Vandalism and taunts affect the Bombeck Center’s ‘littlest Flyers’

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UD boasts of its sense of community and No. 11 ranking for happiest students in the U.S., but a few of these happy students are forgetting to include UD’s littlest Flyers from the Bombeck Family Learning Center in their friendly embrace.

“These same students seem to be ignoring everything they’ve ever learned about playing nicely.”

Within the past few weeks the Bombeck Learning Center had a $450 sign stolen, profanity yelled at toddlers and $500 worth of mulch replaced due to broken glass from beer bottles. Diana Smith, director of the Bombeck Center for over four years, said the damage UD students has done is more than she has ever seen before.

“The beer bottle throwing and glass has been an ongoing issue,” Smith said. “But the sign being stolen was a one-time situation, and we’ve never had that kind of name calling before. The students have always been very respectful.”

Seventy-two infant through 5-year-olds are taught at the Bombeck Center on weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Bombeck Center is an integral part of UD’s campus, allowing students who are working toward an early childhood teaching license to gain valuable firsthand experience.

“Those UD students who want to get licensed in teaching early childhood do a practicum here their sophomore year,” Smith said. “So we have around 50 students who come and work in classrooms doing assignments for class. They add a great energy for us.”

Kristin Bittner, a senior early childhood education major who studied at the Bombeck Center, was dismayed to see the Center being defaced.

“I was truly shocked and appalled,” Bittner said. “I know not every person here at UD loves children as much as other education majors and I do, but I could not believe that anyone would treat children in that way.”

The students committing these crimes may dislike children, but more likely they are simply unaware of the connection UD has with the center because beer bottle and cigarette butt pick-up is a Monday morning ritual for teachers and staff.

“Generally on Monday mornings we need to look at our preschool and infant playgrounds to make sure there weren’t any beer cans, broken bottles or cigarette butts thrown over the fence,” Smith said.

Dr. Leslie Picca, a UD sociology professor and mother of two at the Bombeck Center, is distressed to see UD students, who she has had overall good experiences with, participating in this type of activity.

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campus watch

FRIDAY
Urban Nights
Join the more than 25,000 people who attended May’s Urban Nights, a night of discounts and promotions in downtown Dayton. Close to 100 creative places and spaces will be open for the night, including the Oregon Arts District. There will be backstage tours of the Schuster Center, a Taste of Miami Valley and Ladyfest Dayton. Visit www.downtown-dayton.com for more information.

MONDAY
Get a Job
Career Services is offering resume review days with company representatives. Bring an Arts and Sciences resume to the KU Lobby from noon to 4 p.m. Take an Engineering resume to Kettering Laboratories room 505 between 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY
First Year Student Night
Freshmen, see what the UD Bookstore has to offer. Visit between 4 and 6:30 p.m. for free food, door prizes, Wii challenges and special discounts.

Dayton to Daytona
Turn in a Daytona Committee application by 4 p.m. to Kennedy Union room 253 to be considered for a team that plans one of UD’s biggest events. Applications are online at daytona.udayton.edu and hard copies are in room 253. The committee requires four to five hours of work a week and gives members all of the correct information regarding the end of the current trip.

Politics, politics, politics
Ohio Speaker of the House Representative Jon Husted and Judge AJ Wagner will be speaking at the first annual Celebrate Dayton Speakers Series at 7 p.m. in the KU Ballroom, presented by the Dayton Civic Scholars Class of 2009. To obtain tickets for “How Does Civic Engagement Promote a Caring Community?” visit the KU box office.

Students mix ‘n’ match during meet ‘n’ greet

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Standing in two circles facing each other, around 50 UD students spoke animatedly and quickly on every subject from birthdays to food, trying to get a feel for their match… with a catch.

Tuesday’s speed meet had the feel of a dating game but the goal of setting up two very different types of students. The outside ring consisted of American students and the other of international students, an introductory event to the Intensive English Program’s semester-long conversation partners.

“I had a conversation partner when I studied abroad last semester,” senior Liz Perkins said. “I know how helpful it can be and wanted to do it when I got back.”

Perkin’s match for the night, Akane Kageyama from Japan, said she likes to ask the American students about the most their culture. Dayton is different from her city.

“It’s good here,” Kageyama said. “It’s quiet and green.”

The IEP students have recently come to America and have been conditionally admitted to UD, instructor Susan Sandro said. Before they can enroll in any University courses they must pass their English ones and meeting with an American a few times a month immerses them in the unfamiliar language.

For every question the international students had for the Americans, there was one for them to answer, as well.

“What language do you speak?” junior Peter Kolis asked his match, Hammad Younes, from Jordan.

“Arabic,” Younes answered. Kolis rattled off three Arabic words in response and Younes burst into surprised laughter, grateful to hear his native language spoken no matter how butchered it may have been.

