Red, White & Peace

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Staff Writer

The University of Dayton’s motto of “Learn, Lead, Serve” was created to embody the feeling of the Marist community and it seems that many UD graduates are living out just that, based on the Peace Corps’ latest ranking of volunteers.

The university is now No. 23 among mid-size universities for producing Peace Corps volunteers. In 2008, UD had 20 alumni serving with Peace Corps around the world. Since 1961, 316 UD alumni have served in the Peace Corps, according to a recent press release.

Amy Anderson, the director of the Center for International Programs, was a Peace Corps volunteer in Togo, Africa. Anderson worked for several years out of college before entering the Peace Corps.

“I had a desire to serve and needed to understand what was going on in the world,” Anderson said. “The experience opened my eyes to many things, including to aspects of our own culture and society.”

Anderson worked in microenterprise development, helping community residents start and further their own businesses.

The fact that UD is ranked No. 23 in Peace Corps volunteers speaks volumes about the university, Anderson said.

“The learning on campus fosters a culture to serve,” Anderson said. “It speaks to the spirit to UD students and desires to understand the world through action.”

Katrina Duckett, a senior biochemistry major at UD, has been accepted into the Peace Corps and will travel to sub-Saharan Africa in September 2009, to teach math and science to elementary school students while also working with the health care system. Duckett said UD’s placement among the top institutions for producing Peace Corps volunteers wasn’t unforeseen.

“It doesn’t surprise me because of UD’s strong commitment to service,” Duckett said. “Throughout my time here at UD, I have been actively involved in some of the service groups on campus and I have really enjoyed giving back to the Dayton community. UD provides numerous opportunities for students to become involved in service as well as stresses the importance of getting involved.”

Duckett said that one of the main reasons she chose the Peace Corps was because it makes sure its volunteers are placed in a safe environment.

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UD RANKS NO. 23 FOR PRODUCING THE MOST PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS.
JOIN A TRADITION.

Partnership asks students critique downtown Dayton

STEPHANIE VERMILLION
Chief Staff Writer

It’s going to take more than a tough economy to bring down the city of Dayton, said the Downtown Dayton Partnership, who’s creating and implementing a plan to build up the city with help from people like UD students.

“We are trying to make downtown Dayton a great place of where people view it as the best in the region,” Michael Ervin, a leader of the Greater Downtown Dayton Plan, said. “We have a lot of work to do, but I think downtown could have a really bright future.”

An important factor in developing and improving the city is giving residents what they want.

“The answer to what Dayton looks like in the future can be determined by both residents and college students,” he said. “We’re looking to get community input because they all can contribute to the vision of the place we want Dayton to become.”

They’ve created a Web site for input on bettering the city of Dayton, www.dayton.mostmetro.com. After talking the talk of improving downtown, it’s important to also walk the walk. This means getting down there and contributing to the city’s economy.

“I think the biggest way students can help is to actually go downtown and spend their money,” Alex Orlofski, senior UD Civic Scholar, said. “A lot of times students just go to the Greene and spend their money there. If students want downtown Dayton to be more appealing they have to go support the local businesses.”

The UD Civic Scholars is a group of 15 students interested in urban affairs, social justice or careers in public service. In 2008 they created a downtown guidebook, Beyond Brown, that contains 50 pages of downtown Dayton’s restaurants, activities, entertainment and shopping. It’s available at http://careers.udayton.edu/employer/documents/BeyondBrown.pdf.

Even if Dayton had a club scene resembling Los Angeles, one major drawback would still exists: lack of transportation. The Greater Downtown Dayton Plan acknowledges that most students can’t afford taxis and shouldn’t have to the concern of drinking and driving to experience the city.

This is where a new public transportation system will come into play.

“We are looking at a streetcar which would change the way people are transported downtown,” Ervin said. “It would start in the middle of town Dayton Plan acknowledges that most students can’t afford taxis and shouldn’t have to the concern of drinking and driving to experience the city.”

