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## Thyreen named fourteenth President

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Timothy R. Thyreen was selected to be the fourteenth President of Waynesburg College. He is the youngest man ever elected to hold this position.

President Thyreen was named as President during the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Sports Medicine facilities. This announcement marked the end of the search for the right man to take over the reigns at Waynesburg.

President Thyreen came to Waynesburg College several years ago. Some of the positions at the college that he previously held are Admissions Director and Dean of Students. He is married and has three daughters. Mrs. Thyreen is an alumnus of

Waynesburg College. Credentials held by President Thyreen include a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from North Park College in Chicago, Illinois and a Master's of Science degree in education administration from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. President Thyreen is currently working towards his Doctorate at West Virginia University in Morgantown.

Thyreen brings to the College presidency over 20 years of educational experience. He feels his responsibility is to have open communications with the faculty and the students. President Thyreen said his goals are "to make sure we continue the positive moral on campus." He also plans to continue making structural improvements through-out the campus.



Photo By Jeannine Foley

**Timothy Thyreen is named Waynesburg's fourteenth president**

To insure good communication with the students, President Thyreen plans on having students over for lunch at the Presidents' house, hopefully beginning in February. He will probably begin with

the Seniors. He will also try to make sure everybody gets a chance.

President Thyreen said, "he's excited to be the president of a college with such a great history and such a promising future."

*Editor's note: The remaining four pages of this special edition are made up of republished Yellow Jacket stories covering Thyreen's presidency. They are not presented in chronological order; rather, they are organized in a way that best tell the story of Thyreen's service at Waynesburg. Further, the stories found here are only lightly edited, so as to preserve the historical significance of these stories. Imperfections and all, they represent the perspective of students over the course of Thyreen's life.*

## Thyreen addresses campus issues

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The main goal for Waynesburg College president Timothy R. Thyreen is "to provide our students the greatest opportunity to develop themselves academically, socially, and spiritually," he said in a recent interview with the journalism class. Thyreen was inaugurated as president in April.

He continued, "What I'm hoping is for better lines of communication" between students and administrators and faculty. "I hope we're challenging, providing inspiration, providing faculty access, and showing love and responsibility."

Thyreen explained that the move to have professors seek master's or doctorate degrees is because of accreditation. "Typically a master's degree should be the minimum," he said and pointed out that degrees are "essential" to receive accreditation from the agency that evaluates the school.

Also concerning the faculty, Thyreen said that he "strongly" considers the evaluation forms and looks at the mean evaluations. Because of the performance of the faculty, Thyreen said that members "received the largest salary increase in our history."

The raise was made possible by "positive" enrollment numbers and a "very positive" financial situation, he noted. Our fund-raising has been excellent, he said, raising 6.4 million when the goal was 6 million. "We planned to make Miller Hall handicapped-accessible," he stated. Also, "we received a large gift for renovations for Hannah Hall."

Thyreen additionally

mentioned that the move from NAIA has made the college "better for all students." He said "Everyone is on a scholarship" because the school cannot be run with only tuition money. However, he mentioned that "because of all the support systems we have, students have a better chance to succeed." The school has also become more selective as a result of the switch. "For the fall of 1990, we denied more students than in the past 15 or 20 years," Thyreen said.

The move to NCAA Division was made for two reasons. One, "because only two other teams in the state were NAIA," he said. The other reason was that the new conference is "a prestigious small-college conference with excellent athletic teams."

The president also stated that new budgets could affect grants, but that the changes shouldn't be large. He also said that tuition will probably increase, but added, "It is my pledge to keep them as low as possible."

He addressed many problems and gave possible solutions. Concerning parking, he said that we need "green space," but "We have to get one or two more parking areas."

"There is no place for sexual harassment on campus," he said, noting that a committee on harassment is being formed.

He is also "anxious to get a radio power increase" because "it can be a good link between the college and the community."

Finally, Thyreen hopes to make improvements in the stadium stands and locker rooms and start women's and men's soccer teams.

## CCCU admits Waynesburg as member

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Numerous changes occurred over this past summer at Waynesburg College ranging from new steps outside of Burns hall to the completion of the new residence halls. These advancements have shaped and molded Waynesburg College to be one step ahead of where it was last spring.

One of the most significant advancements that occurred over the summer is the acceptance into the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.

Having been an affiliate member for the past six years, the CCCU is not an unfamiliar association. The CCCU is an international higher education association of intentionally Christian colleges and universities.

"We are pleased and proud to join the CCCU," said Waynesburg College President Timothy R. Thyreen. "Our efforts to offer a high-quality Christian education for the 21st century can only be strengthened by sharing resources and ideas with other institutions that have similar values and missions."

The new CCCU mem-

porary Music Center, Latin American Studies Program, Middle east Studies Program, Scholars' Semester in Oxford, China Studies Program, Honours Programme-CMRS at Oxford, Los Angeles Film Studies Center and the Russian Studies Program.

