MBA team takes 3rd in regional contest

On Feb. 25, four UD MBA students outsold, out-projected, out-analyzed and out-valuated their competition en route to winning the regional ACG Cap in Cincinnati, taking third place in UD’s first foray into the competition.

The team had to analyze the opportunities facing a retail fashion company that had been approached by a capital investor interested in acquiring one of its two divisions.

In the first round Feb. 9, the team evaluated three stores for the company selling, merging or staying with the current business model. In the final round, the team played the role of investment bankers retained by a private equity firm to evaluate the acquisition.

Chuck Bidwell, a part-time finance professor in the MBA program and director of the corporate client group at Gingrith-Smith Barney in Dayton, coached the team. Five university participants — Dayton, University of Cincinnati, Miami University, Xavier University and Northern Kentucky University.

The strong finish, which netted the team $2,000 in scholarship funding, was satisfying, Bidwell said. But almost as satisfying was a fact that was personal, not business: “We beat Xavier.”

Media group earns two ad industry awards

Staff and students in the University’s Media Production Group received two Hermes Awards in the Greater Dayton Advertising Association’s Addy Awards program.

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The DVD is designed to help recruit students interested in engineering technology. Scott Segalewitz, chair of engineering technology, was the executive producer; Kurtz was producer; Mills did post-production work. Freelance videographer Tyler Back and Paul Tidwell shot the video.

The Addy Awards are a national project of the American Advertising Federation.

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MBA program among 15 best in new listing

UD’s MBA program is one of 15 graduate schools of business named to the Princeton Review’s Student Opinion Rankings for Business Schools.

The ranking appears in the April issue of Entrepreneur magazine. UD’s ranking is in the general management category. The other categories include accounting, finance, global management, marketing and operations. The listing comes from a survey of 19,000 MBA students attending the schools profiled in the Princeton Review’s 2009 edition of Best 296 Business Schools.

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Horn Choir
Performing arts
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Featured acts include:

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Artist on display in the Wintergarden:
Kelly Bailey
Amanda Baker
Mark O’Brien
Bret Norton
Ellen Schneider
Melissa Starkowitz
Also, two student-produced films

She succeeded in 2001. Soon after that, she founded Sustainable
A deer that has grown to

isión planning grant for the South Bronx Greenway. Along with

The Promised Land:

For more information, see http://campusreport.udayton.
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Keynote address:

Advocate pushes
greener environment,
investment, economy

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She’s well on her way.

Carter, founder of the non-

profit organization Sustainable

South Bronx and later

her own green economic
development consulting firm,

appeared on the green scene in 2000 when she battled

New York City Administra-

tion to keep it from locating

a large municipal waste-

handling operation in her

neighborhood.

Issue forums:

Meetings of the minds
on energy options

At the Stander Symposium issue forums on campus energy use

Thurs-

day, April 16, students and faculty will gather to discuss how the University

can reduce energy use and be a better steward of the environment.

“We are hoping to provide a snapshot of what the University of Dayton

community thinks about our energy use,” said forum director Jason

Piecz, associate professor of political science. “Right now, we don’t have a lot

of options with our energy.”

“They’ll examine how the University purchases its energy now, how it

could acquire and produce energy in the future and how the community

could use energy more efficiently, Porco said. Already, the University uses

light and motion sensors in classrooms and has installed energy-saving light

bulbs in residential areas. Further discussion could involve whether students

should pay flat room and board rates or start paying for their own utilities.

The issue forums, in their third year, take place in three time slots: 10:30 a.m.,

1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Roech Institute. To participate, register on the Stander

Symposium Web site, http://stander.udayton.edu, or contact Pierce at 229-

2596 or via e-mail at Jason.Piecz@notes.udayton.edu.

—Tim Modell

Stander Cup:

Tests of skill, wit, pluck

Teams of six face off for Stander Cup honors and prizes at 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 15, in RecPlex.

The annual competition includes basketball, dodgeball, cornhole, trivia,
crossword puzzles, four-square, hula hoops and Tugs, among other games.

Among the prizes: A Dayton-to-Daytona trip.

Peter Titlebaum, associate professor of sport management, is the event’s

faculty adviser.

Day at the Stander:

A showcase of
scholarship

Day at the Stander features poster, panel discussions, presentations,

performances, exhibits and hands-on learning. It’s from 10:30 a.m. to

noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 16, in Kennedy Union and other

campus locations. For details, see http://stander.udayton.edu.

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APs on staff, she said, will ensure that this stewardship is taken

into account in facilities decisions.

Move-out efforts

promote reuse, recycling

As students prepare to move out of University housing for

the summer, they’re being asked to consider whether others

can use what they no longer need.

