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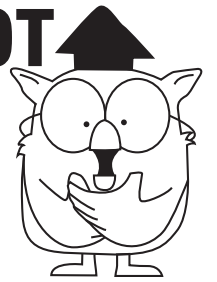
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FLYERS EARN NCAA BID

CORY GRIFFIN
Sports Editor

For the second consecutive season, the Flyer volleyball team will host the first and second rounds of the NCAA Tournament with a game tonight.

The first and second rounds will be held in the Frericks Center tonight at 7:30 p.m., where the Flyers (21-12) will host the Western Michigan Broncos (26-6). This season, unlike last season, the bid to the tournament was a bit of a surprise for the team. The team didn't win the Atlantic 10 this season after suffering a loss to Saint Louis in the A-10 Final. However, the Flyers earned an at-large bid for the second time in program history.

"We couldn't be more excited, more fired up," Dayton head coach Kelly Sheffield said. "It's a great opportunity. You sit there before you go into the selection and you're not sure if you're going

to get in. Then you see your name come up and then you see where you're playing ... we're real excited to play in front of our home crowd."

This will be the fifth NCAA Tournament berth for the Flyers in program history. After a season that included several injuries to key players on the team, the Flyers kept working hard and were selected on Sunday for the tournament.

"It's big time, this is what you train year-round for," Sheffield said. "Players stay here for the summer; they make sacrifices like a lot of teams do. But this is what you grind it out for over 12 months of the year to be able to have the opportunity to play in a tournament like this and be able to host in front of the fans that support you year round. There's nothing better."

The winner of the first round match will move on to the second

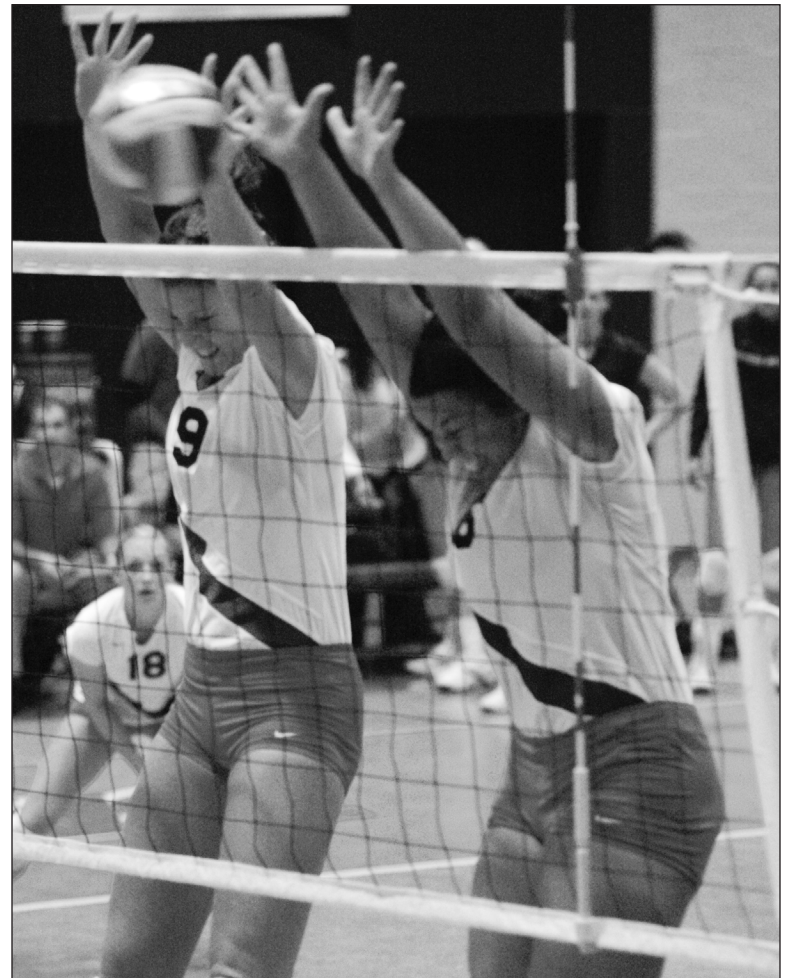
round on Saturday to play either Tennessee Tech (19-12) or No. 16 Tulane (27-5).

"Both teams can win, we're definitely going in as an underdog," Sheffield said about Dayton's first round match against the Mid-American Conference champion.

According to Sheffield, the team is excited at another shot in the NCAA Tournament after they fell in heartbreaking fashion to Michigan State University in last year's second round at the Frericks Center.

"This is what you play for, this is your dream," Sheffield said. "When you're growing up to play on the big stage. I know we'll be excited. I was still getting text messages from some of our players at 2:30 in the morning."

The players will look to use that excitement as fuel toward this weekend's games in hopes of advancing to the Sweet 16.



FILE PHOTO

Sophomore Lindsay Fletemier (left) and senior Kortney Norris (right) block a ball in a game at last year's NCAA appearance.

\$10 million donation

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Chief Staff Writer

UD received its largest single-donor contribution last Tuesday in the form of \$10 million to be spent on student scholarships.

The anonymous \$10 million donor will have quite a few fans on campus, as his generous donation will help UD students afford an education for years to come.

"I think his motivation was to help students and his commitment to UD is obvious by the substantial donation," Deborah Read, vice president of University Advancement, said. "His motivation was to help students with finan-

cial need and who are dedicated to wanting to have a successful career path. He is giving an opportunity for students to achieve their dreams."

By request of the donor, 50 percent of the donation will go to UD's School of Education and Allied Professions, 25 percent will go to the School of Business Administration and the other 25 percent to the School of Engineering. All of the money will go to student scholarships in these departments.

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UD offers Ohio's newest degree

LAUREN KELLY
Staff Writer

Ohio's first master's program in clean and renewable energy was approved on Nov. 25 by Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor Eric D. Fingerhut and the University of Dayton's engineering department will be one of the first to offer the degree.

The program is related to Ohio's interest in research within Ohio's Third Frontier Project and the University Clean Energy Alliance of Ohio. The University of Dayton, Wright State University, Central State University and the Air Force Institute of Technology will be the first to be a part of it.

The two-year program is designed to address the need for stable, clean and economical energy sources, according to a recent press release. Faculty from all four schools will teach courses but students will earn a degree from either UD or Wright State, depending on where students enroll. The program will be a part of

UD's Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department and Wright State University's mechanical and material engineering department. Classes will focus on development of energy-reducing design techniques, renewable energy and manufacturing systems, and better forms of solar energy, fuel cells and bio-fuels.

Kevin Hallinan, chair of UD's mechanical and aerospace engineering department, will direct the program and teach classes.

"Energy efficiency improvements are the easiest and cheapest way to offset growing energy costs and demand," Hallinan stated in a recent press release. "The worldwide economy cannot grow if we don't access new energy sources."

Potential students include professionals looking to upgrade their skills, undergraduate engineering majors, current engineering graduate students and international students. UD and Wright State University may admit students into the program as early as January.

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REACH: more than M-Fest

ALLISON DUNN
Staff Writer

Over the past months and in the coming final exam weeks, the mental health awareness organization REACH has been participating in more activities on campus than just the spring concert M-Fest.

