This holiday season, the Christmas spirit is all around the UD campus.

Junior Dean Freson and his committee helped pick out the 25- to 30-foot Christmas tree for Christmas on Campus. “It’s so cool to be a part of such a huge event on campus,” he said.

Senior Katie Zimmerman volunteered her time dancing and singing with kids at A Special Wish foundation Christmas party. The best part? “Seeing the kids look so lively and happy,” she said.

Sophomore True Sulier and his friends decided to skip the trip to the thrift store and made their own ugly Christmas sweaters. They watched “Elf” and listened to Christmas music while crafting three days in a row. “I’m going to use it as many times as I can,” he said.

These UD students have the Christmas spirit. Do you?
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Is Generation Y selectively inattentive? Can they beat the recession and find their dream job?

KELSEY CANO
Assistant News Editor

They grew up during the "self-esteem" movement, lived structured and scheduled lives, and watched the tragedies Columbine and Sept. 11 on television and computers, unlike any generation before.

Millenials, or Generation Y, were born between 1980 and 2000. As seniors, Millennials continue their job search and prepare for graduation, characteristics of how they were raised can predict how they may deal with rejection and what fields they will be more likely to be successful in. Don’t forget the current economic recession that’s adding to their job search challenge.

Like any generation, Generation Y has its own unique set of characteristics and messages they were given growing up.

“Growing up, Millennials were bombarded with a unique set of consistent and compelling messages — many of them so imbedded in the culture that adults, let alone children, were not even aware of them,” said generationsatwork.com. “These messages had a profound effect on the generation as a whole.”

The first compelling message referenced is “Be smart — you are special.” “They’ve been catered to since they were tiny,” the Web site said. The site mentions TV channels like Nickelodeon and Disney that reinforced this message and were directed toward youth.

Psychology professor Dr. Jack Bauer disagrees this message will have a negative effect on Generation Y. “I agree… that Millennials have been catered to more than previous generations, by parents, teachers, government policies and laws, commercial products and marketing, and more,” Bauer said. “But I don’t think this means that they won’t be able to rise to the demands and responsibilities of adult life.”

Generationsatwork.com said other characteristics of Generation Y include optimism and confidence, which has even led to Millennials being called narcissistic.

“A lot of things have come easy for this generation,” said Mark Sisson, associate director of Career Advising at Career Services. “A lot of them find it hard to start at the bottom... they have an exaggerated view of their own abilities.”

“I’ve heard many in the Boomer Generation and even in my generation complain that Millennials have too high a sense of entitlement,” said Bauer, a member of Generation X.

With Millennials believing they are capable of more than they are, dealing with the recession and the possibility of not receiving job offers may prove to be difficult.

Sociology professor Dr. Dan Miller said he believes many dealing with the economic recession will use selective inattention as a way of coping and protecting themselves. “They either aren’t aware or they’re denying it,” he said. “They just keep going about life.”

Bauer believes members of Generation Y are delaying their entrance into adulthood as an effect of the recession and job market.

“What I think is that Millennials are delaying their full entrance into adulthood for a longer period than ever before,” Bauer said. “This isn’t selfishness. I view it as an adaptive outcome of an increasingly complex society.”

Bauer said during emerging adulthood, a period roughly between the ages of 18 to mid-or late twenties, individuals figure out who they are and their role in society. The period is a cultural phenomenon in cultures where people have a wide range of options for work, relationships and beliefs.

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For those that are ready to face the harsh reality and continue job searching, Sisson has some recommendations.

Sisson doesn’t think students need to lower their expectations but does believe they need to be flexible while narrowing their focus.

“There aren’t as many opportunities, so people need to be flexible,” Sisson said. “They need to be flexible with location and type of job.”

Sisson added that increasingly important is a narrowed focus.

“A lot of students don’t know what they want to do. A lot of companies are looking for more specific skills rather than a specific major,” he said. “Figure out what you want to do. Get to know yourself and examine your self.”

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CHRIS RIZER
Staff Writer

Senior business major Leslie Martin expects the time commitments she has made to extracurricular activities at the University of Dayton to benefit her after graduation.

She said they already landed her an internship with the Dayton United Way and the runner-up spot out of 800 applicants for an internship with the U.S. Embassy in Mexico. Martin has also been selected for a position with People to People International, has also been selected for a position with People to People International, her sorority sisters, Martin is fulfilling just one of her extracurricular duties.

Martin is a member of Panhellenic Council, chairman for Theta Phi Alpha, a tour guide and overnight/shadow coordinator for Campus Connection, and also the president of the charity event UD Dance Marathon. Martin said she recently finished working on 800 letters to send to sponsors for the Dance Marathon.

“It’s just a large time commitment, so you kind of have to find a way to work your homework around that,” Martin said.

With the repeated choice between putting all her effort into extracurricular activities or schoolwork, students like Martin may question whether GPA or activities carry greater weight when applying for jobs.

Mark Sisson, associate director for career advising at the University of Dayton Career Services, said that depends on how relevant activities are to the job a student is seeking.

Sisson said he knows an employer who would toss a resume if it listed a 4.0 GPA without any activities because it suggests “perhaps a one-dimensional person.”

If a graduating student were applying for a research job of some sort, the 4.0 GPA might be beneficial to that type of work and activities may not be as necessary. Sisson said some employers, such as Procter & Gamble Co., require a minimum GPA because of a high number of applicants, while others do not even consider GPA.

Sisson advises students to start working on their resume as soon as possible because opportunities for things like internships may pop up at any time.

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Social Discussing Moving on After UD

MEAGAN MARION
Staff Writer

On Dec. 15, UD students are invited to mingle with their peers in the event “Perspective and Pints” and give their feedback on what to look for when moving to a new city after college.

The Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education has created a series of five initiatives and other programs to help organize the Dayton area. “Perspective and Pints” is part of a series of focus groups as part of the initiative updayton and will be held at 6 p.m. at the Creative Incubator, 20 N. Jefferson St.