Students, faculty and staff can deposit their clean, dry cloths, unopened nonperishable food, working electronics and

usable furniture in the trucks, donation boxes and laundry
carts in residence hall areas and in the student neighborhood

April 27-May 4, said Kurt Hoffmann, environmental sustain-

ability manager.

Benefits include the Salvation Army, Goodwill, the

UD Summer Appalachia Program, Good Shepherd Ministries,

Habitat for Humanity and other organizations.

“There’s also an effort under way to recycle or reuse some of

what typically gets left behind after students leave, like con-

crete blocks and wood they use to make lofts and shelving,”

Hoffmann said. Facilities management has committed a staff

member and a truck each day to help transport large items to

the Salvation Army trucks throughout move-out week.

“It’s my hope that the program will hit the 65-ton mark,

which would be a 5 percent reduction of our yearly waste on

campus from last year,” Hoffmann said.

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Richard Stock

Dayton’s economic expert

Richard Stock, director of the Business Research Group in the School of Business Administration, is the Dayton area’s authority on the regional economy. Since the economy started to slide, his phone has been ringing off the hook. He’s been quoted in almost every metropolitan newspaper and television station in the region, as well as in state and national media outlets, on topics from foreclosures to the financial collapse.

How do you stay ahead of the economic news every day? There is a set of state and federal Web sites that provide the quantitative backdrop to the news. I monitor in particular the Bureau of Labor Statistics’ state and federal sites because that is the most up-to-date source on local economies.

Everyone is talking about the economy, sometimes four or more commentators to a screen. How do we know where to believe? We are in uncharted waters, so I think one should be leery of anyone who “knows” the answer.

Anyone we should hastily ignore? Most commentators should be ignored because they are chosen for their certainty rather than their wisdom.

In your mind, what’s the single most troubling local economic indicator? Our most troubling local indicator is the substantial decline over the last eight years in our manufacturing job base without offsetting increases in other employment areas.

Biggest local threat to our long-term economic stability? Our unswerving to even the adult economic playing field by providing sufficient education resources in the first eight years of life. We are paying now in job loss, high rates of incarceration and high rates of substance abuse for our unwillingness to do what was necessary during the 1980s and early 1990s.

What aspect of our regional economy shows the greatest promise? We have substantial strengths in materials science and nanotechnology that should bear long-term fruit.

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base represents a source of continuing stability.

Are we on the right track as a country? As a region? As a country we are on the right track to the extent we decide that the current levels of unemployment are unacceptable and take the steps required to bring that unemployment down. … If we refuse to acknowledge the real family suffering associated with that unemployment, we will pay a substantial long-term cost for our own deafness. As a region, we have an excellent infrastructure in place to support economic development and a key central facilitator in the Dayton Development Coalition. Our biggest weaknesses are our daily failure to help low-income families learn the skills they need to succeed as families.

At the end of the day, how do you get your mind off the economy? I look at my blackberry bush putting in its new branches from the central branch and recall the phrase, “Consider the lilies in the field, how they grow.” (From Matthew 6:25-34)

2 new faculty lay groundwork for bioengineering degree

Kim Bigelow is using what looks like a high-tech bathroom scale to prevent falls, the leading cause of unintentional death in the elderly.

Don Comfort is using enzymes in bacteria that thrive in hot springs to produce biofuels. These two new faculty members, while in very different areas of study, are united under bioengineering, an academic area being strengthened as the University moves toward offering a bioengineering master’s program in fall 2010.

The program will unite faculty from across campus — biology, chemistry, math, electro-optics and chemical, civil and mechanical engineering. Comfort joined the chemical engineering faculty in October and is helping usher through the initiative, which has passed the Academic Senate and will go before the board of trustees in May before submission to the Ohio Board of Regents.

Comfort most recently worked for Wyeth, a pharmaceutical company, where he devised purification techniques for the infant streptococcal vaccine Prevenar.

At UD, he is looking at a different chemical process. If bacterial enzymes can thrive in a Yellowstone hot spring, they may function well in high-temperature processes such as those that break down carbon chains in switchgrass to ferment into fuels, he said.

Bigelow, who joined the department of mechanical engineering in January, uses a force plate to measure how people rock or sway when being on two feet. Her research evaluates the potential risk of falling and can be used to measure improvement attained through physical therapy or deterred due to illness or injury.

As Bigelow studied biomechanics, she carved her own path.

“I discovered that as a student, you have to find that one professor or one class and decide how you can build on it.”

She and Comfort are hoping to build a web of opportunities for just such students.