REACH is a student resource that works with the counseling center to help students with personal issues, president Amanda Bachman said. The organization focuses on all issues, from stress to eating disorders and bipolar disorder.

"I just want people to know that we're here and they're a resource that they can use," Bachman said. "The problem is a lot people don't talk about mental health problems and they keep it to themselves. It helps make it acceptable to talk about."

REACH will be participating in exam de-stress activities during exam week to help students cope.

During mid-October, REACH held a Suicide Awareness Day. Bachman said members of REACH passed out cards with facts about

suicide on college campuses. According to the Suicide Prevention Resource Center, an estimated 1,088 suicides occur on college campuses every year.

REACH used to only focus on suicide but Bachman is now working to expand the organization to focus on all types of mental health issues.

REACH currently runs bingo nights for mentally challenged individuals with the Partners for Community Living. The organization also participates in movie nights that depict mental health issues, such as A Beautiful Mind, Bachman said. On Jan. 28, REACH will also host a Student Wellness Fair at the RecPlex.

REACH also holds panels relating to specific topics. Bachman said the organization held an eating disorder awareness panel that included professors, a doctor, a psychologist and a nutritionist. Students were able to speak about their personal experiences with the disorder.

REACH's main project of the year, M-Fest, will be held March 21 at ArtStreet. Bachman said that M-

Fest began before REACH was created. REACH came to be from organizing the concert.

"My goal is to develop more activities that promote mental health awareness aside from just M-Fest," Bachman said.

M-Fest is a music and art festival geared to raise awareness on mental health, Bachman said. Local bands will play from noon to 9 p.m. Arts and crafts events will also be held throughout the day.

"It's a stress relief kind of day, it's very laid back," Bachman said.

Bachman and M-Fest president Laura Burgess attended the Active Minds Conference Nov. 29 to 30 at the University of Pennsylvania. Active Minds is a national organization that raises awareness about mental health issues, Bachman said.

"We really want to join with Active Minds because they have a lot of resources," Bachman said. "We were able to collaborate with all the people in our region and get new ideas."

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Vice President of University Advancement Deborah Read gives a speech at the announcement ceremony for the \$10 million check.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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The donor also wanted to ensure that no unforeseen financial crises will hinder a student's education.

"The donor requested the money be spent this way, but also, in any one year, up to 20 percent can be spent to help students with financial emergencies," Read said. "Given the current economic conditions in the country, one would imagine that it could have an effect on students being able to fund their education."

This scholarship, named the 1965 Scholarship Fund, will be granted to both current and incoming students. The amount of money awarded in the scholarship depends on each student.

"The scholarship will be administered for students throughout the university," Read said. "Students should contact the Office of Financial Aid directly, or if they are in the departments of Business Administration, Engineering, or Education and Allied Professions, they can talk to the deans of their department about where and how to apply."

What sets this scholarship apart from others is how undefined the requirements are.

"Students applying for the scholarship should be in good standing," Read said. "There's not

a percentage that says recipients have to be 4.0 students. They just have to want to go into a career in these areas. It's a very broad scholarship in that it's not restrictive, and that's a wonderful thing because it won't limit the opportunities of students."

This single donor gift is the first of its magnitude, but throughout its history UD has been blessed with alumni and groups that have the same passion as this donor and are willing to put money into a university.

"The largest gift ever in UD's history is from the Marianists, which was over \$17 million," Read said. "In the last university campaign, which ended in 2002, we received money for various parts of UD. Another large single contribution supported a number of different initiatives on campus."

Alumni have many opportunities to help out UD. Donating to the UD Fund allows alumni donations to help improve the overall campus. Donating to the Dean's Fund for Excellence supports new technologies, student projects, service-learning opportunities, among other parts of student and faculty life.

For students interested in applying for the 1965 Scholarship Fund, applications are now open. For more information go to finaid.udayton.edu.



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Left: Singer and student Julie Roth performs at last year's M-Fest. Right: Sophomore Donny Rambacher celebrates M-Fest by painting his face.



Arrest made after \$2.7 million of Victoria's Secret goods stolen

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Law enforcement officials and industry groups say amateur thieves and organized crime rings are behind panty thefts that range from Connecticut to California.

According to the online security newsletter, CSOOnline.com, Victoria's Secret has had more

than \$2.7 million worth of bras stolen, a more than 80 percent increase from the previous year. The topic is a touchy one for Limited Brands, Victoria's Secret's parent company, and public relations employees are remaining mum about the situation.

Thieves are using a method referred to as boosting, or stealing items in bulk, usually clearing out

the entire shelf. In order to get past security alarms, sensor tags are either removed or placed in foil-lined bags. Thieves then sell the product on auction Web sites.

George Tutaya, 41, of Rego Park, N.Y., was arrested and charged with 18 counts of criminal possession of stolen property after selling more than \$80,000 worth of stolen Victoria's Secret bras on eBay. He

said he purchased the bras from a shoplifting ring. When police arrested him, they found \$26,000 worth of unsold bras in his home. The bras range in price from \$40 to \$80 a piece and are sold online for \$25 or more.

In late spring, police in Media, Pa., arrested four people suspected of being part of an interstate crime ring that cost Victoria's Secret

between \$600,000 and \$1 million. Muncie had a smaller scale incident in September 2008 in which thieves made off with 80 bras. At the same time, four other stores in the Indianapolis area were hit, according to a Victoria's Secret employee.

Some local shoppers are now skeptical about buying bras and panties online.

campus watch

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TODAY

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY

If salsa dancing has ever appealed to you, meet at ArtStreet Studio D at 9:30 p.m. to carpool to Santana's Café downtown. Salsa dance for a \$5 admission. E-mail valencfa@notes.udayton.edu or check out UD Salsa Dancing group on Facebook for more information.

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SATURDAY

FREE HOLIDAY CHEER

CAB is hosting a free catered dinner to celebrate the holidays from 6 to 8 p.m. in Barrett Dining Room. Stay after for a movie and crafts from 8 to 10 p.m. Reserve your spot for dinner by e-mailing daytoncab@gmail.com.

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MONDAY

NO CLASSES TODAY

GHETTO A-GLOW

Judging is tonight for the Christmas on Campus house decorating contest, so take some time to enjoy the Ghetto wonderland.

ASI students propose recycling program

CARLY SCHOTT

Assistant News Editor

A student group on campus is working hard to think "beyond the trash closet" in efforts to create a more environmentally sustainable university.

In their ASI 343 course, a sustainability research seminar, the students have chosen a project in which they are designing a revamped recycling program for UD. The team includes sophomores Natalie Csinsi, Catherine Glynn and Nicky Hanus, and juniors Colleen Molloy, Aaron Mueller and Sarah Oros. They have been working closely with professors Dr. Dan Fouke, Dr. Sukh Sidhu, as well as Judy Caruso in operations and Vice President of Student Development and Dean of Students Sr. Annette Schmeling.

The project began in the summer when Schmeling began looking into doing more with the recycling program. After talking with Lauren Clarisey, CEO of Flyer Enterprises, the two came up with a guideline to get students more involved in the effort. This includes the eventual hiring of one to two students in charge of implementing the movement, guided by the research and ideas of the students in the ASI 343 class.

