakfast.
Staying Safe on Campus Checklist

- Report suspicious activity to the WSUPD. Everyone is responsible for protecting and keeping the campus community safe. Please report any crime or people acting suspiciously to WSUPD immediately.
- If you don’t lock it, you could lose it. Residence hall and apartment doors, cars, bicycles, and other valuables should be secured at all times. Thefts frequently occur when students forget to lock their room door or leave valuables inside their parked car.
- Familiarize yourself with the Emergency Telephones. There are 176 Blue Light emergency phones all across campus. Simply pushing the red emergency button on the front of the phone panel will connect the caller to the WSUPD Dispatch Center.
- Memorize and program the WSU Police Department numbers into your phone. The WSUPD Emergency number is (313) 577-2222. From any on-campus phone, simply dial 7-2222 to be connected.
- Record identification numbers from valuable items. Make a list of all serial identification numbers from computers, electronics, and other valuable items. Having a list of serial numbers may make it easier for police to identify and recover lost or stolen property.
- All women are encouraged to attend the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) program. This 13-hour program teaches awareness, prevention, risk reduction, avoidance, and self-defense techniques. The program is offered several times throughout the school year.
- Evacuate during fire alarms. Know where the nearest building exits are and leave the building immediately after the alarm sounds. Failure to evacuate for any reason can result in stiff penalties.
- Sign up for the WSU Broadcast Messaging Service. This service delivers emergency notifications and other significant WSU messages to students, faculty, and staff via text message, instant message, and/or email. Students can also elect to receive administrative notifications when a final grade is posted or a hold is placed or removed from their account. Students can register at http://m.wayne.edu/

Quick Links:

Academic Calendar: http://reg.wayne.edu/students/calendar10-11.php
Ask a Librarian: http://www.lib.wayne.edu/services/help/
Athletics: http://wouathletics.com/
Broadcast Messaging: http://computing.wayne.edu/broadcast/index.php
Counseling: http://www.caps.wayne.edu/
Directory of WSU Departments: http://ucomm.wayne.edu/~fsd/
Health Center: http://health.wayne.edu/
Public Safety: http://www.police.wayne.edu/campus_watch.php
Software Discounts/Free Software: http://clearinghouse.wayne.edu/
The South End: http://thesouthend.wayne.edu/

Events Around Campus This Month

Encourage your student to get involved in the numerous activities planned around campus!

Health 101
DeRoy Community Room
Nov 11, 2010, 9pm

Movie Night: "Love Guru"
Chatsworth Community Room
Nov 13th, 7pm

Jeopardy Game Night
DeRoy Community Room
Nov 14th, 7pm

Movie Night: "Sex in the City 2"
DeRoy Community Room
Nov 18th, 9pm

Learn a Little Salsa
DeRoy Community Room
Nov 19th, 7:30pm -10:30pm

How To Make a Piñaña
DeRoy Community Room
Nov 19th, 4pm -7:30pm

Thanksgiving Potluck
Chatsworth Community Room
Nov 23rd, 8pm