DINING SERVICES TAKING OUT THE TRASH

Plans are in the works to eliminate 90 percent of cafeterias’ waste through a composting program.

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Come next school year, Dining Services plans to take steps to reduce the amount of waste from its operations by an estimated 90 percent by implementing a composting program that allows Dining Services to eliminate polystyrene.

The composting program has been researched for about two years. Dining Services plans to replace polystyrene, Styrofoam products, and traditional oil-based plastic ware with renewable sources and compostable products.

“We see this as a way for our department to reduce the carbon footprint of our university,” said Kathy Browning, the Associate Director of Budgets and Administration for Dining Services.

The goal for implementation this semester, but the process has taken longer than expected as Dining Services gathers information to get approval from the administration.

A December meeting that included representatives from Dining Services, Purchasing, and Facilities decided it would be necessary to determine what the additional costs to the university would be, then present these findings for approval. Currently, Waste Management is performing a waste audit for the month of February at Marycrest to help determine projected costs for UD.

“I fully expect we will get approval before the end of the school year,” Browning said.

And though concerned students were hoping for an early March implementation, people remain optimistic about the steps that Dining Services is taking.

“In the scope of things, if it’s one month or two months difference, who cares if it gets done?” said Phil Brodrick, co-director of sustainability for SGA. “Doing it right the first time matters more. Doing it right means not only investing in biodegradable products, but actually disposing of this waste at compost sites that take action to properly manage the biodegrading process. Dining Services is on the right track, according to Brodrick.

Once approval is received, changes will be made with an implementation plan that will include education and training. Dining Services will ensure that all diners understand the changes through an educational program that will explain all aspects of composting.

A training program for Dining Services employees will also be necessary, so they will know how to properly sort products for composting, recycling, and trash. Trash cans will probably be eliminated, so Dining Services can correctly sort waste from the trayvessors for the compost program.

A noticeable change for students will be a cost increase, because the cost of compostable products is three to four times the cost of traditional disposals, according to Browning. The cost of traditional polystyrene disposal products is 8 cents a piece, compared to that of renewable products which is 24 cents a piece. According to Dining Services, if students take carry-out containers and a china option is available, they will be charged 25 cents for every container. As dining halls undergo renovations in the future, all re-models will include room for china alternatives, like coffee mugs, as Marycrest’s dining hall has included.

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Guster chosen to play Relay’s April concert

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After dozens of meetings, months of planning and reviewing thousands of surveys completed by students, the Relay for Life concert committee has announced Guster as the band it chose to play at the Relay concert in UD Arena in April.

“We’re happy with the decision and we’re hoping students will be excited,” CAB President David Mattingly said.

The committee chose the band after considering other bands that include Jack’s Mannequin, Cartel and Hellogoodbye. They settled on Guster by looking at the band’s price, availability and listening to input from the administration, Mattingly said.

“It was an educated decision,” he said. “It wasn’t a personal bias.”

Guster performed at Dayton to Daytona three years ago when the current senior class had just finished its freshman year, according to Mattingly.

Work on putting on the Relay concert first started last April and committee meetings began in October. Although details of the event are still being finalized, the committee has been working hard to make it a success. Starting March 2, anyone with a UD ID will be able to buy tickets for $10 at the box office in Kennedy Union. On March 6, tickets will go on sale to the general public for $12 and $17.

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COLLEGES OFFER ENDOWMENT BAILOUTS

For the first time, several universities are offering assistance through endowments, as Dayton has for years

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In response to some fiscally unstable times, local universities are delving into their endowment funds to offer financial assistance to students in need.

Last week, Wittenburg University announced it will use its endowment to help students pay for college for the first time. Ohio State University has planned $1 million for its students and more than 2,300 Michigan State University students have inquired about the funds since the university started offering it in December, the Dayton Daily News reported last week. This trend has caught on in states including Virginia and New York as well.

Before accusing UD of not following this trend, it’s important to recognize each university has a separate use for endowment funds and students can take comfort in knowing some of these funds already exist to give UD students scholarship.

“The amount of the endowment at each school is different, and how those endowments may be used varies widely between each school as well,” Kathy Harmon, UD associate director of student scholarships, said. “UD currently does use our endowment to assist our students. The annual endowed scholarship application process is the first step in spending the approximately $4 million in endowment earnings available for our students.”

UD has been fortunate that its scholarship funds and financial aid means have stayed constant in these difficult economic times. Wittenberg wasn’t so lucky, which is one reason why it instilled this new plan.

“In prior years, students had access to funds from private sources that could be used as loans of last resort,” Jonathan Green, Wittenberg University’s director of financial aid, said. “With the credit crisis that began in earnest last September, those loans of last resort programs ceased to exist. We needed a larger, stable program to provide the funds these students used to receive through those private sources. In essence, a portion of our endowment fund is now acting as the private capital source to provide the loans.”

Another key to understanding why UD isn’t dipping into endowment funds while other local universities desperately need to lies in the schools’ enrollment and financial differences.

“Let us say that 5,000 undergraduates at UD have taken a $5,500 federally guaranteed student loan in one year,” Harmon said. “This equals $27,500,000. We do not have the ability to replace this with endowment earnings. Wittenberg would not have such a huge amount, because their student population is much smaller and OSU’s costs (for Ohio residents) are much less than ours and its funding is subsidized by the state of Ohio.”

The Office of Financial Aid also takes steps to ensure that through current endowment funds and numerous donations, scholarships aren’t as out of reach as they may seem.

In addition to the $4 million in endowment earnings which goes toward helping students pay for college, UD also spends about $50 million in scholarships and grants each year, Harmon said. The recent anonymous donation is icing on the financial aid cake UD students can benefit from.

“This gift will have a huge impact upon our students,” she said. “It provides us $1 million each year, for up to 10 years, to benefit our education, business and engineering majors. This will free other scholarship endowment funds that we can use for students studying in the College of Arts and Sciences.”

While money is usually on top of students’ concerns lists, UD’s endowment funds not geared toward scholarship are just as important to a quality education.

Following each donor’s specification for the money use is vital.

“I think that endowment funds should be used in the manner in which we promised our donor(s),” Harmon said. “If an endowed gift was given for scholarships, that is how we should use it. If an endowed gift was given to support faculty chairs, that is how we should use it. There is a compact between the donors of endowments and the university which I believe is important to keep. In all instances, these agreements always benefit our students.”

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Crime Log

PETTY THEFT

Feb. 12, 2:35 p.m.
Officer Parmenter was dispatched along with all other available units to Flyer Spirit in the University Place. A student worker stated a white male in his 60s, wearing a dark leather jacket and a navy UD hat set off the security sensors as he ran out the door. The complainant stated the male may have stolen four Under Armour brand UD hats, valued at $30 each.