The group of students in the ASI 343 class comes from varied majors and is united in wanting to make UD a more environmentally sustainable school.

"Last year, it was frustrating trying to get things to change," Molloy said, who was the sustainability co-liaison for SGA last year.

Already this year, UD has moved to a C+ on the sustainability report card, according to Oros. Last year, the university scored a D+.



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In addition to this type of recycling bins around campus, the ASI students would like bins in every dormitory room, as well.

For their project this semester, the group conducted experiments on two floors in every dormitory. On one floor, they held a program that educated the students about the importance of recycling. This was not done for the other floor. The results of the experiment indicated that the educated floor increased their reported recycling behaviors.

"We want students to become more involved and active in recycling, through education," Oros said.

As a result of their experiments and research, a primary goal of their proposed recycling programs is to get students educated on the topic, letting them know what can be recycled where, and why.

Though students may know what they can recycle, sometimes it is hard to get them to do it anyway.

"Being inconvenienced has an effect on recycling behavior," Molloy said.

The group has come up with ideas to make recycling easier for students. In addition to the recycling bins in residence halls and academic buildings, the group would like to see recycling bins in every dormitory room.

They are excited for biodegradable to-go boxes in the dining halls, which should be taking effect sometime next semester.

With new efforts soon to be underway, the students explained that not only will UD benefit environmentally, but money will be saved. This is because it costs three times more to manage waste than it does to follow a recycling program, according to Oros.

The students also have a long-term vision for recycling at UD, following the motto "beyond the trash closet."

"We want to incorporate it into the culture of UD," Csinsi said. "We also want them not to just recycle here, but when they leave."

Mueller said recycling can be incorporated into the idea of strong community that UD prides itself on.

"It's extending the community to include the entire environment," he said. "This even affects the global community."

Molloy agreed, saying that recycling goes back to the Marianist values our school was founded on.

"There's no excuse not to recycle," Mueller said.

Crime Log

The following incidents were reported to the Department of Public Safety on Nov. 15 through Nov. 16. This log was compiled by Flyer News from actual police reports obtained from the Department of Public Safety.

Robbery

Nov 15, 3:30 a.m.

Dayton Police Officers responded to Denny's Restaurant on Main Street on the report of a robbery. The victim, a UD student, was robbed by two black males and one white male who stole \$20 in cash and a cell phone. The white male brandished a knife and all three suspects wore puffy white coats. After the robbery, the suspects fled eastbound toward Brown Street. The victim didn't suffer any injuries during the robbery.

Robbery

Nov. 16, 2:44 a.m.

All on-duty officers, Sergeant McIntosh and several Dayton police officers responded to Alberta Street and Stewart Street after the dispatcher said a robbery victim was bleeding from the head and was being chased by two black males. The victim, a UD student, stated he was approached by two black males at the intersection of Stewart Street and Alberta Street and they asked him for money. The victim happened to be holding a \$20 bill; the shorter of the two males took it from the

victim's hand and began to run toward Brown Street. The victim chased the male and the taller male chased him screaming "Let it go. You don't wanna do this." The taller male then caught up with the victim, knocked him to the ground between two vehicles and struck him on the right side of his face. The suspect then warned him not to contact UD police and fled the area. While the victim was attacked, the robbers also stole his wallet, which contained credit cards, a driver's license and a student ID.



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This winter, UD Snow Ski Club hitting slopes twice

ANNA BEYERLE
Staff Writer

Natalie Behimer has been hitting the slopes since third grade, and doesn't plan on stopping anytime soon.

An avid skier, Behimer helped found the UD Snow Ski Club, which has organized two ski trips for the 2008-2009 school year.

Behimer, president of the club, began the club last year to promote awareness of ski trips on campus and to provide social events for those interested in snow skiing.

In the past, UD has sponsored one ski trip a year to Steamboat Springs, Colo., over Christmas break. Because of the short break this school year, the Snow Ski Club decided to instead have two trips to closer locations, according to Behimer.

"The costs for the trip would have been way too expensive and we were afraid students would be unable to participate," Behimer said.

Both trips are after Christmas and students can still sign up. Non-UD students are also welcome to attend.

The first trip is to Seven Springs, Penn., Jan. 9 to 11 and will accommodate 45 students. The cost is \$230 per student and covers travel by chartered bus, lodging, two days of skiing and one meal.



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The second trip is to Holiday Valley, N.Y., Feb. 26 to 28. The cost is \$249 per student and also has room for 45 students. Transportation, lodging, ski costs and one meal is also covered by this amount, according to Behimer.

Bethany Hey, publicity chair of

the Snow Ski Club, thinks it's a great way to get involved without paying that much money, even if you are an inexperienced skier.

"I actually have never skied before," Hey said. "Being from the south my family usually prefers trips to the beach instead of the ski slopes.

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Challenge Level: Hard
Source : WebSudoku.com

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I am excited to try it though. I'm hoping some other non-skiers sign up for the trips so I have people to hang out with on the bunny hills."

Behimer also encourages skiers of all skill levels to attend the trips.

"It's a great value for your money and you will be surrounded by people who can give you tips," she said.

To sign up for either ski trip, contact Donn Shade, associate director of Campus Recreation, at donn.shade@notes.udayton.edu. A \$50 deposit is needed to hold a spot, and the remaining dues are to be paid by Dec. 10 for the Jan. 9 trip and Jan. 29 for the Feb. 26 trip.

CORRECTIONS

1) In last issue's "Click" photograph, the male

dancer was identified incorrectly. His name is Walker Foley.

2) Last issue's article "Students to dance, tap and shine on stage" said Tyler Sarkis is the only boy in the UD Dance Ensemble.

There is a second one, Walker Foley.

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CONS: Minor quibbling. Netflix charges \$1 extra per month for unlimited access to Blu-ray titles, which isn't all that extensive yet, but Netflix never fails to set the bar. If you're not a big movie buff, but still want to watch a DVD every now and then, Netflix is overkill and untimely.

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“Twilight” mania bites into college lives

JACQUI BOYLE
Staff Writer

Take your typical romantic teenage story, mix it with a taste of vampire, and add a dash of the supernatural. The result is “Twilight” — an instant worldwide craze that has even given “Harry Potter” a run for its galleon.

Hailed by the *Los Angeles Times* as a “full-blown pop culture phenomenon,” thousands of bloodthirsty fans flocked to the theatres to see their heroine and her conflicted vampire on the big screen.

A movie three years in the making, www.imdb.com reported that it grossed an estimated \$70.5 million in its opening weekend, results that usually go to big-budget, big-name action films. As of Monday, it has brought in more than \$120 million, according to www.boxoffice.com.

The film was adapted from the “Twilight Saga,” a series of four novels by Stephenie Meyer, which chronicle the adventures of teenager Isabella “Bella” Swan. Bella's life takes a dramatic turn when she meets and falls in love with a vampire named Edward Cullen. Unlike the average

vampire, Cullen does not drink the blood of humans, which causes quite the predicament when romance and seduction are added to the equation.

