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Staff Writer

Although it may not be a question on the ballot Nov. 4, Catholics have a choice to make: to vote in accordance with the Church’s values or not?

According to the Web site for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, usccb.org, Catholic voters should pay attention to issues that have moral implications within the Church, such as abortion and gay marriage. The USCCB has published a guide to Faithful Citizenship, which includes a guide for political decisions.

While the guide to Faithful Citizenship focuses on a few issues, the political scene and voting process is more complex than the guide may let on, said Bro. Thomas Wendorf, English professor and Marianist.

“The picture is more complicated than that,” Wendorf said. “There are a number of morally serious issues to consider in electing candidates, including attention to the poor and availability of adequate health care.”

The USCCB’s guide to Faithful Citizenship states that since voting for certain issues is inherently wrong, the decision is left up to local bishops to deny public supporters of these rights to be denied the Eucharist.

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius and Sen. Joe Biden are both Catholics in the political arena who support abortion rights and have been denied the Eucharist at some point in time, said Fr. John Putka, political science professor and Marianist.

“A key issue in the election is the ongoing tragedy of over 4,000 abortions per day,” Putka said. “The reversal of Roe v. Wade could be as close as one appointment to the Supreme Court, and the next president will probably be in a position to make one or more appointments. This is the greatest moral and political issue since slavery...The basic challenge to these politicians is: what is more important to you, being a faithful Catholic or being a supporter of legal abortion?”

“Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI have both emphasized that the issues of abortion and euthanasia, as inherently evil, are key issues and that a Catholic should not support candidates who accept them as a matter of law. There are obviously many other issues of great concern to the Church, but they do not, either individually or collectively, outrank abortion and euthanasia as the major issues. That being said, these issues also deserve extensive consideration and debate as part of the political process.”

Putka said UD students should take an active stance in researching the Catholic Church’s viewpoint on issues and figure out which are important to them.

“UD students and youth in general are the future of our country, and should focus on developing a clear, Catholic perspective on the issues of our time.”

-Father John Putka
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UD’s nonverbal communication expert discusses candidates’ chances in presidential election

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Staff Writer

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According to the American Dietetic Association, eating a decent breakfast in the morning can help you focus more during the day. This is based on studies of school children and adolescents who performed better after a healthy breakfast. The same study showed that a good breakfast can positively affect hand-eye coordination. So for all of you athletes reading this, breakfast is especially crucial to your performance in sports.

What is a good breakfast? The Mayo Clinic states that a good breakfast incorporates several food groups so that you get a variety of minerals to start your day. For example, oatmeal is a healthy and quick breakfast. To balance it out, have some yogurt for the calcium along with the iron and protein in the oatmeal. A piece of fruit instead of sugar would also be a good idea. Or just have fruit and yogurt. The possibilities are endless! How about a banana and peanut butter? Or an apple and peanut butter? Both are delicious, and both provide protein in the peanut butter along with vitamins in the fruit. This meal is also low in sugar content, preventing a morning blood sugar spike. If you are really in a hurry, grab something portable like fruit or an apple or granola bar along with a piece of fruit to get a decently balanced meal. It’s also important to know what foods to avoid at breakfast. Foods high in sugar, such as Poptarts and sweet cereal, are probably best to stay away from. If you have a craving for any of these, which is bound to happen sometime, at least balance it out with a piece of fruit or some protein.

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As America approaches the end of an era, here’s a look back over the past eight years of George W. Bush’s presidency

NICK KASTNER
Managing Editor

It’s been two terms, eight years, $4.8 trillion. When George Walker Bush took the office of the president and became leader of the United States. He took his oath Jan. 20, 2001, and will leave the office Jan. 20, 2009. The past eight years has marked a busy period in American history. With the country only a few months away from the end of an era, it’s only fitting to provide a retrospective on the past eight years of the Bush administration.

It all started Nov. 7, 2000; Bush was the first candidate in history to win the presidential election without carrying the popular vote. The Democratic candidate, Al Gore, fought tooth and nail for a recount, but when all was said and done, Bush was declared the winner. He spent the first eight months of his first term focusing on domestic policies. Bush also led the movement for the passing the “No Child Left Behind Act.” This domestic policy aimed at improving education focused on standardized tests and put importance on the accountability of schools for their students.