“It’s so great to see students take an interest,” Amy Anderson, director of the Center for International Programs, said. “The IEP students want to meet you guys, their peers.”

To be a conversation partner, contact Sandro at sandrosl@notes.udayton.edu. She considers the program to be off to a good start after having it shrouded over the meet-and-greet crowd. “Hello, can I have you attention please. I know it’s hard to stop talking.”

In addition to looking for students to participate as conversation partners, the IEP also needs volunteer tutors. The half-hour sessions take place Monday through Thursday afternoons from 3:15 to 4:15 on the ground floor of Alumni Hall. Contact Karin.avila-john@notes.udayton.edu to become involved.

Theft
September 5, 3:20 a.m.

On Sept. 5, Officer Fritz responded to Marycrist Complex on the report of a stolen bicycle. Upon arrival, a UD student stated that he had locked his blue and black Trek 1000 to the handrail in front of Marycrist Complex at approximately 8:30 p.m. When he returned at 3:15 a.m. he noticed the bike chain had been cut and the bike was missing. There are no known identifying numbers for the bike and it is valued at about $700.

Criminal Trespassing
Sept. 5, 6:21 p.m.

Officer Orrill was dispatched to Kennedy Union on the report of a suspicious male making inappropriate comments to female students and taking photographs. The officer located the male, who was not a UD student. The suspect was issued a criminal trespass warning and he left the area. The complainant stated that the suspect told her and her friends how “sexy” they were and asked if he could take pictures with his cellular phone.

Criminal Damaging
Sept. 5, 2:02 a.m.

On Sept. 5, Officer Orrill was dispatched to Lawnview Apartments on the report of the sound of breaking glass. Upon arrival, the officer located a broken window on the building. Upon further investigation, the officer entered the apartment and observed that the outside piece of glass was broken and there were pieces of red balloon mixed in with the broken glass. There are no known suspects at this time.
Living with loss

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There is an outlet here on campus to help ease the pain for anyone who has lost someone important to them and also has to deal with the stress of college.

Living with Loss is a student support group founded 20 years ago by Sr. Mary Louise Foley for students who have lost someone in their life and need peers to talk to that are dealing with the same pain. After eight years, she passed down the coordination of the group to Kathleen Rossmann of Campus Ministry.

The group meets in VWK once a week for one hour and is completely confidential. Meeting times are determined by the students and managed by Rossmann. It is open to all students, undergraduates as well as graduate and law students, who have lost someone significant.

“(Living with Loss) helps students because they have someone else to talk to so they know they are not alone,” Rossmann said. “They feel understood. It’s a place where they can cry and laugh and share stories. They feel included, not isolated as so many do.”

LWL allows for a forum in which students can respond and listen to one another and tell each other what has worked for them personally, in hopes that someone else may be able to help themselves in a similar way.

Rossmann mentioned how people like roommates or new friends ask a question similar to, ‘how many siblings do you have,’ and a student does not know whether they should ignore the passing of one of their siblings, not mention it or say nothing about siblings.

Holidays are typically very difficult to experience with someone missing, and LWL is an excellent way to help ease the pain during these tougher times.

“It really helps talking to other students who have gone through the same thing you have,” Jamison said. “Although our stories are slightly different from each other, we all support each other and have grown as a group.”

Miss National Sweetheart’s winner

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For Bowling Green State University senior Becky Minger, representing the state of Ohio in the Miss National Sweetheart pageant this past week was far from what she had expected.

“When I was younger I felt like I was the ugly duckling and the misfit of the group; I thought this could never be a possibility for me,” Minger said.

Some of her past titles include Ms. Greater Dayton (her first), third runner up in Miss Ohio Teen USA, first runner up as Miss Maumee Valley 2008, first runner up as Miss Ohio 2008 and most recently placing in the top 11 of 39 other states at the 2008 Miss National Sweetheart Pageant.

“Pageants give me the chance to showcase my own talents and I love that I get to be involved in a respectable program,” Minger said. “Plus, I have learned things in these pageants that I would never have learned in a classroom.”

The Miss National Sweetheart Pageant was set up and scored like that of the Miss America Pageant.

“One thing that I like about the pageants is that it is not about the money; it’s about representing your state and even your country,” Minger said.

The Miss Sweetheart pageant has five categories that are each a percentage of the score.

Minger herself was asked the difficult question of whether or not she would be a surrogate mother for her state and even your country, she said. “If you can handle walking in front of people in a swimsuit, then I think you handle just about anything in life.”

One of the largest portions of being in a pageant is presenting a platform, which is a belief that each woman feels strongly about. Minger’s platform in particular is “Building self-esteem through discovering Y-O-U.” She hopes to help other women to feel stronger about themselves and to find out who they are.

“When I go to pageants I am there to get the job, not there for the sashes and roses,” Minger said.

People often think that no one knows what it is like to be away from your family and have to grieve and continue school when your life has completely changed.

