**Paul Conte**

Staff Writer

The Kennedy Union Ballroom was home to discussion of a somber yet important issue on Monday night.

Those in attendance agreed that UD President Daniel Curran took a step in the right direction by becoming the first president of a Catholic university to sign the Declaration of Principles for a Presidential Executive Order on Prisoner Treatment, Torture and Cruelty.

Political science professor Christopher Duncan began the night with a welcome speech with an excerpt from George Orwell’s “A Hanging.” He then introduced political professor professor Mark Ensalaco, the man most responsible for bringing this event to Dayton.

Ensalaco said the use of torture goes “against the University’s Marianist values” and that it “is beneath the dignity of Americans.” Ensalaco said it is also important to have Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk’s endorsement.

He’s “the first prominent Catholic official” to sign the petition, according to Ensalaco, and was one of five speakers at the event.

The four other members of the panel included CIA officer Carl Ford, Donald Gregg, former CIA officer; Col. Peter Mansoor and William H. Taft, former Legal Adviser to the Department of State. Ford said the CIA strongly opposed torture and was “shocked when people in the CIA began to believe that torture was a legitimate exercise.”

Gregg talked about Germany and how the people of Germany “have faced what was being done during WWII” and now the U.S. also has to “own up” to what has been done. Taft spoke about the ineffectiveness of information gained through torture.

Mansoor described torture as having a “corrosive effect on the United States and its armed forces.” He said “prisoner abuse degrades the abuser as well as the abused.”

The four agreed torture is not only inhumane and immoral but also provides ineffective and useless information. They also said President Bush is not the target of this campaign, but rather whichever of the current candidates wins the upcoming election. They are optimistic that either of the candidates would sign the order.

Rania Shakkour

A&E Editor

Anthony DeGregorio came back to his Flyer Radio show this semester with a different playlist to broadcast over the airwaves.

The sophomore music major is a fan of classical hits and oldies and his show last year focused on music from the ’50s to late ’70s. But due to the recent changes to Flyer Radio’s broadcasting policies, DeGregorio had to adapt.

“My format all in all has not been removed completely, but rather limited to whatever is on the computer (playlist),” he said. “People have one chance to do something they really want to do and being on the radio is, in my mind, a once in a lifetime experience for me.”

The changes in the broadcasting policy were prompted by the increased number of complaints from listeners hearing inappropriate lyrics in songs played by student DJs, senior Laura Steffey, president of Flyer Media, said.

The Flyer Radio staff and Roy Flynn, Flyer Radio adviser and electronic media instructor, made changes to ensure the music played by 99.5 FM WUDR is Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approved.

“We have outsiders calling the higher-ups in the school and complaining about censoring on the radio,” Steffey said. “Every time this happens we are at risk for losing our broadcasting license. Should the people filling these complaints report to the FCC, they can take away our license and give it to whoever else decided to buy it.”

The policy changes include the rules that DJs can only choose from Flyer Radio’s pre-approved and pre-screened iTunes library of about 1,700 songs.

“We decided as a staff before the beginning of the year that the best way to do this was to stop allowing the DJs to bring in their own personal music via laptops, iPods or CDs,” Steffey said.

Now, DJs can only play music that consists of classic rock, pop, hip-hop and R&B, in hopes to appeal to the target audience of the UD community, Steffey said.

Paul Barbatano, a 2002 graduate and previous Flyer Radio music director of the late ’90s, said the station’s new policies are limiting.

“To me, that defeats the purpose of college radio because to me, in my mind, the purpose of college radio is to be entirely freeform,” Barbatano, an Access Service supervisor for Roesch Library and part-time English instructor, said, who had a UD radio show for over four years at UD.

“You play what you want with no restrictions, as long as it’s within FCC guidelines.”

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Since the types of tools necessary for a functioning kitchen are not exactly taught in school, how are we supposed to know what the bare essentials are? A busy schedule and a tight budget (like that of a poor college student) often mean that the types of foods usually prepared are, well, quick, easy, and cheap. So here are a few suggestions on the types of tools necessary to make these kinds of basic foods in your kitchen. And no, you don’t need a turkey baster or a meat mallet, just a few simple things that will help you prepare those average kitchen meals.

- A saucepan: how else are you going to make two minute meals like ramen and spaghetti? Preferably, have two of them so that you can heat up spaghetti and the sauce at the same time (speaking from experience, it is much easier doing it that way…)
- A strainer to drain the spaghetti.
- A spatula: to handle foods made in the skillet.
- A cookie sheet: definitely a must for baking cookies and, of course, frozen pizza. It’s also good to set frozen dinners on top of when they are being cooked in the oven.
- A casserole dish: it may sound silly if you don’t like casseroles, but this is an essential for baking some desserts such as brownies and cake, and who doesn’t love those?
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- A carrot grater: it may seem silly if you don’t like carrot cakes, but this is an essential for baking some desserts such as brownies and cake, and who doesn’t love those?
- A measuring cup: to measure in a precise way.
- A big mixing bowl: pretty necessary for making some foods mentioned above.
- A can opener: many good, quick meals come in a can, and since I am not aware of any other ways of opening a can, a can opener would be a plus.