Soon after, the president was forced to turn his attention to other issues when on Sept. 11, 2001, two planes flew into the World Trade Center, killing 2,974 civilians. In response to the attacks, Bush declared war on terror. “Tonight we are a country awakened to danger and called to defend freedom,” Bush said in an address to America on the night of 9/11. To increase safety from terrorists, Bush created the Office of Homeland Security to be in charge of what we know as the national threat level. The threat levels are part of a “color-coded system so that protective measures can be implemented to reduce the likelihood or impact of an attack,” according to the Department of Homeland Security’s Web site.

Deployment of American troops in search of Osama bin Laden, the terrorist blamed for orchestrating the Sept. 11 attacks. Troops in Afghanistan were predominantly American, but there was military support from countries such as the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and Germany. In addition, Bush passed the USA PATRIOT Act in October of 2001. This law granted the U.S. government the ability to search through telephone conversations, e-mails and other personal records in order to better protect Homeland Security. As the War on Terror continued, Iraq was said to not be cooperating with United Nations weapons inspectors. An article from the BBC stated that Iraq rejected many resolutions allowing U.N. weapons inspectors from being allowed in. The Bush administration claimed evidence of Iraq’s possession of weapons of mass destruction. “[Saddam Hussein] possesses weapons of terror. He provides funding and training and safe haven to terrorists who would willingly deliver weapons of mass destruction against America.” Bush delivered this message on March 20, 2003, formally starting the War in Iraq through an act of pre-emptive safety, according to a White House press release.

After months of bombing Baghdad, Bush declared the end of the war while standing in front of a “Mission Accomplished” banner on the flight deck of the USS Abraham Lincoln, but American troops still occupied the country. Seven months later, troops captured Saddam Hussein from a hole in the ground near Tikrit, Iraq. The 2004 election saw George Bush debate John Kerry, a senator from Massachusetts. In June 2004, the New York Times conducted a survey showing Bush’s approval rating at 42 percent while 40 percent of the American population showed no opinion of Kerry at all. In November, George W. Bush won by a margin of 34 electoral votes. The Bush administration saw many new faces during its second term as several cabinet members left and new ones were appointed. One particularly shocking resignation came from former Secretary of State, Colin Powell. “It has always been my intention that I would serve one term,” Powell said in an interview with CNN.

Beginning his second term, with a rearranged cabinet, Bush initiated a mild reform of social security and passed a new energy policy act. Some said these actions were fulfillments of promises he made during his 2000 campaign. To repair relations with Europe, Bush toured countries such as Slovakia, Belgium and Germany and met with their respective leaders.

The disaster Hurricane Katrina in August 2005 was another challenge for the Bush administration. Issuing an outline for federal aid, Bush attempted to assist those hit worst in the Gulf Coast. Not everyone saw this as enough. He was criticized for what some believed to be a slow reaction to the hurricane’s effects. In a Washington Post article dated Sept. 2, 2005, Democrats argued “Bush’s decision to hold down spending on fortifying levees around New Orleans [was] to pay for tax cuts and the Iraq invasion.”

The mid-term elections of 2006 proved difficult for the Republican party after losing many seats in House of Representatives and the Senate, the majority of Congress was now Democrats. Deployment of American troops continued throughout Bush’s second term. The daily cost of the war, according to the Washington Post, exceeded $700 million. Bush struggled to find support to continue funding the war; many government officials requested a timetable for the withdrawal of troops in Iraq. In a New York Times article dated March 23, 2007, the House of Representatives voted to set a timetable for bringing American troops home from Iraq. Bush opposed it, saying, “It makes no sense to tell the enemy when you plan to start withdrawing. All the terrorists would have to do is mark their calendars…”

Influenced by a historic terrorist attack, a war on terror and natural disasters, Bush’s time in office has set the stage for a monumental election. John McCain and Barack Obama have publicly stated their respective administrations will not run like the Bush administration. Americans can begin to see if they hold to their word or not, with Bush’s exit from office in January.
Engineers hold service learning camp for Dayton middle schools

TRACY YANG  
Staff Writer

Four mechanical engineering majors have raised over $9,000 for Engineering Service Learning and hosted a camp for Dayton middle school students on campus Wednesday in order to raise the students’ curiosity and passion for science, math and engineering.