Theft

Feb. 13, 12:07 p.m.
Officer A. Durian was dispatched to take a misuse of a credit card report. The complainant said on Jan. 31 there was a charge to her Day Air debit card for $106.45 at a Rite Aid in Auburndale, N.Y. The complainant said she didn’t make the charge, nor authorize anyone else to use the card. She provided a copy of her bank statement.

The following incidents were reported to the Department of Public Safety on Feb. 12 through Feb. 15. This log was compiled by Flyer News from actual police reports obtained from the Department of Public Safety.

PETTY THEFT

Feb. 15, 2:07 p.m.
Officer A. Durian was dispatched to Stuart Complex. The complainant said she lost her red Verizon LG cell phone, valued at $100. When she called her missing phone, a male who stated his name was “Mike” answered. He told her he bought her phone and wanted to meet and have lunch, where he would give her phone back for $50. He never showed up.
Forbes names Dayton ‘empty city’

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Last year Forbes.com listed Dayton as one of America’s fastest dying cities only to follow up with a recent ranking of Dayton as America’s fifth emptiest city.

Other cities on the list include Las Vegas, Detroit, Atlanta, and Greensboro. N.C. Rankings of the cities come from the average of both rental vacancies and housing vacancies for the 75 largest metropolitan statistical areas. According to Forbes.com while cities like Las Vegas are seeing loss due to the recent housing bust, Dayton and Detroit are affected more by America’s industrial decline.

Dayton Daily News reported “Dayton has a vacancy rate of 21.7 percent, to rank second overall; and a home vacancy rate of 3.6 percent, which is tied for 15th.” The nation’s average homeowner vacancy rate was found to be lower than Dayton’s at only 2.9 percent.

Forbes reported that while the Sin City had a bad sudden fall, Detroit is far worse off because it’s been empty for nearly a decade. Its population is 900,000 (half of its peak population of 1.8 million in 1950) and surrounding towns are seeing the same decline.

Other cities include include Cincinnati at 15th and Chicago/Naperville/Joliet, Ill. at 12th.

Recent rise in home vacancies can be partially contributed to the real estate prices rising, then, once buyers took out large loans, crashing to numbers low enough to make the properties worth less than the mortgages on them. This forced banks to foreclose on consumers’ properties leaving them with debt and homelessness.

Are there any cities that are not dying or empty? A few locations stand out among the rest for having uncommonly low vacancy rates for homes and rentals. Boston and New York are grouped in with these cities, while Honolulu takes the spotlight with a home vacancy rate of 5.8 percent and a rental vacancy rate of a mere 0.5 percent, the lowest in the nation.

QRC REQUIREMENTS CHANGE

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It’s been five years since the University of Dayton’s Committee on General Education and Competencies have reviewed the Quantitative Reasoning Competencies policy and when it recently re-evaluated it, it passed a plan that eliminates the three modules approach and replaces it with two alternative tracks toward mathematics competency that eliminates passing a QRC test.

A student will now satisfy the General Quantitative Reasoning Competencies by completing one of two tracks, the Analysis Track or the Descriptive Statistics Track. This is done by completing an approved mathematics class with a grade of C- or better.

The Analysis Track covers material that was covered previously in Module 1. It includes both calculus and algebraic techniques and also includes mathematical modeling from Module 3. This track is delivered through existing classes.

The second track is called the Descriptive Statistics Track and contains the material from Module 2 as well as mathematical modeling from Module 3. Students in programs that do not require an intensive study of mathematics should take this track.

The Academic Senate last passed documents 00-10A and 00-10B which detailed, respectively, the content of the Quantitative Reasoning Competencies and an implementation plan and schedule in 2000. In 2003, the Academic Senate passed document 03-01, which replaced the module on exponential growth with one on mathematical models and made slight changes in the probability and statistics module.

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Sara Green Staff Writer

An abandoned house on Wyoming Street is one of the many that caused Forbes to rank Dayton as one of the “emptiest cities.” RYAN KZELIAK/ASSISTANT PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
FDA deems YAZ ads misleading

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In a rare move by the Food and Drug Administration, a pharmaceutical company has been forced to recall some of its direct-to-consumer advertisements and is spending $20 million on a counter-advertising campaign that began airing recently.

Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals pulled a pair of advertisements for the oral contraception YAZ last fall after the FDA issued its initial warning against the company. The advertisements in question were deceptive and misleading, and promoted the drug for indications that were not approved, FDA spokeswoman Rita Chapelis said.

"It's a long overdue," said Gary Schiwitzer, a University of Minnesota associate professor of journalism and publisher of healthnewsreview.org, a Web site that grades health-care journalism stories. "This is classic disease mongering."

YAZ is one of the most popular birth control pills in the country, and the advertisements are aimed directly at young women. In the commercials pulled by the FDA, symptoms of premenstrual syndrome were kicked, punched or simply floated away.

"It's. Let's take normal states of health or normal variations of health and expand the scope of what our drug was actually approved to do," Schiwitzer said, adding that he thinks most young women probably feel things like fatigue, muscle aches or anxiety at some time or another.

The FDA approved YAZ to treat premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD) but not regular PMS. PMDD is defined as being severe symptoms of PMS, to the degree of negatively impacting a woman's life, but there is debate as to whether or not it deserves its own classification as a disease.

Dr. June LaVallee, who has practiced as a board-certified gynecologist for more than 20 years, said the severe symptoms of PMDD affect less than 5 percent of patients.

A letter sent to Bayer in October states, "The TV Ads suggest that YAZ is approved for acne of all severities when this is not the case." The letter goes on to describe the commercial's audio claim that "it can also help keep your skin clear," which is paired with a woman with completely clear skin.

According to the "indications and usage" section from the FDA-approved product labeling, "YAZ is indicated for the treatment of moderate acne vulgaris."

"Young women in America need to know that they've got a bull's-eye on their back, painted there by Big Pharma," Schiwitzer said. "We are feeding this 'pill for every ill' mentality."

Leslie, a junior whose last name has been omitted in respect for privacy concerning her sexual health, said she has been on YAZ since she was in high school, and went on it largely to help her acne.

"To be honest, I never really noticed a significant change in my skin," she said.

"You can blame the pharmaceutical companies," Leslie said, "but at the same time, we all know there are certain things that you probably can't cure with a pill. And I don't think you should expect it."

She said young women need to be responsible in researching the drugs and talking with their doctors about it. "I didn't expect my world to change," she said, "but they definitely exaggerated things [in the ads]."