Now that you know the types of utensils that will help you get by in basic food preparation, you should have no trouble creating a fully functional kitchen—and a good meal!

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Even “light” drinks add up

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It’s midterm time, classes are getting stressful and by the time the weekend rolls around you’re ready to hang out and relax with your friends.

Unfortunately, even when you’re relaxing there’s something to worry about if you’re also drinking alcoholic beverages. These drinks could be adding inches to your waist or hindering any attempts you’ve made at losing weight.

The excuse many people use is to justify that drinking doesn’t lead to gaining weight is that they’re drinking light beers. While these drinks do have fewer calories than other drinks, the companies use these slogans more for hype and advertisements.

In every alcoholic drink only a small percentage the calories are actually turned into fat.

Alcohol of any kind (beer, wine, liquor) reduces the amount of fat burned by energy in your body, according to www.thefactsaboutfitness.com. When alcohol is consumed your liver converts it to a substance called acetate.

When acetate levels increase, the body works to burn the acetate for energy instead of stored carbohydrates and fat from previous meals. This means your body is burning less fat and ultimately weight gain occurs, according to the Facts about Fitness.

Alcohol not only serves as a deterrent to metabolizing fat, each drink adds more and more empty calories. By itself, pure alcohol contains seven calories per gram, making alcohol almost twice as fattening as carbohydrates or protein and only a small amount under the caloric value of fat. Nine calories per gram, according to www.shapefit.com.

The average caloric content of a can of beer ranges from light beers which have as low as 96 calories to regular beers which have about 150. White wine ranges from about 75 to 100 calories per glass, and hard liquor has about 100 calories per shot, according to ShapeFit.

If more than just one of these drinks is consumed per night the caloric intake rises and rises, furthering the potential for weight gain.

As if the calories from simply drinking weren’t enough, alcohol is proven to increase appetite. In a study cited by Facts about Fitness, when a group of people were consuming their lower calorie value can stall fat from metabolizing. Instead of saving calories by skipping meals prior to drinking, eat a healthy meal before drinking. It will make you consume less alcohol and not feel the need to eat later that night. Try to steer toward the light drinks, such as white wine or light beers. Although they still stall fat from metabolizing, their lower calorie value can slightly reduce weight gain.

Overeating on behalf of alcohol doesn’t just stop at dinner, though. There are those late-night food deliveries that hinder weight loss, too. Not only do they help burn a hole in your pocket, they’re contributing to your increasing pant size as well.

If a person were to drink eight light beers in a night, consuming about 800 calories, and then eat two slices of pizza, for another 600 calories, they will have consumed 1400 calories in just one night. On most weight-loss plans dieters are only allotted 1500 calories per day.

Although the facts are out there and the negative effects of alcohol are stressed continuously on campuses, consider these tips to further cut down on drinking and be friendlier to your waist, hips, or thighs.

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Taft leads conference addressing Ohio’s low college attendance

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In Ohio, only four out of 10 ninth graders attend college by age 19 and even fewer students will graduate, according to the Ohio Board of Regents.

To address this issue, Bob Taft, former Ohio governor and research associate in the Center for Education Excellence at UD, led a conference on Oct. 16 at Sinclair Community College. The conference’s goal was to “increase the number of Ohioans with a college degree by 230,000 and... increase the graduating rate among those who start college by 20 percent,” said Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland, according to the conference program.

A college degree is not only important for personal benefits, it’s also beneficial to the state and national economy.

“Good unskilled jobs are disappearing,” according to the program. “The great majority of new jobs require much more than a high school education. And good jobs have become easier to export to other countries which have been increasing in knowledge and skills of their workforce.”

The conference hosted presenters ranging from the Senior Advisor for Economic Access at Ohio State University to CEOs of scholarship programs throughout the state. The conference was open to the public, with high school guidance counselors, college financial aid counselors and representatives from various foundations expected to attend, according to Taft.

All attendees came for one purpose — to explore and determine successful ways to increase Ohio college graduation rates.

At the center of the problem is simply lack of preparation, the program stated.

Taft explained a high school diploma doesn’t always mean a student is prepared for college, leading to many students enrolled in college falling behind and dropping out.

“One out of three Ohio students enrolling directly from high school into our public colleges and universities must take remedial (high school review, without college credit) math or English, or both,” according to the program.

Taft said the gap between high school and college needs to be bridged. Colleges need to define what’s needed for success and there needs to be standards to graduate from high school.

UD junior Christina Nicholas can see where high school graduates aren’t academically prepared for college.