With help from UD’s school of engineering, the group collaborated with Great Cities Great Service Grant and Servicebook.org through the Roslyn and Jimmy Carter Foundation to host a class for middle school students with fun science experiments.

“The class has three phases associated with it,” Doug Smith, fifth-year mechanical engineering major, said. “The first phase was an in-class phase where we worked with 16 seventh-graders on Tuesdays and 16 eighth-graders on Thursdays doing Lego Robotics and teaching the students how the engineering, math and science principles they were learning in class related back to real world applications.

“The second phase is the camp we are hosting during the Dayton Public School’s Fall Intersession.”

The camp focused on activities students wouldn’t normally do within the constraints of the classroom. Smith said. The final phase of the project is a service phase for the students where they will design an activity to do with their younger peers to show them the value of math and science.

“Students attend schools around the city and many of them grew up in families where their parents did not receive college education, Smith said. The camp’s goal is to help the campers understand how math and science plays an essential part in our lives and teenagers’ education should not stop after high school.

“Those ideas come from students who are always more successful because they work from their hearts,” Dr. Pinnell, school of engineering professor and faculty advisor, said. “They are highly motivated and develop a plan that works for themselves.”

Many different groups got involved with the camp.

“Students will visit UD campus where they will take part in several experiments with help from DECA students and the Minor Engineering Program Office,” Smith said. “We will be wrapping up with a rocketry competition and an awards ceremony on Thursday.”

Smith and his classmates have high expectations for this project and he said he hopes it continues.

“It would be a shame for our students if we work with them this far and then come January, no one is around to continue the project,” Smith said.

Smith encourages anyone who is interested in helping to contact him at douglas.smith.w@gmail.com, any of the other students in the class, or Pinnell at Margaret.Pinnell@notes.udayton.edu.

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Born: August 4, 1961 (Honolulu, Hawaii)
Hometown: Jakarta, India; Honolulu, Hawaii
Family: Wife Michelle Robinson Obama and two daughters
Education: Occidental College/Columbia University, B.A.
Harvard Law School, J.D., 1991

Government Experience:
Senator, US Senate, 2005-Present
Senator, Illinois State Senate, 1997-2004

ISSUES

Energy Policy
Reduce America’s dependence on foreign oil.
Explore alternate sources of energy.
Americans will have to change behavior to cut back on oil usage.
Supports more nuclear power if it is cost efficient and safe.

Defense Policy
Called for expansion of military manpower and modernization.
Wants to cut overall defense spending.

Iraq
Move beyond Iraq and focus attention on Middle East more broadly.
Wants to end the war and by the end of 2009 and begin taking out troops.

Climate Change
Lead an international coalition to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
Invest $150 million over 10 years to advance clean energy technology.

Immigration
Increase number of Customs and Border Protection personnel.
Favors illegal immigrants in good standing to be allowed to pay a fine then be given chance to become citizen.
Supports granting driver’s licenses to illegal immigrants.

Financial Policy
Supports plan to directly inject money into struggling banks.
Six point plan to improve government regulation of financial institutions.
Thinks that the SEC should crack down on market manipulation.

“Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for.”

Senator Barack Obama
FLYER NEWS SURVEY
Flyer News surveyed students from all over campus to see where the University of Dayton’s student body was leaning in this upcoming election. Here are the results.

**DEM. BARACK OBAMA**
45%

**REP. JOHN MCCAIN**
43%

**UNDECIDED**
12%

(Sample Size: 427)
BIO

BORN
August 29, 1936 (Panama Canal Zone)

HOMETOWN
Alexandria, Va.

