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The power of community

A journalist recently asked me about the University of Dayton’s remarkable growth during my presidency. As I enter my 10th year as president, I’m grateful to lead a university that’s been extraordinarily well-managed for more than 50 years. I inherited a university on an upward path from Brother Ray Fitz, S.M., who led UD into the modern era with a blend of pragmatism, boldness and humility.

In the spirit of our Marianist founders, our faculty and staff have embraced change at a pace some might consider astounding, for higher education. Our local, state and national leaders have rallied around our knack for seizing the possibilities — whether it’s the transformation of a brownfield or the launching of centers of excellence in emerging high-tech fields. We’ve accomplished the extraordinary because of the ingenuity, leadership and buy-in of a community of supporters on campus and beyond.

That’s how we were able to nearly double the size of campus through two major acquisitions from NCR Corp. and then attract a new GE Aviation research center. Seizing opportunities, our faculty and researchers have doubled the sponsored research volume by developing expertise in emerging fields like sensors and alternative energy. We’ve changed our market positioning our university to do the same.

Just as we prepare students with the ability to adapt and thrive in a changing world, we’ve learned, live, pray and solve problems together — in community. And great things happen when we do that.

As I enter my 10th year as president, I’m motivated to set our aspirations higher.

The strength of the University of Dayton is — and will always be — the strength of our community. Nowhere is this shown more than in our record. Those are all achievements our faculty, staff and students accomplished by reading the signs of the times and acting boldly.

As I reflect on the University of Dayton’s future, I believe we are poised to make a quantum leap into the realm of world-class universities. Just as we prepare students with the ability to adapt and thrive in a changing world, we’ve positioned our university to do the same.

We will not be followers, nor will we embark on this journey by ourselves. In the Marianist spirit, we will imagine the possibilities and then act.

President, University of Dayton

COMMENTARY BY DANIEL J. CURRAN

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON PRESIDENT

DARTH MILLER

I enjoyed the article on new man’s head basketball coach Archie Miller (“Strong Suit,” Summer 2011). As a current University of Arizona season ticket holder, I can confirm his hire was a great one for UD.

However, the cover photo of the coach is simply horrible! I like the p.r. c.i. a.m. e “nerdy” nature of the coach, which should be to UD’s advantage, but making him look like Darth Vader on the cover was a huge mistake.

—DONALD A. MOUNCE ’75

SPRING VALLEY, ARIZ.

HAPPY EASTER

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STAYING POWER

I enjoy the articles in the magazine and, every once in a while, I catch a name that stirs old memories. “The Next Big Thing” [Summer 2011] spoke of an experiment that engineering students were performing that involved possible light movement in a completely dark room. In 1972 (plus or minus a year), Wright-Patt paid students to do a similar experiment — I imagine the data from our responses would still be available and possibly useful in the current experiments.

—CAROLE O’BRIEN STRAAT ’66

SPRINGBORO, OH

INSTANT NOSTALGIA

The kitchen table was a bit cold, and I decided to go through school all over again. —JIM LABEAU ’65

—GORDON MONTIREN DAYTON

FACEBOOK FAN

Facebook: UNIV of Dayton page [facebook.com/udmagazine] is very interesting to me, primarily because of the great, current photos of ongoing campus projects, e.g., Student Field, Renovations, GE R&D center and more. The facilities management site has construction project updates, but Facebook’s helicopter photos are really special and are particularly interesting and informative. I love it!

—MICK NICHOLAN ’61

MANCHESTER, CONN

LETTERS

DARTH MILLER

Happy Easter. However, tell Mr. E. Cavallaro ’57 “I’m on the Inside,” Sum- mer 2011] that the weather on Easter morn- ing might be “dreary,” but the morning it- self can never be!

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INSTANT NOSTALGIA

Not a bad day…Saturday afternoon I was sitting at the kitchen table relaxing with a cold iced tea and my University of Dayton Magazine. I always scan the issues from cover to cover looking for memories and connections of my days at UD. First, I look to letters for the edi- tor and the “Conversation Pieces.” Next are
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**If Walls could talk**

**Game Night**

Is there a more social game than cornhole? Organizers of Family Weekend, which will be Nov. 4-6 this year, think not. Many families agree, said Dave Ostrander, associate director of campus recreation, who organizes the Friday night cornhole tournament. It draws more than 150 players on average, he said, with a single-elimination format that can last up to three hours. “It’s a big hit every year,” he said. “It starts them off well for the weekend.”

**Long-distance calls**

**‘Starry Messenger’**

When electronic media major Maria Elena Badillo ’13 and design major Erin Bollin ’12 were given a theme — “science of the future” — they turned it on its head with “50s comic book science fiction, with Badillo contributing words and Bollies creating the visuals. Now in its sixth year, the artist-in-residence program has meant a lot to the space station and a chance for astronaut Cady Coleman, Garrett Coleman ’11 — gathered with Mark Hopkins ’86 and nephew Mark Hopkins ’88, Cari’s husband including daughter Cari Coleman and about 20 family members — to celebrate her 73rd birthday. On March 1, she and about 50 family members — including daughter Cady Coleman Hopkins ’84, Cari’s sister and Annie’s daughter, could join them from the International Space Station via a 4-foot video screen. They got a tour of the space station and a chance to sing an extraterrestrial “Happy Birthday.”

**‘Vårav!’ (On “Goodogda! in Estonian)**

Junior midfielder Gisela Williams — the A-10’s 2010 Offensive Player of the Year — has a new weapon on offense going into this year: incoming sophomore Katrina Lee. Lee brings unique experience — three goals scored in international competition. The forward has an appearance and three goals for the Estonian national women’s team. Her two most recent goals came during a 3-0 victory over Lithuania in the 2011 Baltic Cup in May. Here’s hoping Lee and Williams find the back of the net early and often at Bozarth Field. Vårav!

**Not quite home cooking**

**KANELCAFE.COM**

Because of a random encounter at a golf course, Chicagoans can start their day right — with chocolate-covered bacon on waffles with bourbon sauce. Chris Cowan ’05 and Jack Dybis ’01, who met by chance when Dybis asked to join Cowan’s grillin’ gang, opened Kanela Breakfast Club on Valentine’s Day 2011. The breakfast spot four blocks south of Wrigley Field caters to young professionals, new families and the area’s medical professionals, who often have odd schedules. But get there early on weekends. “We always have a line out the door Saturdays and Sundays,” Cowan said.

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—PROFESSOR DAVID O’BRIEN, COMMENTING IN ANTIMOKING IMAGES ON CIGARETTE PACKS

**“After a while I realized my job was a lot bigger than just winning. You see guys who go out there and do not have a clue about the influences you have.”**

—FORMER UD FOOTBALL COACH MIKE KELLY, WHO WAS INDUCTED INTO THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME (July 14, 2011)
How to wait for an organ donation

In 2002, Theresa Bakum ’78 was diagnosed with glomerulonephritis, an incurable kidney disease. Proving that patience is indeed a virtue, nine years later she is still waiting for a kidney transplant. Though the wait has been long, Bakum has spent it with grace. Here’s how to handle the passage of time:

1. **Stay positive**
   Bakum puts out good vibes, praying and believing that when it’s the right time and the right match, it will happen. “You have to have a great attitude at every day it’d be miserable.”

2. **Keep busy**
   “Do other things that make you happy. Keep busy; otherwise you’re home and thinking about it 24/7, which really puts you in a funk.” Bakum is an avid reader, swimmer and practitioner of yoga.

3. **Understand your body**
   Fellow doctor’s orders. “Try to follow doctor’s orders. Everybody has a need, anyone could be a potential donor. Ask people their blood type. ‘I always talk about it. You never know around me; people really do care about you.’” Bakum is an avid reader, swimmer and practitioner of yoga.

4. **Be open**
   “Don’t be afraid to ask for help.” Bakum emphasizes that when it’s the right time and the right match, patience is indeed a virtue, nine years later she is still waiting for a kidney transplant.

5. **Look for the best part in the neighborhood**
   “Look for the best part in the neighborhood. The love of strangers.” Bakum often rallies around her. “You just go with that. You just go with that.”