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The Dayton skyline along the river. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY KRISTEN WICKER

CAUGHT YA!
SEE IF YOU WERE SPOTTED AT SENIOR SURVIVAL PUB NIGHT.
Senior ROTC cadet receives ranking, leadership award

CHRISTINA CHAFFIN
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Senior Cadet Jenny Schaffer doesn’t have a military background, but she was raised to honor those in uniform and her four years in the ROTC have led her to be recognized for her hard work by receiving the George C. Marshall Award in Virginia.

“My parents raised me and my siblings to admire the men and women in uniform,” she said. “When I was younger, my parents took me to an event on the 50th anniversary of Normandy. Here, multiple soldiers and their family members received medals for their service. I gained a strong appreciation for the sacrifice that a military member gives to his or her country.”

The George C. Marshall Award has been awarded to college seniors country-wide since 1976 for their excellent ranking and outstanding leadership, according to the award’s Web site.

“It is an honor to be grouped with cadets that have achieved so much,” she said.

Recruiting and Public Relations Officer PJ Sullivan said Schaffer is the Cadet Battalion Commander.

“She’s in charge of 57 cadets in the ROTC program and reports directly to the Professor of Military Science LTC Schretzman,” Sullivan said. “She’s hard working and very dedicated to the program and is also an outstanding student.”

Schaffer said she’s grateful for her freedom. She said everyone has a job to do in America, whether it’s military related or not.

“Liberty is a holy cause and every American has a personal duty,” she said. “People accomplish this in multiple ways. Not everyone joins the military. Some people choose to be entrepreneurs, teachers, religious men and women and so on. For me, joining the profession of arms is the manner I chose to join to be ‘active, vigilant and brave.’”

Schaffer’s brother Cadet Justin Schaffer said Jenny’s toughest opponent is herself.

“I think Jenny does so well for herself because she sets high standards for herself,” he said. “If you asked her, she’d say she’s just doing what she’s supposed to do. That’s the way she looks at things. ‘If I can achieve the top, then anything else is substandard and unacceptable.’ So, when she’s called out for doing something extraordinary she views herself as just ordinary.”

Schaffer said when she struggled to go up, “I’d ask myself, ‘If I was Jenny, what would I do?’”

Schaffer said when she strugge, people close to her are constant motivation in all aspects of her life.

“When times get rough, I look at the people around me,” she said. “I have been blessed to be surrounded by parents, family and friends who work hard to fulfill personal goals and dreams. But what is most admirable is their constant efforts to give back to their God and their country. This is truly inspiring.”

Schaffer will go into active duty in the Army as an Adjutant’s General after graduation. She said the ROTC has trained her for what to expect in the Army.

“The ROTC is a lot of work and responsibilities,” she said. “However, I have learned a lot and enjoy the camaraderie and challenges.”

December home sales rise, year sales decline

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Sales of existing homes rose nationally in December courtesy of sinking listing prices, low interest rates and tax breaks for first-time home buyers, yet year-end numbers were still lower than in 2007.

The 720 single-family homes sold in Dayton doubled the national trend of sales increasing 6.5 percent since the previous month. Dayton Area Board of Realtors President Harry Vearn said a lot of sales are coming from Wright Patterson Air Force transfer employees and the couples who are looking for a more suitable home. He hasn’t seen new trends in the age groups buying homes.

“Probably the ‘30s have already bought their house and they’re looking to go up,” Vearn said, noting this is based on what he sees in his office. “Oldest are either downsizing or some may be buying a bigger house.”

Getting more bang-for-your-buck has drawn people back into the home market. The national median existing home price was around $175,400, down 15.3 percent from December 2007, according to CNN Money. Dayton’s median price was $80,750, a decline of nearly 20 percent compared to last year’s figure, Vearn said.

“Buying a house is a good investment,” he said. “A person can get a $320,000 house for $180 to $190. When things pick up, they’ll come out on top hopefully.”

Besides interest rates being as low as 3 percent, offering a tax break for first-time home buyers through the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 is another way the nation is trying to drum up interest in real estate. First-time Ohio buyers get a tax break of $7,500 to be repaid over five years and the House of Representatives just passed a bill that removes the repayment, according to Bill Brogan, ‘88, president of the Dayton Mortgage Bankers Association.