SOCHE has been the driving force in the Dayton CREATE empowerment project as well as updayton, which is to “make our region a better place to live, work, and visit,” according to Dr. Linda Burrs, a catalyst of Dayton CREATE.

“We are passionate about building a better Dayton,” Burrs said. “Our diversity reflects Dayton’s diversity and we are proud to call Dayton our home.”

Updayton sponsors multiple events in the area with other Dayton organizations. These include various socials, focus groups, community projects, as well as service projects. The events are open to UD students. The purpose of these events is to generate economic prosperity as well as “to connect our young people and engage them in the region’s decision making,” Burrs said.

“We will take what we learn from the focus groups and apply it directly to the development of the Young Creative Summit,” Burrs said.

Some of their surveys focus on things specific to the UD culture.

“There was a survey that asked people what they looked for in a new city,” said Megan Cooper, administrative assistant for Student Academic Affairs and member of the updayton team. “A lot of people want community. We’re trying to translate that community aspect, like how UD has the Ghetto and the Darkside.”

The events sponsored by SOCHE and updayton are put together for the greater Dayton community. All of these events provide “emerging leaders the tools they need to generate greater economic prosperity in their region,” according to the Creative Class Web site, which was founded by Richard Florida, the same person who founded SOCHE.

“The first step in understanding the needs of young creatives in our region was the distribution of the survey,” said group member Scott Murphy in an updayton press release. “These mini town hall sessions will provide more depth to our understanding of what can make the Dayton region attractive to recent college graduates and young professionals.”

Look for more information on Perspective and Pints events, which include socializing, entertainment, nightlife, diversity, jobs and business growth. Visit www.daytoncreate.org.

Free, online RefWorks site solves Works Cited woes

JESSICA HANLEY
Staff Writer

A little-known online resource called RefWorks can ease the headaches of finding, organizing and attributing information for final projects this time of year.

It’s not a database that helps with finding information, but rather, allows the user to put all of the articles they’ve found in one place and combines them into one bibliography. The program can create a bibliography for more than 100 sources in seconds.

RefWorks cites sources automatically on Microsoft Word, manages and stores sources, and creates a bibliography. It’s free through the University of Dayton Roesch Library. All that’s needed is a group code available by asking any Roesch librarian for it.

Roesch librarian Jack O’Gorman calls RefWorks the “bridge” between information and a paper. He says that two “wow factors” make RefWorks unique.

The first is a feature called Write-N-Cite. This feature downloads to Microsoft Word and automatically adds a citation to your paper at the click of a button. No more headaches about what is the right way to cite a source. Write-N-Cite can do several formats of citations, including American Psychological Association (APA) and Modern Language Association (MLA).

The second “wow factor” is RefGrab-it. The RefWorks program uploads journals and articles from databases and cites them. However, it cannot upload Web pages. When a user clicks on the RefGrab-it feature while on a Web site, the program will generate a bibliography or citation for it.

So how does it work?

For more information, visit the Roesch Library databases to find articles, journals and books that pertain to their topic. They select articles they want to use and click “export.” Next, they should designate where they want to export the file. All of the databases on the Roesch Library site allow students to export directly to RefWorks so hundreds of articles from different databases can be stored in one place.

With more than 250 databases available through the library Web site, RefWorks is an important organization tool, O’Gorman says. Graduates use it frequently for advanced research because of its ability to hold large amounts of sources and keep them in one place, but few undergraduates students know about this resource. University of Dayton graduate student Nikki Miller wasn’t introduced to RefWorks until her first semester of graduate school.

“I think it would be very beneficial to introduce RefWorks to undergrads before they start any major projects or graduate school in order to show them the benefits early in the process,” Miller said.

As great as RefWorks sounds, English professor Tom Morgan cautions against trusting it implicitly and recommends that students review the information RefWorks generates.

“Like any program, it is not foolproof, and most errors stem from students just assuming that the information is correctly organized or that the program will correctly translate all information into the correct format,” Morgan said.

For more information, visit the Roesch Library Web site at library.udayton.edu or contact the Reference Desk, open until 10 p.m. on weekdays, at 937-229-4270.
campus watch

DECEMBER 10

WEDNESDAY

GET CRAFTY

Come decorate a mason jar filled with cookie ingredients with Campus Activities Board from 8:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Kennedy Union Torch Lounge. It’s free, but space is limited. Sign up in KU Room 215.

THURSDAY

CHRISTMAS ON CAMPUS

Enjoy the 45th year of this UD tradition. Take your adopted child around campus, help out at one of the carnival booths or just soak up the Christmas cheer.

SUNDAY

DE-STRESS

Give yourself a break from exam cram and indulge in the free chair massages offered by Roesch Library. This service will be offered today in the first floor gallery from 6 to 9 p.m., as well as Monday. On Tuesday, it will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m.

MONDAY

BOOK BUYBACK PRIZES

Daily drawing begin today for a $100 textbook gift card for anyone selling back a textbook. The grand prize, free textbooks for next semester, will be raffled off Dec. 19. Must have a valid student ID to participate.

FRIDAY

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

This is the last day to turn in applications to become part of the Student Leadership Council, a group that works with student organizations on campus. For an application and more information, visit http://campus.udayton.edu/~studact/slc.php.

SATURDAY

HIT THE ROAD

See you next year! First semester classes are officially over for Christmas break.

iTunes workout application tracks heart rate

CHRIS RIZER
Staff Writer

Just when the gut-busting, thigh-burning workout offered by spinning classes seemed unable to provide a tougher workout, iTMP Technology, Inc., introduced iSpinning.

iSpinning is a fitness technology designed for compatibility with heart rate monitors and the iPhone and iPod Touch.

Like a traditional heart rate monitor, iSpinning measures how hard the heart is pumping, but also functions as a high-tech workout log.