FAMILY
Wife Cindy Hensley McCain with seven kids

EDUCATION
US Naval Academy, 1958
National War College, 1973

MILITARY SERVICE
POW in Vietnam 1967-1973

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE
Senator 1987- Present
House Representative 1983-1987

ISSUES

Energy Policy
Break from old energy policies and work for America’s energy security.
Increase use of domestic oil supply.
Strong proponent of nuclear energy.

Defense Policy
Increase size of military.
Modernization of military and making it a more mobile force.
Favors overall cuts in defense spending.

Iraq
Stay in Iraq until job is done.
Envisions Iraq as functioning democracy by 2013.
Feels Bush administration mismanaged the war.

Climate Change
Cosponsored Climate Stewardship Act to cut down on greenhouse gases.
Outspoken members of Congress on need for legislation on climate change.

Immigration
Supports increased border security and citizenship for illegal immigrants.
Institute a temporary worker program.
Reinforce our border and through a bipartisan solution.

Financial Policy
Called for regulation and investigation of Wall Street executives.

“I’ve been fighting for this country since I was seventeen years old, and I have the scars to prove it.”

Senator John McCain

ILLUSTRATIONS
BY NICK KASTNER
The best candidate to entrust with my future is Senator John McCain.

A president is not someone you vote for because it's the trendy thing to do, because he or she looks a certain way or can deliver a great speech. You elect a President because you have faith in that individual and his or her policies. There isn't a candidate you will agree with 100 percent, but for me, McCain is as good as it gets. He possesses core conservative values; a pro-life platform, smaller government, and a distinct belief in the individual and the greatness of our country and the individual freedoms. He has shown time and again he has the experience and leadership to follow through on what he promises to deliver.

The most important thing to me about McCain is his priority of principle over politics. His experience, demonstrated in his service to his country as a U.S. Naval Aviator in Vietnam or a servant of the people in Congress, is proof. In these trying times, we need someone with experience. We need someone who is selfless; whose main objective is keeping the America the greatest country in the world, a shining city on a hill. McCain is the candidate to take us into the future and reestablish our country’s greatness—a true American hero who loves his country and seeks to continue a lifetime of service in the White House.

This campaign is not about hyperbolic, rhetorically charged speeches—it is about character, experience and the demonstrated ability of sound leadership. How we vote will determine a course affecting not only the next four to eight years, but generations to come.

When you go to the polls Nov. 4, hold faith in the candidate who has your interest at heart. Believe in the one who has proven experience, the one who has put country first and above all. Believe in the man who has spent a lifetime in service and proven leadership. Believe in John McCain.

COLLEEN O’KANE
President, Young Republicans

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FlyerNews.com has had an online poll up for the past week asking the UD community who it is going to vote for in the upcoming election.

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45%

REP. JOHN MCCAIN
48%

UNDECIDED
7%
(Sample Size: 324)
Kevin Smith is a filthy man.

Since the release of “Clerks” in 1994, countless prudes have unwittingly ventured into the filmmaker’s comedies — “Mallrats,” “Chasing Amy,” “Dogma” and “Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back” — and after several dozen F-bombs and graphic scatological references — promptly walked out.

Luckily for Smith, 38, viewers have been too enthralled with the filmmaker’s latest variation of, well, pretty much any dirty word or phrase, to get up and leave.

With eight movies in the bag, the portly writer/director/producer/actor has etched a phrase, to get up and leave.


On Friday, Smith may finally expand beyond his generational cult following with the release of “Zack and Miri Make a Porno,” starring current comedic juggernaut Seth Rogen (“Pineapple Express”) and Elizabeth Banks (“W.”). Hollywood studios expect Smith’s latest to top his current box office best of $31 million for 1999’s “Dogma,” according to film critic Roger Ebert.

Smith’s raunchy comedy tells the story of two lifelong platonic friends who decide to solve their debt problems by filming an adult movie together. As the cameras roll, however, the duo realize that their relationship may never be the same.

“If you scrape away the pornography and the overtrappings of the story in terms of a bunch of people getting together to make a porn, it really is kind of a story about how we made ‘Clerks’ to some degree,” Smith said to Flyer News in a recent college conference call. “A bunch of knuckleheads who don’t know anything get together and make a feature. Theirs just happens to have a lot of [private parts] in it.”