“They’re a low price, low interest rates and ‘Oh yeah, we’re going to give you a down payment!’” Brogan said.

Brogan said as soon as someone finds the opportunity to build equity, it’s positive. However, many first-time buyers are waiting out the housing turmoil in a rented home. They are also choosing multi-family housing, a popular choice in areas where many foreclosures have occurred, according to the Northwestern Ohio Board of Realtors.

Homes that are selling are clumped in the West, where there have been a large number of foreclosures. Areas that have seen an increase in annual sales are Long Island, N.Y.; Boston; Minneapolis; Denver and Washington, D.C., according to a report from National Association of Realtors’ chief economist Lawrence Yun. Sales in the Midwest increased 4 percent in December but were down 10.3 percent from last year’s period. Dayton’s sales were down 10 percent from last December.

Despite the Obama administration’s economic recovery plan, analysts said the country’s continued layoffs cannot help the housing market strengthen any time soon.

Dayton has had its fair share of layoffs, which Brogan said is a struggle, but Vearn said the scheduled 1,400 Wright Patterson transfers will help the Dayton area housing market. For anyone thinking about upgrading, downsizing or owning, the time is now.

“The higher monthly sales gain and falling inventory are steps in the right direction, but the market is still far from normal, balanced conditions,” Yun said in a written statement. “Buyers will continue to have an edge over sellers for the foreseeable future.”
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The Midnight Mischief Brigade constructed a surprise for students in Humanities Plaza after last week’s snowstorm: a huge manatee.

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Thursday, February 19th, 2:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.
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Company representatives will be present to review students’ resumes.
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Wednesday, February 11th, 6:30 p.m., On the Internet
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STUDENT-ALUMNI NETWORKING NIGHT
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Professor pens book on singlehood and marriage

Assistant professor of religious studies Jana Bennett has always pondered the questions of religion. In her new book, “Water is Thicker Than Blood: An Augustine Theology of Marriage and Singlehood,” she discusses the strife of being single within the Church.

Now that she is married and has a 15-month-old daughter, she can look back on her single life with the Church and help people, married or single, find a fulfilling path of their own.

**Question: Tell me about your history with religion.**

**Answer:**

In college, I was a self-proclaimed atheist. I just thought there couldn’t possibly be any God at all, but I was still very interested in religious questions and was sort of consumed by them because I was so angry at God. Even though I was a history major, I took religion courses from some Carmelite monks. I just fell in love with religion again and re-found my childhood faith. They were into the idea of falling in love with Christ and with the church. I never thought of it as a love story.

**Q: What problems did you have with the Church that made you become atheist?**

**A:**

One reason I became atheist was because the Church had two groups: married couples and people with kids. If you look at the Church bulletin board, there is substantially more for married couples than for singles. And even then, singles bulletins are somewhat 'iffy'. Historically, I think there’s been more of a focus on religious life as first priority and marriage as second.

**Q: But you did get married. How did you meet your husband?**

**A:**

We went to graduate school together at Duke and lived in the same intentional community. It wasn’t about becoming a nun or anything; we were all graduate students. But there was a rule about non-inter-house dating, so he moved out and we began dating.

**Q: Have your opinions of the church been proven correct or have they changed since you’ve been married and had a baby?**

**A:**

They’ve been proven correct unfortunately. I really think that I got a certain kind of legitimacy in the Church when I got married. It’s like, ‘now we have a slot for her, she’s married.’ And now that we have a child, it is even more so because ‘they’re more Catholic, they have a baby.’ It’s unfortunate because it just confirms the whole thing.

**Q: Do you have any advice for single college students?**

**A:**

If you’re single, don’t be too pushed into culture. Be a little bit of a rebel that way. Don’t be too worried about getting into a relationship. If you’re Christian, take the time to become a disciple of Christ, but also have fun and get to know the world a little bit.