“Trying to get through the loss of a loved one is a slow and growing process,” David Jamison, an LWL group member, said. “It is not something you can conquer overnight.”

Anyone who has lost someone significant to them, especially a parent or sibling, knows that there is no easy way, no simple steps, to the grieving process.

“To feel what you feel, to accept how you feel, and to talk to someone about it – those are the most important steps,” Rossmann said. “After a death, everything about a student’s life changes – it’s a total redefining in a new setting. People want to live a normal life but there are times when you can’t and there’s no one way that works for everybody.”

If you would like to be part of Living with Loss, contact Kathleen Rossmann at x94587 or Kathleen. Rossmann@notes.udayton.edu.
UD’s Teleconnect employees: not your average telemarketers

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What do you do when you get a call from someone soliciting you for money? Get annoyed and hang up?

The students employed by UD Teleconnect work hard to make sure that is not the case when they make their calls for donations.

“Basically, it’s a group of students who call alumni, parents and friends while fostering positive and long-lasting relationships with alumni,” Mary Grawe, a senior supervisor at Teleconnect, said.

But as Grawe can attest to, it is much more than just that.

Teleconnect has been in operation since 1986, hiring students to call alumni asking for monetary donations. Since then it has grown to a staff of around 70 callers, with yearly donation goals just over $1 million.

“Annual Giving encompasses Telefund,” Kelli Holmes, the assistant director of Annual Giving for UD and current Teleconnect interim manager, said. “We had a goal of $2.5 million in donations for last year, and Telefund brought in over $1 million dollars of that, and has consistently done so for the past five or so years.”

UD ranks fourth in donations received from alumni for Catholic Colleges, behind Notre Dame, Georgetown and Boston College, according to Grawe.

But calling alumni is not necessarily about getting a big monetary donation, said Grawe. It’s about alumni participation.

“The community aspect of UD carries over to alumni,” Grawe said. “Even if they can’t give money, they enjoy our phone calls; they enjoy hearing what we have to say.”

When talking to alumni on the phone, an important part of each call is building rapport and talking to alumni about things like their experiences with UD.

“Basically, we want our callers to be updated about what’s going on here,” Mary Orlet, a senior supervisor at Teleconnect said. Teleconnect provides the callers with fact sheets about UD to help them keep alumni informed about current events at the school.

And a lot of times the callers find that the person on the other end just wants to reminisce about UD.

“Most of them just like hearing from you,” Jill Robisch, a senior finance major who has been a caller since her freshman year, said. “My favorite people are the ones who give every year. They know why you are calling, and they ask where you live, what your major is. They have stories galore, and want to know about you too.”

The “stories galore” that callers listen to sometimes don’t even relate to UD. Once, Grawe talked to a 1939 graduate for around half an hour, discussing his computer problems and the state of the US economy.

“It was awkward and hilarious,” Grawe said.

Robisch has even had parents on the line break down crying with worry about freshmen who recently started school.

“One lady said, ‘My son doesn’t call anymore — can you call him?’” Robisch said.

Orlet has found that calling is also a nice way to network when you have a common major or some other connection with a person.

“Some of my favorite people to talk to are those who have a connection with you, like your major,” Orlet said. “They’ll want to give you the number of somebody to help you find a job. The alumni really do want to help you.”

Latest drug trends released, not fully reflected in university

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Staff Writer

The Ohio Substance Abuse Monitoring Network (OSAM) released its latest findings in mid-August of Ohio’s most common drug trends.

“The report concluded an increase in heroin usage, a consistently high use of marijuana and a decline in the use of methamphetamine and Oxycodone,” Conn Starner said.

The OSAM is a research enterprise founded by the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS) whose goal is to provide an analysis of drug trends throughout Ohio.

The information compiled in the OSAM’s reports is based on focus groups that consist of law enforcement, treatment professionals, and former and current drug addicts.

“We just know what drugs are popular,” ODADAS Chief of Communications Amanda Conn Starner said.

Similar to OSAM’s findings, marijuana use at UD remains consistent.

“There is a certain amount of abuse of drugs going on,” UD Public Safety Chief of Operations Larry Dickey said. “Marijuana is the most common, we do see a fair share of marijuana cases.”

OSAM informs that heroin usage is on the rise especially within the college student age group.

“We’re seeing a higher rate of heroin treatment admission between white suburban youth,” Conn Starner said.

Although the abuse of heroin appears to be an issue statewide, UD had not experienced any major issues with the drug thus far.

“We haven’t observed that [the use of drugs other than marijuana] to be a problem at this point,” Dickey said. “I’m not saying it doesn’t exist, it just hasn’t come to our attention.”

Although the abuse of drugs other than marijuana is not a campus problem, OSAM finds an assortment of dangerous drugs in abundance, specifically in Montgomery County. OSAM researched local users who reported crack cocaine as plentiful in terms of availability. Similar to OSAM’s findings on heroin users, crack cocaine is also developing among young adults from white suburban backgrounds.