The device clips onto a heart rate monitor and records all data from the workout so that afterward it transfers and stores the information onto the iPhone or iPod Touch, according to Fred Heim, marketing director for SPIN Fitness. He said iSpinning can also collect workout data from a road bike or stationary bike.

Heim said the hardware component that clips onto a heart rate monitor will be available in January on spinning.com for $150, and the iTunes application is available for free for a limited time on itunes.com.

Heim says the benefit to iSpinning is that while before heart rate monitors and fitness-measuring computers on bikes, people had to rely on “perceived exertion,” while iSpinning enables users to virtually store the data.

“More people are cycling than ever,” Heim said. “There’s kind of this renewed vision of fitness.”

According to a press release from Spread the News PR for iTMP Technology, Mad Dogg Athletics, which invented the concept of spinning, is also positive about iSpinning.

Senior dietician major at UD and Spinning instructor at the Recplex, Meghan Wiczynski who had not yet heard of iSpinning said, “You shouldn’t have told me that, now I want it.”

Wiczynski has been spinning for two years and said iSpinning sounds like an attractive product because of the convenience of being able to see the progress from day to day and week to week with iSpinning. She said it would be convenient for users to be able to show their progress to dieticians and personal trainers.

“If I keep people motivated,” she said, noting that it would also be useful on her summer bike rides at her home in Toledo, Ohio.

Career Services offering seniors job search advice

PAUL CONTE
Staff Writer

With the U.S. in a recession and the job market as competitive as ever, Career Services is offering tips for UD seniors on how to do everything they will need to secure a job by graduation today from 7 to 8 p.m.

Tonight Career Services will offer advice and strategies to UD students who are looking to lock up the job they desire. The event will feature Career Services Director Jason Eckert, who will talk about the trends of our economy.

“A lot of students think that they will not be able to get the job they want because of the current economy or because the competition is too strong,” Career Adviser Sylvie Stewart said.

“We will show them that there are more ways than they realize to find a job and a career that they love,” Stewart will discuss how to find the best job possible.

“The biggest mistake students make is to wait until their last semester to get into the job market,” said Stewart. “The key is getting involved before Christmas break.”

“When they go to the market in May the competition becomes too much,” she said. The primary goal of the event will be to help students find a job they want even though the economy is poor.

Another subject covered will be the issue of job Web sites.

“Students often rely too heavily on job sites such as Monster,” Stewart said. “We are going to show them specific strategies beyond job sites.”

The event is for seniors who have made reservations through Hire a Flyer.

The following incidents were reported to the Department of Public Safety on Dec. 2 through Dec. 4. This log was compiled by Flyer News from actual police reports obtained from the Department of Public Safety.

Theft

Dec. 2, 1:34 p.m.
A UD student called the Dispatch Center to report the theft of her mailbox from her university-owned residence. The student stated the theft occurred between noon and 11:59 p.m. on Oct. 15. Several days after the original theft, the mailbox was returned to the front yard of the residence and appeared to have been beaten with a club and was damaged beyond repair. The student left the mailbox in the yard and several days later, the mailbox was gone again.

Petty Theft

Dec. 4, 4:45 p.m.
Officer Orrill was dispatched to the UD police station on the report of a theft that occurred at the Dayton Early College Academy, on the third floor of the College Park Center. The DECA student stated her cell phone was stolen on Dec. 2 after she had given her black UT Starcom flip phone to her teacher to store in her desk while she was at gym class. When the student returned at 3:19 p.m., the teacher was unable to locate the phone.
The Center for Social Concern and the Catholic Network of Volunteer Service invited students interested in doing a year of service to speak with former volunteers and discuss their fears or excitement for the upcoming experience.

Participants received a free lunch and reflection materials in Liberty Hall on Monday as they prepared for spending a year volunteering.

Although UD does not have any post-graduate service programs, it does have “relationships with amazing programs, as well as connections with the Catholic Network of Volunteer Service,” said Clare Strockbine, a graduate assistant for the Center for Social Concern who spent two years volunteering in Ecuador.

“The reality is there is suffering and poverty everywhere, from East Dayton to East Asia,” Strockbine said. “There is a program out there for everyone, if you look for it in the right spirit and with an open mind and heart.”

One of the most common misconceptions is that volunteering puts one behind in the workplace against other candidates, said Strockbine.

“Gaining experience (often in a different field than what one has studied) … having a greater variety of skills … these things actually set a volunteer apart from other job applicants and give him/her a leg up on the competition,” she said.

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Creating One-Day Christmas Celebration

Stefanie Vermillion
Chief Staff Writer

Christmas in Ecuador.

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ON LOCATION

With the semester winding down, 28 of our UD buddies studying around the world are preparing for the long trek home. In their own words, five discuss what they experienced while immersed in other cultures over the past three-and-a-half months.

MACKENZIE BAINES
Senior—Prague, Czech Republic

After about eight hours of not sleeping, with a man sitting next to me that smelled like beef, cheese and beer, who throughout the flight thought it was necessary to roll into my personal bubble on more than one occasion, I was ready to get off that plane and start my four month adventure through Europe.

London, Munich and finally Prague all in three days was a crazy way to start my trip but the adrenaline never stopped. I was like a kid at F.A.O. Schwarz, always looking around at what I could see next. The city of Prague is unlike any other I have ever visited. Because it was practically untouched by World War II, the history preserved here is amazing. Every street has its own story, which, if you look carefully, you can notice just by looking at the wear and tear of the exteriors and the cobblestone.

This semester has given me the opportunity to travel through Europe. From Venice, to Krakow, to Vienna and Dublin, I feel every time I go to a new place it makes me realize how beautifully different the world is. I can be in Prague one day and Venice the next and be immersed in a totally separate culture.

Every day is a test of survival in another country. The smallest event can become a challenge. I think that is what makes this experience so rewarding.

