NCR DONATES $5 MILLION IN LAND RIGHTS

CARLY SCHOTT
Assistant News Editor

The University of Dayton is once again the beneficiary of a generous donation, this time courtesy of NCR Corp.

NCR will donate $5 million to UD by waiving its participation rights in the commercial development of the 50 acres of land UD purchased from the company in 2005. UD will be paying $2 million for the remaining rights.

“In these challenging economic times, we’re still seeing individuals and corporations stepping forward to support the University of Dayton in very generous ways,” Deborah Read, vice president for advancement, said in a recent press release.

“We are grateful for that belief in the University of Dayton’s vision.”

NCR, a global technology firm based in Dayton, has illustrated its belief in UD’s vision with several contributions over the past years that together total over $13 million.

In 2005, UD expanded with the aid of NCR when it purchased land, two buildings, two parking lots and two practice fields from NCR for $25 million. The company retained $7 million of participation rights in commercial development on the land, according to a recent press release. The $5 million gift was a result of NCR waiving these rights.

President Dr. Dan Curran said this donation was a result of conversations that have been taking place for months concerning the need to develop the land in ways that are appropriate for UD and the Dayton community. Because NCR has relinquished its rights, UD now has more flexibility to plan as it sees fit, without having to share future revenues.

“We can take our time, rather than rush commercial development,” Dr. Curran said. “We can do what is best for UD.”

Curran said opportunities for the 50-acre property that stretches from Brown Street to the Great Miami River are still being explored.

He estimates decisions will be made within the next few months. Curran expects the projects will enhance Stewart Street and provide more green space for students.

“This total freedom is about what is best for UD and the Dayton region,” Curran said.

Coverage now allowed for injuries under the influence

ALEXIS BUHELOS
Staff Writer

Recently, Ohio joined 14 other states to prohibit insurers from declining or limiting coverage for those who are injured while on drugs or alcohol by agreeing to repeal the Uniform Individual Accident and Sickness Policy Provision Law exclusion provision.

Under the previous UPPL that was passed nearly 50 years ago from recommendations of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, care providers in emergency rooms and trauma centers may not test injured patients for drugs or alcohol for fear that the patients would not be covered by certain insurance companies. They were hesitant to take the proper measures to fully protect patients.

The leading cause of death for people under 40 is injury, according to the American Society of Addiction Medicine. The ASAM also stated that “35-50 percent of injured patients treated in ERs and trauma centers are under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicants.”

Within the medical community, views on addiction have significantly changed, as illustrated by the ASAM and by Ohio’s nearly unanimous vote to repeal the UPPL.

The ASAM expresses that insurance companies should not have the right to deny coverage and that people who suffer from addiction need to be treated properly. This repeal speaks for society, according to Angela Corneliussen Dawson, director of the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services.

“It takes us, as a society, one step closer to eliminating the stigma that surrounds the disease of addiction and it will help to ensure all injured Ohioans receive timely and appropriate medical care,” she said.

According to the ASAM, the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School and the University of Washington, after performing cost-benefit analyses of alcohol screenings and interventions in ERs and trauma centers, results yielded a projected $1.82 billion net savings for insurers nationwide over the next three years if these are performed.

See Cost-benefit on p. 5.
Anonymous postings move from bathroom stalls to juicy Web sites

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Kansas State Collegian
UWIRE

If you find your name and telephone number followed by “call for a good time” etched into a bathroom stall, at least only those who happen upon that stall will read it.

Today, people do not have the same luxury as anonymous postings once scratched on bathroom walls, carved on park benches and inked on classroom desks have moved online.

Message boards, online forums and blogs are replacing the more rudimentary forms of anonymous communication and creating an appealing way for people to express their thoughts and opinions.

“There is a certain distance between people online, so it is possible to hide your identity,” said Michael Wesch, Kansas State University sociology professor. “On the other hand, it is a very public space, so it allows you to be completely hidden yet in total public.

“It is a unique thing that is hard to do in real life.”

While online anonymity has allowed people to communicate more candidly, it also has inspired more malicious behavior.

“You get complete hatred — like unabashed hatred — and people saying horrible things,” Wesch said. “The other side is you sometimes see people caring for people and expressing love for people they wouldn’t feel comfortable doing in public.”

JuicyCampus.com is becoming a popular way for students to express thoughts and opinions without giving up their identities. The site, launched in August 2007, already has forums for 500 campuses.

Students can post whatever information they want on the site completely anonymously.

As the site has grown, so has its opposition as several schools have attempted to ban the site. Tennessee State University became the first public school to ban the site, blocking it on all computers using the school’s Internet services.

Richard Harris, psychology professor, said it is not surprising to see people act maliciously when they can be anonymous.

Stanley Milgram’s “Obedience” series — famous psychological studies from the 1960s — showed people were more willing to hurt a test subject if they had less of a connection with that person, Harris said.

Dealing with online postings

For some, message boards and forums are fun to read until their name appears with a demeaning comment. Students must decide how to respond.

Tom Gould, K-state mass communications professor, said he sees anonymous postings about himself on TEVALS and Web sites like myprofessor.com.

“It seems to me that if you don’t have the wherewithal to actually sign a real name, then it pretty much doesn’t matter,” he said. “Anyone who pays attention to anonymous postings has way too much time on their hands.”

How anonymous is anonymous?

While sites like JuicyCampus advertise 100-percent anonymity, it is hard to be completely anonymous on the Internet.