6. **Talk about Dayton travel deals**
   “Talk about Dayton travel deals. You can take a perfect spot to get away with your Flyer friends, though on the ground, you are in Dayton.” Bakum prays and believes that the love of strangers around her is significant. “You just go with that. You just go with that.”

How to break the ice with a fellow Flyer

Michael Pedley ’82 will be meeting more alumni than ever in his life in the coming month and years. Recently named assistant vice president for alumni outreach, he leads staff charged with engaging all of UD’s 103,000 alumni and inspiring them to stay connected to and support their alma mater.

What are your favorite parts of meeting so many alumni?

- **DAVID EIDEK ‘83 UD STUDENT SERVICES/ALUMNI RELATIONS**
  “When students first come here, they have left everything. I believe the Marianist spirit and chasms really offers them a place of welcome. For the first month that’s my main goal — get to know as many names as possible. I try to be proactive, inviting students to deepen and share their faith by being leaders on retreats, leaders of faith-sharing communities, leaders of community-building activities in my residence hall. I love this ministry. It uses lots of my natural gifts and gives me an opportunity to help them grow in their faith and in the person they want to become. And, since I live in the student neighborhood, I can continue to be present to those students as they move on in their four years at UD. I love hearing from students that they are thinking about going to Dayton for graduate studies and that’s an important thing — get to know as many names as possible. I try to be proactive, inviting students to deepen and share their faith by being leaders on retreats, leaders of faith-sharing communities, leaders of community-building activities in my residence hall. I love this ministry. It uses lots of my natural gifts and gives me an opportunity to help them grow in their faith and in the person they want to become. And, since I live in the student neighborhood, I can continue to be present to those students as they move on in their four years at UD.”

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STUART HALL, UDsap and saying ‘hail mary... ask a Marianist

How busy can a brother be? Right now, Brother Tim Pieper, S.M., ’67, is filling in as a resident campus minister at Marycrest while still ministering to the needs of Stuart Hall, where he has worked for 15 years. He coordinates the nine-week UD Summer Appalachia Program in Salyersville, Ky. And he’s taking suggestions for the UDsap 50th anniversary reunion, less than three years away. Email him ideas at Tom.Pieper@notes.udayton.edu.

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Four years of free textbooks

With three simple steps, students in next year’s entering-first-year class can receive up to $4,000 over four years toward their textbooks.

1. Apply
2. Visit campus
3. Complete the financial aid form.

It’s that simple, as long as they do it all by March 1, 2012.

The goal is to offer families considering UD some clarity and certainty about one piece of the college cost puzzle, said Kathy McFann Harmon, assistant vice president and dean of admission and financial aid. It’s also a strong incentive to visit campus. “We know if we get students on campus, they can see and feel if the University of Dayton is right for them,” Harmon said. “We can begin understanding who they are and if we get students on campus, they can see and feel if the University of Dayton is right for them.”

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CHRISTINE BATES ’12

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Voice of America turned to newsmaker Autumn Hirt ’13 to discuss President Barack Obama’s exit strategy from Afghanistan. The channel reaches 30 million people in North and South America.

Did the “CSI effect” have an influence on the verdict in the Casey Anthony trial? Law professor and jury expert Thaddeus Hoffmeister tackled that question in an opinion piece on CNN.com two days after the verdict.

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The iPod kid

Can uploading videos on YouTube cover tuition? For one UD student, the answer is yes. But these aren’t just any videos, and this isn’t just any kid. Bill Cooper ’14 calls himself “The iPod Kid,” and his videos — mostly reviews of applications for Apple’s iPod, iPhone and iPad — have been watched more than 6.3 million times. That puts him in the top 0.1 percent of YouTube accounts. That, in turn, puts him in the top 1,000.

“I’m a full-time student, and I have one of the coolest jobs for a kid my age,” he said. Yes, YouTube fame is a job. Cooper’s videos review the latest mobile apps, tech products and accessories. His income comes from the advertising YouTube requested to put on his page when his popularity jumped. And for Cooper, YouTube fame was nearly instantaneous. By a stroke of luck in 2008, he became the first person in Ohio and one of the first in the country to purchase a second-generation iPod Touch. He went home, hung his family’s digital camera from a golf club and filmed himself unboxing the product and using it. By the time he got home from school the next day, his seven-minute video had more than 200,000 hits. He was 16 years old.

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Chilling effect

Geologists call the Himalayan glacier “the third pole” because it contains more ice than anywhere in the world outside the polar regions. As the glacier and seasonal snows melt, they feed the rivers of the Himalayan foothills, including the mighty Indus River, so it is little wonder that this geological reality comes from the advertising YouTube requested to put on his page when his popularity jumped. And for Cooper, YouTube fame was nearly instantaneous. By a stroke of luck in 2008, he became the first person in Ohio and one of the first in the country to purchase a second-generation iPod Touch. He went home, hung his family’s digital camera from a golf club and filmed himself unboxing the product and using it. By the time he got home from school the next day, his seven-minute video had more than 200,000 hits. He was 16 years old. Now he lives the life of a regular college student, but in a corner of his room there’s a small mobile studio: a handheld camera, a tripod and a fold-out background. The average video takes him about 30 minutes to make and upload and averages between 50,000 to 80,000 hits. Success breeds success. “I was able to buy more and more products to review, companies saw it was going well, so they started sending me products to review,” he said. “Before you know it, I’m paying for one of the best college in the world with just my YouTube money. That’s a pretty sweet deal.”

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mEDIATELY turn to the sections for my span of years, which Carefully read. My last portion of time is spent reading the short articles inserted within the “Class Notes” section. This is my favorite part of reading the magazine. I am proud of my UD education and proud to see the stories of those who came before and since my years there. The UD sense of Family swells within my heart even if (as in most cases) I do not know the fellow alum featured.

Well, one cannot imagine my surprise when I turned the page and there, on Page 48, was a picture of a student house (“My Old House 1974-76,” Summer 2011). I did a double take. Yes, it was [236 College Park]! The next thing I know my phone was in my hand, and I was calling my roommate! With watery eyes I read her the article. That house had wrapped its arms around the five of us girls our junior and senior years and held us tight. Like the young men 20 years after us, we too pooled our money for groceries and ate meals together as a house. We also took turns cooking and rotated the cleaning chores weekly. And many nights we sat to- gether at the dining room table typing papers due the next morning. During our years there, the house was also a center of activity with people dropping in on-236:236 is still wrapping

It warmed me to read that 236 is still wrapping

Kathleen Rocco ’82 writes that she “learned how to scuba dive at UD. After a 17-year hiatus, I put on my mask, fins, and tank in July 2010, I attempted to read the UD Magazine at Stupid Island, Borneo. . . . I want to remind my senior-year dive buddies that it’s not too late to get back to the water”

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Amy Askins ’96 and husband Christ Schurhammer ’96 snapped this photo in Vatican City a few days after the beatification of Pope John Paul II. “We enjoyed a week in Rome. GO Flyers!” writes Askins.


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Marianist because it “would be one


Happy 103rd birthday! As a boy in Columbus, Ohio, Burdette Frank Deibel, S.M., made the lifelong decision to become a Marianist because it “would be one good way to save my soul.” It seems to have suited his body just as well. On Aug. 19, he celebrated both his 103rd birthday and 85th jubilee of religious profession at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. “About the 103rd birthday, I’m not excited about it,” he said. “It’s what the good Lord gave me.”
The right fit

Coach Mike Kelly takes his place in the College Football Hall of Fame

Coaching, Mike Kelly observed, can be a "crazy" business. Sometimes you do well and you move. Or, you don’t do well. And you move. “Kelly came to UD 35 years ago and hasn’t moved.” He did take a recent trip to South Bend, Ind., to be enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame on July 8. Nearly 5 million people have played college football. The Hall of Fame has fewer than 1,100 members. Kelly has done well.

When he received word of the Hall of Fame honor, he talked to his wife, Joan, about it; they agreed, he said, “that this is neat stuff for us and the University.” Also “neat” for the University are Kelly’s post-coaching contributions to UD. His role now as senior associate athletics director is to oversee 16 of the 17 Flyer sports — all except men’s basketball — as well as the offices of athletics information and academic services.