Meningitis hits college campuses

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At least five cases of bacterial meningitis have occurred on two college campuses in the past few weeks though the students, one which included a Bellbrook native, had received the vaccine that protected them from the virus.

University of Pennsylvania's The Daily Pennsylvanian reported at least two of the three students on their campus that were infected in the strain B.

"The vaccine covers about two-thirds to three-fourths of the bacterial meningitis but it doesn't cover type B," UD Health Center's Director of Nursing Denise Ross said.

All students came down with typical meningitis flu-like symptoms that can include severe headaches, vomiting, stiff necks and even a rash, Ross said.

Ohio University freshman and Bellbrook native Michelle Crane, 19, is recovering in Kettering Memorial Hospital and was well enough on Tuesday to check his e-mails and text friends, his father Joe Crane said.

Meningitis is a rare bacterial and viral infection of the fluid surrounding the brain and spinal cord and can result in death, according to the Center of Disease Control and Prevention's Web site. There are only about one in 100,000 cases per year, Ross said. Meningitis can spread person-to-person through saliva and develops in the respiratory system.

"He told us he had a cold or something earlier in the week and we'd been calling him to see how he was doing," Crane's father said.

"We called him a couple times on Saturday and he hadn't returned our call ... He told us he'd been throwing up all day, had headaches all day, had really bad migraines. At that point my wife decided she better drive down there. She drove down Saturday night and took him to the emergency room."

There, Crane was treated for a sinus infection, which can also result in meningitis. The Cranes believe this might be how their son's case developed, though even just sharing a drink with someone can pass on an infection.

"You could be a carrier and maybe not develop symptoms," Ross said. "The new vaccine does break that carrier state."

Meningitis is prevalent on college campuses because of close quarters like dorm life. Students are advised to get the vaccine before college and the one offered by the Health Center covers a person for five years, taking them through their college life.

If a person does come in close quarters with someone who's been diagnosed with meningitis, immediate action is a must.

"If, say, a roommate can come down with it, and has definitely been diagnosed with meningitis, you should seek medical attention because you can be given medications to hopefully prevent you getting it," Ross said.
Volunteers uncage animals at Dayton Humane Society

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The Fitz Center for Leadership and Community is holding a Spring Service Spree to encourage all members of the UD community to give something back to Dayton public elementary schools.

The Spring Service Spree involves UD community service for the Neighborhood Schools Center project, partially sparked by the Fitz Center.

The Fitz Center was chosen in 2005 to help the Dayton Foundation and Dayton Public Schools design a program for five public school centers “based on the community school model,” Joanne Troha, director for community service learning, said.

The Neighborhood School Centers project involves five Dayton Public Schools: Cleveland PreK-8, Edison PreK-8, Kiser PreK-8, Fairview and Ruskin PreK-8. These schools have come together to promote “strong academics and life-learning,” according to the Dayton Neighborhood Schools Web site.

Current volunteers include some freshmen in the Social Justice Living and Learning community and students in Monalisa Mullins’s Philosophy 103 course. Janis Krugh has seven upper-level Spanish students completing service learning assignments and Patricia Donan in Health and Sport Sciences has students in charge of a Healthy Lifestyles program, said Troha.

“Partners ensure that children are ready to learn when they enter school and every day thereafter, all students learn and achieve high standards, and parents and community members are involved with the school and their own life-learning,” according to the Dayton Neighborhood Schools Center project.

The neighborhood school centers involve members of the whole Dayton area who contribute to the needs of public school children and set them up for success. UD involvement with these neighborhood schools contributes to some of the main goals of the whole project.

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Sweet Honey in the Rock, a Grammy Award winning, internationally renowned a cappella ensemble, is celebrating 35 years of soulful music this season.

At 7:30 p.m. Monday, the six African American women will take the stage at the Benjamin and Marian Schuster Performing Arts Center and share their rich vocal stylings with the city of Dayton.

Presented by the University of Dayton in partnership with the Victoria Theatre Association, the event will be a moving conclusion to UD’s 2008-2009 Diversity Lecture Series.

Sue Stevens, Vice President of Marketing and Communications for Victoria Theatre Association, said collaborating with UD for the series has been a rewarding experience.

“Dayton deserves an opportunity to hear these incredible women,” she said. “Experiences like these open your eyes and ears to the world around you. Whether you’re a part of the UD community or a member of the community around you, you’ll regret not seizing the opportunity to hear these women tear it up live in such an acoustically perfect venue as the Schuster Center.”

Founded in 1973, this ensemble’s “stunning vocal prowess” combines the sounds of blues, spirituals, traditional gospel hymns, rap, reggae, African chants, Hip Hop, ancient lullabies and jazz improvisation to create harmony and rhythm rooted in African American legacy and tradition, according to www.sweethoney.com.

The group’s name was inspired by Psalm 81:16 that describes a rich land in which honey flowed out of the rocks. The honey represents sweet and nurturing qualities, and the rock is a symbol of strength and endurance. Together, the images reflect the messages of peace and social justice, values that the Diversity Lecture Series deem significant.

“Sweet Honey in the Rock exemplifies the essence of human justice in their actions, lyrics and music,” said Lynnette Heard, Executive Director of UD president’s office. “Music often is seen as a ‘great uniter’ of perspectives…Sweet Honey in the Rock will help students, faculty, staff and community citizens find common ground for greater dialogue, interactions and understanding.”

The group’s latest release “Experience…101” earned a 2008 Grammy Award nomination. Following this honor, the women composed material for the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater’s 50th anniversary. They have combined these two artistic experiences to create what they call a “once-in-a-lifetime collaboration” through the United States.

For the past three years, UD has been involved in a partnership with the Victoria Theatre Association to bridge the campus and Dayton community through events like this one. They have previously brought poet and Virginia Tech English Faculty Member Nikki Giovanni and international filmmaker Spike Lee to the city.

“Day’s effort ties into our continuing commitment to bring leading voices of diversity and inclusion to our students and to the Dayton area,” Heard said. “This goal meets the needs of the Victoria and UD, and we are very fortunate to see an openness within our community to expand viewpoints and experiences for so many.”

Day Air identity theft warning

Have you ever thought about what it would be like to have your identity stolen? Last week, any student who does personal banking with Day Air Credit Union might have given it a second thought after receiving an e-mail warning of identity theft.

Day Air recently became aware of some of its customers receiving text messages asking for personal information regarding a Day Air bank account and instructing them to reactivate their debit card. After receiving reports of these incidences, Day Air made its customers aware of the scam.

“No legitimate financial institution would ask for personal information in that sort of form,” Amy Cline, UD’s Day Air branch manager, said. “We have everyone’s information on file so there would never be a reason to ask for it through a text, phone call or an e-mail.”