“If you say something about someone online, and you think that you’re anonymous and you can’t be tracked, that is just not true,” Gould said. “You can be tracked down; your IP address can be tracked down.”

According to JuicyCampus’ privacy policy, for example, users’ Internet Protocol address, browser type, Internet service provider, referring/exit pages, operating system, date/time stamp and clickstream data are recorded to track users’ demographics and movements on the site.

Hostility and bigotry online

While online anonymity can be.

It’s possible to imagine a situation where people meet anonymously on the Internet.

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Vendetta.”

The group gained notoriety when it launched a mass protest against the church of Scientology, demonstrating in the Guy Pawkos masks made famous by the movie “V for Vendetta.”

Wesch said “Anonymous” shows how important the ability to stay anonymous can be.

“It’s important to mention the importance of anonymity to a functioning government,” Wesch said.

“It’s possible to imagine a situation when people are afraid to speak out, and at that point, I think, we need to have the option to be anonymous.”
When cold weather sets in, Ohio State Parks help avoid the gloom.

ANNA BEYERLE
Staff Writer

As the reality of classes and the dreary winter weather begins to set in, UD students may develop a case of cabin fever. Exploring the outdoors is an easy way to get outside and maybe even fulfill a new year’s resolution.

The Ohio state parks provide a variety of ways for people to get active while exploring nature. The parks plan organized hikes and other activities during the winter season to encourage Ohio residents to appreciate their parks year-round. According to Beth Ruths, Ohio Department of Natural Resources Media Relations Coordinator, “Ohio State Parks are great places to enjoy the beauty of the outdoors while getting active in a variety of ways.”

Here are two parks close to UD that have scheduled activities for the public within the upcoming months. For a full list of events in all Ohio state parks, visit dnr.state.oh.us.

1. Caesar Creek State Park

Caesar Creek State Park is located in Waynesville, Ohio, only 30 minutes from Dayton, and “offers some of the finest outdoor recreation in southwest Ohio including boating, hiking, camping and fishing,” according to the park’s Web site.

On Feb. 21 and 22, Caesar Creek will sponsor a Maple Syrup weekend from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the two days, where guests can learn how to collect sap from trees and make it into syrup. Brunch will be served for a small fee.

Also on Feb. 21, starting at 10 a.m. with starts until noon, the park will be having a Winter Hike. This four-mile self-directed hike included complementary refreshments at the conclusion.

For more information on attending these events, call (513) 897-3055.

2. Hocking Hills State Park

Hocking Hills State Park, located in Logan, Ohio, is about two hours away from UD. It’s “famous for its brilliant autumn colors and is gaining notoriety for its equally exquisite winter landscape,” according to a press release from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Hocking Hills is sponsoring their 44th Annual Winter Hike on Jan. 17. The hike is six miles long, and starts at 9 a.m., with constant stops until 11 a.m.

On Feb. 14, Valentine’s Day, Hocking Hills will sponsor a Sweethearts Hike from 5 to 7 p.m. Couples are welcome to take a short hike to the scenery of the setting sun, with a bonfire following. Refreshments are provided.

For more information on attending these events, call (740) 385-6942.

Senior encourages students to join micro-lending Web site Kiva

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Staff Writer

What if instead of going to dinner and a movie this weekend, your money went toward changing someone’s life?

Senior Matt McNamara is working to spread awareness and get UD students to do just that by getting them involved in helping reduce poverty in the developing world. He is doing this through the world’s first “person-to-person micro-lending Web site” Kiva.

Kiva allows people to make a loan as small as $25 to an entrepreneur in the developing world, such as a restaurant owner in Peru, a construction worker in Nicaragua or a laundry service in Pakistan.

McNamara heard about Kiva from last year’s required reading book for freshmen. After hearing of the benefits of the program, he decided to find out more about it.

“It was a way to make an investment that perpetually helps people who do want to get a better life and are willing to work for it, rather than just blindly handing out money to someone who might not appreciate it as much,” McNamara said.

Kiva allows people to set up teams and then invite their friends to join their team and begin lending money. The University of Dayton has its own team that allows students to come together and see who else is donating.

“Kiva has a way for people in similar communities to get together and take pride in their commitment to helping others as a group,” McNamara said.

Anyone can go to the Web site at Kiva.org and join the University of Dayton team. Members will be able to browse through the entrepreneurs, read their biographies and decide who to lend money to. All of the donation money goes directly to the person chosen.

Once money is donated, members can track their entrepreneur’s progress and in about six months to a year be fully paid back. After that, the money can be kept or donated again to someone else to keep the process going.

Kiva’s motto is “Loans that save lives.” By loaning just $25 through Kiva instead of spending it on something else, one person could potentially change someone’s life and get them out of poverty, McNamara said.

“It’s a simple way to help people, live out this UD spirit thing we keep hearing about, and recognize that by a bunch of people doing a small thing, it can make a huge different for those in need,” McNamara said.

For more information check out Kiva.org or contact Matt McNamara at mcnamara@notes.udayton.edu about joining the UD team.
Jungle-theme welcomes little sibs

STEPHANIE VERMILLION
Chief Staff Writer

As a “wild and crazy sib” in 2006, 6-year-old Luke Gerdeman was making his sister, UD sophomore Ashley Gerdeman, promise to invite him back every year.

This year Luke will get his wish on the weekend of March 13 when UD’s campus transforms into a tropical haven for the 2009 jungle-themed Little Sibs Weekend.

“He always tells me how much he wants to come back and visit for Little Sibs Weekend,” Gerdeman said. “He enjoyed all the activities last year. His favorite was the magician, and I also remember making stuffed animals together which was fun for both of us.”