He spends much of his time with student-athletes. “When I travel with a team, I’m not involved in the details. I’m not involved in the logistics of buses and hotels and such,” he said, “so I can observe students-athletes, what their needs are.”

His work also includes helping with budgets, scheduling, fundraising and recruiting as well as mentoring young coaches. He soon found that this is “neat stuff for us and the University,” he said. “It’s all about fit,” he said.

So rather than try to sell the University by expounding on how wonderful it is, Kelly emphasizes to prospective student-athletes of a way to go about making a good decision. “If they don’t have a notepad,” he said, “I give them one and tell them to take notes. I tell them to do the old Ben Franklin way. Make a list of pluses and minuses about the University for you.” He admitted that “some people see that as old school. It is old school. But it works.”

—Thomas M. Columbus

Sports briefs

For the third year in a row, the Flyer volleyball team earned the Team Academic Award from the American Volleyball Coaches Association. The Flyers are just one of three teams among last season’s top 15 to earn the award, which recognizes teams with cumulative GPAs of 3.2 or higher. The other top-15 teams were Stanford and UC-Berkeley. The Flyers entered this season ranked No. 19 nationally.

Six Flyers received Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar Awards, which recognize dual achievement in academics and athletics by minority undergraduates.

The six Flyers are:

- Clay Moore — mechanical engineering, women’s golf
- Casey Narcia — marketing, women’s basketball
- Patrick Tabor — electrical engineering, women’s basketball
- Jazira DeVillo — international studies, women’s soccer
- Andre Crawford — operations management, football
- Robert Salcido — entrepreneurship/finance, men’s tennis

Flyer teams led the Atlantic 10 in the final 2010-11 Division I Learfield Sports Directors’ Cup Standings, which awards points based on each institution’s finish in up to 20 sports. Individually, UD had eight conference Performers of the Year, five Student-Athlete of the Year, four conference Coaches of the Year, six Capital One Academic All-Americans and three other All-Americans.

The NCAA men’s basketball championship will again begin at UD Arena for at least the next two seasons, the NCAA announced in June. "With Virginia Commonwealth going from Dayton to the Final Four last year, there’s a brand to build, a theme to embrace, a storyline of hope to sell for the NCAA," wrote Matt Norlander, a college basketball reporter for CBS Sports.

And with every other round rotating wise each year, it’s good that University of Dayton Arena can lay claim to the above.

In 2013, UD Arena will also host second- and third-round games. The arena, the most-used tournament venue in NCAA history, has hosted 87 tournament games during the last 41 years, including the start of each championship since 2001.

"This gives us a real opportunity to cement the First Four in Dayton for years to come," Tim Webber, vice president and director of athletics, said. "It’s our goal to make Dayton as synonymous with the First Four as Omaha is with the College World Series.”

Up-to-date Flyer schedules, records and rosters are available at daytonflyers.com.

Eyes on the bigger picture

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“I want to figure out what I’m doing first,” she said. “I want to go back to school when I can actually make a difference.”

A month in Togo taught her not to worry about the little things, that big picture mentality that lends itself to her soccer career. Being a team, Miller said, is a lot like being a volunteer.

“Being part of a team really teaches you how to work with others and remember that you are just one piece of the puzzle. On a team you are working for your teammates, which is what a volunteer does. They give their time and skills to help others.”

—Meredith Hitt ’11

Winning character

“With three national championships and seven national Coach of the Year awards to his credit, Mike Kelly is the winningest coach in Football Championship Subdivision history winning 82 percent of his games. With 27 years and a 246-54-1 all-time record at Dayton, Kelly places among the top 25 coaches across all divisions in both area and winning percentage. He is the only Flyer coach to receive Daytonian of the Year Award, which is a member of the university community who demonstrates high character in service to the school.”

—from The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame announcement of its 2011 class

The right fit, Kelly, center, is a Hall of Fame jacket, size 40 Regular.
A decade later, the nation and UD look back

By
Shannon Shelton Miller

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Mary Catherine Lentz Wieman ’80 worked for Aon Corp. in a World Trade Center. At 9:03 a.m., Sept. 12, 2001, United Airlines Flight 175 slammed into her building, the south tower, just 16 minutes after American Airlines Flight 11 hit the north tower. Fifty-six minutes later, the south tower was gone, and the north tower would follow at 10:28 a.m.

“When I turned around, I watched that building collapse,” he said later in the video. “At that moment, I knew that she was not coming home.”

Wiemann would travel the nation years later to raise funds for the memorial and increase awareness of that day’s tragic events, hoping to ensure that future generations would never forget how it changed the nation. Outside the greater New York area, where many lost loved ones, Wieman worried that Sept. 11 was becoming “just another day.”

“The museum and memorial are important,” Wieman said. “There’s a whole generation of kids who use the phrase ‘pre-9/11’ as they all know. [My travels] were to explain how life was before. Not just mine, but everyone’s.”

That pre-9/11 world was one where airports casually screened passengers and let family and friends follow flights to their gates and greet them there when they returned. The economy was booming and military engagements in the Middle East felt to many like swift affairs with quick outcomes.

“The names of all of the UD graduates appear on south pool panels. William Eben Wilson ’65 was an insurance broker at Aon. His name is engraved on S-61 with other Aon employees.

David Wieman ’99 was a senior vice president at Aon. His name occupies S-65 with other Aon employees.

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Then and now

His month we share memories of Sept. 11, 2001. We historians know that there is history and history, what happened and our stories about what happened. For example, referring to moving photographs that caught the experiences of 9/11, Garrison Keil- ler wrote: “The mainstream media seined upon inspirational and patriotic images, such as the picture of three firemen placing the flag on the mound of rubble; thus began a sort of mythifi-
cation of the day.”

But theirs was not the only story. While national leaders prepared for war, many Améri-
cans passed in wonder amid the pain. We met people who lost loved ones, each with a story, we attended and heard about remarkable cer-
emonies, and there was a lot of silence. I recall a “reflection session” at my college where some expressed strong political reactions, but Father Bill Reiser said quietly that he found it too over-
whelming to offer a thoughtful response quite yet.

Later I read of ministers at the site who sim-
ply listened to the anguish of stricken families and exhausted rescuees. Father Mychal Judge, firemen’s chaplain and “the Saint of 9/11,” asked his Lord to take him where he was sup-
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litlc talk of war, but I was distracted, absorbed, by
the presence of God. ”

On 9/11 Americans, our people, our stories, were tested and, for a shining moment, I don’t think it was an illusion, they were found war-
thy. We shared for a moment the feeling of the monk Thomas Merton who had fled the world in 1940 for the Trappist monastery and from his monk’s cell blasted away at the world and its people until, on a famous day, coming from the dentist, standing on a crowded street corner in
Louisville, Ky., he looked around him and his heart cried out: My God, I love all these people.

So 9/11 meant for me recommitment to America and Americans, and to the American —
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With faith and tenacity

D an Curran answers his cell phone even from 12 time zones around the world.

“I would wake him up at 3 a.m. in China, and he would take the call,” says J.P. Nauseef ’88, the former president and CEO of the Dayton Development Coalition. “He has always been almost 100 percent accessible.”

Nauseef’s call to China was a sign of changing times, for the University of Dayton and its president. Curran is more likely than ever to be a player in high-level discussions about Dayton’s regional economic interests, which was on Nauseef’s mind that morning. And there’s a decent chance that when Curran’s cell phone rings, he’s traveling internationally and representing a Catholic university that’s gone global in a big way.

New land. World-class research. Strong enrollment. Rising reputation. Forward thinking and bold moves inspired by our Marianist mission have characterized the presidency of Daniel J. Curran at the University of Dayton. By Paul Fain
Curran has embraced these multifaceted roles, more so than most university leaders nationally. Higher education can be a cutthroat industry, and colleges and universities typically choose to turn their focus inward during challenging times, like a recession or a crisis. Yet, UD, with its current president and his team, has expanded to reach a nearly 28,000-student university. In fact, he says both UD and its president, who has been in the position for 25 years as archbishop of Cincinnati, have been “conspicuously Catholic.” In fact, he says the University’s “people, culture, and approach are clearly Catholic.”