ERIC WEINHEIMER
Senior—Chaminade University, Honolulu, Hawaii

Even in pictures, Hawaii looks like paradise and, after being here for almost four months, I’d have to say the pictures tell no lies. This place is just as beautiful in person as it is in all those postcards. But the awe-inspiring landscape is just one part of the equation. I expected everything to be beautiful. I expected paradise. But what would all the beautiful scenery be without great people to enjoy it with?

I could hike to waterfalls and swimming holes by myself, but I think I might get bored. I could float alongside sea turtles for hours alone, but they aren’t much for conversations, so I think that might get old real quickly. Life is a game better played as a team. No one wants to go it alone. The 10 participants in the exchange program from UD have become the best of friends. I’ve made some life-long friends from UD that I might not have had the chance to meet otherwise.

The 10 of us have been lucky enough to meet people from all across the world. I’ve heard three or four languages being spoken in a single four block trip down the street. I’ve been asked questions in Japanese, and even tried to answer. Chaminade University, according to a recent local magazine publication I read while waiting in the library, has the third most diverse student population in the country. I’ve been lucky enough to spend time in a culture as diverse as any in the world, and I’ve come out the other end of four months better for it.

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COLLEEN FITZSIMONS
Junior—John Cabot University—Rome, Italy

I’ve been planning to study abroad since high school, but when I arrived in Rome at the end of August, I was sure I’d just made the biggest mistake of my life. Why, again, did I think it would be a good idea to fly halfway across the world alone for three-and-a-half months? That first week was pretty rough, being alone in a foreign country far away from anything I knew, but when classes started I met some people and actually started to enjoy having time to spend with myself. I wandered around Rome on my own and even took a few weekend trips alone. I also got to know some amazing people, from the United States as well as from Italy, and have seen some beautiful places and things in my few months here. The thing that I appreciate more than anything, though, more than going to Paris or Venice or Barcelona, more than seeing St. Peter’s and the Colosseum and the Mona Lisa, even more than meeting all my new friends, is the way I’ve been able to grow into myself here. I’ve become a lot more in tune with where I am and I’m learning to depend on myself instead of always needing other people to make things OK. I’m starting to really like having myself as a friend.

It hasn’t been all fun and exciting, and it certainly hasn’t been easy, but coming here for the semester has been one of the best experiences I’ve had thus far. If you’re thinking about spending a semester abroad, do it, and if you haven’t considered it, I definitely think you should start.

BETH ANN SARACCO
Senior—Valparaiso, Chile

Greetings from the sunny and warm seaport city of Valparaiso, Chile where summer has officially arrived. While studying abroad in this incredible country, I have discovered my new love for empanadas, have traveled to the north of Chile where llamas roam like cows, and have learned countless “chilenismos.” These are words and expressions found only in Chilean Spanish. I have had the opportunity to enroll in a study abroad program focused on social justice themes which included lectures on topics like the public education system and human rights violations committed during the Pinochet dictatorship. Through many conversations and by following media coverage, it became obviously clear that the decisions made in the Oval Office and the implications of these policies permeate so much further than our borders.

My semester abroad has solidified my deep appreciation for my UD education and the countless experiences I have had over these past three and a half years. As cliché as it sounds, distance truly does make the heart grow fonder, and although it will be difficult to leave beautiful Chile, I am anxiously awaiting my final semester! See you soon, UD!

ADRIENNE HILLMAN
Junior—Kampala, Uganda

I have spent the Fall 2008 semester in Uganda with the SIT study abroad program. This program focuses on the development of Uganda as a country. Therefore, the first part of the semester, I attended lectures in Kampala, the capital city, which provided information about aspects of life such as the educational system, gender roles and healthcare in this country. During this period, I stayed with a host family, which was a rewarding experience.

The second part of the program is an independent study or practicum period. For six weeks, everyone in the program goes to different areas of the country to pursue specific interests by means of performing research or interning with an organization. I chose to live and intern in an orphanage in Bulenga, a village just outside of Kampala, called Raising Up Hope for Uganda. I had the opportunity to learn firsthand the struggles a new organization faces. At the orphanage, there are 23 children that sleep in the home and about 15 more that come during the day to attend class. The practicum enabled me to see how the things I learned about in lectures are implemented.

This study abroad experience has opened my eyes to the needs of those in Uganda as well as how beautiful the culture is here, and I am very grateful that I have had this opportunity.
Finals week freebies: Food, coffee, textbooks, massages

ALEXIS BUHELLOS  
Staff Writer

The semester is almost over, but for some students the worst is just about to arrive. Final exams are here to torture some and they can’t get away. While some UD students only handle the dreaded finals week to the taxis to make sure that students can vary the variety of study spaces, extended generous and helpful with a wide last two weeks of school and UD is constant studying and sleepless nights.

Somehow, they all survive the last two weeks of school and UD is generous and helpful with a wide variety of study spaces, extended hours, free food, massages and taxis to make sure that students can handle the dreaded finals week to the best of their abilities.

KENNEDY UNION

- Food Court, Barrett Dining, Torch Lounge and the Hangar: Dec. 14 to 18, open 24 hours
- Second and Third Floor meeting rooms: Dec. 14 to 18, open 24 hours.
- The Bistro: Dec. 14 to 18, open 24 hours, offering free donuts, coffee, and four furnace drinks from midnight to 7 a.m.
- Sunday Stress Breaker: Dec. 14 and 16 at midnight, location TBA. There will be prizes.
- Monday Midweek Madness: Dec. 15, midnight to 1:30 a.m., a free breakfast buffet will be set up in KU Food Court.
- Free Taxi Service: Dec. 14 to 17, midnight to 6 a.m., pick up a ticket at the Information Center and hand it to the driver at University Circle between Roesch Library and St. Mary’s Hall.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Spiritual guidance helps many students get through their exams. CM is holding a few events to ease the stress of finals.