The series has reached young teenagers and mature audiences as well. Many university students have been sucked into the recent “Twilight” obsession.

Sophomore Melanie Ruhe is in the middle of reading the third book in the series and saw the movie opening weekend.

“‘Twilight’ is a great love story and it is very imaginative,” she said. “It is about a hopeful and innocent, yet passionate love that everyone hopes for someday. If you've read the book, you feel connected to others who have read it.”

Not everyone is on the bandwagon though. Professor James Farrelly, Ph.D., who teaches a course on vampires in film, said he does not intend to see the movie.

“The romanticizing of vampires may appeal to teenyboppers looking for a new kind of bad-boy thrill, but these fantasy bloodsuckers are mean dudes who want to bite necks and sleep in coffins,” he said.

Farrelly said the hormonally-challenged Cullen in the books and movie shames the reputation of vampires.

“They are not day-walking Goths who live and go to school in one's neighborhood looking for impressionable girls to make out with,” he said. “I assure you that evil

lurks in the heart of all vampires.”

Sophomores Jason Roland and Kevin Pitstick went to see the movie opening night with friends. Decker out in the most emo wardrobes that they could put together, they waited in line at midnight for the movie.

“I'd go see any vampire or werewolf movie,” Pitstick said, who has not read any of the books.

Junior Meghan McDevitt, president of UD's literary magazine “Orpheus,” read all four books and saw the movie to see what all of the hype was about. She was disappointed.

“I haven't the faintest idea of why ‘Twilight’ is so popular. Whoever says ‘Twilight’ is the next ‘Harry Potter’ is seriously out of his or her mind.”

She liked the movie a little more.

“The movie was enjoyable, and the director did a good job of bringing the fictional characters to life,” she said. “However, don't expect much from the script. It was written from the book, so the scriptwriters didn't have much to work with.”

Although it has received mixed reviews, there is no denying the fact that readers and moviegoers alike have become entranced by this mystifying story. Several stores, such as Hot Topic and Borders, are adding to the craze by selling merchandise, posters, clothing and even tote bags.

With the announcement that the second movie will soon be in the works, it is sure to be a long time before audiences forget about Bella Swan and the vampire she loves.



RYAN KOZELKA/ASSISTANT PHOTO EDITOR

Sophomore Jason Roland reads “Breaking Dawn,” the fourth novel in the “Twilight” series.

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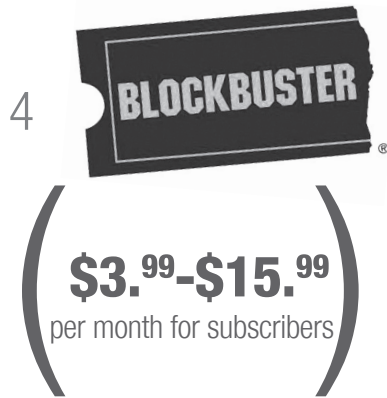
ent four outlets to rent movies

Redbox.com

Redbox currently dots the Dayton landscape with 10 of its novel \$1 movie rental kiosks located near campus. The tall, red, automated stations allow customers to rent and return new release DVDs on the spot with a credit card. The go-to Redbox for UD students is at the Speedway on Stewart Street.

er to campus than Family Video, and a bit ndous job stocking its kiosks each Tuesday ction isn't that extensive, but it's perfect for uick and easy viewing. You can also reserve iosk before you pick it up. Redbox also gives

sn't charge late fees are deceptive, because charge a total of up to \$25 in fees if the movie



Blockbusteronline.com

With its in-store locations threatened by the popularity of Netflix, Blockbuster was forced to expand online a few years ago. Blockbuster offers essentially the same simple service as its primary competitor. Blockbuster Online, however, utilizes its in store locations to their advantage.

PROS: Blockbuster Online allows customers to drop their finished movies off at Blockbuster stores rather than sending them back through the mail. This allows the next movies in your queue to be shipped immediately the next business day. Shell out a few extra bucks a month to become a Total Access member and get up to five free in-store movie rentals each month with in-person exchanges.

CONS: Blockbuster Online's Web site isn't nearly as easy on the eyes and simple to navigate as Netflix's. They also provide 15,000 fewer titles than its primary online competitor, and charge extra for online movie rentals, which, instead of streaming, take up to an hour to download to your hard drive.

Christmas nativity scenes

Crèches representing different cultures of the world at UD's Marian Library

CHRIS RIZER
Staff Writer

The Marian Library crèches gallery is an international ticket to visit Christmastime around the world compacted into the square footage of one room.

Visitors will find themselves surrounded by culture and color in the form of crèches, better known as nativity scenes.

The crèches are fashioned in ethnic styles depicting scenes from around the globe including Nigeria, Canada, Korea, Sicily and Mexico. That is just the tip of the iceberg of the countries the scenes represent.

Director of the Marian Library, the Rev. Thomas Thompson, S.M., said the crèches are, "extremely poetic and theological."

Thompson said some crèches on display may be relics of artworks which originally had mechanisms to make the figures move.

"It's really a cultural sort of thing," he said, explaining that one of the noticeable traits of the crèches is "enculturation."

Thompson said enculturation is simply the artists' method of infusing Christ into their contemporary cultures, rather than depicting the nativity scenes in the actual time of Christ. Artists express enculturation through the different styles of clothing, ethnic traits and settings in which the crèches are depicted.



PHOTO BY LARRY BURGESS

The street musicians are only a handful of the approximately 80 villagers and 50 structures, such as churches and homes, in the Czech crèche.

"Christ's birth is not simply a one-time event," he said. "We are also celebrating it in the present."

The main crèche is an approximately 150-year-old Czechoslovakian piece, which hits viewers with a wall of color. The piece is so intricately detailed from the faces of the people to the buildings of the village, it is difficult to know where to begin looking.

It is so elaborate that it would be easy not to realize that the piece is a nativity scene.

According to the Rev. Johann Roten, S.M., director of the International Marian Research Institute, the beauty of the Czechoslovakian crèches was not always as celebrated as it is at the Marian Library. The government

did not allow crèches by law, which is where chimney sweeps come into play, according to Roten.

"So because chimney sweeps could get into everyone's homes to clean chimneys, the sweeps were recruited to look inside the homes for hidden scenes," Roten said. "Including the sweeps in the scene was really a political-religious statement about the government."

The exhibit, located in the Marian Library gallery on the 7th floor of the Roesch Library, is free and open to the public. The annual exhibit, which changes every November, is on display year-round. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It will also be open Saturday, Sunday, Dec. 13, 14, 20 and 21 from 1 to 6 p.m.



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Arthur O. Sulzberger, publisher, *The New York Times*, 2001

fneditorial

Barack Obama is not our president... yet.

If you tune into the news networks and watch for at least 10 minutes, you will see some form of criticism against President-elect Obama. He only won the presidency a month ago yet by the way media and Americans talk it sounds as if he is going into his third executive term.

Fox News burns him at the stake for Newsweek’s comparison of him to Abraham Lincoln. CNN asks the question that if he is going to initiate change, then why is the economy continually tanking? MSNBC doubts whether Obama is the man that his campaign made him out to be. They speculate that the vague ideals of “hope” and “change” may have turned into over-glorified buzzwords that popularized the Obama campaign, but it’s still too early to decide he is not delivering on what he promised.