“In certain ways, my own high school didn’t prepare me for college,” Nicholas said. “The levy in our city failed and many classes were cut. Many high schools in my area offered journalism classes and my school didn’t. In that area, I felt I was one step behind when I entered college.”

Although Nicholas felt behind in her communications classes at UD, she has heard of worse scenarios other than her own.

“This year, in one of my mathematics classes, we were talking about schools and how certain kids just keep getting passed from grade to grade even though they don’t have the skills to pass,” Nicholas said. “By the time they’re teenagers, they can’t even read at their level and are behind.”

Nicholas said her professor told a story of a student who kept failing high school classes but didn’t seem to be doing very well. The school discovered the student hardly even spoke English.

“Students like this need special attention,” Nicholas said.

For students that do wish to graduate college but don’t feel their high school presents the right opportunities, there are some programs that can help them succeed, Taft said. One such program he mentioned is the Dayton Early College Academy.

DECA is a charter school located on the third floor of the College Park Center. It’s sponsored by Dayton Public Schools with academic oversight provided by UD, according to their Web site.

Stacie Williams, DECA curriculum director, said the primary goal of DECA is to take first generation college graduates from a district that doesn’t have high success rates in terms of college attendance.

“DECA gives those students the machinery to graduate from college.”

Williams said the students who come from a family where previous generations have graduated from college know more about the preparation for college that’s not necessarily academically based.

For example, Williams said, “DECA has taken college prep and incorporated it into the curriculum. [Students] have to go on college visits, job shadows, must take the ACT at school, and do community service.”

“All of those pieces help mold them into future college students,” Williams said.

So far, DECA is a success. In its only two graduating classes so far, 100 percent of students have enrolled in college. Several DECA graduates are now UD students, according to Taft.

DECA is just one example of the effort’s increase college graduation rates through preparing students for college.

“If we are to achieve the ambitious goal set by Governor Ted Strickland to increase the number of Ohioans with college degrees, we must learn from each other and move forward with coordination and partnership,” Taft said in a press release.

NEW STANDARDS

Barbatano voiced his opinion in a letter to the editor, recently published in Flyer News.

“Now with the station in Art Street it seems very modernized and commercialized, and just disappointing,” he said. “And that’s why I wrote [the] opinion because it was incredibly disappointing that they’re doing this.”

Flyer Radio is not the only college station with a music format. Baldwin-Wallace College’s radio station, in Berea, Ohio, features modern alternative rock as well as specialty shows, according to wbwc.com, and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign features local and national alternative rock music and specialty shows, according to the217.com.

“At real world and professional [commercial] radio stations, they all have set music playlists and a target audience, which is what Flyer Radio is trying to create,” Stieffey said.

“We are first and foremost an outlet for students who want experience in the electronic media field. We are trying to create a professional learning environment for these students.”

While the student DJs have to adhere to the new policy, faculty and staff are exempt. ArtStreet Director Susan Byrnes has offered one of the few specialty shows on the radio for two years, “Radio Artstreet” from 5 to 6 p.m. Fridays.

Byrnes’ show includes news and music from local artists and isn’t affected by the policy but she said limiting the music genres does a disservice to UD and the Dayton community listeners.

“I see radio as a form of communication that allows for learning, allows for research in a variety of different areas,” Byrnes said. “I don’t see it as another commercial Clear Channel kind of vehicle. Radio is a creative medium, and I hope that it will remain that at UD.”

DeGregorio isn’t the only student affected by the changes. Katie Sunday, junior general manager of Flyer Radio, is a fan of indie and folk rock and eclectic music, which can’t be broadcast now. Though she had to change her lineup, she hasn’t stopped broadcasting her show “Sunday on Wednesdays,” airing 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

“I decided to continue with my show because of my love for music and the experience of being a radio DJ,” she said. “Since my show is a variety one, it’s important to me that I can play different types of music, and I feel that I can still do so under the new Flyer Radio guidelines.”

While the music policy for student DJs has changed, other types of programming including talk shows, news and public affairs haven’t been affected. One of the missions of the station is to provide public affairs information, Stieffey said.

“As a staff, protecting and preserving our FCC license is the biggest issue right now,” she said. This was the best solution we decided on that could protect it.”

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**Crime Log**

**Criminal Damaging**

Oct. 5, 8:29 p.m.

Officer Ryan was dispatched to the S2 parking lot on the report of criminal damaging. The officer met with a UD student who said the passenger side mirror housing of their car had been broken off. Officer Ryan noticed that the word "DICK" had been written in the dust on the hood of the car. The complainant said the damage occurred at 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 5. Maintenance was contacted to repair the damage. The officer met with the complainant who led the officer to a window in the residence that had an approximately 12-inch hole. The student was unaware of when the damage occurred, but noticed the hole at 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 5. Maintenance was contacted to repair the damage. There are no known suspects or witnesses at this time.

Oct. 5, 9:17 p.m.