**Q: What about for the students in relationships or getting married?**

**A:**

My advice when dating is have fun with each other mostly. Go out and do things and explore the world with the other person, and try not to get hung up on where the relationship is going. It’ll go where it goes. Get to know yourself a little bit. Advice that my husband and I try to live by is to never think of marriage as just you and the other person. You’re always married in the context of the community and you always need to invite other people in. And think of doing things that may be radical – always try to push the marriage beyond its boundaries.
The cast of “Dog Sees God” rehearsed Monday for their performance opening tonight. BRIANA SNYDER PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR.

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RENEW OLD T-SHIRTS

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Staff Writer

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FORGET THE POPCORN, GRAB SOME PEANUTS

GROWN-UP CHARLIE BROWN

and gang take the stage

FRANK STANKO
Staff Writer

This weekend the Blackbox Theatre presents “Dog Sees God,” a play about acceptance, empathy and understanding, as told by some familiar pop culture icons.

The story centers around C.B. (Matt Magner), a teenage version of the beloved cartoon character Charlie Brown trying to make sense of life in the wake of his dog’s death. Along the way, he deals with a sister (Kelly Amshoff) supposedly into trends and cultures, a big man on campus best friend (Walker Foley), a crazy ex-sweetheart (Anne Arezina), fine-weather friends of all sorts (Charlie Brown, Katie Power and Grace Stratton), and the school punching bag, Beethoven (Chris Poeschl). C.B. and Beethoven are drawn together despite social norms, leading to a harrowing and emotional climax.

“Good Grief! The ‘Peanuts’ kids have finally come out of their shells,” wrote “Time Out New York” when the off-Broadway production premiered in December 2005. After a limited but lauded run in New York, “Dog Sees God” has continued on to London, where it will be celebrating its first anniversary in March.

The actors playing “C.B.” and “Beethoven” hope the empathy they feel for their characters will translate to audiences.

“He’s in a phase we all go through, finding out who you are, losing some of your comforts... he’s growing up,” junior Magner said. “It’s part of adolescence, and to shy away from it would be ignorant.”

“I just want to give Beethoven a hug, and hope the audience will too. I want them not to feel sorry for him, but to feel bad when bad things happen to him,” sophomore Poeschl said.

“Dog Sees God” has performances on the evenings of Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Admission is free, but seats must be reserved. Reservations are made at (317) 229-3685.

FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS AND PICTURES VISIT: WWW.GURL.COM

DO-IT-YOURSELFERS

Directions are courtesy of www.gurl.com.

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Peace Corps rankings show UD's commitment

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This is a ranking that we can be proud of. It doesn’t have to do with beer consumption, how many of us smile on a daily basis, or how many intramural sports we can play in one night. While these might be fun and very appealing to potential students, they don’t embody our values of learning, leading, and serving at UD like the Peace Corps does.

As students at Dayton, we know how important service is to our education. Since our initial visits to campus as potential incoming freshmen, the Marianist image at UD has been apparent. Numerous service clubs, retreats and immersion trips give students many opportunities to help others and many people have decided to continue this mission long past their graduation from UD. This is not only commendable, but also something that we should all take an example from.

No, we shouldn’t all run out and interview to join the Peace Corps by what they learned here and have chosen to take these lessons out to the world. Take a lesson. You don’t have to join an international organization to make a difference.

The economy is in the toilet. Finding an entry level job is becoming increasingly more difficult. Graduate school is horribly expensive and more people are applying than ever. I got an e-mail from George Washington University a few days ago that my admission decision wouldn’t come until the end of March since they have received a “record number of applicants” looking for fall 2009 admission. So when I read an article in my very own newspaper a few issues back that stated there is no significant increase in graduate applications, I couldn’t help but shudder.

This fact may be true for UD, but I know for a fact that the schools I applied to for a master’s degree were having a significant increase in graduate applications. I couldn’t help but shudder. This is where my problem lies. This is where my problem comes into focus. I love UD. UD has done quite a bit for me. My professors and advisers have helped me with original research, finding graduate schools, and getting some direction in my life. Where things fall short is with Career Services.

Yes, I know they host tons of events all over campus and do a great job helping out with things such as resumes. These are great and have really helped out a lot of students. In addition, it is really easy to stop in and get advice at anytime.