Another popular drug trend among young adults is the abuse of prescription drugs.

“The family medicine cabinet is becoming the new drug dealer for teens and youth,” Conn Starner said.

In order to prevent the spread of drug abuse within the UD community, Dickey said it is important for students who are knowledgeable of the use of illegal substances on campus to report their findings to campus authorities.

“When you become aware somebody is using [drugs] report it,” Dickey said. “Whether it’s to a [resident advisor] or public safety, you can be anonymous when you report it.”

For more information on the OSAM’s latest report on Ohio residents’ drug abuse trends visit odadas.ohio.gov. For drug treatment or prevention services, contact ODADAS’ hotline at 1-800-788-7254.
“I’ve had very good interactions with students and think highly of them,” Picca said. “But whether it be an individual or group of students who feel it’s ok to shout profanity or vandalize signs, it’s sort of heartbreaking.”

“I think UD students are seen as caring individuals who come to the university partly because of the Marianist community,” Smith said. “I’m not only surprised by the incidents that have occurred lately, but I’m also disappointed that there are some UD students who don’t share the particular dedication to the Marianist philosophy of serving, giving, thoughtfulness and doing for others.”

What Picca and Smith both stress is that students participating in these inappropriate actions do so more out of ignorance than anything else. Many UD students are unaware of the mutually beneficial relationship the Bombeck Center and UD share.

Not only does the center allow students to learn first-hand about children, it also displays a positive teaching model for the community and enhances UD’s reputation.

“One of the things that is so important about this center and the reason I’m here is that we have developed and demonstrate the very best that could happen for children,” Smith said. “We actually go out and teach others how to do what we do. UD has gained a lot by having us as a demonstration school because our reputation has really gone national.”

It would be hard to believe that on a campus where Marianist values are consistently stressed these student-perpetrated crimes are committed purposely.

“I don’t think it’s maliciousness on the part of students,” Picca said. “They just have to think about the consequences their actions can have. They need a gentle reminder that even the littlest Flyers we have here on campus deserve respect from everyone.”

Smith remains confident in UD’s student body.

“Everyone makes poor decisions, and I think that’s what occurred here,” Smith said. “I would be shocked if it continues.”

One step in the right direction is the fact that the stolen sign was returned within 24 hours of the theft. Officials hope this marks the beginning of the Bombeck Center achieving the respect it deserves.

“We are UD and you are UD,” Smith said. “So we are all one big family. If you’ll help us, then we’ll do all we can to help you.”
Flyer TV holding Energy Colloquium

ANNA BEYERLE
Staff Writer

Flyer TV will air monthly hour-long segments of the Energy Colloquium to discuss the use of energy in today’s world starting Sept. 24.

The six programs will focus on energy, varying from alternative energy to energy in the media. Each episode will involve professors and experts from UD and other surrounding universities speaking about the subject in front of a live audience.

Students can attend any of the six programs, e-mail the presenters to ask questions or post their ideas and responses on the Colloquium’s Web site message boards, communications professor Glenn Walters said. They will also have an opportunity to meet the speakers from the program afterward.

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He advised all interested students to attend the information sessions to learn the most important strategies in presenting an elevator pitch. In addition, he mentioned enthusiasm and empathy as two key terms students should keep in mind before going in for their presentation.

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WALTERS said. “I hope that it will stimulate a more sane and sensible understanding of our role in the family of nations and cultures in the years ahead.” Walters said. “Flyer TV hopes to enlarge its audience and to establish itself more firmly as a valuable news and information organization.”

The program can be viewed on Flyer TV’s Web site: campus.udayton.edu/~flyer-tv.

The Colloquium will also be airing on public-access channels in surrounding areas, according to a Campus Report article published this summer.

For more information on the Energy Colloquium topics or to discuss the program on message boards, visit energyforum.udayton.edu.

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Hurry, don’t wait! Deadlines are quickly approaching!
MIKE BIRBIGLIA IN DAYTON

NICK IANNARINO
Assistant A&E Editor

Listening to a Mike Birbiglia stand-up routine is painful.

Not in a “This is so terrible I want to gouge my eyes out,” Carrot Top type way. Rather, you can’t believe that one man has the capacity to say the wrong thing at the wrong time as often as Birbiglia.

Plus, your stomach totally kills from laughing so hard.

Rather than winging one-liners at audiences, Birbiglia, 30, has had enormous success sharing exquisitely true stories about his life, whether they’re written as entries in his famous “Secret Public Journal” blog, or performed on his three Comedy Central specials and two live albums.

Birbiglia’s new one-man show, “Sleepwalk with Me,” which opens off-Broadway in October, has received unfathomably stellar reviews from fans and critics. A large portion of the show comes from Birbiglia’s difficulties with sleepwalking, which developed during a not-so-funny incident that nearly killed him. But like Richard Pryor in “Live on the Sunset Strip,” Birbiglia has inexplicably found a way to make weighty material uproarious.