- Pancakes for Prayers: Dec. 12 at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Marianist Hall Lobby, students write a prayer request on a paper pancake to hand in when they pick up their pancake and ministry students will pray the requests in Marianist Hall Chapel.
- Game Night: Dec. 10, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in Liberty Hall. There will be pizza, wings, and refreshments while watching Apple to Apples Bible Edition, Phase 10 and other games.
- Labyrinth: Dec. 11 to 18, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. in Mcginnis Center, a Labyrinth will be set up in the Lounge and there will be free make-your-own peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and beverages outside the Mcginnis office.

ROESCH LIBRARY

The most popular place on campus during finals exams will be holding events to help students relax and stay awake.

- Extended Hours: Already in full swing until Dec. 19 at 5 p.m., the library is open 24 hours.
- LTC: Dec. 11 to 19, open 24 hours.
- Free Massages: Dec. 14 and 15 from 6 to 9 p.m., and Dec. 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the first floor galleries.
- Free Refreshments: Coffee will be served Dec. 14 to 17 and tea and cocoa on Dec. 18 while supplies last beginning at 1 a.m. in the LTC Rotunda.

UD BOOKSTORE

It’s almost time to sell our books back, but before we do, the Bookstore is offering final week fun.

- Free Massages: Dec. 17 and 18 (time TBA) by appointment only. Contact Loretta Geiger at x3374 to set up an appointment.
- Free Refreshments: Dec. 11 to 19, including free hot chocolate and candy bars.
- Daily Drawings: Dec. 15 to 18 sell your books back to enter your name in a $100 textbook gift card for next semester. A grand prize drawing will occur on Dec. 19, in which one person wins free textbooks for next semester.
- OCC: Dec. 11, 6 to 7:30 p.m., storytime with Mrs. Claus, Frosty, and the Elf with free hot chocolate, cookies, and crafts.

KAMAL HALL

- Free Refreshments: Dec. 14 to 18, 11 p.m., while supplies last, includes coffee, juice, popcorn, and mini-sandwiches.
- Annual Snowflake Contest: Begins Dec. 10 with a winner announced Dec. 17.

MARYCREST

- Free Refreshments: Dec. 14 to 18, starting at 11:30 p.m., offering free coffee and donuts in the lobby.

RECPLEX

- Free Refreshments: Dec. 14 to 18, 11:30 p.m. through midnight, with free coffee, fountain drinks, and snacks also in the Dining Hall.
- Extra Study Space: Dec. 14 to 18, open until midnight.
- Free Refreshments: Dec. 14 to 18, 9:30 p.m. through midnight, with free coffee, fountain drinks, and snacks also in the Dining Hall.

MARIANIST HALL

- Free Food: Dec. 14 to 18, starting at 11:30 a.m., offering free coffee and donuts in the lobby.

REACH AND THE WELLNESS COUNCIL

Keeping sanity during finals can be difficult, but hopefully the following events can help.

- Free Massages: Dec. 16, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Marycrest Lobby. Draw while you wait with crayons and coloring books.
- Stress Balls: Time and location TBA, visit the Wellness Council Web site, campus.udayton.edu/wellness/ for updated info.

MEET THE MEN OF 231 Lowes St.

SYLVIA MAYE  
Chief Staff Writer

Flyer News: How is life treating you on Lowes?
Matt Ruschau: So fun.
Jimmy McGinvney: Life is always great on our street.
FN: What is the first thing people notice about your house?
Dan Raeth: That it’s clean.
Kevin Korte: Probably the bar. Kyle Rudy: The dart board.
FN: What’s the story behind the dart board in the middle of the room?
MR: Me and my roommates started playing darts and every year we got better and better. But at the end of the every year you have all these holes in the walls. So this year since we got this nice, new house, I found this old door and thought it was a good idea to mount it on the door. It’s like a cool portable dart board.
KR: We found it right behind the deli, where I’d left it last year. A friend told me it was still there but I thought he was just messing with me.

FN: Any house traditions?
DR: Candy bowl.
JM: We just have a bowl of candy sitting out for anyone who comes into the house to have.

FN: Most memorable moment in the house?
KR: The halfway to St. Patty’s Day party we had.

FN: Any house rules?
MR: Have fun.
DR: We’re pretty relaxed here but a dish rule is about to be put in place.
JM: I put dish soap in the dishwasher twice, so the rule is my fault.

FN: Any downfalls to living at 231?
JM: Yeah the walk is crap. We’re not usually in it?
MR: My roommates.
KN: And now he eats a lot of chicken.

FN: What’s a 231 party must-have?
DR: Natty light.

FN: Do you guys have any nicknames for each other?
KR: Everyone just calls me Rudy, cause it’s my last name.
DR: I got called “The Butcher” last year because I ate so much meat.
KK: And now he eats a lot of chicken.

FN: Any final thoughts?
KR: 20 block of Lowes is the place to be.
DR: Fun should be had by all.

FILE PHOTO
“AUSTRALIA” Currently in theaters
Set in northern Australia during World War II, this epic action-adventure love story is about an English aristocrat (Nicole Kidman) who fights to save her failing ranch with the help of a local cattle driver (Hugh Jackman). Director Baz Luhrmann is a unique storyteller with an eye for the fantastic. Australia is a definitely a fantastic movie that captures the breathtaking scenery of the outback and the distinct culture of the natives in a film that everyone can enjoy.

“VALKYRIE” Release Date: December 25
Tom Cruise leads an all-star cast in the gripping true story about a Nazi colonel’s plan to assassinate Adolf Hitler. Valkyrie promises to be an adrenaline-filled thriller that will keep you on the edge of your seat. Like Bryan Singer’s previous films “The Usual Suspects” and “X-Men,” I have high hopes that the director has made another drama that will keep me entertained from start to finish.