With “Superbad” and “Pineapple Express” in the can, Smith was grateful that “Zack and Miri” was the first flick Rogen chose after being “canonized as comedic man of the moment,” Smith said.

“What Seth is kind of genius at, he’s innately talented at ad libbing material that sounds like it’s organic to the film, scene, or more specifically, to the character,” he said. “You welcome a guy like that, because he’s not just executing, he’s elevating.”

Generally, Smith’s films center around the platonic love of two male friends, but Banks brings a completely feminized ‘Miri’ without changing a word of the script.”

Much of the film’s comedic and emotional success can be attributed to the “sickening” chemistry between Rogen and Banks, which was apparent from the first table reading.

“How would you have thought they’d known each other for years,” he said. “Sometimes you work with actors who just have that wonderful, sick, fantastic chemistry that you don’t even have to do anything as a director except stay out of the way.”

Smith is surprised at the public controversy surrounding the R-rated film’s marketing, primarily due to the inclusion of the word “porno.” Billboards in Philadelphia and radio spots in Los Angeles have elicited multitudes of complaints from people thinking the film was actually pornography.

“I was flabbergasted, because I felt like we used the cutest word possible to describe that industry,” he said. “We didn’t go with ‘Zack and Miri Make a Stag Film, Skin Flick, or even Porn.’ It’s got that ‘o’ at the end. That to me makes it cuddly and cute. And when was the last time you’ve ever seen a porno with the word ‘porno’ in the title?”

Smith’s looking to secure funding for his next film, “Red State,” a bleak, grisly and non-commercial political horror movie about religious fundamentalism in America.

“There are no laughs in the movie whatsoever,” he said. “It’s like 180 degrees away from every other flick I’ve ever made. I feel like if I can pull this one off, I might feel more like a filmmaker.”

Smith had some inspirational tips for those who want to break into the movie industry.

“I guess my best advice would be to make ‘Clerks’ because that totally worked for me,” he joked. “Short of that, everybody should just tell the exact story they want to tell. If you start selling-out to reach a larger audience, it stops being yours. Stick with your voice, because nobody else has your voice.”
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Vote:
What we think you should do and who you should choose

Election Day is right around the corner, and if you haven’t voted yet – you better get to the polls on Tuesday. It doesn’t matter if you’re voting for Obama or McCain or somebody else, we want you to vote.

In such a pivotal election where our generation has become an increasingly important voice over the last couple of elections, it’s vital we let our voices be heard in this one. TIME magazine even dubbed the 2008 election “The Year of the Youth Vote.” According to a CBS News/UWIRE/The Chronicle of Higher Education poll in which 25,000 college students in four swing states participated, more than 90 percent said they planned to vote in the election. “Year of the Youth Vote” indeed.

So who is Flyer News endorsing this presidential election? Neither candidate, actually.

It’s not because the editorial board couldn’t come up with a majority pick or because we feel readers wouldn’t really care who we endorse, but rather we felt that it’s not our role as media practitioners to tell you who we think you should vote for.

Instead of picking a candidate we think you should vote for, we tried to give you as much relevant information as possible in this issue on both candidates so you can make an educated decision yourself. We feel it’s our duty as a newspaper to provide readers with the information they need to be free and self-governing – especially when it comes to the presidential election. But to do this, we must maintain an independence for what we cover. Endorsing a candidate would contradict that.

So choose for yourself and exercise your right as an American. Be a part of “The Year of the Youth Vote.” Now that’s a movement we’ll endorse.

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**your turn**

At a disadvantage
McCain never had chance, Obama poised to become next commander in chief

John McCain is not simply running against Barack Obama in the 2008 presidential election. Any casual political observer would tell you that an enormous part of his campaign thus far has been distancing himself from the incredibly unpopular presidency of George W. Bush. To a certain extent, this entire idea is the framework of why Obama will be the next president of the United States.

In addition to the fact that Bush has been one of the most unpopular presidents in the modern era, the influence of the Democratic Party has grown substantially since 2004. However, the question of whether Democratic nominee Obama has had a tremendous impact on this rise in party identification is not a direct issue in this election, as both candidates will have to make do with the current political nature of the United States. What is important to note is that it is a given in this year’s election that there will be more identified Democrats voting than identified Republicans, and this will make a huge difference on November 4.