On Thursday, Sept. 18, Birbiglia will make at least one audience member at the Victoria Theater in Dayton come dangerously close to peeing their pants. He’s been here before — his sister, 11 years his senior, actually went to school at UD.

“I used to come there when I was a kid,” he said. “It’s a beautiful campus. I distinctly remember that socializing was a huge part of my life.”

Flyer News got the chance to speak with Birbiglia about comedy, Catholic schools and the prospects of fame.

Flyer News: What’s your developmental process like for writing a routine?

Mike Birbiglia: It’s almost as though you have to be delusional to be a comedian, because early on it’s really not going well, but with the audience you have to tell yourself that it’s going great. You’ll walk off after dying on stage and be like “You know, that was pretty good,” looking for the redeeming moments. I use the one moment liberally, because at times there isn’t even that. It’s kind of like, “Well, there was that one guy who smiled.” So you have to magnify that in your head, because otherwise you’ll never get on stage the next night, because you’ll be like “Well, I guess humans don’t like me.”

Flyer News: You went to Catholic grade school and college [at Georgetown University]. What is it about Catholic school that inspires so many comedians?

MB: You’re really encouraged not to speak up about stuff in Catholic school. I don’t know if it’s like that across the board, but I know that I was always in trouble for talking too much, saying the wrong thing and all that kind of stuff. I think that kind of suppression built up over the years, and then actually when you were allowed to talk, you were like “I’ve got a few things to say.”

MB: It’s definitely sticky, the subject, sometimes, because it bleeds into my life a little bit. Sleepwalking is still something I wrestle with. It usually takes about a year or so to figure out whether or not something will make a good story. You need the perspective of time, and it’s been about four years since that incident happened. But the more distance I get from it, the more I’m able to make comedy from it. The laughter helps. If there were no laughter, it would be much more painful, I think.

Flyer News: Is the idea of fame something that excites you, or are you kind of wary of it?

MB: More people know who I am these days and that kind of thing, but what’s fortunate is that if people come up to me in the street, it’s people who I tend to like. I think it’s because my comedy is true to myself.

As such, I think it’s fine. Maybe it would get worse if I got a network show or in movies or something like that where it would be unbearable. But right now, it’s good to be noticed a couple times a week. It’s pleasant, but I’ll keep you posted.

How to go

Who: Mike Birbiglia standup comedy

Where: Thursday, Sept. 18 at 8 p.m.

When: Thursday, Sept. 18 at 8 p.m.

WHERE: Victoria Theater, 138 North Main St., Dayton

Cost: $34

More info: www.birbigs.com

FUNK, SOUL BAND TO KICK OFF ART SERIES

SYLVIA MAYE
Chief Staff Writer

When composer Matt Moran gathered together a group of eccentric musicians, he had no idea the impact his brass and accordion-driven sound would have on the New York music scene.

Six years later, Moran and his band, Slavic Soul Party!, have garnered the respect of musicians and critics from all over the world.

Slavic Soul Party! is scheduled to bring their unique blend of music to UD and kick off UD’s Art Series Sept. 18 at 8 p.m. in KU Ball Theatre.

Art Series coordinator, Eileen Carr, is excited to introduce Slavic Soul Party! to the community.

“The UD Arts Series tries to present concerts that are standouts, both in terms of excellence and distinctiveness,” Carr said.

“Slavic Soul Party! is perfect in both respects.”

The nine-piece band has been called “NYC’s official number one brass band for Balkan soul gypsy funk,” by the New York Times.

Slavic Soul Party! got its start in Brooklyn, N.Y. since then their sound, along with their popularity, has grown.

Many music critics have praised the band for their infusion of American jazz, R&B, Hip-Hop and Eastern European harmonies. The ensemble plays more than a hundred national and international shows a year and never disappoints. All the members have jazz backgrounds.

In fact, three of Slavic Soul Party’s members — including Moran — are also members of John Hollenback’s Claudia Quartet.

Slavic Soul Party! has played in about every major club in New York and has been featured in most of the major daily papers as well.

In October 2000, the band toured in Europe and taped some of their performances, which resulted in a live album version of some of their more popular songs. The group has release four studio albums in the past few years to critical acclaim. The groups latest album, “Remixed”, is available now on iTunes.

Appearances in the U.S. are scheduled for late September through the rest of the summer but they can be seen every Tuesday at Barbes Bar in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Tickets are now on sale at the KU box office at $5 for students, $8 for faculty/staff and $14 for the general public. For more information on the band and upcoming performances, visit the Art Series Web site http://
Broke college students, fret no more because your musical salvation has arrived.

Web sites have popped up all over the Internet that utilize free browser-based music players to play songs from a seemingly infinite library of music.