Jan. 20 is 46 days away and until then, Obama shouldn’t have any responsibility over how the economy is doing. Just because he enjoys reading Abraham Lincoln’s documents doesn’t mean he thinks he’s just as good as him. Obama doesn’t work at Newsweek, so the chances that he was behind the article are slim. He has announced a cabinet full of economic experts who are arguably fully equipped to tackle the newly pronounced recession.

Don’t expect immediate results either. If the economy hasn’t rebounded, if Al Qaeda is still a threat, if gas prices begin to increase, or if unemployment is on the rise on Januray 21, don’t blame Obama. Results don’t happen overnight. The thing about change is that it takes time. If you try to force it overnight theres no way that it will bear positive results.

It would be a shame if our nation decides the Obama administration is dead before it even hits the operating table. Don’t judge Obama until he’s had some time.

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Support:

Club sports on campus not respected enough by students or administration



MAGGIE MALACH SOPHOMORE

Think fast.

How many University of Dayton club sport events have you been to?

I can count on one hand the number of times that I have attended a game or a match, and honestly, I don’t take a lot of pride in that amount. My motivation for supporting clubs is solely because I have friends who play on the teams. I think that this is the case for a lot of people, but I do not think that it is completely our fault.

As a whole, the university does little to embrace its club teams. For all of the daily e-mails sent out to the entire campus, I cannot recall a time when a club sport has been advertised. Even though I attend club sport events because my friends participate in them, their participation is also the reason that I am aware of the event in the first place. I feel like students need to seek out each team

individually if they want to be informed of the team’s activity. Wrestler Jason Roland explains, “Most of the people who came to our home meet were from other schools and there were very few Dayton students who came to observe. The environment would have been much more enjoyable with Dayton fans cheering on our team members.”

This lack of support is not just limited to publicity; because the teams are considered “club,” they get no funding from the university. Says ultimate frisbee player junior Geoff Holmes, “we don’t get a whole lot of support from the university, and it makes it hard on people having to pay a sizeable fee to play. . . It kind of kills people’s ambitions.” Teams are required to alleviate the costly fees in numerous ways. For instance, each member of the men’s rowing team pays about \$800 dollars a year, plus traveling fees. To raise the money, the team members rent themselves out for labor, adding to the physical strain associated with the sport.

One of the biggest sources of ath-

letic support is the Red Scare. The Red Scare defines themselves as, “A group of enthusiastic UD students united in a common cause: to do whatever it takes to show UD pride through support of The University of Dayton’s athletics. Our school is known for its community, and each athletic event provides us with an opportunity to display that unity for all to see.” What I do not understand is how the UD community can utilize “each athletic event” if a vast majority of the athletic events for club sports are not endorsed by the group. No spirit points are offered for club sports, which does not help with student participation.

I think that club sports are vastly underappreciated because few people make an effort to support them. The backing of the university, both financially and vocally, would mean an increase in attendance and would serve to encourage the teams to perform better. The clubs work hard to both achieve high athletic status and fund their respective sport — the least the school can do is show some support.

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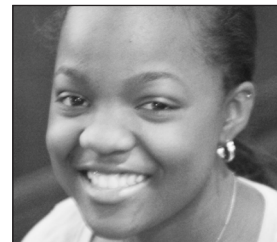
Word on the street...

At what time of year is it OK to start listening to Christmas music?



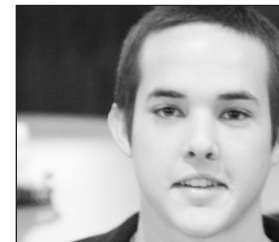
“After Thanksgiving, it is an important holiday that gets overlooked when Christmas gets celebrated early.”

ELAINE ENGLISH JUNIOR
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“Not until December, otherwise it gets really annoying.”

SHAYLA BROWN JUNIOR
EDUCATION



“Definitely not before Thanksgiving. I usually wait until a few weeks before Christmas.”

MIKE ORLET FRESHMAN
BUSINESS

Dealing with the dangers of holiday shopping

PAUL NORDEMAN
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If you're not one of those people who goes holiday shopping on Black Friday, I applaud you. You're doing a good thing for society.

Even during hard financial times such as these, U.S. retail sales during the festival of frugality rose 3 percent since last year. It's unstoppable. Americans' unquenchable thirst for bargains seemingly makes this pseudo-holiday immune to even the worst economic hardships.

For those of you that still haven't converted, stay strong. Black Friday is much scarier than you think. Things can get dangerous when you hit the malls to save some dough.

According to the *New York Times*, Jdimytai Damour, an employee at the Wal-Mart in Valley Stream, N.Y., was trampled to death by a herd of violent shoppers that broke through the front doors. Hey, at least they got first dibs on the Nintendo Wii.

After the stampede, emergency workers attempted to save Damour, but to no avail. According to the article, four more people were injured, including a pregnant woman.

God bless us, everyone.

This sort of event can make you lose faith in humanity. However, it would be unfair to say that all Black Friday excursions end this way. More likely, you'll find everyone from soccer moms to grandparents pushing, elbowing and running to make sure they can score the newest toy for their loved ones.

And for those that are truly desperate for sales, camping out is always an option. At the Wal-Mart where Damour was killed, people had been waiting outside the store all night, even posting a makeshift sign reading "Blitz Line Starts Here." I believe they called it Wal-Mart-Ville — and it's what Jesus would have wanted.

For those who are less than excited about being crushed by an angry Christmas mob, try the newer, hipper Cyber Monday, the Monday after Thanksgiving, next year. It's less dirty than it sounds, and can be done from your living room with no human interaction whatsoever — as the holidays were meant to be.

But sometimes the hardest part of buying gifts isn't finding the best deals, but figuring out what to get for the people on your list. Luckily, Kimberly Harris and others have just what you need.

According to the *Chicago Tribune*, Harris is one of several people creating Barack Obama Christmas ornaments this year.

"On Harris' ornament, available for \$56 at etsy.com, Obama is sketched as an angel, carrying a banner that reads 'Adeste Fideles,' which is translated as 'O come, all ye faithful,'" the article said.

Apparently, the overstated metaphor machine is working in overdrive this year.

Still, this is a great Christmas gift for any Democrat, elitist, or secret Muslim. There's no word yet on whether John McCain ornaments will be adorning the trees of the much sought-after "bitter" demographic.

Bah, humbug!

"Club sports are vastly underappreciated because few people make an effort to support them."

MAGGIE MALACH FRESHMAN
ENGLISH

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Pride of Dayton Marching Band making difference in community, getting involved

The Pride of Dayton Marching Band has been working hard this year both on the field practicing for performances, and off the field fundraising for various events. The Pride, like the UD community, is always looking for more opportunities to become involved on campus and help out those in need.

We, The Pride of Dayton, are teaming up with Catholic Social Services to fight hunger in the Miami Valley. Their food pantry is the largest in the Miami Valley, and with the economy suffering, they have seen a huge increase in the number of people needing to be served.

