Final five left in UD’s annual Business Plan Competition

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Students started preparing their project for the third annual UD Business Plan Competition in September and after months of hard work, their presentations on March 21 will determine their fate on March 31, when judges announce the winners.

Dr. Jay Janney, coordinator of the business plan competition, said the competition is a two-step process.

“The first stage is a one minute elevator pitch,” he said. “Students fill out an application that contains one page on their idea. Then, they stand up before five judges and present it.”

The next step will be the presentations given by students in March.

“A business plan competition involves identifying a problem to be solved, where the solution would involve starting a company,” Janney said. “You do an investigation of the industry and figure out how to profitably solve the problem in a way that benefits both the customer and your company.”

Five groups remain in the competition.

The judges for the final presentations are: Michael McCabe, executive director of UDRI; Dean Ruwe, former president of Copeland; Tim Cahill, senior vice president of SCHInspire Corporation; Tom Vogel, successful entrepreneur; and Robert Franks, Cintas executive, according to the Web site http://shaweb.udayton.edu.

Stow-N-Go-Net-Buddy

Senior David Whitney, president of his group, and his co-partner, Jim Schroeder, are teaming up to present their product Stow-N-Go-Net-Buddy to a target audience of anyone who enjoys fishing.

“It is a device that mounts on the side of your boat and holds a net in place,” Whitney said. “Pull the handle and deploy the adjustable shaft up and over the boat. The net opens up in the water. All you have to do now is guide the fish into the net.”

Whitney said their product will help fishermen focus on the fish in their net, instead of holding their netting for you,” he said.

Creating the product was hard, but they get satisfaction out of their work.

“My partner and I have been fishing buddies for years,” Whitney said. “We’re not particularly smart; just creative and energetic.”

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David Whitney Senior, Finance & Zoology

KDVS

Junior Wes Hartig understands how hard a group has to work in order to stay in the competition. Hartig said he and his partner, Matt Lakes, have to be open to multiple suggestions and willing to make changes in their product plan, KDVS which improves greenhouse growing seasons.

“The hardest part of the competition is setting a timeline and sticking to it,” Hartig said. “Things never go according to plan. Matt and I have to stay flexible. Often, we will get stuck on a certain aspect of the plan and we’ll have to modify the schedule. Another hard part about writing the plan is to be open to change. Writing a business plan seems like a straightforward, structural process, but we have to recognize potential opportunities or pitfalls.”

KDVS was originally created by Ken Simone and Doug Van Dyke. According to Hartig, it was created as a limited liability corporation in 2007.

He said, “We were brought in to further develop ideas and strategies to enhance the business.”

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DOWNTOWN DAYTON PARTNERSHIP REESTABLISHING AREA

SARA DORN
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With a crumbling economy, Dayton, like many cities in the nation, is looking for a way to get back on its feet, and the Downtown Dayton Partnership is coming together to work on a plan to reestablish the center of urban Dayton.

According to Laura Woeste, a member of the partnership, this plan has a large focus on college students.

“College students are certainly a really important part about this plan,” Woeste said. “We recognize that there are more than 70,000 college students in the area.”

The first three public meetings pertaining to this development were held earlier this month. Although Woeste said the plan is in its early phases and nothing is official, some ideas include an outdoor mall, a zoo, the redevelopment of Montgomery County fairgrounds, and ways to make housing safer and more affordable. A draft plan should be developed by June that will include definite plans.

College students are keen on the idea of more diverse leisure activities in the downtown area.

“The thing that would draw me downtown the most would be little shopping boutiques and more original café-like restaurants, nothing that was really pricey, and it would be nice to get away from the chain-restaurants on Brown Street,” University of Dayton freshman Josie Behr said.

Behr said she doesn’t currently venture downtown due to the lack of security and the fact there is nothing that draws her attention there.

“It’s really unsafe. I feel like I wouldn’t be able to go down there by myself,” Behr said.

Woeste emphasizes that in order to build the plan, involvement from outside sources in the community is crucial. To give suggestions or comments, visit mostmetro.com, downtowndayton.org or e-mail Woeste directly at woeste@downtowndayton.org.

“We’re encouraging students to go to mostmetro.com to participate in our online discussion forum,” Woeste said. “By going to downdowndayton.com and taking the surveys we can find out what students think the strengths and weaknesses of downtown are.”

Woeste said that the Partnership is forming a resource group of young professionals and they are interested in getting college students involved in that group, more information can be found at the Partnership’s Web site. Mostmetro.com also has a forum where citizens can participate in about how they feel downtown could improve.

“Overall, young professionals, including college students, are a really important part of the Downtown Dayton Plan,” Woeste said.

Weekend leisure tournament

14 schools compete on UD’s campus in recreation activities

PAUL CONTE
Staff Writer

The atmosphere in Kennedy Union was intense but amicable on Saturday, with emotions running high as an unforeseen killing spree resulted in a come-from-behind upset.