Web sites such as pandora.com, finetune.com and last.fm offer an alternative way to listen to your favorite tunes that are cheaper than downloading music from iTunes or Amazon and are safer and more legal than file-sharing with LimeWire or Morpheus.

Each service offers its own way of delivering music it believes each user might like. Pandora uses its Music Genome Project to determine listeners’ music preferences. According to the Web site, Pandora is “a new kind of radio – stations that only play music you like.”

Pandora attempts to create the experience of listening to a radio station that plays only music you are interested in. For example, if you like “dirty electric guitar riffs,” Pandora will add more songs of the same type to the selected station. Copyright laws prohibit the site from allowing its users to skip more than a certain number of songs per hour on a station.

If you don’t like a site picking the songs for you, check out finetune.com, self-proclaimed as “the mix-tape evolved.” Finetune lets users create a playlist of almost any music you want. The only drawbacks are that on a single playlist you must have at least 45 songs for it to play, only three per artist on a list, and (like Pandora) it won’t let you skip too many songs on a playlist.

Last.fm is a social networking site with a music twist. It lets you connect to other people who like the same type of music you do. The site has a browser plug-in that will search your media library or MP3 player and analyze your music. Then it gives you suggestions for new songs and artists similar to your musical preference. Unable to avoid copyright laws either, last.fm won’t allow you to skip much music either. Even with these drawbacks, sites like last.fm and finetune.com can deliver an unequalled music experience.

In an increasingly wireless world, these sites offer more accessibility to music than ever before. Students using MP3 players or phones that include Web browsing might want to consider opting out of bogging down their players with songs and opt to create playlists and stations on these sites that require no disk space.

For a more off-the-wall music experience, visit cassettefrommyex.com. Imagine if postsecret.com had a soundtrack and a blog for each card. This would be it. The site is full of blog postings about old love mix tapes each author received in the past.

The music player evolved, listen differently
Act your age: Shenanigans at Bombeck Center
make UD students look like bullies

Recently there’s been a good deal of shenanigans going on over at the Bombeck Center – and they’re not coming from those little tykes out on the playground.

Students from UD have been accused of flicking cigarette butts and beer bottles over the building’s fence, stealing a $450 sign, and — probably the most appalling — chanting, “F—ck the toddlers” while the little Flyers are playing around outside.

Our preschool playground experiences involved swinging on tires while listening to teachers sing songs. The recent, tasteless mischief at the Center has kids there now playing with broken glass while getting cursed at.

Seriously, people? We’re not buying the idea that UD students don’t understand this is a preschool. The Bombeck Center is as much a part of this university as the RecPlex or KU are. You wouldn’t like it if there were cigarette butts on the treadmills at the Rec and probably wouldn’t find it very amusing hearing people chant obscenities at you while you’re walking around campus. So why should we do it to innocent kids?

See, UD has this reputation for its good community. While this Bombeck situation hasn’t necessarily evolved into an ongoing issue (yet), the small minority of the students that are making an issue are making the whole student body look bad in the process.

In our front page article, we quote the Center’s director, Diana Smith, and UD professor Dr. Leslie Picca. Despite the tomfoolery that has occurred, each of them still sees UD students in a positive light and have hope that students will shape up. Dr. Picca even has children who attend the Bombeck Center – and they’re not coming from those little tykes.

So let’s learn from this, and take advantage of the second chance that was generously given.
letters to the editor

Senior agrees TV is sending bad messages

Television is not only sending the wrong message to teenagers about sex, it is sending the wrong message to society about money. I am going to go ahead and make the assumption that almost every single person on this campus has watched a reality TV show that centers on people trying to win a lot of money or simply on people who have a lot of money. I freely admit to falling into that category myself. However, there is one show in particular that I cannot stand: “My Super Sweet 16.” The things I have heard these teenagers say about money in the three minutes and countless advertisements I have ever watched truly astounds me. These teens think it is perfectly acceptable to spend thousands of dollars on a helicopter entrance, a famous singer gowns to change into through on a day to day, meal-to-meal basis. Furthermore, I hope you think about all the things in your life that you may take for granted, and I challenge you to do something to help people who live in the richest country in the world yet battle poverty every single day.

Megan Brennan
Senior
Psychology

Can I have my Internet please?

About $35,000: is that what we pay to go here? I think that is more than enough money to help be able to provide each student here with a better Internet connection in their home.

Sure I could go to Best Buy, pick up a wireless router or use my ethernet cord and problem solved! However, that is $50 out of my pocket that I do not feel like wasting just because this school’s connection in my home is awful. What happens when I want to sit on my front porch on a nice day and do homework on my computer? I can’t. What happens if I want to use my laptop somewhere other than my desk in my house? Oh God forbid that!