The problem is that not all of us want a job in Ohio. Go on Hire a Flyer or take a look at the job listings available. Pretty much everything is in either Cincinnati or Dayton with a few in Cleveland and Columbus. I’m sorry, but Ohio is not the end point for all of us. In fact, I would guess the majority of students on campus would like to go elsewhere upon graduation. I’m not trying to trash Ohio, I am simply saying that we need as many options available to us as possible.

With as bad as the economy is today, I would simply like Career Services to extend its job searches outside of Ohio and give us more opportunities. With so many options available to us as possible.

Word on the street...

Are you happy with your hotel in the Daytona lottery?

“I know what hotel I’m in when the committee decides to e-mail me.”

LIAM KEOHANE, SENIOR MARKETING

“I’ll be walking my dog, so I’m not going to Daytona.”

JOHN MCGINNIS, FRESHMAN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

“I got the third hotel. I’m happy with it, it doesn’t matter what hotel you are in.”

GUSTAVO DIAZ, JUNIOR BIOLOGY
Alumni wish for changes to Human Rights Week schedule

The most influential economist of the last half of the 20th century once said, “A society that puts equality before freedom will get neither. A society that puts freedom before equality will get a high degree of both.” With the failed history of centrally planned economies as our guide, we tend to agree with Dr. Milton Friedman’s assessment of the tensions between economic freedom and economic equality. Nevertheless, we welcome the debate fostered by the University of Dayton’s Human Rights Week. As alumni, however, we are concerned about several aspects of the Human Rights Week program.

First, on Wednesday, Feb. 4, Doug Dirks, a board member of the Fair Trade Federation, will deliver the keynote address of UD’s Human Rights Week. We support free trade and the goals of the World Trade Organization’s Doha Development Round — including lowering agricultural subsidies and reducing agricultural tariffs all over the world. To be sure, the goals of free and fair trade overlap, yet substantial differences remain.

What we find troubling, though, is not that Mr. Dirks was given a prominent forum to share his views, but that the planners of Human Rights Week failed to find someone to present a counter argument about the benefits of free trade. By not including an unequivocal defender of the planners of UD’s Human Rights Week should ask former United States trade representative and Cincinnati resident, Rob Portman, to deliver a prominent campus address about the benefits of free trade. UD would be hard pressed to find a better free trade advocate in the entire country than Mr. Portman. Indeed, inviting Mr. Portman to address the student body would be the least the planners of Human Rights Week could do.

Next, we find it disturbing, though hardly surprising, that UD’s Human Rights Week does not include a day devoted exclusively to arguably the greatest human rights issue of our world faces — abortion. Those in charge of Human Rights Week used the United Nations rubric for defining human rights. Yet the unanswered question is why the organizers of Human Rights Week eschewed the basic human rights framework established by the Catholic Church? Certainly a Catholic university devoted to the cause of protecting the most vulnerable among us should consider abortion during Human Rights Week. Not all of us agree over the issue of abortion; all of us agree, however, that abortion and the various interests involved are an indispensable part of the human rights calculus and ought to be debated in a fair and intellectually honest manner.

Official tacit approval of certain ideas is what alienated most of us from participating fully in Human Rights Week while we were enrolled at UD. While we regret this development, we hope those in charge will heed our suggestions so that a more honest debate can take place in the future.

ERIK ELAM, CLASS OF 2007
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Senior not happy with Daytona lottery system, makes suggestions to committee

This year’s hotel lottery for Dayton to Daytona was a random drawing with each hotel having a set percentage of groups from each class. Now I agree that this is better than the running masses trampling students that used to occur, but this current system is flawed.

I am excited to be going to Dayton, but I don’t win, but I am a little confused as to why seniors are sent packing to the third hotel to make room for underclassmen in the first two hotels. I thought about possible solutions to solve this problem. One idea comes from the ex-governor of Illinois Rod Blagojevich. The committee should let students bid on the hotel rooms. With this money we could pay P. Diddy, Akon, Backstreet Boys, Fergie and Miley Cyrus to perform in Daytona. Can we say awesome? Or the first hotel spots would go to students who have had the most trouble with their Tangents, most blue screens of death gets first hotel.

