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NEWS TIPS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3: UD BASKETBALL GREATS VISIT RITTER COLLETT'S CLASS

Ritter Collett, sports editor emeritus at the *Dayton Daily News*, will welcome legendary members of the University of Dayton basketball program to his sports seminar for the Institute for Learning in Retirement at UD.

About 30 senior adults are attending the seminar, part of the ILR spring line-up of classes offered by volunteers with expertise in the subject they teach. Collett's famous guests will join him for an open discussion at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 3, in the multi-purpose room in the McGinnis Center, 301 Lowes St. The session will run until 11:40 a.m.

Guests will include Flyer greats Don May, Don Meineke, Clete Oberst, Bill Uhl and Jim Paxson. Moderators Shirley and Jim Leary plan to serve hot dogs and soft drinks for the special session.

The Institute for Learning in Retirement serves about 1,000 senior adults from the Miami Valley each year. Classes range from literature and history to juggling and horticulture. Fall classes will start in September.

For more information on the basketball session, call **Julie Mitchell**, UD's director of continuing education and summer programming for the College of Arts and Sciences, at (937) 229-2605.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3: UD MBA STUDENTS HELP HOSPICE ANALYZE SERVICE

Representatives from a team of MBA students at the noon Wednesday, May 3, at Hospice of Dayton Care Center (Shaw Building), 324 Wilmington Ave.

The project to build a model to analyze Hospice of Dayton costs in a variety of permutations has been conducted by a team of seven MBA students, all exchange students from the University of Augsburg. In the program, German students come to UD to complete their MBA studies in nine months. The team has worked with Dayton consultant Stuart Schaefer, who volunteers his time for the project, and uses software essential to the project that is provided by ABC Technology of Portland, Ore. The company plans to use the students' model as a demonstration of the software's capability.

"The results enable Hospice of Dayton to know the costs of each one of the 2,900 people who are treated there each year, whether that's broken down by patient, by disease or by service, such as home care vs. in-patient, for example. They can dice the numbers about any way they would like to," said Harper Roehm, UD accounting professor and director of the special studies course.

Down the line, if more hospice organizations join the project to analyze costs, the project could have implications for Medicare and medical insurance company reimbursements, Roehm said.

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In the meantime, the project has served the community, he said. "This project has really been a marriage between ABC Technology, Stu Schaefer, UD and Hospice of Dayton," Roehm said. Another team of MBA students will extend the project in the fall.

For media interviews, contact **Harper Roehm** at (937) 229-2497 and **Linda Koeppen**, president of Hospice of Dayton, at (937) 256-4490.

THURSDAY, MAY 4: UD STUDENTS BRING MEDIEVAL ERA TO PRECIOUS BLOOD

In colorful costume and mailed armor, eight students from the University of Dayton's Medieval Club will bring the days of knights and ladies to life for the students at Precious Blood School on Thursday, May 4.

Set-up for the event will begin at 9:45 a.m. at the school, located at 4870 Denlinger Road in Trotwood. A two-hour program of live and static displays will begin at 10:45 a.m. and include demonstrations of armored and foot combat, a spinning wheel, music and other aspects of medieval life. The young students will also be treated to lunch in the form of an authentic medieval feast, including honey-roasted chicken, five-spice pork, pescode (snow peas with bacon), sweet saffron rice with pistachios and almonds, and apple and cheese tarts.

Laura Yungblut, club coordinator and assistant professor of history at UD, said her students will be joined by several club members from the community as well, also in full costume.

Dale Monnin, who teaches sixth, seventh and eighth grade at Precious Blood, said the event will coincide with the sixth-grade studies of the Middle Ages. Approximately 150 junior high students from the school will take part in the event, and an additional 450 elementary school students have been invited to come outside and watch the festivities.

For more information, call **Laura Yungblut** at (937) 229-3919.