CALCULATED RISK TAKING

He kept the Marianist tradition and feel, but he turned the speed limit for everybody.

Across campus, people say Curran is quick to say that UD’s progress over the last nine years has been the result of collaboration, not competition. In fact, UD administrators told a rival firm from Philadelphia to work on the campus in a region that had become a more difficult draw.

Catholic University of America president Donald K. FHillenbrand, who has worked hard to preserve and integrate the University’s Catholic culture in its work. He is a friend and colleague for life, and he turned up the speed limit for everybody.

When Curran arrived, UD’s student population was up by almost 11 percent, to 11,199 Flyers in 2010, and the University’s selectivity and academic quality doubled, with growing numbers of students from beyond Ohio and even the United States. Total student enrollment is up by almost 11 percent, to 11,199 Flyers in 2010, while the University’s selectivity and academic reputation also continue to rise. (See page 25 for more.)

Keeping up with all the change is enough to make your head spin. Even Brown Street is virtually unrecognizable thanks to the University’s seemingly endless redevelopment projects. At one point, people thought you couldn’t even find this yesteryear’s UD. Oh is it.

People who know both old and new at the University say its character remains very much intact, and has actually driven much of the progress in recent years. Take UD’s leadership in Dayton’s economic development. He didn’t stop with the president, she says: “He acts like a parent. He wants you to succeed as a student.”

During the interview process, Curran decided to be just himself. At the time he was Saint Joseph’s executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs, as well as a senior fellow with the National Catholic Bioethics Center. He also had deep experience in international affairs, particularly with China. Curran says he quickly got a sense of the University, that it would indeed be right for him to become an institution’s president. But doubts about his candidacy lingered.

“Thesis a tough act to follow,” he says. “I was during his 23-year presidency, the longest presidency in the University’s history. Curran would also be UD’s first lay president. While other Catholic universities had hired lay presidents, most notably Georgetown University, some alumni and others connected to UD worried that its distinctive Marianist character would be lost.

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“For UD to succeed, we needed to work harder to recruit students from around the country and internationally,” he says.

“Don’t underestimate the competitive, serious side of UD, or its president. Universi-
When Curran arrived in 2002, he said he felt the University should be an 'agent for social change.' That means an active engagement in the local community — a central tenet of the Marianist tradition.

Bernadette V. McClade agrees. The commissioner of the Atlantic Conference, McClade refers to Curran as a "CEO" when discussing his role in balancing the 4-A's (athletics, academics, activities, and administration) with the institutional missions of its members.

"It has great vision," she says, "and a tremendous business acumen." UD drove a hard bargain for the NCR headquarters and surrounding land. Curran's staff dealt directly with the corporation on the purchase, opting against using a middleman. The University ultimately paid $48 million for a property assessed at $33.1 million.

But a good price isn't all the university got. Tom Burkhardt '70, the University's vice president for finance and administrative services, played a major role in the negotiations. As the deal was closing, Curran asked Burkhardt to push for NCR to include all the furniture in the headquarters building as part of its members.

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"College presidents have so many constituencies," Luongo says. "He doesn't sacrifice one for the others."

The NCR purchase is part of a broader story about the decline of manufacturing in America and the new hope of a knowledge economy fostered by research universities. As a result, the national news media took note of UD's acquisition. The nation's most influential news company, says Dayton is fortunate, on many levels, for the University's growing influence.

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Eguchi headed out the door of his research laboratory in Okazaki, Japan, on a hunt that had become familiar to him over the course of his long career. Eyes trained downward, Eguchi, 61 years old at the time, searched ponds and puddles for the Japanese fire-bellied newt. The creatures aren’t easy to spot. Although their underbellies are dotted in bright orange from chin to tail, their backs are brownish-black, helping them blend with muddy water.

Few developmental biologists in the world are as familiar with these newts, also known as Cynops pyrrhogaster, as Eguchi. He’s devoted his career to studying a biological phenomenon known as regeneration, the ability of some animals to regrow a lost body part. Other animals can regenerate — including salamanders, frogs and worms — but newts are the champions. Remove part of a limb or tail and another one grows. Take away the lens on the eye? No problem. In one month, a new lens grows back.

The fire-bellied newt’s ability to restore certain tissue has fascinated scientists for more than 250 years. In 1768, Lazzaro Spallanzani studied regeneration in newts and frogs, cutting off limbs and watching new ones return. Sometimes, though, the limbs that regrew in Spallanzani’s experiments were missing some bones or didn’t otherwise grow back properly. So for a long time, researchers studying regeneration were convinced that as animals aged, their ability to regenerate limbs, lenses and even hearts diminished over time.

No one had ever designed an experiment to test that conclusion. Eguchi and his colleague Panagiotis Tsonis had their suspicions about how aging would affect regeneration because they’d both worked with the newt for decades. Tsonis, director of UD’s Center for Tissue Regeneration and Engineering at Dayton, had done doctoral work in Eguchi’s lab and has devoted his career to figuring out how lens regeneration in newts works.

To test such an idea, of course, they needed to take the long view. That’s why, 17 years ago, Eguchi began collecting adult newts. He needed newts that were nearly full-sized to make certain they would be old enough at the start of the experiment. The fire-bellied newt grows slowly, reaching about 4 inches long — about 90 percent of its mature length — after 14 years. Japanese fire-bellied newts were the perfect research subjects for this type of experiment. Unlike American newts, which don’t live very long and don’t tolerate captivity well, Japanese newts can live more than 30 years in captivity and thrive in laboratory life.

Eguchi’s lab took responsibility for the animal maintenance and planning of surgery, and Tsonis collaborated with researchers at the Sanford Children’s Health Research Center in La Jolla, Calif., to analyze the animals’ DNA, molecular profile and the structure of their lenses.

“American newts have such a short lifespan in captivity, so keeping them around in the lab for a continued experiment is tricky,” says Tsonis. “It’s the type of collaboration that could not happen otherwise.”

**Lens crafters**

New knowledge about the regenerative powers of newts is overturning 250 years of conventional scientific wisdom and may one day lead to unlocking a similar capacity in humans.
The technique to remove the lens (called a lentesectomy) is simple. Just a tiny slit in the cornea followed by a light pinch with fine forceps, and the entire lens comes out in one piece. The cornea heals in 24 hours, and a lens has been differentiated within a month.

Over the first six years of the experiment, the lens offered another advantage over limb regeneration: the newt lens always regenerates from cells in the dorsal, or upper, part of the eye. And the lens never dies off, even though they’re the same type of cell.

Sánchez Alvarado says the list of what scientists have learned about regeneration is quite long. Now, with all of the information from genome sequencing on so many species, researchers can draw from a finite collection of genes, and those genes are coming together in some organized fashion to produce a finite collection of attributes that are shared throughout all animal species. For Sánchez Alvarado, the take-home message is that scientists no longer need to piece together the puzzle of gene regulation. Instead, they can use this information to create a toolkit for understanding regeneration.

Eguchi and Tsonis conducted a study that essentially says, “Vertebrates can actually regenerate body parts like newts, the regenerative capacities of old and young are not necessarily the same thing. Following a single gene — have the same genes, but the newts never got cancer. Now, he wants to return to those experiments so that he can discover why. “If that process is regulated, then I can trace it.”

Tsonis also wants to investigate the relationship between what newt cells do during regeneration and what cells do in normal development. “There’s no doubt in my mind that naure invented common strategies and then modified them for different species, according to needs. I don’t think they’re completely different strategies.”

Investigating such strategies can spark ideas for research in mice and eventually people, says Tsonis. Although that’s a long way off, cellular pathways are similar and so are cell physiologies.

He wants to discover whether newts and people have the same genes and cellular mechanisms.

One day, in the distant future, Tsonis hopes to use this research to find a way to treat eye diseases such as macular degeneration. “It’s not that easy, but that’s our long-term goal of regeneration, to treat people.”