Luke enjoyed the stuffed moose his sister made for him last year, and has been sleeping with it every night.

This year he can look forward to new and similar activities from last year that SGA has planned.

“So far we have a live animal show and interaction with the students and sibs, a comedian for the older sibling sibs, inflatables which have always been enjoyed, a hypnotist, arts and crafts and we’re still working on more,” Michelle Whelan, SGA Special Programs and CAB Coordinator said. “This doesn’t include what CAB will be hosting for their Weekend Scene. It is going to be a great experience for all UD students and their siblings.”

Little Sibs Weekend enables young siblings to enjoy SGA and CAB run activities that compete with the likes of Chuck E. Cheese, but older siblings can get just as much out of the weekend as well.

UD freshman Michaela Cummins first attended Sibs Weekend as a high school freshman, and enjoys it so much she came back the following three years.

While cheering on the Flyers at a men’s basketball game, watching movies with her sister and meeting new people, Cummins got a taste of her future as a UD student. She liked the taste.

“My favorite part of Little Sibs Weekend is how excited it made me to be part of this campus,” Cummins said. “I got to experience UD firsthand and each visit made me more excited. It made the transition from high school to college easier as well because I knew what to expect.”

Cummins plans on sharing the 2009 Sibs Weekend with her brother, a high school junior who will soon be embarking on the college journey himself.

“I will introduce him to some of my friends and make sure they help him have fun and get excited about college,” Cummins said. “I’ll probably take him out to eat first though. I work at Dewey’s Pizza, so I can get him a discount there which works out nicely.”

The Cummins siblings aren’t the only ones looking forward to the Brown Street fan-favorite, Dewey’s. Gerdeman is already planning on taking her brother there, whether he knows it or not.

“We may just have to take Luke to Dewey’s Pizza,” Gerdeman said. “Of course that may be because it’s my favorite pizza place ever.”

All pizzas aside, the cost of Little Sibs Weekend is $30 for the first sib and $25 for any additional sibs. This covers the cost of admission to all events, Saturday’s breakfast and two T-shirts for the student and his or her sibling. All information on the cost, a tentative schedule and how to register can be found at http://campus.udayton.edu/~sga/littlesibs/.

The SGA has put a lot of effort into the 2009 Little Sibs weekend, and is excited to keep this family fun tradition alive.

“We are really working hard to improve every aspect of Little Sibs Weekend this year as well as provide more entertainment for older siblings as well,” David Maittingly, the other SGA Special Programs and CAB Coordinator said. “If you have a high school sib bring them and convince them to go to UD.”

The following incidents were reported to the Department of Public Safety through Dec. 14. This log was compiled by Flyer News from actual police reports obtained from the Department of Public Safety.

### Theft

**Dec. 6, 6:21 p.m.**

Officer Barber was dispatched to the RecPlex. Upon arrival, he met with a UD student who stated he placed his wallet on the floor of the basketball court at approximately 5 p.m., but found his wallet missing soon after. The wallet contained $100 cash, a Day Air debit card, a UD ID card, driver’s license and five gift certificates valued at $10-$20 each. Officer Arnold cancelled the complainant’s Flyer Express card and the complainant planned to cancel the debit cards the next day.

### Criminal Damaging

**Dec. 7, 6:09 p.m.**

Officer Weber was dispatched to Stuart Complex where he met with two residents of Sheehy Hall. The residents left their room at 12 a.m. on Dec. 6 and returned at approximately 3 a.m. on Dec. 7 to find unknown person(s) had entered through the unlocked door. Both Tangent laptops were damaged, mattresses were in the hallway and hot cocoa mix was thrown about the room. There are no known suspects or witnesses at this time and the cost to repair the computers isn’t known.

### Burglary

**Dec. 14, 2:02 p.m.**

Officer A. Durian was dispatched to the UD Police Station to take a theft report. The complainant stated at approximately 9 a.m. on Dec. 14 he left his dorm in Marianist Hall and found his driver’s license in the hallway. The complaint then found his wallet missing from his desk. The wallet contained his Fifth-Third bank debit card, PNC debit card, health insurance card, $40 in cash, and a personal check in the amount of $30. There are no known suspects or witnesses at this time.
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With intramural basketball sign-ups closing soon, the RecPlex courts are seeing as much competition as Blackburn Court.

Academic Engagement Initiative due

The Student Government Association and the Office of the Provost are encouraging student organizations to nominate their group by today to have a chance to win a few thousand dollars as part of the Academic Engagement Initiative.

The program indicates the organization will act upon values outlined in the Habits of Inquiry, such as “creating an environment in which all members are able to work in a respectful and scholarly manner;” demonstrate leadership development and participate in service opportunities.

At the end of the academic year, participating organizations will be evaluated and the top three will receive $5,000, $2,500 and $2,500 respectively.

Applications are due today by 3 p.m. to UDSGA1@gmail.com and more detailed information will be released Feb. 1.

COST-BENEFIT

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Source: WebSudoku.com

Corrections

1) In issue 19, the article “REACH: more than M-Fest” said the group is hosting the Student Wellness Fair. Its members are helping the RecPlex do this.

2) In issue 20, the article “Social discussing moving on after UD” said Richard Florida started SOCHE. It was actually founded by area universities.

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Honor students’ artwork on display at annual exhibit

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During a memorable summer immersion in Zambia, Junior Eric Krissek, a secondary math education major, captured what he saw through photography. Now, the University of Dayton community is invited to see a snapshot of his trip at the Ninth Annual Honors Art Exhibition.