Since the e-mail was sent out there have not been any more reported incidences. Day Air does not know where the scam started and it is the first time that something like this has happened with its institution.

Phishing, the process of trying to obtain personal information through the use of e-mail has been going on for a while. However, using text messages to try to obtain it is a rather new frontier.

“We especially wanted to make sure we made students aware of the scam, since they are the ones doing the most texting,” Cline said.

Day Air offers free identity theft seminars for various groups and organizations. For more information on scheduling a seminar for a campus group call Amy Cline at 937-229-2126 or e-mail her at acline@dayair.org.
Tickets sales (cont. from p. 1)

When students purchase their $10 ticket from March 2-6, they'll be able to pick where they want to sit and their seats will be printed on their ticket. Although general seating was first looked at by the committee, law requires such an event to have reserved seating, according to Mattingly.

The committee decided that since reserved seating is required, students will be able to use their friends' IDs so seats can be chosen together. If students are hoping to sit with friends outside of the UD community, they can wait to buy their tickets, although they'll pay the general admission prices.

“Since students pay the CAB and SGA fees and those fees go towards events like this, we thought it was only fair that UD students have the opportunity to buy the tickets first and at a lower price,” Mattingly said. “We’d like to donate 10 to 15 thousand dollars.”

Mattingly said a crowd of 3,500 is expected, with a hopeful 2,500 UD students attending. With a crowd like this, the concert is sure to bring in money, which will all be donated to Relay’s cause.

“Any money we make after we pay off the debt for the concert is going to the American Cancer Society,” Mattingly said. “Drunken students will be turned away,” Mattingly said. “But this is true with any kind of concert.”

Guster will perform at 8:15 p.m. with an opening act performing at 6 p.m. The opener will be determined by the winner of Battle of the Bands, taking place March 20.

For more information on the Relay Concert, visit relayconcert.udayton.edu.
Beyond the Romanesque chapel and wrought-iron gateway which rest at the end of Woodland Avenue like a deserted fortress breathes a hidden trove of history, nature, art and architecture.

Founded in 1841, Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum is 200 acres of green hills, glacial boulders and floral oasis which would easily remind visitors of the eternal beauty of life if, well, they weren’t surrounded by dead people. Over 105,000 to be exact.

Before rushing to prepare UD for a massive zombie invasion, take a second to consider the educational value and serenity a place like this can provide. Many of the people buried at Woodland helped shape a young nation and a developing community.

Some were inventors and entrepreneurs like James Ritty, owner of the Pony House Saloon & Restaurant and creator of the first “incorruptible cash register.” Others were combat veterans and government officials like Major David Zeigler, who fought in the Revolutionary and early Indian wars and served as the first mayor of Cincinnati. Still more created modern name brands like Huffy Bikes (George Huffman) and Mead Paper Company (Daniel Mead). Even a handful, like Daniel C. Cooper, actually founded this fair city.

Among the cemetery’s 3,000 woody plants are 165 types of trees, some of which are over 200 years old. Nine of the largest trees of their species in Ohio reside here as well.

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The next time a funeral procession passes by, perhaps led by a horse-drawn hearse or hundreds of members of the Dayton Outlaws motorcycle gang, know that a new chapter’s been added to the legend of a silent community.

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This place is so special because of the historical value it provides to the Dayton community,” Woodland Customer Service Manager Debra Mescher said. “It would be tough to find a more beautiful, peaceful area of the city.”

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THE LITTLE BOY & DOG
Johnny Morehouse (1855-1860)

One of the more sentimental monuments at Woodland is dedicated to the memory of a cobbler’s 5-year-old son who drowned in a canal. It’s rumored that the boy’s dog also perished while trying to rescue him. The detailed sculpture portrays a sleeping child being protected by his canine friend. Also visible are little Johnny’s toy top, ball, mouth harp and cap. Current visitors still decorate the monument with plastic toys fit for a little boy – racecars and action figures of The Incredible Hulk, Mr. Incredible and SpongeBob Squarepants. For almost 150 years, this heartfelt monument has symbolized the brief life of Johnny Morehouse, provided comfort to grieving parents and served as a cautionary tale to children.

THE BOULDER
Erma Bombeck (1927-1996)

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THE GYPSY QUEEN
Queen Matilda Stanley (1878)

One of the coolest aspects of Woodland’s extensive history was its importance to local Gypsy clans. Gypsies were a group of nomads whose ancestors are said to have originated in Eastern Europe. Guided by King Owen and his wife, Queen Harriet, many large Gypsy camps, most of English ancestry, prospered as agriculturalists in the Dayton community during the mid-to late-1800s and early-1900s. Because Owen and Harriet were eventually buried in Woodland, common practice suggested that the Gypsies always bring their deceased to Dayton for burial, no matter where their deaths occurred.

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THE SEATED MAN,
ADAM SCHANTZ JR.
(1868-1921)
Real estate developer and
community leader. The famous
sculpture also represents his
father (1839-1903), a brewer
and for many years the largest
holder of real estate in the city
– most of it downtown and in
Oakwood. Also developed land
in Daytona, Fla.

THE MCMILLAN
ANGEL,
ASA MCMILLAN
(1797-1855)
Famously beautiful Italian marble
angel standing before a large
granite cross. The book is blank to
signify a new beginning in death.

THE ULTIMATE OBEISK,
JOHN ALEXANDER COLLINS
Woodland is littered with obelisks – tall, tapered, four-sided shafts of stone
whose pyramid tops point toward Heaven. The shape was used in ancient Egypt
and during the 19th century to mark the grave of a hero or important person.
Collins was an engineer who built the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad,
which eventually became part of the famed Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The
granite figure is the tallest monument in Woodland at 46 feet.

THE PATTERSON FAMILY ARCH
Granite monument dedicated to the Patterson family, whose names are etched
along the inside. John H. Patterson (1844-1922), the grandson of a Revolutionary
War veteran, founded National Cash Register (NCR) in 1884. During the
devastating floods of 1913, Patterson’s company served as the focal point for
rescue teams and built boats for victims.

JAMES M. COX (1870-1957)
Founded Dayton Daily News, along with other newspapers and television and
radio stations. Served three terms as governor of Ohio. With Franklin D. Roosevelt
as his running mate, he campaigned against Warren Harding for U.S. President
in 1920, but lost in a landslide. His concession speech took place at Dayton
Fairgrounds.

CHARLES F. KETTERING (1876-1958)
Famous inventor of the electric automobile self-starter and ignition system, which
replaced unsafe and inconvenient manual cranks. Kettering also developed other
inventions and improvements for General Motors, founded Dayton Engineering
Laboratories (DELCO) with friend and fellow Woodland resident Edward Deeds
(1874-1965) and was a noted philanthropist. His remains are located in the
Mausoleum.