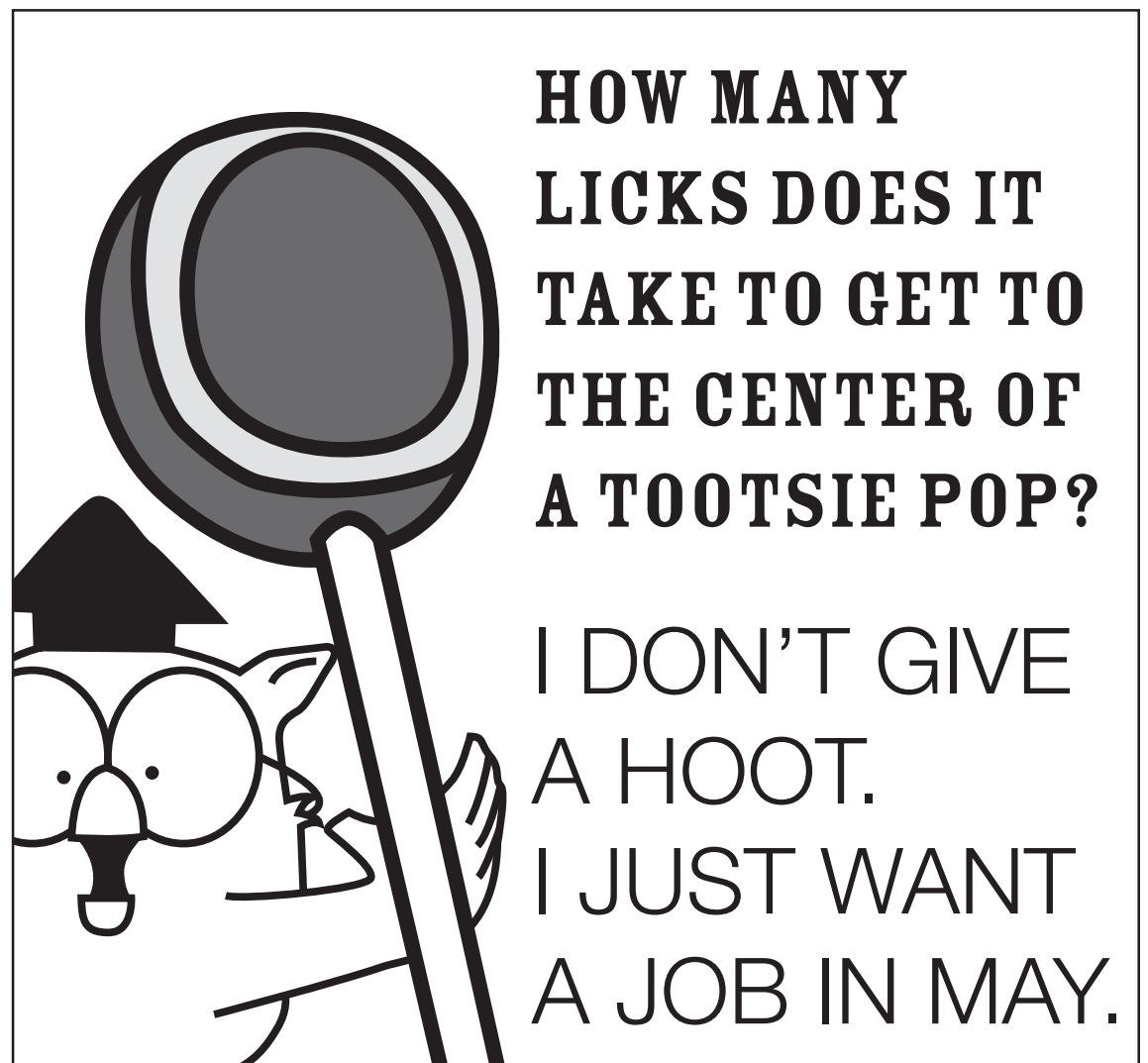
Catholic Social Services collected food during the December 15 football game, but because of the poor weather, only 10 cans were brought for the drive. Donating food on campus is even more important now because of the amount they received at the game. Look for the barrels between December 1 through 19 around campus, in residence halls and in academic buildings. During these three weeks only, for each item donated you will have the opportunity to be entered into a drawing to win gift cards to various restaurants on Brown Street. To obtain an entry slip, contact Hilary Hartman, CEO of the Pride

of Dayton Marching Band, at hartmaha@notes.udayton.edu.

The Pride is very excited to be helping out Catholic Social Services and greatly appreciates the support from UD students and faculty. Any questions can be directed to Professor Nicole Gross, Director of The Pride of Dayton Marching Band, at Nicole.Gross@notes.udayton.edu. You can also contact Hilary Hartman at her address stated above. Don't miss this opportunity to get involved! 'Tis the season of giving!

MARYANNE DIETRICH SOPHOMORE
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political cartoon



Cartoon by Nick Kastner-Senior

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WEEKEND
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Women's Basketball

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at Penn State

Wed. Dec. vs. Miami (OH)

Men's Basketball

Sat. Dec. 6 at Akron

Wed. Dec. 10 at Creighton

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NCAA First Round

Fri. Dec. 5 vs.

Western Michigan

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Track and Field

Fri. Dec. 5 and Sat. Dec. 6

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NUMBERS

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The Dayton men's basketball team's ranking in the latest AP top 25 poll. The Flyers won four games last week to win the Chicago Invitational Challenge, and defeated Troy earlier this week. The team's record stands at 7-0 so far this season.

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The number of consecutive weeks that freshman Justine Raterman has been named A-10 Rookie of the Week. Raterman was honored again Monday after a strong showing at the Buckeye Classic last weekend. Raterman is averaging 13.7 ppg and 10.3 rpg this season.

26-6

Overall record of the Western Michigan women's volleyball team. The Broncos travel to Dayton Friday to take on the Flyers in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The winner of Friday night's match plays either Tennessee Tech or No. 16 Tulane Saturday at the Frericks Center at 6 p.m.

Commentary

Sister school hosts Maui Invitational

ERIC WEINHEIMER

Staff Writer

HONOLULU — Not only did Thanksgiving weekend mean more food than you could eat, it also meant more college basketball than you probably cared to watch.

ESPN and its family of networks featured an endless amount of early-season college basketball tournaments last week as a part of its Feast Week. There were tournaments everywhere. There was one in New York City, one in Chicago and even one in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

But there was only one preseason tournament this year that broke through the clutter to stand above the rest. It featured eight teams from eight different conferences and is now in its 25th year of operation.

It's the EA Sports Maui Invitational hosted every year by the University of Dayton's sister school, Chaminade University. The Maui Invitational's 25th anniversary might have proved to be its best tournament yet, and it was certainly the best tournament of the 2008 pre-season. Here are 10 reasons why:

10. The teams participating. Many people dubbed this year's field one of Maui's best — if not the best in its 25-year history. It featured unanimous No. 1 North Carolina and two other ranked teams No. 7 Texas and No. 8 Notre Dame. The field also included Oregon, St. Joseph's, Indiana, Alabama and Chaminade.