The Daytona committee members could give up their first hotel spots for creating this flawed lottery they don’t participate in to third hotel seniors. We all know that idea is the most unrealistic. Why is the trip not more seniority based? I want to know the justification of putting freshmen and sophomores who are probably under 21 in the first or second hotel over seniors/juniors.

Also why does the committee not participate in the lottery system they created? Do people join the committee to create the best possible trip for their fellow students or to avoid the lottery and be in the first hotel? I had to wait over an hour for the committee to project a word document with the group numbers. Now I would not call myself a genius, but would it have been that hard to post to the hotel lists online, thus allowing students to not have to wait an hour to find out their hotel?

Maybe the committee should spend less time with bar nights and more time creating a convenient and efficient way to conduct the lottery that does not screw up per-classman to benefit freshmen and sophomores. If the Daytona committee believes that this is the best lottery then they should participate in it instead of putting themselves above everyone else and giving themselves first hotel spots.

DAVID THEBY, SENIOR
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Democrats plan for partisanship was never going to work, have only themselves to blame

It had to end. It was pure fantasy to believe that Barack Obama, the smooth operator, would be able to create some “post-partisan” world where Republicans and Democrats agreed on everything. The Republican Party took a big old nail and, with its own caucus in the House voting against the $819 billion stimulus package, nailed it into the coffin of “post-partisanship.”

And thank the good Lord that it ended, too. I couldn’t get over how pretentious some liberals have been these past couple of days. The whole idea that somehow their economic “stimulus” bill, chock full of condoms and art, would somehow help the economy, is laughable.

It was also stupid of them to believe that somehow the conservative wing of Congress would compromise with them on it. I personally wouldn’t expect the Democrats to go along with a Republican bill that enhanced school choice, allowed for states to legislate their own abortion laws, and cut spending to the National Endowment for the Arts.

In fact, if you look at it more closely, it really upsets most Democrats because it places all the responsibility for the success or failure of the package entirely on their shoulders. And if there is one thing most progressive Democrats hate, it’s the idea of personal responsibility.

I think that our country is on a political high right now and we’re going to come off it pretty soon. Unfortunately, we’re acting more like a heroin addict than a rational human being. Paul Krugman and the Keynesians are getting their next needle ready, filled with money we don’t have, so we can go “green up” our public buildings, build some roads, and paint some crap. Yes, that’s worked before.

Let’s face it folks, we’re avoiding the inevitable. You can only borrow so much money from China until they want it back. We are going to crash.

Alas, I blame us. The politicians put us to bed one night and, while we weren’t paying attention, took personal responsibility and logic, along with a shotgun, out behind the barn house and... well, you can guess.

PETER BLAZUNAS, SENIOR
ECONOMICS

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Women’s Hoops

RATERMAN MAKING MOST OF OPPORTUNITY

Rookie forward’s presence becoming top concern for conference opponents

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Justine Raterman has started all 20 of the Flyers women’s basketball games this season as a freshman. The Vandalia, Ohio native came to campus this past summer and has since established herself as the second leading scorer on an impressive and young 13-9 Flyer squad. To go along with the ninth-best scoring percentage in the conference, Raterman is leading the conference with 10.7 rebounds per game.

Raterman’s prowess has not gone unnoticed in the Atlantic 10 conference. She has been named the A-10 Rookie of the Week seven times so far this season, and is likely to take the award home a few more times before March. But what does she think of all this success?

“ Winning the award this season has already been an accomplishment for me,” Raterman said.

“I just go out each game and play my hardest and if our team comes out on top, that is enough for me.”

Many times first-year student athletes get overwhelmed with the breadth of responsibilities on their plates. Besides managing a regular course load, these students attend hours of practices, study tables, and media events on a weekly basis. Raterman was skeptical coming into her first year as a Flyer.

“I had heard stories about college basketball, but everyone’s experience is different,” Raterman said. “What I was most surprised about is how well our team gets along. I have heard a lot of stories and been a part of teams in the past where girls don’t get along with each other at all, and that really hurts on the court. It was amazing how quickly the upperclassmen accepted all eight ‘newbies’ on the team and how well we gelled together. That is what has made this season so much fun already.”