DR. JOSEPH E. LOWES (1848-1905)
Former Surgeon General of Ohio and founder of Dayton Electric Light Company. Built
and owned many traction and trolley lines throughout the state of Ohio and Dayton.

HARRY C. KEIFABER (1852-1928)
Vice President of Dayton’s Savings Bank and Director of Dayton Power & Light Company.
Along with his brother, William, opened a popular grocery store on Third Street.

ROBERT W. STEELE (1819-1891)
Lawyer and educator who inspired name of Steele High School. Large lion
sculpture which currently guards entrance of Dayton Art Institute originally stood
in front of school until razed in 1955.

OVER 600 CIVIL WAR AND
18 REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERANS
Woodland features an entire section devoted to Union and Confederate soldiers.
The Civil War deeply divided the Dayton community. Many poor laborers and farmers
actually switched sides along the way for extra enlistment bonuses and better pay.

ATHLETES
At least one Harlem Globetrotter (“Slick” Al Tucker Sr.), NBA professional (Al
“Twiggy” Tucker Jr.), legendary UD basketball coach (Tom Blackburn) and an early
pioneer of auto racing (Earl “The Little Dayton Demon” Kaiser).
February is more than just a month about a groundhog predicting the weather or romantic gestures in honor of St. Valentine; it's also about a little gold dude named Oscar who recognizes the top achievements in the movie industry. This year, the 81st annual Academy Awards will be hosted by Australian actor Hugh Jackman and will air live on ABC at 8 p.m. Sunday.

But will Hollywood's glitz and glamour be able to attract viewers to the show this year? Last year, the biggest movie event of the year was anything but. The 2008 ceremony was overshadowed by the 100-day Writers Guild strike, causing the Oscars to receive the lowest audience viewership in its 80-year history. Jon Stewart tried.

"Look beyond the dark days and focus on happier fare with the year's slate of Oscar-nominated psychopathic killer movies," Stewart said, like "No Country for Old Men," "Sweeney Todd" and "There Will Be Blood." "Does this town need a hug?" Stewart asked.

The answer to Stewart's question is yes, and this year's lineup of movies definitely separates itself from last year's dark films.

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Iron Man

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Mickey Rourke
"The Wrestler"

**BEST ACTRESS**
Kate Winslet
"The Reader"

**BEST DIRECTOR**
Danny Boyle
"Slumdog Millionaire"

**BEST ART DIRECTION**
"The Dark Knight"

MULLIN’S PREDICTIONS

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Marisa Tomei in "The Wrestler"

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Doubt

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Winterfest: The Werks CD release party and an evening full of music

CHRISTINA CHAFFIN
Staff Writer

For live music, from bands and solo artists, come to the KU Pub on Saturday for Winterfest 2009, hosted by the UD alum musical group, The Werks.

“We are really excited about reaching that next level and we have UD to thank for helping us along the way,” Rob Chafin, The Werks’ lead drummer and vocalist, said.

Since 2005, The Werks have grown musically, consisting of Chafin, guitar and vocalist Chris Houser; bassist and vocalist Chuckie Love and keyboardist Norman Dimitrouleas.

Winterfest is an upcoming gig for The Werks to promote its second album, “Synapse,” and enjoy its musical roots at UD. Its first album, “Dig It,” was recorded live at ArtStreet.

“Dig It,” was actually a live album recorded on April 20, 2007 at ArtStreet Amphitheatre, so it’s obviously really raw,” Chafin said.

This second album, “Synapse,” was done in the studio, so it’s very clean and sharp. We have played close to 200 shows since our live album.

Besides The Werks, Winterfest will feature other musical acts such as The Twin Cats from Indianapolis, Pat Kelly and the Early Timers of UD and singer-songwriter Kelly Fine of UD. The event will also feature an indoor light show sponsored by Earth groove Productions.

“This show will also be The Werks CD release party for our new album,” Chafin said.

Since 2005, The Werks have grown into a regional act. The group has performed at venues in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and all over Ohio. It hopes to tour in Colorado in the fall after the festival season.

“We have been playing heavily all over the Midwest and are looking to expand past that within the next year,” he said. “The music festival circuit is our main goal, so national festivals like X Games, Rothbury and other music festivals are on our radar.”

Chafin said he is looking forward to Winterfest and hopes to see a great turnout of people. He said there are a lot of younger students on campus who don’t know who they are.

“I’m glad we have the opportunity to get in front of a lot of new faces and show them what we are all about,” he said.

Chafin said the band has been successful since graduating from UD.

“I can honestly say that we would not be where we are today if it wasn’t for the help we initially received from the UD community,” he said.

Free site simplifies group work

SARA GREEN
Staff Writer

A recently launched site, wiggio.com, is sweeping the nation with about 50,000 users and making communication between members of organizations easier and faster.

By using this site, groups can create free accounts and find a simple and easy to use communication between members, is on display 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

Creating the free account takes 30 seconds, according to Wiggio.com. Students must input basic information such as name and e-mail.

Dana Lampert and Lance Polivy created Wiggio, which stands for working in groups, for an entrepreneurship class project at Cornell University. It was a standard project required by all students, and when the feedback came in they realized they had hit something big.

“They said, ‘there’s a real need here, you’ve done your homework and you put together a good concept and if you don’t pursue this someone else is going to,’ and we took that as a cue,” said Lampert, according to cornell.edu.

University of Southern California sophomore, Drew Wolfe, has been heavily involved with the site and has been working closely with Lampert to help spread the news about Wiggio. Since its launch in Sept. 2008 about 500 colleges and universities, numerous high schools, and other various organizations such as book clubs and sports teams have joined Wiggio.

Lampert and Wolfe are both concerned with giving the people what they want. The vision of Wiggio can by summed up with two main goals: getting people to sign up and use the site and making it the best possible tool on the Web, said Wolfe.

Wiggio takes pride in being simple and easy to use.

“When you use a tool to help with a group, it’s only as useful as the least tech savvy person in the group,” Wolfe said.

When accessing the site, everything you need is on a tab at the top of the page. Wolfe said that people’s feedback includes that it’s simple and user-friendly.

Sign up your group by visiting www.wiggio.com.
**Footprints**

Let’s not leave our carbon ones all over UD

This January, faculty, students and staff at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. will no longer find bottled water in vending machines or campus eateries, the Washington University Record reported. This was done because of the university’s concerns about the environmental impact of bottled water, as it’s encouraging people at the university to drink tap water and use reusable water containers.