You would think that part of that $35,000 we spend to go here that at least a small fraction can go to a wireless router or some sort of better wireless connection in our homes. Last year I lived in the Darkside and the connection was OK, better than this year. This year I live in the Ghetto, closer to school buildings, and you would think it would be great internet. That is not the case. This is my fourth year here, and this is by far the worst connection I have ever had.

So, university, explain to me why I pay you so much money and cannot even get a decent internet wireless connection. I am pretty sure you have enough money left over from our tuition to buy me a router. My address is 1436 Freticks and I’ll be waiting.

Thanks.

Katie Aberli
Senior
Public Relations

Collegiate Republican

• Didn’t do drugs in High School.
• Is Republican because their parents are.
• Will vote Republican just to vote Republican.

Collegiate Democrat

• Did lots of drugs in High School.
• Is Democrat because their parents are Republicans.
• Will vote Democrat because it’s the cool thing to do.

Collegiate Independent

• Probably won’t vote.

NICK KASTNER, SENIOR

OPINIONS
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**SCHEDULE**

**Women’s Soccer**
Fri. Sept. 12 vs. Duke
Sun. Sept. 14 vs. Rutgers

**Men’s Soccer**
Fri. Sept. 12 at UNCW

**Volleyball**
Fri. Sept. 12 vs. Illinois
Fri. Sept. 12 vs. Gardner-Webb

**INSIDE THE NUMBERS**

This weekend will mark the first time in the history of the men’s soccer program that the Flyers will face the UNCW Seahawks and the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers. The Flyers are 0-1-0 and 0-0-1 against teams in the Colonial Athletic Association and the Big South Conference, respectively.

**FLYER TRIVIA?**

Dayton guard Marcus Johnson was a high school teammate of LeBron James and a member of the 2003 Division II State championship team at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School in Akron, Ohio. Aside from LeBron James, who were the remaining four starters for the Fighting Irish in the 2003 state final against Kettering Archbishop Alter High School?

Last issue’s answer: The Canton McKinley Bulldogs.

Stats and trivia compiled by John Bedell

**SPORTS**

**Flyer News**

**Friday, September 12, 2008**

**Women’s Soccer**

**Dayton welcomes ranked opponents**

Flyers to host Duke and Rutgers this weekend

**Joe Bernstein**
Staff Writer

The excitement is palpable at Baujan Field this weekend as the Flyers women’s soccer team will play host to the visiting teams from Rutgers and Duke.

Each of these highly anticipated games is considered to be rich in both talent and skill. The first of the two games will be a primetime matchup at 7:30 p.m. against Duke at Baujan Field. Duke, which is currently ranked 12th in NSCAA/Adidas top 25, has a strong program and plays in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The second and final game of the weekend will be at 1 p.m. at the same location and will feature Rutgers, from the Big East.

However, the Flyers rode the heroics of sophomore Kelly Blumenschein as she tallied her second game-winning goal of the season as the team continued to build momentum as it defeated Michigan 3-2 last week. The Flyers, who are 3-1 on year and are currently ranked 5th in the NSCAA/Adidas regional rankings, hope that winning both games this weekend will help bump them into the national top 25.

When asked about the importance of this weekend and its impact on both the program and the season, senior goalkeeper Deana Waintraub said, “Oh, of course this would add great momentum in taking on our conference schedule. After having played with Illinois last week, we have been proving ourselves. Taking on Duke and Rutgers will continue to push our program and augment our play.”

The team hopes that by bringing in elite-level talent the fans will reward them with increased attendance levels. As Coach Tucker said, “The fans have been fantastic, and as a sign of respect to them, the program and the facility we should have the right to see top teams. Maybe we can set some attendance records this weekend.”

The players also enjoy the friendly confines of Baujan field. Waintraub commented on the fan support by saying, “Not only do we play for ourselves but we play for our supporters. The feeling that I get when I run out of the lineup as my name is called by the announcer and hearing the roars from the crowd sends chills down my spine. I would definitely agree that the Flyer Faithful and Red Scare create the ultimate setting for us to perform in.”

Although both of the visiting teams are talented, the Flyers are confident that scouting and preparation will prove to be the difference maker and will lead to more goals in the end. As Tucker said, “Yes we have to prepare for each opponent. As far as adjustments we just have to make tweaks here and there, such as working on our positioning and limiting goals on set pieces such as goals on corners and free kicks.”

When asked how they would prepare for the differing styles of play offered by both teams Tucker said, “We have to rely on scouting to help us with our formations and style changes because you always have to be able to adjust.”

Plenty of the Flyer Faithful will certainly descend upon Baujan Field this weekend and bear witness as the Flyers try to crack the top 25 in the country for the first time this season.