“The photo represents the beauty of Zambia through the faces of the boys,” he said. “However, it simultaneously depicts the difficult situation facing these boys. Since they were born into poverty in rural Zambia, it will be a long, arduous life ahead of them.”

Krissek’s work, entitled “Rumbling Grace,” is among 29 pieces chosen for display at the exhibit created by University Honors and Berry Scholars students. This collection of student creations will open with a reception today from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in 125 Alumni Hall, with an awards ceremony at 3:30 p.m.

University Honors and Berry Scholars students of all majors were invited to submit up to three pieces for consideration. “I have always liked photography and film,” sophomore Nathaniel Hogrebe, a chemical engineering major said. “I also love to backpack which gives me a chance to take advantage of the beautiful scenery and take a lot of pictures...When I saw the flyer for the Honors Art Exhibition, I thought that it couldn’t hurt to submit three of the pictures that I had taken.”

Will South, chief curator for the Dayton Art Institute, chose the winners from the 98 works submitted. Out of these, 23 students’ pieces were chosen. Their winning artwork will remain outside the University Honors Program offices in Alumni Hall until Nov. 13, 2009.

Senior Alexis Rakaczky, an art education major, submitted her work this year for the first time. Her mixed media painting, in which she used everything from Kix cereal to photographs, was also selected. “I think it is a good way for students that are not art majors to display their range of talents,” she said. “And it is a good way to showcase the creations of some of the hardest working students on campus.”

Winners will receive a $100 gift certificate to the UD Bookstore, and the recipient of the “Best of Show” prize, yet to be announced, will be awarded a $500 scholarship.

“The art show allows students to display their creativity, which is an aspect of our education that is overlooked these days,” Krissek said. “By displaying works of art from these honors students, the campus can get a flavor of the passion and experiences their fellow peers have had during their time here.”

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
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SYLVIA MAYE
Chief Staff Writer

THE LADIES OF 221 KIEFABER ST.

Roommates
Seniors Meeghan Voreis, Jody Pearl, Jamie Anderson, Katherine Hague, Lindsay Baker, Kylene Guerra

House Specs
Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen and basement

Flyer News: How is life treating you on Kiefaber?
Meeghan Voreis: Kiefabulous.

FN: What’s the first thing people notice about your house?
Jody Pearl: Creepy butterflies on the wall.

Jamie Anderson: Yeah, the butterflies that lead to the bathroom.

FN: Do you have any house traditions?
MV: 221 club.

Lindsay Baker: It’s where we just pick random places to go in Dayton and we all go together as a house.

FN: Any house rules?
JA: We have a chores chart.

FN: What’s the biggest perk about living here?
AL: Tim’s.

MV: It’s right down the street.
LB: We don’t even take our jackets. We just run there.

FN: What do the girls in the house always crave?
KH: Chocolate.

JP: Sonic, too. We love sonic.

JA: We’ll make a 40-minute round trip just to go.

FN: What’s a must-have for a party at 221?

JA: Cupcakes and cookies.

KH: Funny costumes for sure. One time Kylene dressed up as Eve, as in Adam and Eve, and all she had on were leaves and this skin colored body suit.

MV: People thought she was naked, it was hilarious!

FN: Anything else you want to share?
JP: We have a coat rack.

LB: And we have magazines in our bathroom.

JA: There’s also a seat in there; I guess for people to sit and chat.

MV: Oh and the Magna Doodle so that people can leave us messages in the bathroom.

FN: Any final thoughts?
AL: We’ve past the point of no return.

FN: What’s your most memorable 221 moment?
KH: Probably when Phi Sig had a party next to us.

JP: Some people decided to come over to our porch and were just sitting there. They were just making out, ordering pizza and drinking over here.

JA: It was so bizarre. One of them even came in and used the bathroom.

FN: Any downsfalls to living here?
JP: I hate how the door in the back is so confusing to open.

KH: Every time you want to open the door you have to close the other door. It’s ridiculous.

LB: And everything in our refrigerator freezes.

MV: The house is also at a weird slant. If you look at the door frame you can see how it’s not straight at all.

FN: What’s your porch mostly used for?
MV: When it was warmer we’d eat dinner out there.

JP: And we’d read the newspaper on the porch like old people.

FN: When you open the fridge, what’s usually in it?
MV: Boxed wine and cheese.

JP: In the freezer there are chicken patties.

KH: And of course the frozen milk.

FN: Any final thoughts?
AL: We’ve past the point of no return.
**SALSA SPICES UP FRIDAYS**

**SARA DORN**  
Staff Writer

Add some heat and slice to your Friday evenings with the UD Salsa Dancing Club.

“It is a fantastic way to meet other people, polish up your dance steps and start off your weekend,” senior club member Michael Elliot said.

The club meets every Friday in ArtStreet Studio D from 8 to 9:30 p.m. for sessions. Each meeting starts with a beginner lesson taught by either UD senior Favian Valencia, who founded the club in fall 2007, guest instructors or even professionals from the downtown Dayton area.

“Because it is a workshop (as opposed to lessons), we keep the lecture to a minimum and let people experiment for themselves,” Valencia said.

Aside from salsa, the club tries other forms of dancing closely related to salsa, including bachata and merengue, both similar dances to salsa because they have a Latin American background and involve frequent hip movement.

“We usually just dance salsa which can either be fast or slow-paced depending on the song,” Elliot said. “However, we sometimes dance bachata and merengue too.”