While an effort such as this isn’t being made at the University of Dayton, UD Dining Services’ plans to take steps to reduce the amount of waste from its operations by about 90 percent is a laudable stride into making UD a more environmentally friendly campus. Over the years, the staff at Flyer News remembers the amount of Styrofoam containers we’ve gone through since our freshman year at UD, and we can only venture to guess that it’s a lot. Now think about how much our entire campus goes through in just a single year, and it’s an amount we can’t even fathom.

Remember the times you’ve opted to take food “to go” when you’re just going to eat it less than 100 feet away anyway, or the times you’ve ordered a cup of coffee in the morning and didn’t think to use that portable coffee mug you’ve got sitting around back home? There’s a lot of steps the student body can take to be more environmentally friendly, but just don’t.

And in a generation where being “green” is the way to go and global warming is a “hot” issue, we should be ashamed of ourselves.

Dining Services’ initiative to eliminate polystyrene will force students to be more sustainable – and that’s a good thing. Most of us want to leave our footprints on this university in one way or another, but leaving our “carbon footprint,” as Ms. Browning refers to in our front-page article, shouldn’t be one of them.

**your turn**

**Debate:**

Abortion an issue that needs to be addressed across the United States, regardless of political affiliation

I know that I will be touching on some sensitive material in this article, but I think I can tackle this with a unique approach. I want to start this off by asking how many people out there enjoy knowing that there are approximately 42 million abortions annually worldwide. Whether you generally call yourself “pro-choice” or “pro-life,” my belief is that nobody in this country or even in this entire world wants to see any more abortions occur.

This is why it annoys me to no end to see individuals basing their entire political decisions upon this one singular issue. In an Oct. 31, 2008 article in Flyer News, Father John Putka questioned the moral affinity of UD students and told them to ask themselves “what is more important to you, being a faithful Catholic or being a supporter of legal abortion?”

In addition, Father Putka stated, “it is impossible to separate the political from the moral, thus it is essential to develop and use an informed Catholic conscience, not only in elections but also in their daily lives.”

I disagree with this position, as it adds unnecessary polarization to the political system of America today. The question we should be asking ourselves is how can we, as individuals on both sides of the political aisles, work together to cut down the number of abortions? Personally, I think there is a lot that we can work toward as a united community in an effort to cut down worldwide abortions. This has nothing to do with my political affiliation, and I think that the American political system is wrong in trying to frame this issue as a political problem.

A May 2008 Gallup poll indicated that 50 percent of Americans are for abortion rights and 44 percent are anti-abortion. In addition, in this very same survey, 41 percent of people said that abortion should be legal under most or all circumstances while only 17 percent of people said it should be illegal under all circumstances (40 percent said it should be legal under only a few circumstances).

Only 33 percent of the individuals in this survey believed that the 25-year-old rulings in Roe v. Wade should be overturned.

E.J. Dionne, the columnist for the Washington Post who came to visit campus back in November for a talk on “Faith and Politics,” has this issue right on. Dionne also believes that Republicans and Democrats can do more together in an effort to cut down the number of abortions. He wrote in an article just before the elections of 2006... “We know this is possible because it has already happened: Between 1994 and 2000, the abortion rate fell by 11 percent. An ambitious national effort could do more.”

In providing alternative options to abortion, I believe that we can work to achieve a goal of eliminating this as a political issue in the United States. I accuse individuals on the anti-abortion aisle for not doing enough to support these alternative options over the past two and a half decades and, I accuse politicians on the abortion rights aisle for not seeking more common ground in the worldwide initiative to cut down the number of abortions. I know we can do better, and I hope our brand new president understands this ideal.

**Word on the street...**

**Would you consider yourself to be “green”?**

“I am moving toward being green, but haven’t reached the level I want yet.”

TIM GORMAN, FRESHMAN PHYSICS

“Yes because I’m from California and I’m a tree hugger.”

KELSEY OWEN, FRESHMAN SPORT MANAGEMENT

“No, my house doesn’t recycle because we ran out of trash bags.”

ANDREW CHAMPA, FIFTH YEAR MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
Some songs just make sense for college students

These songs have come and gone, the songs that define important moments in our lives. Whether “Good Riddance (Time of your life)” by Green Day plays in the background of our favorite high school sports highlight reel or songs such as Vitamin C’s “Graduation” that remind us of just that, these songs are written to remind us of certain times and places.

The point being that throughout our lives there have been songs that were made to highlight events. I’m talking about songs such as Eve 6’s “Here’s to the Night” and Baz Luhrmann’s “Everybody’s Free (To Wear Sunscreen).” You know that one, the one that starts with “Ladies and gentlemen of the class of ’97, wear sunscreen. If I could offer you only one tip for the future, sunscreen would be it.” Artists, especially the ones who are just searching for a hit single, will do anything to get their 15 minutes of fame. They write songs that are projected to be songs of the summer such as Miley Cyrus’ “See You Again” from this past summer. I guarantee if you were in Daytona this past year, you have heard this song. I know that Miley Cyrus is not a one-hit-wonder but my point remains the same.

Recently another song has come to the forefront that I guarantee will be a song to remember or at least the subject matter will be, whether you are graduating in the spring or not, one fact will always reign true: “I Love College.”

Asher Roth, a 23-year-old rapper from east Pennsylvania, tried to write that song that will be played again and again at the parties of graduating seniors and nervous upperclassmen. Let’s face it, seniors, the “real world” is looking pretty scary and grim so when Roth sings, “do I really have to graduate? Or can I just stay here for the rest of my life” any graduating senior can relate. The best part to Roth’s hit single is any senior in college could have written these lyrics. For example, as I write this, a roommate of mine is currently coming up with his own alternate lyrics. Just like Roth’s they are simple and to the point and bottom line they help define the experience of spending the best four years of our lives as college students here at UD.

While the song may go to extremes in the lyrics, the overall tone is consistent and comparable to an average college experience. The best part of the song comes near the end when Roth chants numerous phrases, one being every upperclassman’s favorite chant to yell when they see a herd of undergrads walking through the Ghetto: “Freshman, freshman, freshman.”

Be sure to head to Roth’s Web site at www.thedailykush.com. On this site you will find Roth’s first album titled “The Greenhouse Effect.” you may not find another song on the album that you like but one thing will remain true, when you think of the school year that lasted from August 2008 to May 2009 you will think of songs such as Roth’s “I Love College,” along with Lil Wayne’s “Lollipop.” M.I.A.’s “Paper Planes” and practically anything by Rihanna.

letters to the editor

Students explain decision making process with bringing Guster to UD for concert at UD arena

We just wanted to take this opportunity to explain our rationale and our vision for impacting our great university. A great deal of research, planning, hard work and negotiation has gone into this concert and we want it to be a success. There was no reference point to getting a concert on campus. So we started working and planning this concert at the end of our junior year, last April. Whatever rumors you might have heard, this is completely the idea and result of a student grassroots effort. A group of dedicated students have been meeting every Monday in order to figure out what was necessary to get a concert on campus and we started doing what college students do, ask questions and solve problems.