Officer Pease was dispatched to Frericks Way on the report of a broken window. Upon arrival, the officer met with the complainant who led the officer to a window in the residence that had an approximately 12-inch hole. The student was unaware of when the damage occurred, but noticed the hole at 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 5. Maintenance was contacted to repair the damage. The student's driver's license was found in the front yard of the residence. The student said someone took her purse at a party on Woodward Avenue. The purse was taken sometime between 10 p.m. and midnight on Sept. 27. The purse, a blue clutch valued at $35, contained the student's ID card and the key to her residence. The student's driver's license was found in the front yard of the residence.

**Theft**

Oct. 6, 3:22 p.m.

Officer Russell contacted a UD student to take a theft report. The student said someone took her purse at a party on Woodward Avenue. The purse was taken sometime between 10 p.m. and midnight on Sept. 27. The purse, a blue clutch valued at $35, contained the student's ID card and the key to her residence. The student's driver's license was found in the front yard of the residence.

The following incidents were reported to the Department of Public Safety between Oct. 5 and Oct. 9. This log was compiled by Flyer News from actual police reports obtained from the Department of Public Safety.

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Text messaging is succinct. Text messaging is fun. Text messaging is discreet (sort of). Text messaging teaches you new and exciting ways to spell even the shortest words. Yes, text messaging has its place, but lately, it has been overstepping its boundaries. Here are seven reasons why texting is, in fact, a tool of Satan:

1) It’s rude to your friends. Nothing tells someone that you don’t want to talk to them like talking to someone else at the same time. If you were in the middle of a conversation with a friend and someone called you to chat, you would tell him to call you back later, and yet somehow it’s different for texting. Have you ever tried to talk to someone while they were texting? It’s like trying to ... um ... yeah ... sorry, what were you saying?

2) It’s rude to your professors. I can’t even count how many people I’ve seen texting in the front row of a lecture. Not that hiding your sin is any better. Your professors are smart. They have Ph.D.s and they’re eminent in their fields. Do you sincerely believe that they don’t know what you’re doing when you glance under the desk every 15 seconds and wiggle your thumbs? They might have teenage kids who text under the dinner table. They may even do the same thing with their BlackBerries. If you want to talk to your friend about the guy you hooked up with last night, don’t come to class.

3) You don’t know with whom you are communicating. Admittedly, this could apply to any sort of electronic interaction, but when you are operating with a very small number of characters and a vernacular of banalities, it’s a lot easier to convince someone that you are not who you are.

4) A few weeks ago, for instance, a friend of mine received a text message from a number with her hometown area code that she didn’t recognize. The person on the other end thought she was someone named Roger. She had an entire conversation with him where she found out his name, his new girlfriend’s name, his new girlfriend’s MySpace page, the name of a mutual friend, what he was planning on doing the next day and so on. Luckily, she was not interested in doing anything with this information, but in this age of decreased privacy, who needs one more risk?

5) It makes you walk into things. This one is pretty self-explanatory. When you’re looking down and you should be looking up, you walk into things.

6) It gave rise to the nauseating “lol” at the end of every phrase, even when there is nothing particularly funny being said. Before we know it “Watsup lol” will be replaced by “Im at da hospital and in desperate need of a new organ, lolz.”

7) It can kill you. In a disturbing recent example investigators are trying to determine if text messaging caused the recent deadly commuter train crash in California. The engineer was known to text with teenage train enthusiasts while on the job, and one claimed to have received a text from him one minute before the crash.

As an editorial writer you can tell, texting among teenage drivers is widespread. This practice leads to tragedies like the 2007 car accident outside Rochester, N.Y., that killed five teenage girls because, authorities suspect, the driver was texting.

I know this is a losing battle, since Americans now use their phones for texting more often than for calling. All the same, please remember that even though we are all accomplished 21st century multi-taskers, there’s a limit to how much the brain can handle.

When you’re looking down at your phone, trying to decipher the meaning of “omg im so adctd2txt ruf2t plz ans w nething lolz,” it is next to impossible to listen to a professor, talk to a friend or not walk into a stop sign. For your safety and my sanity, please try to remember this next time your phone beeps with joy.

TXT MUCH?

75 billion
Number of text messages sent in June 2008.

600.5 billion
Number of annualized yearly text messages.

2.23 trillion
Number of annualized minutes of cell use.

84%
Percent of U.S. population with wireless plan.

15.8%
Percent of U.S. population with only wireless.

Source: http://www.ctia.org/advocacy/research/index.cfm/AD/1023
Student “Monologue Night” includes writer Steve Martin

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This Friday at 8 p.m., the Black Box of the Music/Theatre building, Room 137, will host “Monologue Night,” a collection of short, solo pieces performed by 11 student actors.