9. The coaches' attire. It provided a good laugh and something fresher than the standard suits. Texas coach Rick Barnes needed to lose the short shorts, and I don't know who bought North Carolina coach Roy Williams an orange aloha shirt, but it needed to be returned. It's borderline uncomfortable to see them dress down in aloha shirts, leis and shorts, but it's also immeasurably funny.

8. Jay Bilas, Bill Raftery and Sean McDonough. These three, especially Raftery, are some of the best announcers ESPN has to cover



PHOTO COURTESY OF ERIC WEINHEIMER

Players prepare for the opening tip-off of the EA Sports Maui Invitational at Chaminade University last week. The event is the most well-known preseason college basketball event in the nation. The games take place inside the small confines of Lahaina Civic Center. Dayton won the Maui Invitational in 2003, the same year of its last NCAA Tournament appearance.

college basketball. Raftery used his signature line, "takin' it to the tin," at least 45 times in Maui this year.

7. The inexplicable Santa mascot. I'm not sure why Santa was Maui's choice for a tournament mascot, but I'm not mad about it. Santa dressed in sandals and sunglasses, carrying around a surfboard the whole time.

6. The Oregon uniforms. As always, Oregon did not fail to impress in the uniform department. The Ducks wore all-white with a Hawaiian-print yellow stripe down the right side of the shirt and shorts. And the team's shoes, wow, its shoes were simply fantastic. Each of Oregon's players sported an original pair of all-yellow Nikes with green trim that more than likely glow in the dark.

5. Did I mention the tournament was in Hawaii? It's essentially a vacation with some basketball thrown in. The tournament's slogan was "Basketball in Paradise," and that's exactly what it is. It was a far cry from the snowy, frigid venues of New York and Chicago. In Maui you walk off the

plane and see mountain tops covered in clouds in one direction and waves breaking on the beach in the other.

4. The tournament always features an underdog. Chaminade University, the host school, has played 73 games in the Maui Invitational and has won exactly five of them. Its past victories include a win last year over Princeton, a win over Villanova in 2003 and most famously a win over No. 1-ranked Virginia led by Ralph Sampson in the first ever Maui Invitational in 1982. Everyone loves an underdog and the Division II Silverswords love playing the role.

3. No. 8 Notre Dame over No. 7 Texas. This was far and away the most competitive and exciting game of the tournament that featured two of the best teams in the country in an early-season showdown. The reigning Big East player of the year from Notre Dame, Luke Harangody, led all scorers with 29 points. None were more important and improbable as the 3-point prayer from nearly half court that he banked in as the shot clock expired to give his team a late 4-point lead. A.J. Abrams from Texas

also battled late to keep his team in the game, coming up just short on a three-quarters-court bomb as time expired.

2. UNC is the best team in the country. In my estimation, North Carolina will lose zero games this season. After seeing the Tar Heels run all over Chaminade, Oregon and Notre Dame, I am absolutely convinced of this fact. The team has NBA talent all over the court. Ty Lawson is quite possibly the fastest man alive and Tyler Hansbrough is still the best player in the college game.

1. The high school-sized venue. The Lahaina Civic Center is marginally larger than most high school gymnasiums. It holds just 2,500 people in a strictly bleacher seating environment. No club seats. No corporate suites. Just 2,500 people sardined into a venue that made for one of the best live-sports experiences imaginable. The small, intimate setting is the most unique aspect of the tournament that is simply not found anywhere else big time college basketball is being played.

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Women's Hoops

TEAM BOUNCES BACK AFTER 0-2 START TO SEASON

JOHN BEDELL

Assistant Sports Editor

After a rocky start to the season at the World Vision Classic in Austin, Texas, the Dayton women's basketball team is back in business with a 4-3 record.

The Flyers got off to a 0-2 start with losses to national powers Texas and Old Dominion. Since those two losses, the team has been on a hot streak of late, winning four of its last five games and seeing strong play from its young talent.

took it out on Butler four days after the win over St. Marys. Dayton embarrassed Butler, pounding the Bulldogs by 20 points in Indianapolis. Raterman notched her second career double-double with 18 points and 11 boards. Three other players scored in double figures during the rout. Kristin Daugherty finished with 15 points, while Kendel Ross and De'Sarae Chambers added 13 and 11, respectively.

The Flyers finished a stellar 8-of-11 from 3-point range and shot 23-of-47 for nearly 49 percent from the field. Dayton also held the advantage on the glass, out-rebounding the Bulldogs 40-32.

After the Flyers notched the blowout win over Butler, they traveled to Navy, where they won an overtime battle, 64-58. The Flyers were led by Ross' second double-double of the season and career-high scoring efforts from freshmen Kayla Moses (11 points) and Casey Nance (10 points, nine rebounds). The win was Dayton's third in a row.

Ross also tallied a game-high 16 rebounds, three assists, two steals and a blocked shot. Also contributing for the Flyers were Patrice Lalor and Raterman with 8 points apiece.

It was defense and rebounding that won the game for the Flyers. UD forced 18 turnovers and out-rebounded Navy. The score was tied at 53 at the end of regulation. In overtime, Dayton's balance proved to be too much for Navy as five different Flyers scored in the extra frame.

Dayton enjoyed another close game four days later against Central Michigan, winning a 78-76 squeaker in Columbus, Ohio. The Flyers secured the win in the opening round of the Ohio State Tournament behind a career night for Ross. The junior poured in 27 points and snatched 13 rebounds. The win put the Flyers a season-high two games over .500 before losing to No. 20 Ohio State Nov. 30.

The team will now prepare for Saturday's game at Penn State, before returning home Dec. 10 for its first home game of the season against Miami University.

Women's Basketball UPCOMING GAMES

Dec. 6
at Penn State
University Park, Pa.

Dec. 13
vs. Miami (OH)
Dayton, Ohio

The hot streak for the Flyers began with their first win of the season over St. Mary's. Sophomore forward Kristin Daugherty's offense paced the Flyers to a win over the Gaels. In the game, Daugherty went on a tear, scoring 14 points in a two-minute span in the final minutes of the game. Daugherty finished the game with a career-high 31 points, while adding seven boards and two assists.

Junior Kendel Ross also fueled Dayton, finishing with her first career double-double by notching 17 points and 10 rebounds. Seven different players scored in the game for the Flyers. Freshman Justine Raterman tied for a game-high 12 boards and finished as UD's third leading scorer with five points.

If the Flyers had any leftover frustration from their 0-2 start, they

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Men's Hoops

Taking off: Flyers gaining national attention

Dayton dominates Chicago Invitational Challenge

CORY GRIFFIN
Sports Editor

The events that have taken place the last few weeks on basketball courts in Dayton and Chicago have led some to believe that this year's Dayton men's basketball team may be the best team the school has seen in years.

After the team looked shaky on offense in its first game against Wofford, the team has turned the tide, showing its dominance on both sides of the court, but mostly on defense. Going into last week's game against Auburn, the Flyers owned the second-best scoring defense in the nation. They proved their success on Friday, holding Auburn to just 47 points in regulation, and managed to win the game 60-59 in overtime, despite shooting an NCAA-record 0-for-24 from 3-point range in the contest.