“It’s going to become a classic,” says Sánchez Alvarado. “Here is a real experiment with real data, not just videos don’t tell research what is going on at the molecular level, nor can it identify the genes responsible. Over the past 20 years, through DNA sequencing — the technique that allows scientists to “read” the genetic code — has become less expensive, and it’s become possible to identify the genes responsible. Over the past 10 years, though DNA sequencing — the technique to remove the lens (called a lentesectomy) is simple. Just a tiny slit in the cornea followed by a light pinch with fine forceps, and the entire lens comes out in one piece. The cornea heals in 24 hours, and a lens has been differentiated within a month.

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A river runs through it
By Michelle Tedford  Photography by Larry Burgess

The greatest thing I’ve found is that adults are listening to 21-year-olds, and what I say matters.

Laura Mustee sits on a perch swing on Stone- miil Avenue, hair in a ponytail, arms hugging knees to her pink T-shirt, looking every bit a college senior. But the life she describes is something quite unexpected. Since her sophomore year, she’s been part of a 14-member cohort of River Stewards. Members commit to three years of river education, experience and action in addition to their major areas of study.

For Mustee, that’s marketing. But she adds biology, sociology, ecology and economics to the list of what she’s learning, some from faculty and community partners, much from the other River Stewards who represent 21 majors in the interdisciplinary program that is more than a club, more anaerobic than a major. River Stewards choose each new cohort to be sure everyone gets safely down the river.

“Ten and two,” she says. “Ten, you get to test where I am in the quality of the water (geology), the factories operating along the river (biology), the clarity of the water (chemistry), the factories downstream (environmental studies).”

River Stewards sit on the city of Dayton environmental advisory board. They have presented to the Midwest Ground Water Conference, the Water Management Association of Ohio’s annual meeting and at the annual meeting of the Association of American Colleges and Universities. A steward led a presentation to the DP&L Foundation that netted a $350,000 educational grant. Senior Ali Forgione coordinat ed the new Ohio’s Great Corridor Association, which brings together governments, businesses and community organizations to promote the Great Miami River watershed.

In the June OCCA meeting, Forgione took notes and allowed participants to explore ideas — more than 100 he wrote on easel sheets that he taped around the room — to find common threads before he offered carefully worded analyses.

“That may be the best part of being a steward, he says — being part of the dynamic conversation. “What I get most excited about is being in a room with a few people and city managers is that I get to test where I am in the quality of the idea offered.”

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“Twenty-seven miles upriver from UD is the city of Troy. In 2005, Mayor Mike Beamish welcomed River Stewards who paddled for five days from the headwaters near Indian Lake to Tay- lerville Dam north of Dayton as part of their senior project. In Troy they learned about the city’s long connection with the Great Miami River, about its investment in Treasure Island as a family recreation destination and more.”

But the river is different from the one known by UD alumni from a decade or two or three, I’m good with that.”

The river changes every day. Some days, you love it. Others, you’re just a little bit fed up. And on this sunny July day, senior Bethany Renner senses she is loving it. She sits at the corner of the Mad River, an artery winding through East Dayton toward downtown, gurgles over rocky cliffs and at a pace easy enough to be navigated by the nevers of the group she’s leading.

Renner, blond hair in a tight ponytail, knuckles her kayak through the water. She alert boaters to a water hazard ahead, an old bridge piling.

“The river is my teacher, she says. “It teaches me patience. It’s my gym. And the river is my life.”

The river is her constant. Some point to these River Stewards as a strategic natural resource central to the vitality of the region. Others, faculty and committed students can now be found at the table of every major regional discussion. “My first job is to be sure everyone gets safely down the river,” she says. “Ten and two,” she says. “Ten, you get to test where I am in the quality of the water (geology), the factories operating along the river (biology), the clarity of the water (chemistry), the factories downstream (environmental studies).”

The River Summit was an idea conceived by five rivers metro parks employees with the idea that people across the region could come together to tackle the problem of how to get grant money for river restoration and recreation projects.

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ing gese. Five Rivers Metroparks’ RiverScape — with its three blocks of gardens, fountains, four-seasons pavilion and bicycle hub — draws all walks of people downtown, including UD students like Norris.

It’s also a river much more accessible to current students thanks to the Rivers Institute. The 2013 cohort, the second to graduate from the program, organized bus trips to introduce University students to recreational amenities and other features of a livable city. The 2013 cohort is helping to begin a bike-share program; UD students can check out a bike as easily as a basket ball and pedal the spur along Stewart Street to connect to the Great Miami River Trail and the city or countryside beyond.

And all stewards are ambassadors. Senior Joni Biette took her boyfriend and friends to RiverScape on the Fourth of July. As they sat near the levees built to protect citizens after the 1937 flood, the visual communication design major spoke of the glacier 18,000 years ago that deposited the gravel that naturally filters Dayton’s drinking water, making it some of the best in the world.

"It’s quite surprising to the people how special Dayton is," she says. "They have come to the school (UD) because they know it’s special, but in Dayton you always run into something new and interesting. The River Stewards have helped to co-meet us to this city."

In the Rivers Institute, students become part of the story — and part of the community. As an arm of the Fitz Center, the Rivers Institute educates leaders who build community. Cinicin-nati native Norris took with her to Maine that summer students like Norris.

"There’s a city out there we want you to enjoy, and when you know it you’ll love it and you’ll want to protect it," he says.

Ferguson was one of three students who presented at the 2013 Marianist Universities’ Meet- ing to presidents, deans and faculty about civic engagement. Civic engagement is a hallmark of Marianist education, and the three Marianist universities (University of Dayton, St. Mary’s University in San Antonio and Chaminade University of Honolulu) are always looking for ways to do it better. Ferguson believes the Rivers Institute is a perfect example.

"We had a good time" Ferguson ’73, Fitz Center executive director, sees in the actions of the Rivers Institute a practical wisdom. Students are not necessar- ily probing the depths of science but are instead identifying the knowledge needed by everyday citizens to make connections and take action. What makes an economics major passionate about the aquifer? Tap that, and you have the key to civic engagement.

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"When I teach kids about the aquifers, I can probe them with questions, but I want them to touch and feel it and by the end ask questions that make me see they understand what an aquifer does," Bethany Remmer, an early childhood education major, is looking forward to the day when she no longer needs to carry an aquarium full of sand and gravel down an icy hill from the chapel to Old Main.

That day could come in 2012. This summer, she was one of seven stu-
dents to participate in local Rivers Institute projects. They shared an office and lived in community, lobbing ideas to one another through open doors at bedtime. Beth-
any’s project was the Rivermobile, which will take the lessons stewards are already sharing with children — ecology, river safety, history, energy — and house an exhibit in a 53-foot trailer that will become a mobile classroom ac-
cessible to students throughout the watershed.

The Rivermobile is the brainchild of Tracy Hovan ’00, a Spanish and middle childhood education graduate who created a water cur-
rriculum for Holy Angels that worked to build community by getting the children to better understand the place in which they live.

Stewards adapted this curriculum this summer for children in the Adventure Cen-
tral summer program at Wesleyan MetroPArk in West Dayton. Alex Galuzzo, an operations management major, led the camp.

"The whole point of the camp is why Dayton is special, why you should be proud, " he says.

"I’ve signed a lease, I’m pretty committed to Dayton," says Maggie Varga ’11, a Spanish and middle childhood education graduate who created a water cur-
rriculum for Holy Angels that worked to build community by getting the children to better understand the place in which they live.

When the Rivermobile is complete, it will be one of many success stories for the Rivers Institute, which is constantly developing new models of the new undergraduate general edu-
cation curriculum. Classes for Holy Angels stu-
dents will become a regional mobile learning opportunity in the Rivermobile. The River Sum-
mit will be supported and partially coordinated by Ohio’s Great Corridor Association, created col-
laboratively with the Rivers Institute.

The growth is good, King says, because 45 stewards can accomplish only so much on Friday afternoons. Because of their community-build-

community members as teachers who craft lessons around water topics paired with field trips and guest speakers. Through a $480,000 grant from the McGregor Foundation, the Fitz Center and the College of Arts and Sciences developed the curriculum. Graduate assistant Sarah Pe-
terson, a 2010 River Steward alumna, helped assess the curriculum’s effectiveness, and two seniors River Stewards this summer sched-
uled the teachers and sessions for the 2011-12 academic year.