For directors Nora Coyle and Michelle Olaszewski, “Monologue Night” is both a lasting tradition and a pre-flight presentation. For physical attendants, Lauren Haner’s unique notion of parents having a real sense of their fantastic set of covers and originals at a chilly Backside Amphitheatre last March, Eicher will also presumably rock several of his solo acoustic pieces, many of which can be found on 2006’s “Broken Mirrors and Microscopes,” one of Eicher’s two full albums which highlight his versatile voice and catchy songwriting abilities. Be swooned by Eicher and his ensemble at myspace.com/jdeicher or on iTunes.

Freeform band rocks for science

Check out the incredibly talented alt rock band JD Eicher and the Goodnights, of Youngstown, for free as they rip through KU Pub on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 9 p.m. The four-piece group with an acoustic sound returns to UD for the first time since they performed their fantastic set of covers and originals at a chilly Artstreet Amphitheatre last March. Eicher will also presumably rock several of his solo acoustic pieces, many of which can be found on 2006’s “Broken Mirrors and Microscopes,” one of Eicher’s two full albums which highlight his versatile voice and catchy songwriting abilities. Be swooned by Eicher and his ensemble at myspace.com/jdeicher or on iTunes.

The Environmental Sciences Week concert will bring local band Nude Watusi, of Beavercreek, to Artstreet Amphitheatre Saturday, at 8 p.m. The band plays everything from blues to country, from classic to alternative rock, and rocks out to every era from the 40’s to today. Referred to an eccentric collection of musicians by their Web site betarecords.com/nude.watusi, the band members range in ages 20 to 50. The concert is free and includes free food.

If you follow the crowd of students, the smell of warm pizza and the sound of an out of tune rendition of “Separate Ways” by Journey, you’ll find your way to the Fieldhouse.

In a recent poll on flyernews.com taken from 245 votes, the Fieldhouse was voted the favorite local Dayton bar by 33 percent, winning out over Milano’s with 19 percent and Timothy’s Bar and Grill with 17 percent.

Sergio Betancourt, a senior living on Woodland Ave. makes his way down to the Fieldhouse, 1126 Brown St., Most Tuesdays to partake in three grueling rounds of trivia.

“I just love the atmosphere,” Betancourt said. “Plus it’s close.”

On Tuesday Betancourt played trivia with a group of friends, including one friend who recently returned to campus after being home due to illness. On his team “Say No To Mono” Betancourt and his team won their fourth game of trivia this year.

The Fieldhouse has been in operation since 1996, but recently undertook new management. Joe Barlage took over as manager of the Fieldhouse at the end of June.

“It’s a little bit of a new experience for me,” Barlage said. “You get to know a lot of great people, a lot of great students. Monday night includes free pizza during the Monday night football game. On Tuesdays an emcee is brought in to host trivia at 9:30 p.m. followed by karaoke at 11 p.m. Wednesday offers “aquarium” style drink specials. Thursday is glass collection night, where you can buy a Fieldhouse glass for four dollars with dollar refills. Finally, at the end of the week, on Fridays at 4:30 p.m. they set out free pizza.

The Fieldhouse offers different food and drink specials geared toward college students. Monday night includes drink specials geared toward college students. Monday night includes drink specials geared toward college students. Monday night includes drink specials geared toward college students. Monday night includes drink specials geared toward college students. Monday night includes drink specials geared toward college students. Monday night includes drink specials geared toward college students. Monday night includes drink specials geared toward college students. Monday night includes drink specials geared toward college students. Monday night includes drink specials geared toward college students. Monday night includes drink specials geared toward college students. Monday night includes drink specials geared toward college students. Monday night includes drink specials geared toward college students. Monday night includes drink specials geared toward college students. Monday night includes drink specials geared toward college students. Monday night includes drink specials geared toward college students.
We are a stalker. It may not be intentional, but most of us are guilty of meeting people for the first time and looking them up on Facebook the following day. We make judgments about who they are based on shallow observations such as how they look, their interests and what their friends say on their wall.

But there are more intrinsic evils to this social networking program. It seems to revert people’s behavior back to elementary school. For instance, relationships exist in the real world, not the Facebook world. Whether or not it is disclosed online should not have any bearing on the actual relationship of your partner and yourself.

Secondly, why would you ever defriend a person? Regardless of what that person has done to you it comes off as ignorant and immature, not to mention is has no actual bearing in the real world. Just because you defriend a person does not mean they go away and simply limiting the profile would probably suffice.

In our text message culture, we also tend to have wall conversations that take place over the course of a week. If you need to talk to someone so badly, talk to them or go see them in person. That way everyone with access to Facebook will not know your personal business.

Speaking of personal business, Facebook allows employers to see what we do during our spare time. Yes, photo albums can be blocked and profiles can be made private, but this is not foolproof. Many corporations (and the government especially) have ways of seeing your profile in order to gain information and there are many stories of people being denied jobs as a result of this. Granted, some companies use this service in order to find potential job candidates, it can still potentially do more harm than good.