Up next was No. 15 Marquette. The Flyers have had a knack for knocking off ranked Big East teams the past two seasons, having defeated ranked foes Louisville and Pittsburgh last season. On Saturday, the Flyers showed the nation that they still have that ability, defeating Marquette, 89-75.

With their smothering defense, remarkable speed and unmatched athleticism, the Flyers are becoming a force to be reckoned with. Don't be surprised if the trend continues. Critics point to last season's 8-8 conference record as evidence that this team isn't ready for the spotlight, however, playing without high-flying forwards Chris Wright and Charles Little for much of the conference schedule last season proved to be too much for the team to handle, and is the biggest reason the team was not invited to the NCAA Tournament a season ago.

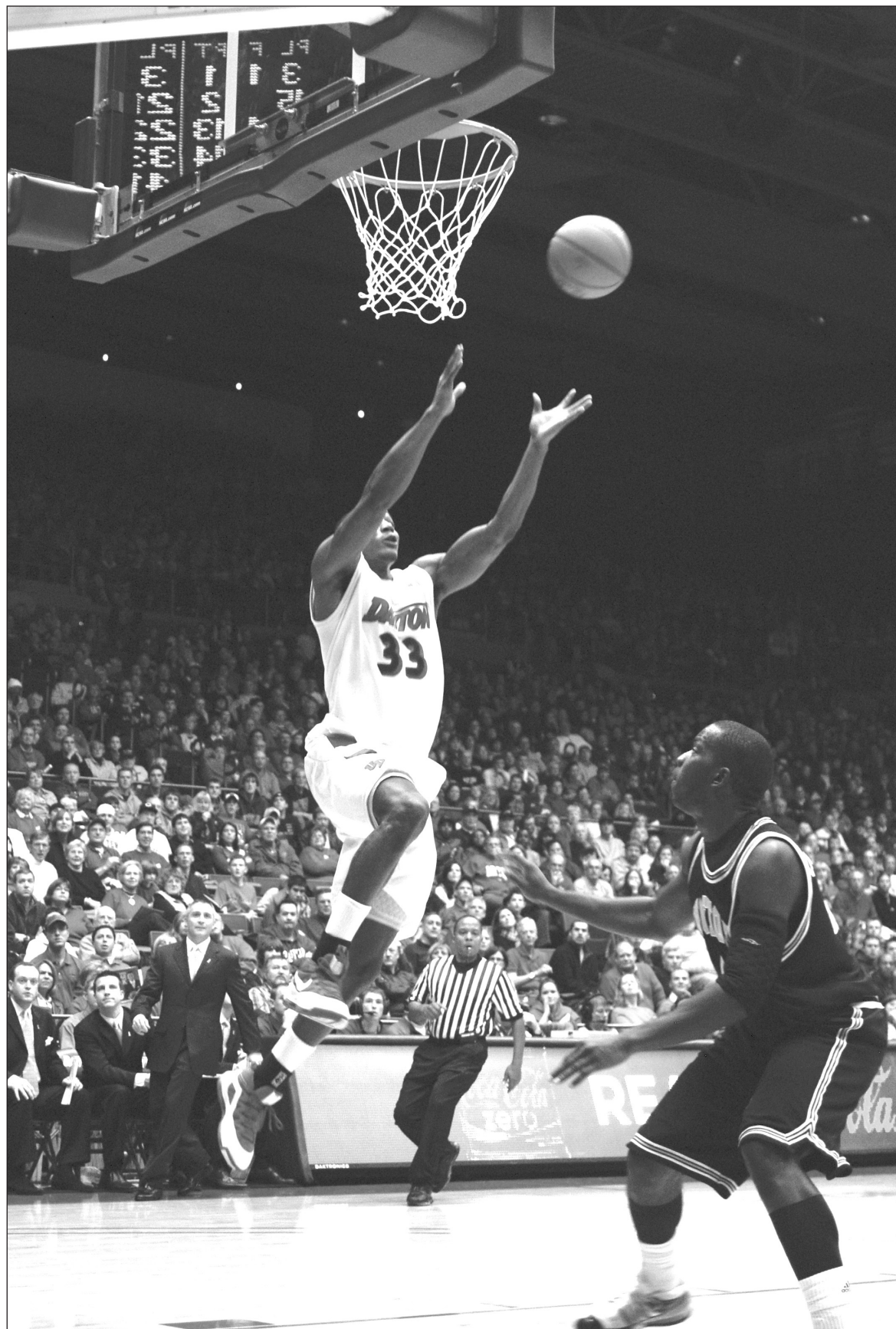
This season, with the depth developing on the Dayton bench, don't be surprised if this team makes a deep run in conference play, and even a run in the NCAA Tournament. One of the team's weaknesses the past few years has been their lack of road wins, and also their poor shooting from the free-throw stripe. Throughout the first seven games of the season, the Flyers have won two games on neutral courts in Chicago during the Chicago Invitational Challenge, and the team has improved upon last year's free throws, shooting 66 percent from the stripe.

NEXTGAME

**Saturday
Dec. 6
at Akron
7 p.m.**

With more local recruits and talent waiting in the wings to take over the reins in future seasons, head coach Brian Gregory is starting to see the rewards patience can bring to a program. The beginning of last season was a preview of what is to come, but this year reaffirms the team's dedication to becoming one of the best programs not only in the Atlantic 10 but also in the country.

Sure there will be roadblocks and losses along the way, but with the depth, defense and athleticism of this year's Dayton basketball squad, it will be tough for many teams to compete with the Flyers.



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Chris Wright catches an alley-oop pass in the Flyers' first game of the season against Wofford. The Flyers have gone 7-0 to start the season, and will travel to Akron Saturday to take on the Zips.

A look at the

LAST 5 GAMES

Sunday, Nov. 23

The Flyers welcomed Bethune-Cookman to UD Arena, where the Flyers dominated them from start to finish, winning the game 78-38. The Flyers outplayed them in every aspect of the game, capping off the victory with an off-the-backboard pass from Mickey Perry to Chris Wright for a thunderous jam.

Tuesday, Nov. 25

On Tuesday, the Flyers brought Mercer to Blackburn Court. Mercer was not an easy foe, as they had previously defeated Alabama and Auburn on the road and took Georgia Tech to overtime on the road. However, the Flyers led the whole way, beating Mercer by a score of 71-53.

Friday, Nov. 28

Dayton got its first taste of a BCS-conference foe in Auburn of the SEC. The Flyer defense stormed the Tigers, allowing just 47 points in regulation, but a 0-for-24 performance from 3-point range forced the Flyers to finish off the Tigers in overtime, 60-59.

Saturday, Nov. 29

A night after taking down Auburn, the Flyers were matched with No. 15 Marquette, and handled them fairly easily, by a final of 89-75. Rob Lowery led the way with 24 points, and Chris Wright was named tournament MVP after posting 13 points and 13 rebounds. The win made the Flyers the event champion.

Tuesday, Dec. 2

The Flyers won their 24th consecutive nonconference regular season home game with an 87-70 victory over Troy. Leading the way was high-flyer Charles Little. Little dominated the game, scoring 17 points and grabbing 11 rebounds.