"It is a powerful educational model, one that demonstrates an effective new approach to learning," says Don Fair, associate dean for inte-
grated learning and curriculum. "It’s about the opportunity our students get — and I get to experience along with them — to see how community issues and as-
sets connect," he says. “Their entire educational experience is completely changed by learning what is on campus or just outside campus.”
Twice a week during the school year, Rosemarie Meyer watches as attentive students are moved to silence by hearing firsthand accounts from survivors of one of the darkest periods in modern human history.

Meyer directed the National Museum of the United States Air Force in Dayton, quizzes visitors through Prejudice & Memory: A Holocaust Exhibit, but her involvement with the exhibit goes much deeper than giving tours. She helped the Holocaust Education Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton create the mobile exhibit in 1997 for permanent display at the museum. She said she’s learned much about the history of the Holocaust, how it started, how it expanded, why the victims were killed, how they died. She said that the survivors’ stories are “screaming laments” of the tragic human experience of not being heard in time.

“Never imagine we could be in the Air Force Museum,” Meyer says. “It’s only military with a Holocaust exhibit.”

But you try to keep your distance from the Holocaust, like a Catholic woman who attended a Catholic university and taught in a Catholic high school. She then moved to Dayton to teach English and music education.

During the end of her teaching career at Chaminade Julienne High School, Meyer read Night, the Holocaust memoir of Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel. She began teaching it to her students and began to look at local settings in the Holocaust.

These experiences and her own continuing research led her to commence a new project, a book. She’s currently working on a project to educate the Dayton community. She’s just needed some time.

Using a connection from her friend Bill Haley ’60 and Dorothy DeVoe Healy ’60, Meyer contacted former United States Ambassador to Austria Robert Langer, son of communist legend Rabbi Langer. He repeatedly supported Holocaust-related events during his time in Europe. He planned to host the exhibit as a major gift. The school, he said, would be a place where the story can be told.

“Will get done,” Meyer says.

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John Plessinger turned a mandatory grad school project into a money-making dream job.

“I never thought I would become a mogul,” Plessinger said about the success of his invention — the Tricart, an all-season, three-wheeled ATV made of fiberglass instead of metal. Plessinger pursued for his master’s at Cranbrook Academy of Arts and Sciences in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., after getting his industrial design degree from UD. At Cranbrook he has his own project give rise to more drawings and images.

After manufacturing Sperry Rand, Holland bought Plessinger’s or Tricart, they told him why — he had already made the mistake. Straight out of school Plessinger was the “it” guy at Sperry Rand, Cranbrook his thesis project grew into more than drawings and documents. I had no idea it would become so big,” Plessinger said about the Tricart.

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In 1973 Plessinger made the transition from steering his Tricart to designing the country. He continues to compose. Recent works include Music Ministry Salute for Solus, a set of 13 dedications to Protestant and Catholic liturgical music program. “The church and music were constants in his life,” Plessinger said about his profound culture shock, which subsided once he discovered the college’s mission in his life, said Verdi, who has counseled for the U.S. Bishops’ Committees on the Liturgy and other groups.

It’s gratifying to be in the congregation when you hear people praying and singing your work,” music is my way of helping them to pray. —Deborah McDannell Shaw '97
When the University of Portland Pilots soccer and baseball teams played games at home, they had a liturgical leg up on the competition.

“Liturgy has a great advantage for athletes,” said Sister Maria Cirillo, O.P., who never missed a home game in her 13 years at the Catholic university, even if it’s no wonder a women’s accented team secured national championships. But despite her devotion to the Pilots, Cirillo admits that, since relocating to Columbus, Ohio, she has joined rookie with the 44-268 to 480-583, “I find myself cheering for Buckeye teams.”

The longstanding educator discovered her love of collegiate soccer at Portland, where she is credited with overhauling the curriculum for the lay leadership theory and practice that often weeds out some 30 percent of the freshman class. “Teachers are made, not born,” added Cirillo.

Despite her attachment to Portland, when Cirillo was tapped for a key position with the Dominican Sisters of Siena, a community made up of 27 ministries, she accepted and returned to the Midwest. Today, she provides guidance and direction on pastoral, education and policy work for the lay leadership under the group’s 27 ministries.

“At the university, we’re very much ‘active in education,’” said Cirillo. Her confidence for such a demanding role stems, in part, from her experience at UD. While sam- bing her master in educational administration, she also empowered by her professors and inspired by the passion for good works and dedication.

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Voice of football

DAVE ROSS ’78

“Dave Ross’ life would be much easier if every- one’s name was Smith or Jones.

But the winning ways from the 80s hold at Flyers home football games, whose cutthroats include “fourth-and-manual” and “that’s three for UD,” sometimes get thrown a Phaydavong.

“Dave had this guy who walked the ball on about two-thirds of his plays,” said Ross, who also did three decades of play-by-play in his home town of Sidney Ohio. “That’s why he’s called that.”

They’ve been easier times since former Fisher football coach Mike Fally made Ross a “member” of the team five years ago. “He’s been a part of the more than 100-year and championship season, last year when Dayton beat Drake on a Hail Mary pass and calling two games against Urbana, where he earned a season under the wing of the program’s new coach Mike Kelly made Ross a “member” of the team five years ago. “It’s OK to be enthused. It’s not negative against the opponent,” Ross said. “That’s the meaning of the team and that’s at UD.”

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“Regard less of how good the field on the road, Ross follows these rules: The professional and the young person, the opponent, the game, the team and the home team and fans need to know I have enthusiasm for Dayton.”

“Just part of the 80s doesn’t mean just singing along on game days for Ross. He’s all in, traveling from his Fort Loramie-area home to attend prac- tices and other home function.” It’s an estimation of the subject he has for the coaches — past and present — and the players as well.

“I’m proud to help represent Flyers football and a great tradition,” Ross said. “The coach’s and that’s Dayton.”

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Voice of football
MY OLD HOUSE 1978-81

The memories the roommates shared celebrating their 30th anniversary are still fresh in the minds of several, said Connett. "The boring things fade. … We didn’t even know the cat got caught in the kitchen, she found it, we broke the dining room table. But we saved the cake!"

But the roommates shared memories of the room itself. "The laundry room in there, “ Grace said. “The boring things fade. … We didn’t even know the cat got caught in the kitchen, she found it, we broke the dining room table. But we saved the cake!”

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Never too late

Robert Glaser wanted to honor his father; he ended up holding hundreds of other World War II veterans.

In 2009, Clason, along with car and truck dealers, started The Freedom Foundation, a non-profit that funs veterans to Washington, D.C. More than 500 North Carolina veterans have visited the National World War II Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, the Marine Corps War Memorial and the Elvis Expo Oasis, among the organization.

“Never too late to say thank you to this generation,” said Clason. A 1940s baseball walk-on and private first class man in the North Carolina Army Auto Dealers Association. “This generation of men and women left home to fight for our freedom, and when it was over, they brought back to work and raised our families. More than 420,000 never came back.”

Working with local businesses and media outlets, the group has organized seven trips, including two this fall: coming.

Cruise, said, "The veterans deserved long ago, he said. A band plays 1940s music, the USO passes out food and drinks, later that same day, a crowd of more than two thousand greets them. In Washington, veterans travel to Arlington National Cemetery, the National World War II Memorial, the National World War II Memorial, the National World War II Memorial.

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Global vision to save sight

Cataract detection in older individuals can spare them years of unabated blindness. That’s the message that Dr. Donahue is delivering to doctors in China and other developing countries working to end childhood blindness. He is also a team of American pediatric cataract experts who train doctors at a hospital in Tianjin, a city outside Beijing, to diagnose and treat cataracts in children.

“In adults, it’s just a result of aging, but in children, both eyes can be rendered blind if the cataracts aren’t treated and diagnosed early,” he says.

Donahue is chief of pediatric ophthalmology and director of the Tennessee Lions Eye Center, a division of the Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Lions Clubs International led to his appointment to the global advance council of the Pediatric Cataract Initiative, a partnership between Lions Clubs International Foundation and the Bausch & Lomb Early Vision Institute. The council helps select the sight-related programs to be funded in developing nations.