“FOUR CHRISTMASES” Currently in theaters
Vince Vaughn and Reese Witherspoon have to endure four Christmas Day family gatherings with their unbearable families. The only thing worse is to have to endure this completely unfunny holiday comedy. The film offers nothing new to the genre, with the usual cringe-worthy gags and outlandish situations that make you chuckle every once in awhile but shouldn’t even be considered comedy. Give yourself an early Christmas present and avoid seeing this movie this holiday season.

“The DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL” Release Date: December 12
Do we really need another reinvention of a 1950s sci-fi classic to join the likes of Steven Spielberg’s disappointing “War of the Worlds”? In “The Day the Earth Stood Still,” Keanu Reeves (who proves you don’t need talent to be an actor) stars as an alien named Klaatu who arrives on Earth to warn humans of their impending annihilation. I’ll be pleasantly surprised if I’m proven wrong, but it just seems that all the special effects in the world can’t save this movie from its own self-destruction.

“FROST/NIXON” Release Date: Limited December 5; expands Dec. 12 and 25
Three years after resigning from the presidency, Richard Nixon breaks his silence about the Watergate scandal in an exclusive interview with TV personality, David Frost. Director Ron Howard has created a compelling drama about the untold story of a disgraced president trying to regain honor and a TV show host trying to make a name for himself. Frost/Nixon looks like a great period piece with a strong possibility to win an Oscar.

“The CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON” Release Date: December 25
Benjamin Button is an unusual person and the story of his life is no different. Born as an 80-year-old man, Benjamin Button ages backward as he experiences life, love, and death like any other normal person. Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett bring F. Scott Fitzgerald’s story to life with stunning visual effects and a plot that will tug at the heartstrings, making it a likely Oscar contender.

“MILK” Release Date: Limited December 5; expands Dec. 12
In 1977, Harvey Milk was the first openly gay man elected to public office in America. Director Gus Van Sant and Sean Penn team up in a film about one man’s fight for human rights before being shot by a fellow politician in 1978. Milk tackles relevant issues in today’s society and Penn’s performance is being raved as the best in his career. It’s a groundbreaking movie with Oscar potential.
This Christmas season is much different from those that most of us have experienced in recent years. There is still Christmas spirit and Christmas joy all around us and Black Friday is still potentially one of the most dangerous days of the year. Despite all of this, there is still just a generally different vibe that comes with this year’s Christmas season.

As we all know, the world is currently in a bit of a global recession. While many of us at UD may not be feeling this in our little bubble on campus, people all over the United States have begun to fall on some tough times. For many of us, this might include our parents, relatives and neighbors back home. Despite these financial troubles, most of us will probably not see a huge difference in the Christmas season this year. We are all very fortunate to attend a school as great as UD and should be thankful for all that we’ve been given up to this point in our lives. But, things aren’t this great for everyone.

Here at UD, we pride ourselves on helping others, especially around the holiday season. With programs such as Christmas on Campus, we have a reputation of helping people who are less fortunate in our community and making Christmas a time of year that everyone can enjoy. It’s also important that we don’t stop these efforts when we go home to our families at the end of finals week.

This Christmas, we should all remember those who are less fortunate and may be having an even rougher year than usual with the current economic situation. So, once you get home and are enjoying time with your family, remember that it doesn’t take very much time or energy to go out and help those who are less fortunate. Just because Christmas on Campus is over doesn’t mean that we no longer have the responsibility to help out those who don’t enjoy the same perks that we do in life.

This holiday season, remember to help those who are less fortunate.

Changes to finals week schedule not going to produce desired results

“I hate finals. This probably does not come as a surprise to anyone student at any college anywhere in the world. Who wants to try to remember as much information as they possibly can to take a test and then potentially do it four more times after that in one week?”

For my last three years at UD, we have had a fairly standard finals schedule. Classes ended on either Wednesday or Thursday (depending on the year) and then finals didn’t begin until the following Monday, thus giving students a chance to not only catch up on their work, but also relax a little before their first test. This year things are a little different. Classes will end on Wednesday, Dec. 7, and the first day of finals will be Saturday, Dec. 13. This means that Friday and Sunday are the only real study days for students since Thursday is Christmas on Campus, which generally grabs the attention of most UD students. Tuesday, December 16 is also being considered a study day by the administration, but according to the schedule online, it is possible to have a final from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. or from 7:30 to 8:35 p.m. I thought the point of a study day was to study, not to take finals. In addition, in past years I can remember finals week ending on or around December 14. Why so late this year? With the new schedule, Christmas break will be gone in the blink of an eye.

So, why did the administration change the finals schedule from the setup in past years? I am aware that many other colleges utilize the Saturday final and most schools don’t give their students study days like we have here at UD, but that still doesn’t explain the change to me. As with so many other things throughout the school year, such as the locking of basements and attics, I feel that this decision was made in an attempt to cut down on drinking and partying. It isn’t a secret that study days were and probably still will be big party days on campus. Not only can students use the daytime to work on papers or study for finals, but then the night can be a great release and way to celebrate the end of another semester. Maybe I’m wrong, and I hope that’s the case, but if that was the administration’s motivation I think they are going to be extremely disappointed.

By extending finals week, many students have large gaps in between finals and in many cases have as much as a week off before their first test or paper. Therefore, this is going to give students more time to do things that are not school related, such as going to a bar or having a party. Basically, by extending finals week and keeping us here five days longer than in past years, we now have less time to spend at home with our families, but more time to get drunk. Thanks, UD.

”The struggle of the government’s need for secrecy versus the public’s right to know and the press’s duty to find out and tell is unending.”
Douglass Cater, journalist, author, 1959

Word on the street...
What is the one thing you want most for Christmas?

“A computer that is not made by Tangent.”
KATHERINE BLUM, FRESHMAN
UNDECLARED ARTS

“For classes to be over and not have any finals this semester.”
ANDY GIESE, JUNIOR
COMPUTER SCIENCE

“All I want for Christmas is an A in organic chemistry.”
LAUREN SZECHY, SOPHOMORE
PRE-DENTISTRY AND SPANISH
UD will always be part of you, take advantage of experience

“Stress” isn’t a big enough word to describe the way students feel when starting college. I can’t speak for everyone, but I know my initial thought was, “When will this be over?” Constant homework, tests, papers — you name it. Everything seemed too hard to handle. However, through all of the hard work and late nights, my years at the University of Dayton have been some of my best. These are the years I will never forget, and you shouldn’t either.