All of those factors would already lean towards a heavy Democratic advantage in this November’s election, but there is one other x-factor to the success of Obama’s campaign: community organization. From the University of Dayton’s massive canvassing operations to the overwhelming flow of Obama personnel in just about every single toss-up precinct around the country, it appears that Obama and the Democratic National Committee are running the largest grassroots campaign in history.

Current polling shows that Obama is doing just as well among identified Democratic-leaning voters as McCain is among Republicans. If this is the case, and there is about an 8 million voter partisan advantage for the Democrats as polling indicates right now, then McCain will have to win an overwhelmingly proportion of independents to come close in the national popular vote. This is a very important aspect of the election next week, but in the end, the race will come down to whichever candidate receives 270 electoral votes.

Right now, there seems to be no logical way for McCain to win these 270 electoral votes and become the next President. Either he must win Virginia, Colorado, Ohio, Nevada, Florida, North Carolina and Missouri, all states in which he is currently trailing, or pull off the vast majority of those toss-up states along with an absolute shocker in Pennsylvania. I am aware that the election is still a few days away, but at this moment in time, it seems mathematically unfeasible for McCain to become the next president.

With Election Day quickly approaching, I still encourage everyone to head to the polling place. There is no better way to get your single person out there to go vote. There is no better way to get your voice heard and participate in the democratic nature of our great country!

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**Word on the street...**

FN didn’t endorse a candidate, but three staff members speak out

“I’m voting for Obama because he is the symbol that our nation needs.”

NICK KASTNER  
MANAGING EDITOR

“I am voting for McCain because the business sector seems to be more optimistic about his policies.”

CORY GRIFFIN  
SPORTS EDITOR

“I voted early for Obama in Ohio, even though I am from Michigan.”

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“When opinions are free, either in matters of government or religion, truth will finally and powerfully prevail.”

Thomas Paine, pamphleteer, 1796
letters to the editor

Fines, rules on campus rob students of their money

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My question to UD is: Where do these fines go? Who do they really benefit? I honestly do not think they are going back into UD houses. Though there are newer houses, write down any problems or infractions they see. As one employee walked passed my house, she spotted Buddy while one employee walked passed my house, she spotted Buddy while looking through our window.

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The Club Golf team was founded last year in hopes of allowing more students than just the varsity golfers a chance to play competitively, or even just for fun while attending UD. John Hennessey founded the club with the expectation that the club would flourish with numerous students looking for a recreational or competitive outlet.

“There were a number of steps involved in founding the club,” junior and Club Golf vice president Brian Moran said. “Student Involvement, as well as the Campus Recreation Department were very helpful in getting us going.

“We had our first golf season last spring. We qualified for nationals in our first season in existence.”

The club now has 28 members, which, according to Moran, is more members than some of the larger schools in the area have in their clubs.

Among these members, there are several reasons for why they decided to join the club. “Being on the club team is a great way to carry on one’s love for the game, as well as an increase in competition from high school golf,” Hennessey said. “There are members who want to do it just to get some time out on the golf course, but there are also members who take it seriously and are very competitive.”

Each Friday during the season, the team heads to The Golf Club at Yankee Trace in Centerville for a round of golf. While some take this as a recreational activity, the others are there to try and qualify for a spot in the club’s next event. The top eight scores each Friday advance to play in the tournaments.

For the first time ever, the club hosted their first tournament this year at Yankee Trace. Miami University, Robert Morris and West Virginia — all division rivals — took part in the event, with the RedHawks winning the event. The Flyers finished second, shooting a total of 804 among their eight members participating.

The club participates in a variety of different leagues, including the National Collegiate Club Golf Association (NCCGA), Collegiate Golf Alliance (CGA) and the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA).

The team hopes to remain competitive while generating interest in the club throughout the university. This fall, the team was able to qualify Hennessey and Andrew Zeller for the national tournament sponsored by CGA in Las Vegas next month.