What it really comes down to with Facebook is that we love it. We check it multiple times a day and we rely on it to keep up with the most recent news about our friends (and complete strangers). What it does though is turn us into immature creepers who can’t just talk to people face-to-face when we need something. Maybe we should start talking to people face to face. What else are we going to do? Use Facebook until we are 40?

As we all know, the economy isn’t acting very American right now. Currently, on Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2008, the Dow Jones Industrial Average is down about 300 points thus putting it back under 9000. Frankly, this sucks. Markets all over the world are getting hit hard whether it is here, Europe, or Asia. Considering it is an election year, the two candidates, Sens. McCain and Obama, have been discussing with the American public what they will do to help fix the problem.

I have no idea which one would be better for our economy in the future but if I had to guess, I would say that it will make absolutely no difference at all. People put too much emphasis on who will be president in times like these. We (Republicans and Democrats) come from the same basic school of thought when it comes to economics. Any type of extreme bailout action or lack of action in which we just ride it out will be a great deal of support from all sides. The same can be said for decisions regarding defense spending and future deployment of troops.

I’m getting off course here, though, back to the economic crisis (the Dow is down almost 400 for the day by the way). Our generation is in a precarious situation. Not only are our families being affected by what is going on, but our future is too. We are looking at a possible period of high unemployment and high prices upon entering the job market, not to mention the future status of our nation.

All through the 1990s, the U.S. was the undisputed lone superpower in the world both militarily and economically. However, with this sudden economic collapse, the position of the U.S. in the global marketplace looks to change drastically.

We may very well no longer find ourselves sitting on top of the world, with powers such as China and the EU beginning to rival us, which bring me to my final question: Why is most of campus acting like nothing is wrong?

Take a look at the cartoon on pg. 13. People are continuing to spend money like it’s nothing and the economy continues to rise. Yes, we go to a school where many students have families that are more than financially stable, but it still seems weird to me.

I’m not saying that I’ve been saving money. I certainly spend my fair share and over fall break spent a small fortune (plus FIFA 09 just came out), but maybe that isn’t the right thing to be doing. Sure, putting money back into the economy by purchasing of goods will help the crisis, but we should probably be a little more cautious with our money.

I hope things turn around soon. Spending money is a huge part of my life, but at the same time I am not going to put faith in our next president to immediately fix the situation. Things don’t work that way.

The Dow is now down over 700 and still under 9,000. Bummer.
Despite how outcome may look, keep fighting for McCain

As I am getting ready to walk out the door and go to work at the John McCain victory center, I think about the election that is going to happen in America in 29 days. Sen. McCain will be defeated by Sen. Obama, that has become clear. I will keep fighting my heart out to get McCain elected, but the cause is something that I can see fading away with every moment that passes.

Through my life, I have looked back at elections like 1984 and said, “How could the people not see a 49 state landslide coming?” Well my friends, this is going to be the question they’ll be asking about us in 20 years. John McCain will be crushed on Nov. 4 by an epic proportion.

When I ask myself what’s to blame for this defeat that is hurling toward my fellow Republicans and I, I can say without reservation that the economic uncertainty that we face is to blame. Is the fact that the economy is in shambles McCain’s fault, or even the fault of the Republican Party? I would argue that it isn’t. However, the buck stops with the president of the United States, and he happens to be Bush. The people in this great land will look past the Democratic Party and I, I can say without reservation that the economic uncertainty that we face is to blame. Is the fact that the economic uncertainty is in shambles McCain’s fault, or even the fault of the Republican Party? I would argue that it isn’t. However, the buck stops with the president of the United States, and he happens to be Bush. The people in this great land will look past the Democratic Party and I, I can say without reservation that the economic uncertainty that we face is to blame. Is the fact that the economy is in shambles McCain’s fault, or even the fault of the Republican Party? I would argue that it isn’t. However, the buck stops with the president of the United States, and he happens to be Bush.

Well, for the next 29 days I’m going to keep going to work every day. I’m going to keep my yard sign up in my yard, and I’m going to keep hoping that people will wake up and see what is in front of them. Better yet, I hope I’ll wake up from what seems like a bad dream. Regardless, nothing will change for me. I will walk to the 100 block of Stonemill on Tuesday, Nov. 4 and cast my vote for the McCain/Palin ticket. When I watch the results that night, I am sure to be upset, but not disappointed, as I knew the results more than a month before.

Finally, on Inauguration Day, I will watch Barack Obama make history, and at that moment my feelings for the election season will be erased, and I will welcome this new era in America...and hope to God the four years to come prove me wrong. I share the hope Sen. Obama preaches. Please Senator, validate America’s choice... make us proud and keep us safe.