Those who have attended these workshops have had positive experiences.

“Favian or whoever is teaching always starts with the basics,” UD Salsa Dancing Club member senior Chelsey Krummel said. “It’s easy to pick up and a ton of fun.”

According to Elliot, there are about 20 people who show up each week to dance, including an even mix of guys and girls, an aspect of this social interaction that members find to be a bonus entertainment.

“It’s a great opportunity to express yourself and tap into your artistic side,” Krummel said. “Plus, what girl can pass up salsa dancing with hot guys?”

For more information about salsa dancing visit the Facebook group, UD Salsa Dancing.

**THE ROMANTIC COMEDY “BRIDE WARS,” starring Kate Hudson and Anne Hathaway, releases today in theaters. Other movies being released today are “Gran Torino,” “Not Easily Broken,” “The Reader,” and “The Unborn.”**

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Seniors should cherish and take advantage of their final semester at the University of Dayton

We just got back from what may very well have been the shortest holiday break that has ever been given by a university in the United States. That isn’t necessarily a bad thing as it does enable us to get back to the place that we love most: the University of Dayton. For many of us, this is going to be our last semester at UD meaning we will spend a large part of this semester worrying about our future.

Should we continue our education? Get a job? Just hang around campus for a few years eating at Marycrest and going to parties? These decisions will have a huge effect on the rest of our lives and are sure to cause some stress.

Throughout all of this stress and all of these worries it’s even more important to remember to enjoy our last semester as a student at Dayton. Sure, life isn’t never and the world isn’t going to explode upon our graduation, but we will never have an experience like this again in our lives. That doesn’t mean the rest of our lives will be boring and meaningless, it just means that they will be different and probably require a little more responsibility than we exercise on a daily basis while on campus.

So, instead of looking back and getting sad that your time at UD is almost up, take advantage of this last semester. Do things around the city that you have wanted to do these last four years, participate in a service project, hang out with your roommates, take your girlfriend or boyfriend out on a romantic date. Whatever you do, just don’t waste what time you have left.

For the underclassmen out there, look around and realize how great it is to be our last semester at UD meaning we will spend a large part of this break that has ever been given by a university in the United States. That doesn’t mean the rest of our lives will be boring and meaningless, it just means that they will be different and probably require a little more responsibility than we exercise on a daily basis while on campus.

When it comes to hard-hitting news reports, CNN is my main source of information. Take any major topic such as the 2008 election, ENRON or even Michael Jackson’s trial, and it will keep you updated 24 hours a day. I try to keep up with current events, and so when I have a free moment or two, I try to pop on to CNN.com to catch up on happenings across the globe.

After having done that the other day, however, I found myself extremely disheartened. When accessing my beloved news source, I found that it was no longer displaying the most prevalent news stories, but instead had reduced itself to broadcasting the most prevalent news stories, but instead had reduced itself to broadcasting tabloid-esque fodder. The other day was apparently a pretty significant day. ‘Yes, it’s true…

It was the Obama girls’ first day of school.

I understand the human interest aspect of this story, and I understand that there is a certain newsy-quality to it. I do not, however, think it is acceptable to post pictures that appear to be straight out of the National Enquirer. Insert picture of 7-year-old Sasha Obama peering out of a car amid the motorcade escorting her to school. Follow this up with image of her flanked by mother Michelle Obama, her principal, and several Secret Service agents walking into the building.

It is invasive and not at all fair to Malia and Sasha, who have not asked for this attention, nor have they done anything to warrant it. There is a certain amount of respect that should be shown for the family of the man who will be running our country in just a few short weeks, and this is crossing the line.

Even worse, I went on to the Web sites of FoxNews and MSNBC, and neither of them were posting the story. Not that having multiple networks making this faux pas would somehow justify it, but at least it wouldn’t be one network standing alone. The fact that the other groups had the discretion to not broadcast this only emphasizes the poor decision by CNN.

When I go to the Web site of a reputable media station, I expect news stories that are important, but also ones that do not invade the privacy of minors. I was shocked and appalled by CNN’s poor taste, and hope that this does not become a precedent for the future.

Word on the street...

What is your resolution for the new year?

“My resolution is to stop burping so much.”

KATIE RUSBACKY, FRESHMAN

PRE PHYSICAL THERAPY

“I need to try to stop procrastinating.”

MONICA GUISFREDI, FRESHMAN

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

“I really don’t need one because I’m already so perfect.”

ALICIA GOETTEMÖELLER, FRESHMAN

UNDECIDE ARTS
Senior unhappy with immature depiction of administration in Flyer News’ cartoons

I have had enough of Nick Kastner’s cartoons frequently published in Flyer News. Few are impressed with his attempt to promote the shrilling of personal and community accountability through these messages targeted at Flyer News readers, a message reiterated by the cartoonist: “Blame others [UD administration] for our campus culture falling short of perfection!” He has had a few good cartoons over his career, but I encourage readers to browse the Flyer News archives and find the ones I am discussing here, particularly the recent one regarding the Elton John look-alike drawing of Sister Annette Schmelming, our dean of students and authentic Catholic school Nun (Note: This is one of many abrasive cartoons targeted at members of the UD community).

These messages grossly misrepresent the community’s maturity and demand for actual fact-based arguments, and unfortunately this misrepresentation (of us) is received directly by those whose job it is to enrich the quality of the student experience here at UD. In other words, Dr. Dan, Sister Annette and the entire UD faculty read the Flyer News and it’s my bet that these cheap-shot cartoons are indications of student immaturity and naïveté rather than insightful constructive criticism (which is always welcome and necessary).