As for the team’s goal of generating interest in the club, Moran would like to see an increased number of underclassmen joining the club. “In the future I would like to see our club grow even greater, so that possibly we could have a two-tiered program, one that is recreational and one that is competitive,” Moran said. “We currently have 28 members and I would love to see that grow.”

Moran said that the club plans on providing transportation to members who do not have a car, and although the fall season has come to a close, students are encouraged to dust off their golf clubs and bring them back to school for the second semester as the spring season begins.

To help expand the size of the current team by joining the Club Golf team, or for more information, contact Brian Moran at bimmerjr87@gmail.com.
The Flyers men’s soccer team has torn through its last 10 opponents, going 9-0-1 over that time period to push its record to 11-2-2 on the season.

Flyer redshirt freshman and transfer from Creighton, Tyler Picard, has been a big reason why. The 6-foot-2 goalkeeper has a 9-0-1 record for the season, while compiling five shutouts. He has been named Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week twice, while allowing just one goal per game during that stretch.

“His mobility is good, he has great communication and he’s good in the air,” junior defender Sonny Renner said. “He’s been a great asset so far this season.”

The season unbeaten streak is not the only streak the team is lengthening. The Flyers have not lost a home match since Oct. 28, 2006 — more than two years ago. Since that day, the Flyers have gone 17-0-3 at Baujan Field.

“The atmosphere is very positive and we have a lot of confidence going into the games because we haven’t lost the past 20 games,” Renner said. “We know how the field is slippery and how it can affect our opponents.”

By winning games, the team has gained a lot of national recognition. The latest NSCAA Adidas Top 25 National Rankings had the Flyers at No. 22 this week, while Soccer America’s Top 25 had the Flyers at No. 18. These rankings are putting the team in a position where it might earn an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament.

“It’s always in the back of our minds,” Renner said. “We just want to do the best we can…We can’t let that play a part in how our season ends because we just want to keep getting a higher rank. We have to work harder because we have a target on our back now.”

However, the team wants to take one step at a time and focus on the A-10. So far they have done a great job of that. They remain as the only unbeaten team in the A-10 at 5-0-1.

“We have been here before,” Renner said. “We know what we have to do to win games. We all know what we have to do to win.”

As for the remainder of the season, the Flyers hope to avoid the distraction of being a ranked team and trounce their final three regular season opponents.

“We have to make sure that we stay fit and avoid injuries,” Renner said. “Our mental approaches have to be that we are confident knowing we’re going to go in and win. If we win this conference, it would be a big motivator.”

The team will face Temple tonight in Philadelphia, and then travel across the city to face St. Joseph’s on Sunday, before closing out the regular season at Xavier Nov. 8.

The team will then try and win the A-10 Conference Tournament, which starts in Pittsburgh on Nov. 13. The championship game will be played Nov. 16.
Football

FLYERS HEAD TO WEST COAST

JACOB ROSEN
Staff Writer

The Dayton Flyers football team (7-1, 4-0) is on the road this weekend to take on this year’s preseason favorite in the Atlantic 10, Duquesne University (5-3, 3-1). Dayton comes into this 9 p.m. game on quite a tear, winning its first four conference games of the year. San Diego lost unexpectedly last week to Jacksonville, 30-29, putting a stop to its undefeated start.

The Flyers continued their dominance of their home field last week, blasting Valparaiso, 43-7. Senior quarterback Rob Florian threw for 279 yards and three touchdowns on 21-28 passing, and received PFL Offensive Player of the Week honors for his performance. Dayton outgained Valparaiso 441-109 in total offensive yards, and the team carried a 34-7 lead into halftime. The win was the 10th PFL win in a row for the Flyers, and their 13th straight at Welcome Stadium.

San Diego remains one of the best teams in the PFL in 2008 after finishing second in the PFL to Dayton a season ago. They have the highest ranked offense in the league, averaging 394.4 points and 426.1 yards of total offense per game. In their last week to Jacksonville, the Toreros surrendered 10 points in the final 4:10, and managed just 94 yards rushing. In the end, Donovan Curry’s 50-yard field goal with 1:23 left in the game gave Jacksonville the win.