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Junior thinks Obama/Biden only real choice

Closely associated with the Republican Party is the ideology of conservatism. At the risk of sounding redundant, I argue that inherent in all conservative values is the nature of actually being conservative; that is, doing things in such a way as to be discreet. To approach something conservatively is to do so without taking unnecessary risk. I don’t think I’m surprising anyone by assuming that those who adhere to this political viewpoint are most likely planning on voting for John McCain on Nov. 4. A vote for McCain is generally in line with these conservative values.

Notice, however, that I specifically stated “a vote for McCain.” I neglected to include his vice presidential nominee, Sarah Palin, and for good reason. Unfortunately, a vote for McCain is also a vote for Palin. To be blunt, Sarah Palin is quite unfit for the presidency of the United States. While this is only my opinion, which you can safely and correctly assume is that of a liberal UD student, it is an opinion based on the deficiencies displayed by Gov. Palin over the past month.

What Sarah Palin has said since her nomination, both in interviews and in speeches, essentially amounts to a cacophony of question-dodging drivel. Her inability to respond in a substantive manner regarding products or services advertised in Flyer News. Flyer News reserves the right to edit or reject all copy. Flyer News does not necessarily uphold or advocate the opinions in the columns, letters or cartoons appearing in the opinion pages. Send 50 to 500-word letters to the editor @ flyernews.com. Submissions must include name, major, phone number and year.
Volleyball

‘Dig for the Cure’ to help breast cancer

Tonight’s match against Rhode Island will benefit Susan G. Komen Foundation’s search for a cure.

Tonight the volleyball team will honor a special group of people who have been forced to sacrifice parts of their lives to fight a life-threatening illness, breast cancer.

There aren’t many diseases that have had as profound an impact on society during the last decade. Cases of breast cancer seem to increase each year, however with early detection signs and medical procedures, there are more and more cases where the patient survives the disease.

All this goes to show how donations to organizations over the past several years have paid off. The “pink movement” that has recently taken over a wide variety of consumer goods has not only provided awareness, but has also provided money for researching the disease.

In tonight’s game, the volleyball team will host Rhode Island in the ‘Dig for the Cure’ match. The game will feature pink game jerseys worn by the Flyers, which will later be auctioned off in support of the disease.

The match will support the Susan G. Komen Foundation, which was started by Charlotte Frericks center coach Lisa Marston in 2003.

“We are looking forward to the ‘Dig for the Cure’ match and working with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation,” head coach Kelly Sheffield said in a press release. “The sport of volleyball has really gotten behind this great cause and hopefully, someday, that will help lead to a cure.”

In the past five years the event has raised over $300,000 for research to prevent this disease.

The game will also feature collection boxes, by which fans will have the opportunity to donate money for research, prevention and a cure for breast cancer.

This opportunity is certainly worthwhile, as sporting events such as these have proven to boost knowledge and awareness of these diseases, while the events have also provided an opportunity for disease-preventing foundations to collect money for research in order to find cures.

At Dayton, we’ve shown many times our benevolence by donating to hurricane victims, inner-city projects and other world issues. The volleyball team has provided us with another opportunity — one that may hit home for many students. Breast cancer is something that many of our parents, relatives and family friends have gone through, and if not cured could affect all of us later on in life.

Don’t strike out this time, head out to the volleyball game and instead of spending the $5 in your pocket on another drink, drop it in one of the collection boxes to help out the Susan G. Komen Foundation, and show the giving spirit of the UD community one more time.

The volleyball team’s record stands at 13-7 overall, and 4-0 in the A-10. They face a very tough opponent this week in Rhode Island, who will be trying to spoil the Flyers’ four-game homestand.

“This match is one of our signature matches for the year and we hope people will come out in full force and support the many survivors, help us raise money, and, at the same time, come and cheer on the Flyers to victory,” Sheffield said.

The team will also play Saturday night against Fordham at 8 p.m. Come out this weekend to support not only the Flyers, but a great cause.
Men's Hoops

Basketball vouchers go on sale tonight

Student vouchers for Dayton basketball games still reasonably priced, Red Scare to sell vouchers in Athletic Practice Facility

According to ESPN, the average ticket to an NBA game costs $51.02. Similarly, the average ticket price for men's NCAA basketball games is around $35-40. Here at UD, students pay about $1.50 per game.

To put it into perspective, for the price of one and a half Junior Bacon Cheeseburgers, six gumballs, or a couple candy bars, we can watch Chris Wright run past, jump over, and demoralize opponents for about two hours.

With high tuition and gas prices, at least students have something reasonably priced to cling to—basketball tickets. At $30 for a season's worth of vouchers, this may be one of the best deals around.

Voucher distribution for this year's basketball season will take place tonight in the Athletic Practice Facility (the old FAC building), according to Red Scare.

These vouchers can be redeemed for tickets to the men's basketball games. Vouchers guarantee you a seat at each men's home basketball game and will also include the Red Scare shirt for the winter season.

If you cannot attend the event, your friend must have your student ID card in order to purchase vouchers for you. One individual is capable of purchasing a total of four sets of vouchers, as long as they have IDs for all of the students.