The good news for this Flyer News managing editor is that his cartoons appear to have an effect (albeit a negative one). For a few examples, discussion in student circles mimic Kastner’s sentiments. Rumors are abound regarding the job security of certain UD officials. A premeditated holiday letter was sent from the office of Sister Annette. Do these cartoons contribute to such events? Don’t rule it out… However, not all students are behind Kastner. It is my belief that this student body is instinctively more mature than this. It is my belief that I am not alone when I see these cartoons and feel uncomfortable with them forging the relationship between the student body and the president and dean of students.

Oh, and by the way, I’m not sucking up to anybody here, nor am I cutting anybody any slack. Dr. Dan has my tuition money and I will have a degree soon. My incentive rests with the fact that my credentials will forever be connected to this school’s reputation. They will deprecate if UD becomes known for an immature student body… When I see UD officials portrayed like Dean Pritchard from the movie “Old School” in crude cartoon form, I think immaturity.

My fellow students, if we are going to allow Nick Kastner to be a spokes- man for us, join me in demanding he find a method other than senseless, cliché sucker-punches laced with emotion and malice instead of tactfulness and research. Nick, if you can unearth details pointing to corruption or a blatant lack of consideration from the UD administration or anyone else, please share it with us. Our community deserves it. But if you’re picking a fight over tuition increase, Lowes Fest and/or the leg policy, you can be more efficient in your efforts with a bit of maturity and strategy and again, that’s encouraged. That is of course, if you want to see change.

NICHOLAS ROLINSKI, SENIOR MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Senior reminding us that locked basements in campus housing can make quite a mess

Poop, feces, bowel movements, a huge pile of crap. This was the early Christmas present that a house on the Dark Side received. Unknown to the residents of a house on Chambers, a seepage pipe broke in the basement of their house. It was not until their basement started to fill up with some of the vilest excrement and ferment for days and days until it was discovered. Why, you may ask? Well for the same thing every one of my articles have been about. Their basement was locked! Just imagine yourself in this situation for a second. There is an unknown brown river in your basement that you are unaware of that could have been corrected fairly quickly if discovered early. But, as the maintenance worker unlocks the basement and you see toilet paper floating at the bottom of your stairs, the worst-case scenario is unfolding in front of you.

Sister Schmelming you don’t need to use your eyes and ears to realize this problem, you can use your nose. This should be the No. 1 policy change in the new year (or maybe in this case No. 2). Throughout the year students at the University of Dayton housing have been discovering these worst-case scenarios. The simplest solution: unlock the basements. Whether it is a family of dead possums, mice, or birds reeking through your house or human excrement, this is an easy decision. Whether it is a lack of ability to get to a safe part of your house during a tornado or access to your circuit breaker, the choice is simple. Mold crawling up the walls, water heaters leaking, the list of problems goes on. Sister Schmelming, this could be the issue that gets you out of the cartoons and onto the front page, do something please!

TIM LUDWIG, SENIOR EDUCATION

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TIM LUDWIG, SENIOR EDUCATION

UD volleyball head coach expresses his gratitude toward students, fans

With the season just completed, I want to let you know how impressed I am with the support here for the Flyer athletic programs in general, and for the volleyball team in particular.

I’ve been in a lot of gyms and arenas over the years, but there is nowhere in the country that has the student support that is here at UD. A coach in the Big Ten told me earlier this year that there is no school in that conference that has the student support that is here at UD. A coach in the Big Ten has an amazing environment.

A coach was quoted in the Kalama zoo newspaper as saying, “Dayton has an amazing environment here, and its game atmosphere that comes close to matching the energy that I have seen anywhere. As we were hosting the first and second rounds of the NCAA Tournament, the Western Michigan coach was quoted in the Kalamazoo newspaper as saying, ‘Dayton has an amazing environment here, and its game atmosphere was really fun.’”

We finished behind only Nebraska, Minnesota, Cal, Penn State, and Stanford, and ahead of Washington, Florida, Texas, Kentucky, USC, Illinois, Clemson, Purdue, American, and UCLA. The team absolutely loves playing in Freericks and the support and energy is the reason. We will never take that for granted. We are all going to work our tails off in the offseason to get better, and we are going to pound away on the recruiting trail so that we continue to bring in great players so that next season is even better. Thank you again for your support and go Flyers!

UD volleyball head coach KELLY SHEFFIELD

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The SCHEDULE

Women's Basketball
Sat. Jan. 10 at St. Louis
Sat. Jan. 17 vs Xavier

Men's Basketball
Sat. Jan. 10 at UMass
Wed. Jan. 14 vs Fordham

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The combined number of points that Dayton and Miami scored in the first half of the Flyers’ 45-40 win Tuesday night at UD Arena. The 34 combined points tied for the second lowest in UD history. The lowest first half total in program history came when the two teams met in 2001 when the RedHawks and the Flyers combined for a mere 28 first half points.

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The University of Dayton introduced Tim Wabler as its new director of athletics Wednesday afternoon. A former Flyer student-athlete himself, Wabler is the seventh man to serve as UD’s director of athletics. Wabler is now responsible for the oversight of 17 intercollegiate athletic programs, on-campus athletic facilities, UD Arena and the surrounding Arena Sports Complex. Wabler is also the first Dayton native to serve as the university’s director of athletics.