Despite the threat of playing the league’s best offense on the road this week, coach Rick Chamberlain emphasized the importance of being consistent with his approach.

“If you start to do different things now, that is how you lose the confidence of the players,” Chamberlain said.

Certainly, after the way the Flyers have played this season, it would be hard to question the way they have approached each game.

Since their loss to Duquesne Sept. 27, the Flyers’ offense has caught fire. They have averaged over 410 yards and 38 points per game. The Flyers’ defense is holding its opponents to 13.5 points and 256.1 yards per game on the season.

One big reason why Dayton’s offense has been on fire recently is the revitalized play of Florian. In his last 10 quarters of play, Florian has completed 48 of 63 passes for 536 yards, four touchdowns and has not thrown any interceptions. Those numbers are a big reason why the offense is clicking and why the team has pulled away in early in their past several games.

These two teams have been the class of the league the past few seasons, winning seven of the last nine league championships, and Saturday will be no different.

“It just comes down to execution,” Chamberlain said.

The team that executes the best will be in the driver’s seat with Butler for the league championship race. San Diego comes into the game needing a win after its loss last week, while Dayton is looking to preserve its hopes of a second straight Gridiron Classic championship.

The Flyers play three of their final four games on the road in 2008. After the game this week in San Diego, the Flyers travel to Indianapolis to take on Butler (6-1, 4-0), then come home for their regular season finale against Morehead State (3-5, 1-3), before finishing the season off at Jacksonville (5-3, 3-1).

Volleyball

Injuries provide adversity in defense of A-10 crown

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Staff Writer

When Kelly Sheffield became head coach of the UD women’s volleyball team last spring, he inherited a conference championship team that broke the top 25 for the first time in its history in 2007.

Since his first day on the job, Sheffield has had quite the first-year experience. Sophomore Yvonne Marten was forced to redshirt after tearing her ACL for the third time. Schroeder’s injury left her no choice but to have season-ending surgery. Her ACL and meniscus had been shredded.

“I was heartbroken, because this is not how anyone’s senior season should go,” Schroeder said. “But it’s something you have to deal with, and it’s OK now because the team has been so supportive.”

Throughout their four years, both Norris and Schroeder have developed into natural leaders, both on and off the court. Coach Sheffield was aware of this, and immediately offered to let them travel with the team all season. Most teams only allow 12 to travel, but the Flyers allow all 16 players to travel.

“I’m just lucky I get to travel and be with the team,” Norris said. “They’re my best friends. Erin, Yvonne and I are still so involved, and it is so important to us to be included in everything the team does.”

The Flyers (16-8, 7-1 A-10) have had little trouble adjusting to these injuries. With five matches remaining, the Flyers sit one match behind St. Louis in the Atlantic 10. Schroeder and Norris are well aware of their roles as coaches and motivators.

Sophomore outside hitter Tiffany Gareke has stepped up in place of Norris, and has been taking every set in stride.

“Every time I come out of a match, [Norris] has something to teach me,” Gareke said. “She helps me with everything. I have a ton of respect for her and having her on the sideline is extremely supportive.”

Sophomore setter Kacie Hausfeld understands that with these injuries, each player has had to step up.

“We’ve all had to adjust in new roles,” Hausfeld said. “Everyone has accepted a leadership role and we all have come together as a team. I go to Erin before and during every match, and she is always there to help.”

Coach Sheffield has had full faith in this renovated Flyers lineup all season long. Younger players have stepped up, while the injured seniors have stepped aside into a coaching and leadership role.

“When injuries happen, the question is whether to adjust your goals or not adjust your goals,” Sheffield said. “We decided we can still accomplish our goals with the people we have. These injuries have allowed for creativity and for others to step up in new roles. Nobody is feeling sorry for themselves. You try to find a way to get it done.”

Sheffield understands the importance of having his two injured senior leaders involved with this team.

“Kortney and Erin have so much experience to give,” Sheffield said. “They are so respected by this team that it would be foolish not to have them around. You’re not going to find two people that have a stronger love for this university and for this volleyball program than these two have. They have a gift to teach and they want to teach it.”