

- ◆ Free monthly health clinics. With assistance from Project 701 students, local physicians will provide free services to community members in need. Pre-med and nursing students will be able to shadow doctors at the clinic.
- ◆ A micro-lending project providing micro loans to small businesses in Jamaica.
- ◆ A dance marathon held annually to raise funds for Mercy Children's Hospital.
- ◆ A project to research the causes of Defiance County's higher than normal mortality rate from breast cancer. Students will develop a program to address the causes and write a grant proposal for funding.

Student applications were accepted and reviewed for management positions, and it was recently announced that Brittany Michaels of Edgerton, Ohio, has been named executive director of Project 701. Lynn Haller, Antwerp, Ohio, has been named chief financial officer. Director positions for project development and project support are still to be named. Each individual project will have a project manager, assistant manager, and faculty or staff adviser.

The Project 701 board approved development of a grant writing work-group to seek out and submit grants for overall funding of the operation of Project 701 and existing projects. Mohring explained if any DC student wishes to start a new project, the group would look for grants to support it. It is a goal that all Defiance students be involved in a project sometime during their degree program. Students in a spring semester business course will be working on a 501 (c) (3) application for recognition of tax-exempt, public charity status. ◆



Ohio Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner met with Defiance College students earlier this year to present them with approved documents establishing Articles of Incorporation for Project 701, a new, student-run nonprofit organization. Pictured with Brunner are DC students Steven Switz, New London, Ohio, and Shanna Chueyane, Columbia, Md.

Construction has begun on the new Athletic Center

Work has begun on Defiance College's new athletic center. Since ground was broken in October, general contractor Mel Lutzer Company of Napoleon has begun construction at the site west of Webster Street and north of Grand Avenue.

The project calls for an 84,000 square foot facility of steel and masonry which will feature a six-lane NCAA approved track and an expanded fitness center that will promote campus-wide physical and social vitality. The facility will become the recreational hub of the campus, meeting the needs of Yellow Jacket sports and student fitness.

Construction of the new complex will catapult DC's athletic facilities to a new level and will greatly enhance the experience for all students. The fitness and recreational benefits offered by the new center will make it a valuable asset in recruitment and retention of all students and will provide an outstanding venue for northwest Ohio athletic events.

Academically, the center will assist the academic programs of Athletic Training, Sport Management and Wellness and Corporate Fitness to achieve a new level of success.

Rich Pejeau, vice president for institutional advancement, notes that opportunities still exist for financial contributions to the project. An enhanced version brings the projected cost to \$4.2 million. Pejeau says that the College currently has nearly \$3.8 million in commitments. ◆



Progress on construction can be followed by visiting the webcam at www.defianceathletics.com/facilities/fhconstruction.