UD challenges students academically on all different levels. However, the challenges don’t stop at school work. As students, we find ourselves faced with peers from all over the country — actually, the world, and I think it’s great. In truth, I consider it a blessing. The real challenge is saying goodbye to those people. For those of you who were roommates with one another, went to basketball games together and had classes with each other, those memories will remain intact. However, somewhere between your freshman year in college and during those stressful moments to come, you grew up. You learned the deeper meaning of life. So look at your life today as a senior at UD and reflect on your time spent there. Have you done everything you’ve wanted to do while on campus? Remember, the past is over. There is no use dwelling on what you can’t fix. However, there is still time to accomplish your unfinished goals. I think Dr. William Sherman said it best when he said, “Don’t let your classes get in the way of your learning experience at UD.”

Just because graduation is getting close, does not mean you’re retired from being a Flyer. Being a Flyer is a common bond the entire university shares. It can never be broken. Some of you will attend graduate school, becoming a Bearcat, Musketeer, Wildcat or something of the sort. Others will get a jump-start on “real world.” Some of you may even be civically engaged. No matter where you are in the weeks or months to come, you will always be a Flyer.

We all know that life is never perfect. Finding a job may take months. Graduate classes might have you awake for two weeks at a time studying for an exam. You might even get “cold feet” during your wedding preparations. However, somewhere between your freshman year in college and during those stressful moments to come, you grew up. You learned the deeper meaning of life.

Senior warns to choose recommenders wisely

During their senior year, students are constantly being encouraged by professors to apply for jobs, internships, and prepare for whatever they plan to do after graduation. In many instances, it is the faculty that sends out e-mails about jobs that students should apply for. When applying for these numerous employment opportunities, many faculty members are asked to submit recommendations for students. For the most part, professors and other faculty members usually submit these recommendations in a timely and successful manner. However, my personal experiences with recommenders have not turned out so well.

Last semester, I was guaranteed a scholarship as long as all of the requirements for the application were submitted. I asked a professor three weeks in advance if he would submit a letter of recommendation and he quickly agreed. However, as the days passed I noticed that he had not even begun the recommendation (I could track the status on a Web site). I sent him numerous reminders, yet when the due date arrived, he still had not submitted the recommendation. I did not receive the scholarship.

This semester I have been working on an application for a job that has required a significant amount of time and effort. Prior to the final interview, recommendations were required as character references. Again, a professor agreed to write a recommendation for me (a month in advance), and as the due date came, the recommendation was submitted 15 minutes before it was due. Getting worried that it would not be completed, I e-mailed the organization I was applying for to explain the situation in hopes for sympathy or a solution (after all, I find it hard to provide a great recommendation for a student in only 15 minutes). As of today, I have received no response as to whether or not I will still be asked to attend my final interview.

The worst part about my situation is that these are professors that I have looked up to and respected. In addition, both professors could have refused my request for their recommendation because they were too busy to complete it. Thus, my advice for professors and other faculty members is to put 110 percent effort in writing a recommendation for a student who puts a 110 percent effort in your classroom. My advice for fellow students is to make sure to choose your recommenders wisely, because it may decide on whether or not you reach a goal that you have been working so hard to achieve.

CASSIE BARANDI, SENIOR
POLITICAL SCIENCE
The SCHEDULE

Women's Basketball
Wed. Dec. 10 vs. Miami (OH)
Fri. Dec. 12 vs. Chicago St.

Men's Basketball
Wed. Dec. 10 at Creighton
Sat. Dec. 13 vs. Coppin St.

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The men's basketball team held Akron to just 3 points in the final six minutes of the game on Saturday against Akron. The Flyers were able to hold off the Zips by a score of 54-50. It was the first true road game of the season for the Flyers, after playing two games at a neutral site for the Chicago Invitational Challenge. The Flyers moved to 8-0 with the victory and will travel to Creighton for a game Wednesday evening.

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The women's basketball team ended Penn State’s 15-game home nonconference winning streak with a 67-66 victory in University Park, Pa. Saturday. Four Flyers scored in double-figures during the game. The win pushed Dayton’s record to 6-3 on the season.

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The women’s track and field team earned 27 top 10 finishes on Saturday at the Findlay Oiler Open. The indoor meet was also the host of four Dayton school records, as Stacy Chew, Ashley Catran, Courtney Siebenaller and Mallory Barnes all set indoor records.

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SPORTS

Hoops

There’s no place like home in December

Several games await both men’s and women’s teams in comfort of UD Arena

BRYCE STUCKENSCHNEIDER
Chief Staff Writer

As students head home next week after cramming for finals, dozens of student-athletes will stick around for contests taking place over break. The Dayton men’s and women’s basketball teams will play four games apiece while classes are not in session, most of which take place in the Dayton area. Six of the eight games will be played at UD Arena, with the Dec. 21 women’s game being played at Wright State.

The undefeated men’s basketball team will take on UNC Greensboro (2-4) the first official day of Christmas break, Saturday Dec. 20. The game shouldn’t prove to be much trouble for the Flyers, who are on the cusp of being nationally ranked for the second straight season. The Spartans’ only real threat is junior guard Mikko Koivisto, who is averaging 14 points per game.

The following day, the women’s basketball team will take on cross-town foe Wright State (3-4). The Flyers look to add a win to their 6-3 campaign at the Nutter Center in Fairborn.

Two days later, the men’s and women’s teams will host a doubleheader at UD Arena. The women’s team will kick off the evening with a 5:15 p.m. game against Loyola Chicago. The Ramblers are 5-3 this season, coming off a loss to fellow Chicago rival DePaul.