Students will receive comprehensive information on how to properly use the Spirit Point System when they purchase vouchers tonight.

Students' vouchers can be redeemed the week of any home game at box offices at UD arena or in Kennedy Union.

The Flyers finished last season with a 23-11 record, exiting late in the NIT Tournament versus the Ohio State Buckeyes. This season promises to be one of hope and change. The potential of the young players is a cornerstone to the 2008-2009 campaign. Perhaps most interesting will be the first full season for Chris Wright in a Flyers uniform (considering he stays healthy). In numerous publications, Wright has been dubbed one of the most exciting players to return to A-10 play this season.

The Flyers boast an exciting home schedule this year, with home games against in-state foe Miami and rival Xavier. With a team that started very hot and in the national spotlight last year, the Flyers also play a couple of formidable opponents in Marquette and Auburn before conference play begins.
Football

Flyers look to stay unbeaten in conference play

Dayton will travel to Davidson in effort to cage Wildcats; Team’s stingy defense holding opponents to 13.1 points per game

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After notching its fifth win of the year with a 27-9 beatdown of Drake, the football team is taking its show on the road this Saturday to North Carolina. The Flyers will take on the Davidson Wildcats (2-3, 1-2) in their first conference road game this season.

Although the Flyers have a 439-mile, nearly eight-hour trip to Davidson ahead of them today, it’s business as usual for the boys in Flyer red and blue. The Flyers are heading into Saturday’s game against the Wildcats with a 5-1 record. Although head coach Rick Chamberlin and his coaches and players are pleased with their strong start, they know that teams are gunning for the Flyers now.

Coach Chamberlin said that teams want to knock off Dayton every year because of the program’s tradition.

Teams look at Dayton as their big game, they really do,” Chamberlin said. “For most of the teams in our league and outside our league at our level, Dayton is their big game. They feel like if they can beat UD, they’ll make a name for themselves.”

Aside from the Flyers’ tradition, Chamberlin said that opponents bring it harder against UD because they want to knock off the defending Patriot Football League champs.

FOOTBALL
Richardson Stadium
Davidson, N.C.

SATURDAY
1 p.m.

DAYTON (5-1) vs. DAVIDSON (2-3)

“I really believe that our opponents want to play their best game of the season against Dayton,” Chamberlin said.

Davidson’s goal will be no different.

Senior starting quarterback Rob Florian agreed that the Flyers have their work cut out for them.

“Going down there is always tough,” Florian said. “They have a really good team and they’re always very sound. They’re just like us in that they don’t wow you on film athletically but they play well and they fly to the ball. I’m looking forward to it.”

Florian added that, among other things, he expects a close game against Davidson.

“They have a good team this year. They’re hard hitting, and they’re a smart ballclub,” Florian said. “You have to put a whole ballgame together to beat them, you have to be focused.”

The Flyers will have to stay focused in order to play their best game against the Wildcats, something Florian says is actually easier for him to do on the road.

“For home games you’ve got to try to find a way to sleep on a Friday night in the Ghetto,” Florian said. “I live on Kiefaber and sometimes it’s a little loud.”

Florian also said that the road trips make it easier to focus, because you have the entire previous day to ready yourself for the game.

“You leave Friday morning, miss class, then the team stays at the same hotel Friday night, and you eat breakfast together on Saturday morning,” Florian said. “You’re forced to focus in; you’re with the team and that’s it.”

Road trip, reputation, and record aside, Chamberlin said that the team will approach Davidson just as they would any other game.

“We’re going to travel first class, do the right things as a team, prepare while we’re there, and then go out and play our best for a road game,” Chamberlin said. “They don’t care if they’re at home or on the road. They are going to play the same style of play regardless and I feel that that’s what we’ll do against Davidson.”

Chamberlin said that this approach is crucial when you consider how tough the PFL is.

“In this league, you have to approach each game as if it’s the most important,” Chamberlin said. “Whether it was Drake last week, Davidson this week, or Valparaiso next week; those are the most important games for us.”

One thing that will make this game a little easier for the Flyers is the play of their defense. Dayton has allowed 13.1 points per game on average this season, a stat that Chamberlin is proud of.

“If you can keep teams out of the end zone you have a chance,” Chamberlin said. “There are a lot of stats out there like rushing defense, and total defense. But what it comes down to is the score. How much do you give up on average? And if we can keep that down then we are going to have a chance to win each game.”

The Flyers hope to continue that dominance on Saturday at Davidson. The kickoff time is set for 1 p.m. The Flyers will look for their third straight win and their first road win of the season.

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Above: Sophomore J.J. Vecerramen (center) and the rest of the Flyer defense swarms toward a fumble in last week’s victory over Drake. Below: Sophomore wide receiver Steve Valentino is dragged out of bounds in a game against Fordham.

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