In November and December, over 1,000 students took an online survey that helped to gather music taste, pricing, and other logistical opinions. As a result of these surveys and countless discussions, we determined that a larger concert would be most successful as a charitable event. Students will have the opportunity to enjoy great entertainment while supporting Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society.

The search for a particular musician started with lists of hundreds of bands and was narrowed down to about 10 when factoring in musical taste and budget constraints. When contacting a larger band, we found the contract’s to be overly demanding. Guster has a great history with the University of Dayton from its performance at Daytona in 2006. We searched for a spot on campus that we felt would best accommodate a large number of students as well as the public. We liked the idea of an indoor venue to prevent weather from playing spoiler. After working with the athletic department, we learned that the Frericks Center would be unavailable for the weekend we wanted to host a concert. We were then offered to have the event at UD Arena, which we accepted.

This year’s event will speak volumes of the ability of the campus to host similar events in the future. As our relationship with the Administration improves, the more they want to see us succeed and want to empower us but we have to prove to them that we can make a difference in an educated manner.

DAVID MATTINGLY, SENIOR
STEVEN PARKER, SENIOR

political cartoon

Hello,

My name is Generation Y!
I have no idea what I’m doing.
Could you tell me what to do?
All I do know is that I like to buy things and spend money.

NICK KASTNER, SENIOR

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Men’s Basketball
Sat. Feb. 21 at Saint Louis

Women’s Basketball
Sat. Feb. 21 vs. LaSalle

Women’s Tennis
Fri. Feb. 20 vs. N. Kentucky
Sat. Feb. 21 vs. Lipscomb

Baseball
Fri. Feb. 20 at High Point
Sat. Feb. 21 at High Point
Sun. Feb. 22 at High Point

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vs. Minnesota*
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For the first time this season, the men’s basketball team is ranked in the top 25 at No. 25 in the Associated Press poll. The Flyers narrowly missed entering the ESPN/USA Today coaches’ poll, finishing at No. 26 for the week. The Flyers are 23-3 overall this season and are in first place in the Atlantic 10 as well. On Jan. 20, Dickerhoof was named the league’s Rookie of the Week.

16
The Flyers football team placed 16 players on the Academic All-American Football League squad for this season. The Flyers have more players on the team than any other school in the league for the sixth straight year and for the 14th time in the league’s 16 years of existence.

CORY GRAFFIN
Sports Editor

Women’s Tennis
Dickerhoof leading Flyers as freshman
Newcomer takes over No. 1 singles role, awarded A-10 Rookie of the Week

Loni Dickerhoof isn’t your typical freshman collegiate athlete. Stepping on campus in her first year, Dickerhoof has proved she belongs among some of the best athletes in the nation.

“I didn’t know where I’d fit in,” Dickerhoof said. “I just knew I’d be able to compete at this level.”

Compete might be an understatement. Dickerhoof has taken a lead role on the women’s tennis team at Dayton, serving as the team’s No. 1 singles player, a prestigious position for a freshman.

“It’s hard to lead the team at No. 1 with that position,” Dickerhoof said. “A lot of times I’m playing against people that have two to three more years of experience.”

Although Dickerhoof does not possess the experience on her own, she relies on one of her teammates to provide guidance to her throughout the tennis season, senior Nikki Dzubay.

“Nikki (Dzubay) has been a great captain for us,” Dickerhoof said. “She’s kept everyone on the same page. She’s definitely one of the best leaders I’ve ever had on any team.”

Under Dzubay’s leadership, Dickerhoof is progressing well as a player.

“Over the fast few months she has begun to realize her competition will be tough at first singles, but she hasn’t let this affect her at all,” Dzubay said. “She approaches every match confident and ready to play and has fit right into her spot top spot on the team. She will be a key part of the future of our program, she is starting to develop great leadership skills through her dedication to academics and tennis.”

Dickerhoof also mentioned her coach, Linda O’Keefe, as someone who is providing a lot of influence.

“(Coach O’Keefe) has faced a lot of adversity and overcome it, and still is a very positive person,” Dickerhoof said.

Also providing positive influences for Dickerhoof are her teammates. Dickerhoof described her teammates as being very supportive of her throughout the season, helping her mature as a player.

“I believe that practicing with my teammates at this level will definitely allow both the team and me to better compete at this level,” Dickerhoof said.

Supporting each other is what we do best,” Dzubay said. “We are friends on and off the court and we all know that if we need anything all of our teammates will be there to support us.”

However, when Dickerhoof first arrived on campus, she had to show her peers that she belonged at her current position.

“I definitely had to show that I could play competitively at that position and that I was able to handle that position during the fall season,” Dickerhoof said.

Dickerhoof has definitely proved her place with the Flyers. As the team competes in its spring season, she’s quickly not only gaining respect amongst her teammates, but also throughout the Atlantic 10 as well. On Jan. 20, Dickerhoof was named the league’s Rookie of the Week.

“Being recognized by the A-10 is a great honor and a big deal for Lon,” Dzubay said. “Her hard work and dedication to tennis shows every time she plays and this award will help show other A-10 teams that we have a strong freshman they should be looking out for.”

As Dickerhoof continues to gain even more confidence and accolades, her competition will surely be looking out.

Freshman tennis player Loni Dickerhoof practices in the Athletic Practice Facility. Dickerhoof plays an unusual role for a freshman as No. 1 singles player on this year’s women’s tennis team.
Baseball

Canadians’ long baseball journey leads to UD

Dunsmore, MacDonald met in high school all-star game, played together at Colby Community College

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Ah, winter. There is nothing like the University of Dayton in late February. Streets are littered with the remnants of a week-old snowfall. Ice patches resemble land mines as students trudge, slip, and slide from their homes to campus. Until the white death and the lethal wind fades away for the spring, this campus comes to a relative standstill.

Someone forgot to tell Dayton baseball players Marshall Dunsmore and Aaron MacDonald. The two Flyers, hailing from Alberta, Canada, have been out in the tundra with the rest of the 2009 squad preparing for what is to be a season of high expectations.

Following a 2008 campaign that included 31 victories, the Flyers are hoping to capitalize on a wealth of experience and talent that could take them to the top of the Atlantic 10.