Later that evening, the men’s team will square off against the Thundering Herd from Marshall. The Herd (3-4) have yet to put together a solid performance against its toughest competition this year.

After a short five-day break for all the basketball players, the women are back in action Sunday, Dec. 28 versus Lipscomb (4-5). The Atlantic Sun member will be the first team the Flyers face in the Dayton Flyer Classic. The four-team tournament will also feature Bowling Green and Gardner-Webb. The winner of the Flyers’ game against Lipscomb will face the other winner in the championship match.

Gardner-Webb (5-2) may prove to be the biggest test over break for the Flyers. The Patriots claim victories over East Carolina and Ohio University but fell to Liberty earlier this season.

On Jan. 2, the men’s squad will face in-state foe Toledo, ending its four-game home stand. The Rockets (3-5) will first face Wright State this week before the Flyers make the two-hour journey for the game.

The final sporting event over the break will take place Jan. 4 at UD Arena as the women’s basketball team takes on Eastern Michigan (3-5).

Both men’s and women’s teams have a legitimate chance of going undefeated over Christmas break. Such a stretch would leave the men’s team 14-0 before their annual battle with Miami University, which will be the last nonconference game on the Dayton schedule.

However, the team will not be able to overlook its next opponent in Creighton (6-3). The game will take place Wednesday in Omaha, Neb.

Ryan Kozelka/ASSISTANT PHOTO EDITOR
Senior forward Charles Little approaches the hoop for an easy lay-in. The men’s basketball team will play four games over winter break, with three of them coming at UD Arena.

Winter Break Basketball
SCHEDULE

Women's Basketball
Sun. Dec. 21 at Wright State
Tue. Dec. 23 vs. Loyola-Chicago
Sun. Dec. 28 vs. Lipscomb
Mon. Dec. 29 Championship

Men's Basketball
Sat. Dec. 20 vs. UNC-Greensboro
Tue. Dec. 23 vs. Marshall
Tue. Dec. 30 vs. George Mason
Fri. Jan. 2 at Toledo
Sun. Jan. 4 vs. E. Michigan

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HEAT CHECK: BOTH FLYERS TEAMS DOMINATING

Men and women off to good start so far, pick up road victories over nonconference foes Saturday

CORY GRIFFIN
Sports Editor

MEN’S BASKETBALL

In their first true road game of the season, the Dayton Flyers rallied back after trailing most of the first half to defeat the Akron Zips, 54-50. The win moved the Flyers to 8-0.

Leading the way was sophomore forward Chris Wright who led the team with 18 points and several timely dunks to ignite the Flyers to victory over Akron for the second consecutive year.

“It wasn’t pretty by any stretch, but getting a win like this on the road feels pretty good,” Dayton head coach Brian Gregory said.

Although Wright was the only Flyer in double figures, the depth of the team proved to wear down the Zips. Ten players on the Flyer roster got 10 or more minutes of action, ensuring freshness when it came time to close.

In the final six minutes of the game, the Flyers held the Zips to 3 points during that stretch to take the lead and eventually the game.

“One once again we played all 12, and once again, we needed all 12 to win,” Gregory said.

The Flyers had another rough shooting night, shooting just 1-of-18 from 3-point range but were able to hold Akron to 25 percent shooting from the floor for the game.

“In the second half, we played defense as good as we have all year long,” Gregory said. “We played really well. In the second half they went through a 12-minute stretch where they did not score on their initial possession.”

As the game winded down, it was freshman forward Chris Johnson that provided sparks for Dayton. The Columbus native got a rebound on the defensive end, and then was fouled, sending him to the free-throw line with a 2-point lead.

Johnson missed the ensuing free throw, but fought through to get his own rebound and get fouled again. This time he was able to connect on both to clinch the game for the Flyers.

“The last possession that Akron had started with great defense from London (Warren) and Charles (Little) to force a tough shot, and then from out of nowhere a freshman, and not a very big freshman in Chris Johnson gets the rebound,” Gregory said.

“It was a close game and everybody had to make plays. I just happened to be in there at the end and got those rebounds and made those free throws,” Johnson said.

Despite the match being an away game, over 1,000 Flyer fans were in attendance out of the crowd of almost 4,500. The fans proved to give Dayton some cheers they needed to skip past the Zips.

“I can’t say enough about how many of our fans turned out. When we got a breakout that Chris (Wright) finished with a dunk, I thought I was in UD Arena,” Gregory said.

The Flyers’ defense forced 20 Penn State turnovers, and held the Lady Lions to 39 percent shooting from the floor to collect the victory.

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The win moved the Flyers to 6-3, and they will prepare this week for their first home game of the season on Wednesday against Miami University. The game will tip off at noon in the Flyers’ educational event dubbed “Learning can take you higher, when you do it with Rudy Flyer.”

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

On Saturday, the women’s team was also in action on the road at Penn State, where Dayton defeated the Lady Lions by a score of 67-66.

Four Flyers scored in double figures as Dayton held off a second half rally by Penn State to escape Happy Valley with a victory.

“They just sort of ran out of time. If they had a couple of more minutes I would be sitting here in a different mood,” Dayton head coach Jim Jabir said.

Kristen Daugherty and Patrice Lalor each dropped in 14 points, while Kendel Ross and Justine Raterman scored 13 and 10 respectively.

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The Dayton volleyball team didn’t expect to find themselves in the NCAA Tournament at season’s end this year. Following a loss in the finals of the Atlantic 10 Tournament to St. Louis, the team was ecstatic to learn that they had earned an at-large bid and a home match for the first round of the tournament. However, the Flyers couldn’t be more disappointed to see their tournament run end quickly with a first round exit courtesy of Western Michigan. Dayton lost to the Broncos 3-1 (25-21, 24-26, 23-25, 18-25) on Friday night in a gritty match in front of a packed house.

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