The 13-9 record is a testament to how well the young team really has ‘gelled.’ This year’s team boasts a starting five of three freshmen, one sophomore and one junior. The team, including Raterman, refuses to use its youth as an excuse.

“The potential that we have this year is kind of scary,” Raterman said of her team, which was narrowly defeated Jan. 17 by the A-10’s top-ranked Xavier Musketeers.

“I think that we are capable of so many things that we may not even recognize,” Raterman said. “We are often marked as being young and inexperienced, and that can be very dangerous.”

Many take inexperience as an excuse or a deferral of judgment to the future. Raterman and the Flyers want none of that.

“We do not want to wait to be good in upcoming years like everyone expects of us, and we are determined to uphold the success they established in years past.” Raterman said. “It’s up to us to work hard and exceed expectations as we have done thus far, we are bound to achieve great things and the A-10 better watch out.”

As a freshman, Raterman has had the task of adjusting to college life while competing in games all across the country. She doesn’t mind the travel though, noting that her first road trip was to Texas and the warm temperatures made the long trip worth it. Add the high level of competition the Flyers faced at the World Vision Classic in Austin in November, and Raterman was completely satisfied.

Having to deal with all of the distractions, however, can be stressful. Raterman has channeled her off-court difficulties and adjustments into on-court success.

“Life as a college athlete can get very stressful at times,” she said.

“There is never a down time or time to relax and enjoy being a ‘normal’ college student. We always have to be either working on our game or working in the classroom and that can be a lot at times. Still, basketball can sometimes be a stress relief for me. When I get into the gym, I know that getting better is the only thing I have to worry about for those couple of hours and that is really rewarding.”

What has really been rewarding is Raterman’s dominance so early in her career at UD. If the attitude of the seven-time A-10 rookie of the week and her teammates continues, fans can expect the Flyers to exceed expectations for years to come.
The recent “heat wave” of 40-degree weather at the end of last week probably had most people on campus thinking of spring and sitting poolside in Daytona. But for UD head baseball coach Tony Vittorio, the warm weather reminds him that his season is just 14 days away. And that’s all he’s concerned with this time of year — baseball.

“We’re getting excited,” Vittorio said in an interview Monday. “The snow’s starting to melt a little bit and we’re starting to smell a little baseball.”

It’s a thrilling beginning to a new season for Vittorio and his staff because of how his team plans to build on their past success. The Flyers are coming off a 2008 campaign in which they posted a 31-25 overall record and a 13-14 record in Atlantic 10 play. Last season marked the fifth time that the Flyers have won 30 or more games. All of those instances have come under Tony Vittorio.

Dayton finished seventh in the A-10, falling one slot short of making the conference tournament. In the A-10 preseason coaches’ poll, the Flyers were picked to finish fifth. Coach Vittorio appreciates the ranking but doesn’t take much stock in the poll.

Vittorio said that aside from the Charlotte 49ers who are a traditional powerhouse in the conference, there’s a lot of parity in the A-10. He said that aside from that top slot, the rest of the conference is wide open.

The team held its first practice last Sunday. Practice will now become more regular and Vittorio and his staff are allowed 20 hours of contact with their players under NCAA rules. During the offseason, the coaching staff is only allowed eight hours of contact.

Vittorio was pleased with the first practice of the season for the Flyers. “Practice went well,” Vittorio said. “At the beginning of the year especially, there’s a lot of passion and energy that the guys show. The key is to keep that passion, energy, and enthusiasm to prepare around in a week. Everyone gets a little cabin fever and gets anxious to get outside and to play that first game.”

One of the strengths of the baseball team since Vittorio’s arrival has been the defense and that’s by design. Vittorio said the team spends two thirds of its practice time working on defense and only one third of the time working on offense.

“We want to control the things we can control and right now that’s our defense,” Vittorio said. “Our philosophy is to stay consistent on the defensive side of the ball. In baseball a .300 average is considered great. But to be a great defensive player you need to have a fielding percentage of about .960 at the collegiate level. That tells me and my staff that we can control our defense and we have to work at it to be able to do so.”