Bigelow is collaborating with the doctor of physical therapy program, and both professors are placing undergraduates to possibilities in bioengineering through special topics and engineering innovations courses.

All are welcome

Holy Week and Easter worship opportunities

As the calendar of Lent draws to a close, campus ministry invites the campus community to take part in its Passion and Easter Services in the Immaculate Conception Chapel.

All are welcome to come for worship, said Emily Strand, campus minister for liturgies. Choir members, Eucharistic ministers, lectors and others are needed for all liturgies. To volunteer, contact her via e-mail at emily.strand@udayton.edu.

Services include:

- 10 a.m. Sunday, April 5: Mass for Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion
- 8 a.m. Thursday, April 9: Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper
- 3 p.m. Friday, April 10: Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion
- 11:30 a.m.-Saturday, April 11: Morning prayer with rites for the Elect — prayer with those being baptized and confirmed
- 9 p.m. Saturday, April 11: Easter Vigil of the Lord’s Resurrection
- 10 a.m. Sunday, April 12: Easter Sunday Mass

No services are scheduled Monday, April 13, the University is closed.

Christmas on Campus returns to Dec. 8

Reginald Tom Westendorf announced in March that the 2009 Christmas on Campus celebration — the 46th — has been rescheduled to its traditional date of Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

“By returning Christmas on Campus (Dec. 8), we hope to more closely tie this celebration of service, community and faith with the mission and tradition of our Catholic and Marianist university,” he said.

Friday, Dec. 11, will now be the last day of classes for the fall semester. See the updated 2009-10 academic calendar at http://registrar.udayton.edu.

Faculty-staff retreat: ‘Finding God in Troubled Times’

At a day of spiritual renewal for faculty and staff Tuesday, April 21, a Marianist brother presided over a day of classes for the fall semester.
Today through April 25
Frayed: The University of Dayton Senior Art Exhibition
The Link Gallery, 519 E. Fifth St. in the Oregon Arts District, downtown Dayton, collaborated with UD on this exhibition of graduating seniors’ work. Gallery hours are 5 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday; noon to 4 and 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday; and by appointment. Call 224-7707. Opening is 5 to 10 p.m. today; closing reception is 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 25.

Through May 1
Assemblage: A faculty exhibition
8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Marianist Hall learning space commons. Show features the work of visual arts faculty members Erin Holscher Almazan, Jennifer Bristol, Suki Kwon, Virginie Lamarche, Fred Niles and Emily Trick.

Through April 22
Horvath Exhibition
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Rike Gallery. Reception announcing best of show and other honors is 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 16.

Friday, April 10-Monday, April 13
Easter break
No classes.

Friday, April 10
Good Friday
University closed.

Monday, April 13
Day after Easter
University closed.

Wednesday, April 15
Stander Symposium
Opening reception 8 p.m., Schuster Center, 1 W. Second St., downtown Dayton. Admission is free, but tickets are required. Call 229-2545. Event showcases the excellence of UD students and faculty in visual arts, music, dance and theater. Paul Helfrich, president of the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra, will serve as master of ceremonies. See http://stander.udayton.edu.

Thursday, April 16
Stander Symposium
Alternate day of learning for undergraduate students. Events include:
- Keynote address
  9 a.m., RecPlex; Majora Carter, founder of Sustainable South Bronx, an advocate of a green-collar work force and host of the public radio series The Promised Land. Free, but tickets are required; call 229-2545.
- Issue forums on campus energy use
  10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Roesch Library. To sign up a class or for more information, contact Jason Pierce at 229-2596.
- Day at the Stander
  10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., various campus locations; poster sessions, panel discussions, presentations, performances, art exhibits and hands-on learning opportunities; see http://stander.udayton.edu.

Closing exhibition and reception
5 to 7 p.m., Rike Center. The visual arts department hosts this evening of open studios as the closing event of the Stander Symposium. In a ceremony at 6 p.m., the winners of the juried annual Horvath Exhibition will be announced. Evening also includes demonstrations and films. For information, see http://stander.udayton.edu or call 229-3237.

Wednesday, April 22
Administrative Professionals Day

Friday, April 24
Last day of classes
Exams begin Saturday, April 25; study days are Sunday, April 26, and Tuesday, April 28.

Saturday, May 2
Doctoral/graduate commencement
9:45 a.m., University of Dayton Arena.

Sunday, May 3
Undergraduate commencement
9:45 a.m., University of Dayton Arena.

Monday, May 11
First summer session begins

Monday, May 25
Memorial Day
University closed.

Monday, June 22
Second summer session begins

Friday, July 3
Independence Day observed
University closed.

Friday, Aug. 14
Feast of the Assumption
University closed.