**How they match up**

**Dayton, Ohio**

**Rutgers, N.J.**

*CONFERENCE* **Atlantic 10**

**ACC**

**BIG EAST**

*TOWN* **Dayton, Ohio**

**Durham, N.C.**

**Piscataway, N.J.**

*RANKING* **37**

**12**

**41**

*RECORD* **4-1-0**

**4-1-0**

**3-1-0**

*Images credits to Photo Editor Ryan Kozelka*
Volleyball

FLYERS HEAD SOUTH
Dayton will try to keep its winning streak alive at the Lady Vol Classic

BRENDAN HADER
Staff Writer

After winning the Flyer Invitational last weekend, the University of Dayton volleyball team looks to keep their success going this weekend at the Comcast Lady Vol Classic in Tennessee.

The Flyers are slated to play two matches on Friday and one on Sunday in Knoxville. They will be playing No. 17 Illinois in their opener followed by Gardner-Webb and Tennessee.

All three teams will be formidable opponents but being in the top 25, Illinois stands out most on the schedule. In their last meeting, the Flyers beat Illinois in last year’s Flyer Invitational to win the tournament, so the Illini will be seeking revenge in Knoxville. The players know that the Fighting Illini will be fired up on Friday, but that is not going to change their approach.

“When you have high ranked teams you want to go after them a little harder, but this year we’re working on coming at every team with the same mindset and intensity,” sophomore middle blocker Lindsay Fletemier said.

The volleyball team is coming off of their best season in history in which they posted a 33-2 record in 2007.

“We’re trying to be just as successful as last year,” Fletemier said. “We have some new players in here and we’re just working hard trying to get the job done.”

The biggest change from last year is at the head coach position where Kelly Sheffield has taken over for Tim Horsmon. Horsmon was with the Flyers for the last five seasons. Sheffield arrives at UD after seven seasons at Albany in which he led the Great Danes to three NCAA Tournament appearances. Sheffield seems to have had little trouble making the transition.

“When you get the support that we’ve had here from the administration, staff, community, fans and students, the transition is pretty easy,” Sheffield said. “The amount of support that this program has here is incredible and it certainly makes it a little bit easier on what we’re trying to do and it makes it really exciting.”

Coming off three matches in the Flyer Invitational and traveling on Thursday to play three different teams in the Lady Vol Classic, it seems difficult to be well-prepared. Coach Sheffield emphasized staying focused on one game at a time.

“When you get the support that we’ve had here from the administration, staff, community, fans and students, the transition is pretty easy,” Sheffield said. “We want to be challenged. We want to be a team that improves more throughout the course of the year than anybody else.”

The Flyers will pursue their second consecutive tournament title beginning at noon on Friday against Illinois. They face Gardner-Webb at 5 p.m. later that day and wrap the weekend up with host school Tennessee at 2 p.m. on Sunday.
Cross Country

NATIONAL CATHOLIC INVITE SERVES AS TRUE TEST OF ENDURANCE
Both men’s and women’s teams gearing up for trip to Notre Dame, will face several fellow Catholic rivals

BRYCE STUCKENSCHNEIDER
Chief Staff Writer

The UD men’s and women’s cross country teams travel to the Mecca of Catholic sports this weekend: South Bend, Indiana, to compete in the National Catholic Invitational. An annual staple in the Flyers’ schedule, the NCI will provide the UD teams with a chance to compete against elite teams from across the country.

In 2007, UD’s men finished third and women finished sixth out of more than 30 teams in each division. Both teams hope to contend for the title while finishing ahead of all other A-10 teams in the field.

The men’s and women’s teams seek to use their momentum from the Meijer Flyer 5K, held two weeks ago at Indian Riffle Park in Kettering. Both men’s and women’s teams finished third out of eight teams at their only home meet of the year, with the men finishing behind Miami (OH) and Cincinnati.

Following the Flyer 5K, the women’s team notched a second place finish out of 12 teams at the Queen City Invitational last weekend in West Chester, Ohio.

Both teams hope their success in South Bend will surpass last year’s impressive results.

A year ago in South Bend, the women placed three freshmen in the top 40 of the meet (Maureen Bulgrin, Brigitte Sherman, and Liz Coorey), arguably one of their best meets of the 2007 campaign. The team will be led again by Bulgrin, who was named the A-10 Women’s Cross Country Performer of the Week on Monday after her third place finish at last Saturday’s Queen City Invitational.

The men finished with two runners under 25 minutes for the first time in school history (Mike Anderson 24:36, Chris Lemon 24:59) in South Bend last year. Anderson and the Lemon brothers aim to lead UD’s men’s squad to the top of the field on Saturday.

According to Coach Rich Davis, the men’s team has numerous goals.

“The 2008 season has been deemed as the “Year of Competitiveness,” Davis said in a press release. “The proof of the team’s competitiveness will be demonstrated by achieving team and individual accomplishments that have never been attained. The mission is twofold: a top-three team placing at the Atlantic 10 Championship and the qualification of runners into the NCAA Championships.”

The road to accomplishing that goal and others continues in South Bend this weekend.

Football

Flyers to face formidable opponent on Saturday
Previewing the matchup between the Rams and Flyers

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