Women’s Hoops
Flyers improve to 11-3 over holidays

JOHN BEDELL
Assistant Sports Editor

While the majority of UD students were enjoying their Christmas break lounging at home after a long week of exams, the women’s basketball team was hard at work over the short holiday.

Dayton had a full slate of five games to wrap up its nonconference schedule in the two-week span. The Flyers though, saw their hard work rewarded. Dayton played the role of the Grinch over break, stuffing coal into opponents’ stockings and putting a damper on the Christmas season for three of the four teams it faced before Sunday’s matchup with Eastern Michigan.

The Flyers extended their winning streak to a season-high four games at one point over Christmas break before dropping a hard-fought 77-68 contest to Bowling Green. Dayton notched a tough road win over crosstown rival Wright State on Dec. 21, and then returned home to down Loyola-Chicago and Lipscomb before losing to the Falcons. In the 59-56 win over Wright State it was bench production, free throws, and the play of senior Marie Rosche that sustained the Flyers. Rosche hit a career-high 19 points and set a new UD record for field goal accuracy in a single game going a perfect 8-of-8 from the field. The previous record of 6-for-6 was recorded 17 years ago by Lisa Green against Detroit.

“Marie did a great job. This was the best game of the year for her, statistically,” Dayton head coach Jim Jabir said. “She ran the floor, finished aggressively, and attacked the rim.”

It was an ugly win that Jabir was not completely satisfied with.

“I have a lot of respect for Wright State . . . and I knew they weren’t going to quit but I was upset we weren’t aggressive enough,” Jabir said. “When we break pressure we should attack the rim and we weren’t doing that. I’d rather miss shots and have turnovers playing aggressively than not.”

Jabir acknowledged that it was nice to get the win and added that he saw obvious room for improvement.

“In our recent games we’ve been winning ugly. I want it to be prettier than that,” Jabir said. “That means executing and getting better on defense.”

Dayton responded well to coach Jabir’s comments with an 85-55 blowout win over Loyola-Chicago. Freshman Justine Raterman led all scorers with 24 points in the 30-point shellacking of the Ramblers. Freshman Casey Nance notched her second double-double of the season with 10 points and 10 rebounds. De’Sarae Chambers and Kayla Moses rounded out the Flyers with career-highs of 16 and 11 points, respectively.

“I was pleased with the effort against Loyola,” Jabir said. “I was very worried about this game. Loyola is a much improved team and they play hard. We played well offensively and our defense was good. We were 21-of-23 from the free throw line and that was really good too.”

Raterman was also pleased.

“We came out really focused and we just wanted to work hard and get this win,” Raterman said. “I’ve got to give a lot of credit to my teammates who got me the ball and got me open.”

“Justine makes me look really good,” Jabir said. “She’s a great kid, wants to be a great player.”

The Flyers returned from their own Christmas break and recorded the program’s most one-sided victory in seven years with a 76-36 dismantling of Lipscomb. Dayton’s defense was staunch in the win as Lipscomb’s 36 points were the fewest given up by UD since 2001. Dayton held Lipscomb to a horrid 25.8 percent from the field and forced 22 turnovers.

Dayton beat Lipscomb like a drum to improve to 10-2 before losing to MAC power Bowling Green in the Finals of the Dayton Flyer Classic.

Finally, to close out the Christmas break, the Flyers shut down Eastern Michigan, 61-54. Their record is now 11-3 and they will travel to Saint Louis to take on the Billikens Saturday at 8 p.m.

Rec Sports
Intramural basketball season right around corner

ALLISON DUNN
Staff Writer

Basketball continues to grow in popularity in more aspects than just the UD men’s varsity team. The basketball intramural leagues at the RecPlex continue to attract more members each year. In 2007, 1,348 students participated on a basketball intramural team, Mark Hoying, Assistant Director of Intramurals said.

Last year, about 75 more students participated in basketball than in 2006, Hoying said. Though the total number of teams for this year’s season has not been determined, Hoying hopes that the number of players will continue to rise.

“It’s a sport that you can say ‘I’m not talented in this sport but I can go out there and not embarrass myself,’” Hoying said.

Women’s teams are also on the rise. Hoying said that usually around 30 female basketball teams participate each year. This year, female participants have increased among other sports that the Recreation Department offers. For the first time in three years, 12 women’s flag football teams participated in intramurals. “I’m hoping that indicates there are some competitive and willing female participants that will come and play,” Hoying said.

Hoying said that the number of freshman participants have lacked in the past, and once students hit sophomore year, the number of participants stays consistent.

“I wasn’t sure how to start a team for first semester,” freshman Jordan Geroski said. “I’m hoping to start a team to stay active and have fun.”

The leagues are divided into residence hall leagues, focused for freshmen and sophomores, and independent leagues for upperclassmen. Teams may consist of all males, all females, or they can be co-ed. Teams are also divided into recreational and competitive.

“Men’s competitive is the most intense, but it’s not as popular as the Men’s (recreational),” Hoying said. “It just tells us that most of our participants are just out there to have fun.”

Hoying said that games last for six weeks with a two-week playoff.

“That’s in part due to its popularity,” Hoying said. “We have so many teams that we don’t have time to get the games in.”

The league registration deadline is Jan. 12, and the league will last from Jan. 19 to March 12. All intramurals are free to students and all RecPlex members. A team must have five members to play in the intramural leagues.

Hoying said the recreation department has not denied any teams due to the amount of teams that signed up.

“It just comes from a philosophy of ‘let’s get everyone to play that can play.’