Students looking for a summer option rather than taking a semester away from Waynesburg College could get involved in the Oxford Summer Programme or the Summer Institute of Journalism. Each summer program offers up to four academic credits.

Students are also provided with the opportunity for involvement in International Partner programs and other off-campus study programs. More detailed descriptions of the programs CCCU offer can be found at <http://www.cccu.org>.

As affiliate members however, Waynesburg College students would only be considered for programs after CCCU member students. Now that we are members of the CCCU, Waynesburg College students have an equal chance of getting accepted into a program as any other student from a CCCU school. "Now our students have all of these programs available to them," said Thyreen.



Joining the CCCU is not by any means the beginning of a mission to officially become a Christian college. "This college was founded by Christian Scholars and we had drifted away from that," said Thyreen. "In the last decade we have been discovering those roots."

These steps toward becoming a more Christ-centered college were not taken in hopes that we could become members of the CCCU; they were taken in honest seeking to become more Christ-like as an institution.

Waynesburg College administration has been working very hard in the past decade to return to our Christian roots. "The biggest step has already been taken; [Our membership with the CCCU] is just a recognition of the step," said Thyreen.

Vice President for Institutional Planning, Research and Development Richard "Skip" Noftzger, has had much to do with these steps toward our tradition of a Christ-centered college.

He explained that in the previous Strategic Plan, which is written document that sets priorities and goals of Waynesburg College for a given time period, it was specifically stated that Waynesburg College wanted to join the CCCU as an affiliate member.

"We also wanted to consider the possibility of becoming a full member. Early on in that plan we became an affiliate member, and in the past 18 months we began to have some more serious discussions about whether or not this was the right time, and if it was a possibility now or not," said Noftzger.

"Based upon what they CCCU staff members knew

about us and the kind of changes that have occurred here at Waynesburg College, they encouraged us to go ahead and apply."

Thyreen said, "We were given, by the CCCU board, a unanimous vote in, and we are dramatically excited."

People at Waynesburg College are not the only ones pleased with our new membership.

"The Council is excited to welcome Waynesburg College to the CCCU," said Robert C. Andringa, Council president. "We join with the college's board, alumni, faculty and staff in celebrating the strong return of the school to a focus on its Christ-centered mission, and we applaud President Thyreen for his commitment to this end."

Our membership with the CCCU provides many opportunities for students, but does not necessarily directly affect the activities and daily life on campus.

"We are not in any way anticipating required chapel or more required religion courses, however as always there will be changes in the curriculum," said Noftzger. There are some very preliminary stages of discussion in making Religion or Ministry possible areas of study at Waynesburg College.

"The CCCU is a symptom of success of obtaining a mission," said Thyreen. Joining the CCCU is not the beginning of our efforts, but in essence, a validation of our effort to become a more Christ-centered institution."

Noftzger said, "Our direction is to be clear about recovering our sense of Christian identity and mission as an institution. And that has been an ongoing process for 15 years."

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TIMOTHY THYREEN  
Waynesburg College

bership will make many Christian higher education resources available to the college, such as international and domestic study programs as well as faculty and staff development opportunities.

The CCCU provides and administrators designed to increase participating students' capacities for critical and global thinking. The 16 credit semester study programs include: American Studies Program, Contem-

Recruitment benefits also come along with the other advantages that the CCCU offers.

"This extends our geographical reach," said Thyreen. Admission counselors now have the privilege of going to college fairs that are specifically for CCCU members, and prospective students can access the Waynesburg College website from the CCCU website when searching online for Christian colleges.

## Pres. speaks about service at chapel

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At the Chapel service on Tuesday, Sept. 16 guest speaker, University President Timothy R. Thyreen spoke to Waynesburg University students, faculty and staff about how they should take advantage of youth and to contribute to the wellness of their communities.

He explained that most students believe they should help their communities; however they will wait until they are older to do so.

"There is no purpose of waiting; do good now," said Thyreen.

"Give up your best to the master; give up your strength of your youth."

After hearing Thyreen's message about service and its importance Sarah Rizzi agreed.

"I believe that Thyreen made a very important point because we might not have the opportunity in the future to help the community in ways we can do."

Thyreen also spoke about the importance of making the right decisions

when it came to alcohol, drugs and education.

"Make good decisions," he said. "Your life can affect someone and may have a great influence for someone in your life."

Thyreen recognized Joseph Califano, head of the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, for his research about alcohol abuse on college campuses in the United States.

"If enough students come to a campus and say no to addictive behavior," he said.

Thyreen wrote a letter to Califano thanking him for his contribution to the awareness.

In response, Califano wrote a letter to Waynesburg University thanking its faculty instead.

Thyreen's message to the students, faculty and staff of Waynesburg University brought a positive attitude and viewpoint about service.

"President Thyreen challenged students to make the most of their youth," said junior Heather Quinlin.

Next week's Chapel speaker will be William Stickland, CEO of Manchester Bidwell Corporation