One-third of pediatric cataracts are related to infection, another third are inherited and causes are unknown for the other third. Without treatment, patients can lose an eye and vision can deteriorate in the other eye.

Children can lose so much vision that they’re unable to see, stand, or walk. They can’t drink, eat or go to school. The teasing and ridicule they遭受 can be cruel. They suffer in silence.

Donahue has also visited Brazil, Portugal and the United Arab Emirates as a medical consultant to the Lions Clubs International. He has seen the smiles on people’s faces when they’re told they’re going to receive a sight-saving treatment that’s nearly impossible to find in their countries. He hopes for the same result for children in China.

“We have an opportunity to change their lives,” Donahue says.

The class notes are available on the website of the University of Dayton.

In charge of champs

DAYNA WELLS SCHERF ’93

As Jeremy Wariner was sprouting to a gold medal finish in the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece, Dayna Scherf was back in Texas, screaming “Oh, Jeremy, go!” at the TV.

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By the end of Prejean’s lecture, Schulenberg felt her faith calling her to explore the issue in greater depth. Within weeks, the religious studies major had joined the nonprofit group Change to Stop Executions and started writing to death row inmates.

Today, Schulenberg is a second-year law student at Golden Gate University in San Francisco and hopes to pursue a career in human rights law and capital defense.

It’s a path that started with the random selection of a pen pal 16 years ago — she said she picked Daniel Lee Bedford’s name simply because it was near the top of an alphabetical list and because he had a number of associates named Dan.

“He was surprised,” she said. “He wondered why anybody like me would want to write someone like him.”

She eventually learned he had been convicted for the 1984 murder of his ex-girlfriend and her boyfriend.

Leaving a note to phone calls, and then to prison visits.

In April 2011, Schulenberg spoke at a House of Prayer event and asked for testimony from the victim’s family. She showed up with a range of emotions as they shared the pain caused by a man Schulenberg considered a friend.

The experience left Schulenberg with a new perspective on capital punishment.

“I can’t say how it’s changed my life,” she said. “I want to make a difference.”

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Donovan Onken

Editor

During the 2011-12 academic year, four University of Dayton students were recognized by the American Sociological Association (ASA) for their contributions to sociology.

Allison Arndt of Commack, N.Y., received the Distinguished Undergraduate Researcher Award for her work in sociology.

Jordan Betts of Bexley, Ohio, who is a sociology major and also a member of the Dayton Men’s Soccer Team, received the Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award for being an outstanding teaching assistant.

Gregory Geraci of North Ridgeville, Ohio, was honored as the Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Sociology for his work in the field.

Kevin Graff of Northfield, Ohio, also received the Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Sociology award for his contributions to the field.

The ASA awards are given annually to recognize outstanding undergraduate students who have made significant contributions to the field of sociology.

For more information, please visit the ASA’s website at www.asanet.org.
High-octane interests

MARCUS SMITH ’08

Marcus is in the business of the smaller than small: nanoparticles, nanomaterials and other stuff that was science fiction not that long ago.

When describing his work, he can’t help but utter head-scratchers like “acoustic cavitation” and “energetic materials.” “I feel like I’m in most people’s heads,” Smith said. “And they’re just like, ‘Oh! That’s cool.’”

Smith is creating aluminum nanoparticles (energetic material) by applying ultrasound to a chemical system, a process that results in the formation and collapse of bubbles (acoustic cavitation).

“Basically, the sound waves are responsible for promoting high-energy chemical reactions,” Smith explained.

The goal is to create particle fuels, that when added to jet fuel, activates the fuel’s energy content, allowing planes to fly longer distances or at least far.

Smith’s research efforts have also led to the discovery that, when added to water, the aluminum particles release hydrogen gas, meaning the particles themselves have the potential to be used as a fuel.

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The fall semester is upon us, and the University of Dayton is bracing for the onslaught of students, faculty, and staff. As one of the nation’s top 20 public universities, UD is committed to providing a quality education for all students. To that end, UD has introduced a new program called "UD Gateway," which aims to help incoming students transition into college life. The program includes a series of workshops, seminars, and orientation sessions designed to help students succeed. UD Gateway is just one of many initiatives UD is implementing to improve the student experience. As a result, UD is expecting a record number of applications for the fall semester. UD is committed to providing a quality education for all students, and we are excited to welcome new students to our campus.
Run to remember

For a mid-August morning, the weather was mercifully cool — for degrees and light rain. Colleen Van Tiem ’06 and cousin Jen ran along the dirt trails of Bald Mountain in preparation for a marathon. They ran 10 miles without stopping — in part to stay ahead of the swarm of mosquitoes just a footfall behind.

Some days, Van Tiem runs to remember the happy times with boyfriend Dan Haubert ’06. Other days, when she’s sad or confused, she runs to help process what’s happened with his memory.

Van Tiem ran the Dan Haubert Memorial Scholarship 5K in 2010. As one of 10 runners, she was joined by runner Anna Young ’08, who ran the half-marathon and organized a run in Haubert’s memory.

In addition to running, Van Tiem has found running another important way to cope with suicide, raise awareness and reach out to people. She and others share thoughts and organize runs online at www.runinmemory.com.

In 2012, Van Tiem plans to run the Oct. 2 Twin Cities marathon and a 10-miler. She wants to run 26.2 miles every year in memory of Haubert.

The 2011 memorial run is scheduled for Oct. 22 in Las Vegas, Nevada, and friends will train for both the Las Vegas and Minneapolis events.

Says Van Tiem, “The marathon is a celebration of life. Dan’s life in particular, but life in general and bringing people together the way Dan did.”

To run, Van Tiem always works with a group of people to plan the race and help organize the event.

Says Haubert, “It serves as a kind of moving therapy. We will lean on each other and cope using running.”

Van Tiem has organized a third run, which will be Oct. 22 at the Rock ‘n’ Roll Las Vegas Marathon. Donations for the 2011 memorial run are accepted here at the Rock ‘n Roll Las Vegas Marathon.

Van Tiem wants people to remember Haubert and know he’s always ready to help others.

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His biggest sale

From Talarico ’74 knows how to make the sale.

During his multifaceted career, Talarico, a retired Houston business- man, has bought and sold close to 40 companies in industries ranging from pharmaceutical research to pizza. He’s worked as a venture capitalist, a fund-raiser for John McCain’s most president- tial campaign and an advisor for a na- tional security think tank.

Regardless of the industry, Talarico says that the selling process begins long before one lands a position with a com- pany or makes a deal.

“If you want to get a job, have done you do that? You have to know how to sell yourself,” he says.

Now he’s helping other Flyers be- come just as adept at the art of sell- ing. Talarico is giving the University a $1 million gift over a five-year period to sup- port the Center for Professional Sell- ing, launched in May 2010. As the call for sales training across disciplines con- tinues to rise from employers and stu- dents alike, the School of Business Ad- ministration wanted to take advantage of the opportunity to meet that grow- ing demand. The center is one of about 50 at colleges and universities nation- ally.

Percent of U.S. college graduates entering the work force, regardless of major, who choose sales as their first career:

- 60

50

Approximate number of professional selling programs at universities nationally

50

50

Percent of first-time sales people in the United States who either resign or are terminated from their first jobs due to misalignment:

60

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But Xavier had more at risk. Its football team was losing games, los- ing to improve on their 20-27-3 series record against the Musketeers going back to 1907.

50

Percent of U.S. students expected to enroll in Principles of Selling and Sales Management courses this academic year

300

Percent of U.S. students taking sales courses who are marketing majors, the largest major in the School of Business Administration

50

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It was Nov. 4, 1972, and there was a lot on the line, including the silver Governor’s Cup, first awarded in 1929 by Ohio Gov. Myers Cooper to the winner of the UD-Xavier football rivalry and taken home by the victor every game since. It was also UD’s homecoming at Bayani Field, and the Flyers were look- ing to improve on their 20-27-3 series record against the Musketeers going back to 1907.

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Musketeer quarterback Tim Hyde set Xavier records, attempting 600 passes and completing 31 for 337 yards. But Flyer quarterback Ken Polke “37 repeatedly turned to Danny Whitehead ‘71, who picked up 135 yards and three touchdowns in what Flyer News called “his finest af- ternoon in a Dayton uniform.”