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Commentary

Impatient NFL teams in search of new coaches

Owners finding scapegoats to tumultuous seasons; hope that change will turn clubs into winners

When it comes to discussing the current NFL coaching carousel, a wiser man than me said it best, “Life’s a fragile thing. One minute you’re chewin’ on a burger, the next minute you’re dead meat.”

Of course, those thought-provoking words belong to Lloyd Christmas in Dumb and Dumber. That deeply philosophical quote (and movie) resonated within me, and it resurfaced after the NFL’s final regular season weekend.

Owners around the league are losing patience and because of this, coaches are losing their jobs. Three coaches lost their jobs during this year’s NFL season. Since the regular season ended on Dec. 29, four other head coaches have been fired.

Detroit Lions coach Rod Marinelli was fired following a historically atrocious 0-16 campaign, the first in NFL history. That certainly wasn’t a surprise. But there were a few firings that reinforced the “what have you done for me lately” theme that owners are notorious for having.

Cleveland Browns owner Randy Lerner fired general manager Phil Savage and head coach Romeo Crennel, citing the organization’s “very strong commitment to get it right.” Crennel compiled a 24-40 record in his four seasons as head coach.

The Browns seemed to have their ship righted following a 10-6 season a year ago, only to free fall into the AFC North cellar with a 4-12 record. With the Browns losing their final six games, they moved in a direction opposite of their surprising 2007 season.

The New York Jets parted ways with coach Eric Mangini, who was 23-25 in his three seasons with the team. The Jets started the season 8-3, only to lose four of the last five to miss the playoffs in epic fashion.

Although owner Woody Johnson had assured that Mangini would be back regardless of how this season played out, the coach was sent packing less than 24 hours after their season finale loss.

The most surprising firing was that of Mike Shanahan, 14-year head coach and executive for the Denver Broncos. Regarded throughout the league as a genius of coaching, Shanahan won two Super Bowls and had an overall record of 146-91.

But, of course, what have you done for me lately? Shanahan went 24-24 in his last three seasons (obviously the Broncos have different standards than the Bengals or Browns). His team lost three straight to finish 8-8 this season and miss the playoffs.

Whether or not these coaches should be unemployed at the moment is certainly up for debate. Some say Shanahan’s time to move on was at hand; others feel Mangini was the scapegoat in New York. Still others wonder why coaches like the Bengals’ Marvin Lewis and the Cowboys’ Wade Phillips still have jobs.

These NFL owners are showing they are not afraid to do whatever it takes to get back to winning. Whether the “what have you done for me lately” refers to five years ago, last season, or even two months ago, it means there is no such thing as job security in the NFL.

But it is called a coaching “carousel” for a reason. These unemployed coaches will find positions elsewhere in the league. The Browns have targeted Mangini. The Chicago Bears have shown interest in Marinelli as an assistant. Former Oakland Raider coach Lane Kiffin, fired midseason, moved to the college ranks. He is now the head coach at the University of Tennessee.

So, Lloyd Christmas was more right than he’ll ever know. One minute, you’re chewin’ on a burger. The next minute, you’re dead meat. But a few minutes later, you could be singing “Rocky Top Tennessee” with a multi-million dollar grin.

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Men’s Hoops

Flyers edge out RedHawks, 45-40

CORY GRIFFIN
Sports Editor

If you’re a fan of defense, Tuesday night’s game at UD Arena was a classic. The Flyers held the Miami offense in check throughout the game in a 45-40 victory.

The victory moved the Flyers to 14-4 for the second consecutive season – an impressive feat.

“I’m really happy with 14-4,” Dayton head coach Brian Gregory said. “I guess you could do one better. The thing I’m pleased with is this is the same team that opened the season with Wofford and we have come a long way.”

The defense was impeccable. The Flyers held the RedHawks (7-5) to 25 percent from the floor in the first half, and headed to the locker room for halftime tied at 17.

Back-and-forth throughout the entire game, the competitiveness of the rivalry showed throughout the second half.

The difference in the game was made in crunch time. The Flyers found themselves down 21-20 with just under eight minutes to go in the game, but after three made free throws, the team found itself in the lead again.

A minute later, Johnson’s high-flying block on Miami star Michael Bramos became a momentum builder. As he blocked the ball, Johnson then caught the ball while falling out of bounds and flipped it to Charles Little to retain possession and give Dayton an opportunity on the offensive end.

After two consecutive big baskets by Little, the Flyers led 39-36. First, Little rebounded a Lowery miss for the easy putback, and then hit a driving jumper.

The Dayton defense held Miami to just one field goal in the final five minutes, and after three made free throws, the Flyers now up by 4, and after sinking his second attempt, the Flyers went on to win the game 45-40 Tuesday night in UD Arena.

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But without Roberts this year, the Flyers needed to turn to someone else to step up. Although adding 12 points to Dayton’s total was about average for Johnson, his ability to kick it up a notch on the defensive side of the ball was the key to the Flyers’ victory, and it’s adding a ripple effect on his teammates.

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Flyers stepping up for Flyers on both ends of court

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With all eyes on him, Johnson dribbled the ball a few times, then slowly caressed the ball in his hands. He paused, took a deep breath, and slowly exhaled.

What was going through his mind in such a pressure-filled situation?

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In a game where neither team shot particularly well, as Miami finished with 35.4 percent from the floor and Dayton finished at 32.1 percent, it was Johnson who took control of the game, something one might not be able to tell from his stat line, but of the stat line of opponent Mike Bramos.

Bramos came into the game averaging 19 points per game, but was held to just 6 points after being defended by Johnson a majority of the night.

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