So in the coming weeks and months they will be working to hone their defensive identity and build on their winning identity. Vittorio and his staff are hoping that the hard work will pay off so that by the time Daytona has come and gone for most UD students, he and his team will be playing in the A-10 Tournament in May.

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Men’s Hoops

JOHNSON’S CONSISTENCY KEY TO FLYERS SUCCESS

Junior guard provides leadership to young team through continuous improvement to his game

JOHN BEDELL
Assistant Sports Editor

With the men’s basketball team playing arguably its best stretch of basketball of the season the last two weeks, there’s been one glaring constant. Sure, the last seven games have all been wins. But the real story throughout the stretch has been the play of junior guard Marcus Johnson.

It should come as no surprise, as Johnson has elevated his game numerous times throughout his basketball career.

In high school, Johnson played on a St. Vincent-St. Mary’s High School team boasting a roster chock-full of talent. Johnson played with Romeo Travis, Dru Joyce III and LeBron James. That group won the 2003 Division II state title and the USA Today national championship.

In the following months, James went to the NBA. Travis and Joyce went to Akron on basketball scholarships and Cotton went to Ohio State to play football. With so many key losses, Johnson needed to elevate his game. He did just that as his remaining three years of high school finishing his career as St. Vincent-St. Mary’s second leading scorer behind James and earning a scholarship to play at UD.

Johnson faced more of the same when he arrived in Dayton improving his game from his last season to this season. The Flyers lost team MVP Brian Roberts, Jimmy Binnie and Andres Sandoval after last season. It was up to Johnson and the core of young talent to step up and keep the Flyers in contention in the Atlantic 10.

“He obviously elevated his game between his freshman and sophomore year and the challenge (this year) is to take it to another level,” Dayton head coach Brian Gregory said. “I’ve talked to him about that, and he’s got some pretty good mentors back in Cleveland who have talked to him about doing that as well.”

Among the mentors that Gregory is referring to is Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James. Johnson is close friends with James from playing with him at St. Vincent-St. Mary’s. Johnson talks to James on a regular basis and he’ll be the first to tell you that he gained a wealth of knowledge about the game of basketball by playing with a superstar like James for a year.

Johnson has fast become the leader of this Flyers squad. Against Fordham he scored five straight points to give the Flyers the lead at halftime. He scored nine points in the second half against Duquesne. In the George Washington win he scored six points in the last two minutes of play. Against St. Louis last week it was his dunk and steal that sealed the victory. Finally, on Wednesday, Johnson’s put-back jam with just over a second in regulation clinched a victory over La Salle.

Although his offense is definitely a factor, his defense may be his biggest strength. All season, he has been asked to guard the opposing team’s best offensive player, and his defense has been unrelenting.

“He’s playing with a greater sense of urgency on the defensive end of the floor (recently),” Gregory said. “I think that when he’s playing really well defensively, his offense is even better. (Against St. Joe’s) he was aggressive with his shots, a couple of those shots he took he wouldn’t have taken a year ago.”

That aggressiveness has allowed Johnson to excel at the collegiate level.

“It’s just that I got to have that aggressive mind set,” Johnson said. “I just want to help my team as much as possible. Whether it’s rebounding or being offensively aggressive, I just want to help my team out.”

That’s the kind of blue collar, team-first attitude that, due in part to Johnson’s leadership, prevails in the Flyer locker room and drives their success.

Now six years removed from his first year of high school, Johnson is in a situation similar to the one he found himself in as a freshman at St. Vincent-St. Mary’s. He still plays on a roster full of talent with Chris Wright, Charles Little, Rob Lowery, London Warren and Kurt Huelsman, to name a few. But this time around, Johnson has a very different role.

He’s no longer a young prospect but a starter and the heart-and-soul leader of the Flyers. And although UD can’t earn a Division II state title, Flyer fans are hoping that Johnson and the team he leads can bring home an A-10 Championship and a berth into the NCAA Tournament this season.

Marcus Johnson attempts a 3-pointer in a game last week at UD Arena. Johnson is shooting 37 percent from long-range this season.

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