Senior first baseman MacDonald and junior outfielder Dunsmore know what it’s like preparing for spring seasons together. The two friends grew up in Alberta and played against each other in regional all-star games. On his recruiting trip to Colby Community College in 2006, Dunsmore met MacDonald, whom had decided on becoming a Colby Trojan one year earlier.

The two instantly became close during the Trojans’ 2007 season.

“‘It was awesome playing together in community college,’” Dunsmore said. “‘We got to play with a couple other guys we grew up with. It is really cool to see the lineup and have four names next to each other that have known one another forever.”

Fast forward two years. In 2008, MacDonald led the Flyers with 42 RBIs and hit .306. Following an outstanding season as a Colby Trojan, Dunsmore became the recruiting focus of both MacDonald and his new home, the University of Dayton.

Thanks to MacDonald’s efforts, Dunsmore found his new home as a Flyer. “I thought it was awesome,” MacDonald said. “I actually arranged a lot of the recruitment. They heard from me how good he was. They tracked down their sources, saw him play, and wanted him to come here.”

Dunsmore, who hit .433 in 50 games his sophomore year as a Trojan, knew Dayton was going to be the right fit. After a couple recruiting trips, he knew he wanted to be a Flyer, thanks in no small part to MacDonald.

Both MacDonald and Dunsmore were named to the Canadian Baseball Network’s All-Canadian teams for their performances at their respective schools last spring. Chosen from over 700 Canadian-born collegiate players, the two friends hope to continue their successful careers with one last collegiate season together.

MacDonald and Dunsmore are once again teammates as Flyers, adding a new element of chemistry to a team that, according to these two, have plenty of it. As a transfer, Dunsmore feels right at home with his team.

“We all get along very well,” Dunsmore said. “We spend evenings and weekends together, and it just seems that we have a very tight knit group. That will definitely pay off on the field.”

In his final season, MacDonald understands what steps need to be taken to challenge for the A-10 title.

“Consistency is the most important,” MacDonald said. “We were a really good team at times last year. But at other times, we just were a completely different club. If we stick to doing our jobs, we’ll be a successful team. Anything less than an A-10 title is a disappointment.”

Following a season-opening stint in High Point, N.C, the Flyers head to Phoenix for three nonconference showdowns. The two Canadians hope early matchups against Notre Dame, Creighton and Gonzaga will set the pace for the season. MacDonald knows that the Phoenix trip can do a lot for this Flyers team.

“Playing these teams early, it makes the road ahead a bit more manageable,” MacDonald said. “We’ll find out if we’re for real out there. If not, we have to improve. But if we can be running on all cylinders out of the gate, that would be ideal.”

If Dunsmore and MacDonald have it their way, the Flyers will be running on all cylinders, and 2009 will be a baseball season to remember.
Flyers’ Lowery back in class after surgery

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After suffering a torn tendon and having season-ending surgery Feb. 12, junior guard Rob Lowery is doing better and is back in class, sophomore forward Chris Wright said Wednesday morning.

“He’s good,” added sophomore guard Stephen Thomas. “I saw him out and about and around campus, so he’s all right.”

With Lowery out for the year, it’s up to junior guard London Warren and Thomas to control the point guard duties.

In the last two games, Warren is averaging 7.5 points, five assists and 2.5 steals, while Thomas is averaging 4.5 points, three rebounds and 1.5 steals.

Flyers enter top 25 rankings

Following wins over Xavier and St. Bonaventure, the Flyers earned their first trip into the top 25 rankings Monday afternoon, being voted No. 25 in the Associated Press top 25 poll. The team has yet to crack the ESPN/USA Today coaches’ poll, earning just five fewer votes than No. 25 Syracuse.

Up next

The Flyers head to St. Louis on Saturday to take on the Billikens, which are 16-10 overall and 7-5 in the A-10 following Wednesday’s win over St. Joe’s. Dayton edged out St. Louis 47-46 back on Jan. 29 when an alley-oop from Lowery to Marcus Johnson proved to be the game’s deciding bucket.

Team Leaders

Chris Wright
13.0 Points

London Warren
3.8 Assists

Chris Wright
6.8 Rebounds

Men’s Hoops

The men’s basketball team huddles before Saturday’s game against Richmond. This season, the Flyers’ ability to play together not only as a team but as a family has brought a 23-3 start to the season and a top 25 national ranking.

Commentary

FLYERS MORE THAN A TEAM THEY’RE FAMILY

You don’t need to watch them eat lunch together in Kennedy Union; you don’t need to see them hang out with one another on the weekends in Garden Apartments. You can tell the Dayton Flyers men’s basketball team is more than just a team — they’re a family, and you can start by just looking at their shoes.

During the UD-Xavier game last week, if you were close enough to the action to actually see the players’ shoes, you noticed a little marking on a pair of them that read more than just Nike and its swoosh.

Written in golden marker and already seeming to fade was “1 Goal, 1 Love, 1 Team.” At any given time he might have 24 pairs of shoes in his closet, but on this day, the footwear on junior guard Marcus Johnson’s feet might have carried a little more meaning than usual.

“1 Goal, 1 Love, 1 Team.”

“We all got one goal, and that’s to be Atlantic 10 Champions,” Johnson said.

It comes from getting wins and playing together, he added.

And the one love and one team? Well to Johnson, that’s simple:

“We’re one family.”

The following game against Richmond, the writing on the shoes didn’t stop. And again, it had to do with being a part of the Flyers’ family.

On the back heel of forward Chris Wright’s kicks, one could read “RL 3.”

The message was clear, relating to fallen teammate junior guard Rob Lowery, who suffered a torn tendon in the Xavier game and had season-ending surgery last Thursday.

Wright was among the company of Mickey Perry and Devin Searcy whose shoes bore writing.

“He’s still part of our team and we still love him,” Wright said. “We still want our team to play hard — if he’s on the court or if he’s not on the court. We’re going to play for him and we’re going to play with each other like we’ve always done.”

Wright is Lowery’s roommate, and said he and other guys on the team have been doing their best to keep their teammate spiritually and mentally boosted by visiting him.

“Losing something for the rest of the year and not being able to play the game you love the most and the game you played your whole life — that’s tragic,” Wright said. “But at the same time you still got to understand that you got life to live. You still got friends, you still got family. And you still have yourself.”

But according to Wright, Lowery’s more than just on the guys’ shoes.

“It’s something that’s in our hearts and in our minds,” Wright said. “We know how hard and competitive Rob is, so we play like he’s out there.”

Wright went on, saying the key to Lowery getting through the injury is staying high spirited.

“You can’t go through it alone, and not necessarily can no one else help you by pushing you through it. It’s something that’s got to come within, and you just got to keep you faith in God.”

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