The game’s score is etched on a silver plate on the trophy’s wooden stand: 31-Dayton ‘21.

It’s the last series statistic. In 1973, Xavier’s board of trustees ended the school’s football program, and Dayton kept the cup.

Fast forward to 2002. UD Arena is being renovated, and equipment manager Tony Carson ‘83 looks to the trophy that was once stored in the north air-handling room with access of other memorabilia.

Today, you’ll find it atop a worn wooden wall cabinet outside his office near the foot- ball locker room.

He’s surrounded by history he’s saved. There’s a 1949 pigskin signed by the team. On a high shelf is a brass basketball given by the Rotary Club to the 1972 basketball team. He has a brass football presented Jan. 28, 1997, at a dinner for legendary football coach Harry Baujan in honor of 33 years of service; he’d work at UD for 21 more until his death Dec. 1, 2003.

“I keep all of the old stuff—you can’t go forward until you see where you’ve been,” says Carson, who played baseball from 1977-81, coached through the mid-’80s and has worked with the athletics programs ever since.

In the room with industrial-sized washers are more than 40 football helmets, some from college teams that no longer exist. 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Reflections from Burundi

Music is a universal language that transcends all language barriers, and I enjoyed much singing and dancing while in Matana, Burundi, in east-central Africa. My body swayed from side to side in the easy rhythm of soothing music with sing-song melodic tunes. Choral music, or indoro, is a fundamental part of Burundian music culture, and the multitude of church choirs (i.e., adult, youth, children, professionals, visiting) produce music full of calm, subtle and poetic feelings, with echoes of Christian pluralist or plainchant.

There were many choirs: one for the Wednesday morning service for the Bible College, four at the Lantam Saturday service at one of the sub-parishes and six at the cathedral on Sunday. For each choir, there was always a soloist who began singing somewhere among the seated parishioners. After several opening lines of the song, the other choir members joined in as they moved to assemble in front of the chancel. I never saw an identifiable choir director and there was no written music, yet all seemed to know what to do. Feet stamping, hand clapping and synchronized hand motions, with an occasional breaking out into spontaneous dancing, were all part of the joyful celebration, the drum their only instrument.

My fondest memory was hearing the sweet little voice of a 3-year-old girl seated somewhere among them, singing the beginning chords of a song before the other children joined in. As the little ones quietly and orderly moved off the benches and began to gather on the steps up front, they sang a song about being children of God, asking the parents to love and to take care of them. After their second selection, all of the young mothers brought their infants up in their arms or on their backs to join the children’s choirs so that the church could pray for all of the children in the congregation. It was a long, heartfelt prayer, offered by a disabled mother whose legs had atrophied beneath her, who walked on her hands slid into flip-flops and who had adopted an orphaned infant from the hospital six years ago.

A country torn by years of civil and ethnic poverty-stricken Burundi is a country for which I pray, for I am convinced that it will be the children who will lead this country into a new beginning of peace, renewal, love, reconciliation and forgiveness.

—Weston Matthew “Shawn” ’70, ’74

The livin’ was easy

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—Jim Hipley

Excerpted from Bobblehead Dad: 25 Little Lessons I Forgot I Knew (2001); Kevin Hipley. Jim’s son, graduated in May with a degree in entrepreneurship.

Among the weeds

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I love working in my garden — a little “back to nature” without too much physical labor. Sometimes it’s a good time for prayer and reflection for me, too. Gods speaks when we are quiet and listening.

Today is no different. I am up early. Grandma needed those weeds that needed to be pulled before the sun gets too hot. Weeds — the things that shouldn’t be there in life. They start small and harm less but grow to take over and strangle out your garden.

I get rid of the weeds. Keeping us on the right path in God’s plan.

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‘Another Set of Assumptions 2d’

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With my calendar, summer holds the firm time frame between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

When I was a kid in Nebraska, we had a cabin on a little lake, about 15 minutes from our house. We owned the cabin with two other families and took turns enjoying it following a prearranged schedule that our parents set up at the beginning of each summer. However, we always celebrated Memorial Day and Labor Day together. All 20-some families and took turns cooking and cleaning.

Our Memorial Day bash was the official start to the summer. We’d pull our little speedboat out of storage, haul out all of the swimming toys and life jackets, rake the sand on the beach, and air out the canvas as all of us — pale from the winter — celebrated the beginning of yet another hot Nebraska summer. For us children, who had typically finished the last day of school in the prior week, it was our first opportunity to taste the freedom of summer.

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Notes on regeneration

I confess that when I think about regeneration, the subject of one of this issue’s features, my thoughts are not about science so much as science fiction and mythology. I think of poor Prometheus chained to that rock, his liver growing back each night so that an eagle could return to devour it each day. It was his eternal punishment from Zeus for giving fire to us mortals. Some days I think I know how he must’ve felt.

But such thoughts mark one difference between me, an editor, and a scientist like UD’s Panagiotis Tsonis. In the capacity of a newt to regenerate the lens of its eye, he sees the possibility of one day unlocking similar mechanisms in our own mammalian bodies. A fountain of youth may dwell within us all — but here I am thinking in metaphors again.

You can see regeneration as a more purposeful metaphor in this issue’s story on the River Stewards, who are helping put the region back in touch with the five rivers that the city’s founders first settled around. As a community, we turned our collective back on them a century ago, answering a devastating flood with high levees. Today, regional leaders look hopefully at a renewed embrace. Recreation and tourism, economic development, environmental stewardship — they could all flow together in the plans being laid today with the help of our students and their boundless visions of what the future can be.

The rebirth of the river is but one sign of a broader renewal throughout the region, driven in part by a regeneration of the University itself. This fall marks the beginning of the 10th year of Daniel J. Curran’s presidency at UD. As another feature story notes, the University has experienced a remarkable decade by any measure — the academic strength and geographic diversity of incoming classes, physical growth, infrastructure improvements, endowment health, internationalization and more. It results from careful planning and calculated risk taking, of course, but those are tactics any well-run organization might claim. More than those, the momentum springs from our Marianist vision, our commitment to, in the words of Father Chaminade who founded the Marianists, read the signs of the times and act. The University community has acted boldly and with ingenuity under Dr. Curran’s leadership, positioning the institution for decades to come.

I see the changes daily outside my office windows, which overlook the 50 acres UD purchased from NCR in 2005. Tennis courts have sprung up and soccer practice fields are dramatically improved. Further in the distance, ground has been broken for the new GE Aviation R&D center. And across Brown Street, life has returned to campus classrooms and the student neighborhoods after a long, hot summer. With the new generation of students, there is also a regeneration of our Marianist commitment to educate for adaptation and change in community.

And maybe that, too, is a little how Prometheus must’ve felt when he handed over the secret of fire.

—Matthew Dewald
EDITOR

Can one $25 gift to UD change the world?

Well, it’s complicated.

One answer doesn’t ace a test and a single basket doesn’t win a basketball game, after all. But every answer and every basket are important, just like every gift, no matter the size, helps us set our aspirations even higher.

An annual gift to UD isn’t just about the dollars. Yes, they matter, but here’s the real difference between one $250,000 gift and 10,000 $25 gifts — 9,999 more alumni making their voices heard.

Every alumni gift says you believe in the promise of UD.

It’s another way to cheer, “Go Flyers!” loud and clear. A meaningful way to support a student today. A heartfelt way to say, “I love UD.”

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In its inaugural season in 1961-62, the UD Arts Series landed a genuine legend, singer Marian Anderson (left), who went on to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom, Kennedy Center Honors and a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award. Over the years, the series has drawn many notables to campus, including Ella Fitzgerald, Robert Penn Warren, Carlos Montoya, Edward Albee and Marcel Marceau. Another luminary will help the Arts Series celebrate its 50th anniversary this year: pianist Menahem Pressler, a founding member of the Beaux Arts Trio, which The Washington Post calls “the gold standard for trios throughout the world.” Also highlighting this season are, pictured above top to bottom, Victorie, Imani Winds and So Percussion.

Photo (left) courtesy of University archives