It was a Halo tournament as part of a Recreation and Leisure Activities weekend, which drew students from 14 different schools to the University of Dayton.

Eighty students from schools in Ohio and Michigan competed in pool, table tennis, Halo, euchre, chess, cornhole and poker. Association of College Unions International coordinates the event every year. Region 7 of the ACUI includes Ohio and Michigan.

This is the first year that UD has hosted the event according to Host Coordinator at Dayton Amy Vickers-Lee.

“The ACUI knew that Kennedy Union had recently remodeled the game room and asked if we could be the host school this year,” she said.

The primary goal of the event is to promote camaraderie among the students in the region.

“The event has been happening for over 30 years and the feedback has always been positive,” Tournament Coordinator Kate Leishman said.

Leishman said that the number of participants was down slightly this year.

“The way the economy is this year some students may have been unable to travel causing the slight dip in attendance,” she said.

While most of the activities were recreational there was definitely a competitive factor. The top competitors in pool and table tennis qualified for the national competition. The first place winner for table tennis on the men’s side was Darren Tang of Ohio State. Leading the way for the women was Crystal Buchanan of Ferris State. Jason Burns of Clark State and Eliza LaBelle of the University of Michigan placed first in the men’s and women’s division. Dayton was well represented in the Halo tournament with seniors Sergio Betancourt, David Mattingly and Ryan Peak finishing in the top three spots.

The table tennis and pool were more serious as there was more on the line. Each of the pool tables were occupied in the Hangar and the Recplex hosted the table tennis players. In table tennis the University of Michigan had the highest representation.

Overall the event went smoothly and the coordinators agreed it was a success.

“It was a great tournament and it all went very well,” Vickers-Lee said.

Any student enrolled at a school in Ohio or Michigan is eligible to participate in the event which takes place annually in locations alternating between the two states.

Top three UD competitors:
1) Sergio Betancourt, senior (Halo)
2) David Mattingly, senior (Halo)
3) Ryan Peak, senior (Halo)
FEB. 24
TODAY
HUMAN RIGHTS
The Center for Social Concern is sponsoring a presentation tonight titled Policy and Human Rights in Cambodia. It starts at 7:30 p.m. in Science Center Room 114. Traditional Columbian coffee will be served.

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FEB. 25
WEDNESDAY
ASH WEDNESDAY
Seeing everyone walk around with the crosses marked on their foreheads? It’s a sign of penance and helps develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice, according to Catholic Online. Today marks the beginning of the Season of Lent, a time preparing us for Christ’s resurrection on Easter Sunday.

ENERGY COLLOQUIUM
The UD Energy Colloquium is having its live public broadcast in the Science Center Auditorium called “Politics of Energy” from 5 to 6 p.m. today. Everyone is invited to attend for live audience participation via Flyer TV.

FREE YOGA
The Wellness Council is offering free yoga at 7 to 7:50 p.m. at the RecPlex Studio B.

FEB. 26
THURSDAY
LEARN YOUR FORTUNE
Pick up a positive thought with a free fortune in Kennedy Union from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WRITE PLACE
Student Learning Services Drop-In Tutoring and the Write Place will be closed beginning today through Sunday. Both will reopen Monday.

FEB. 27
FRIDAY
GET OUTTA HERE
Leave the winter blues behind today – no classes for mid-term break!
Stem-cell study treats MS

FRANCES CORREA
Commonwealth Times
Virginia Commonwealth U.

Edwin McClure, a Virginia Commonwealth University advertising graduate student, participated in a stem-cell study, published Jan. 29, that might have unveiled a treatment for multiple sclerosis.

According to the lead author of the study, this is the first study to show an actual reversal of the disability.

McClure was diagnosed with MS in 2000 when he was a senior in high school. In 2005, two years after the diagnosis, Dr. Katarina Billkova told his mom Bernice McClure about the clinical trial, led by Dr. Richard Burt at Northwestern University. The trial uses the patient’s own stem cells to regenerate the immune system and reverse the symptoms of MS.

The trial consisted of 21 patients. McClure flew to Evanston, Ill., to participate. During the course of the trial, doctors took out McClure’s own stem cells and used them to grow more cells. Then he was given a course of chemotherapy to wipe out his immune system.

After the month was complete, McClure returned to the hospital. His harvested stem cells then were transplanted back into his body. When his cell count started increasing and McClure’s symptoms started getting better, he and his mother knew the trial might have worked.

Three years later, McClure said his symptoms have disappeared.

“This is the first study to actually show reversal of disability,” Burt told Bloomberg.com on Jan. 30. “Some people had complete disappearance of all symptoms.”

The treatment will go through one more trial before it can become an approved treatment for MS.

Restaurant takeovers raise clubs’ money

NATE WAGGENSPACK
Staff Writer

A chief concern for any student club or organization is the issue of fundraising, so students have begun to turn to local restaurants for help with fundraising and have seen excellent results.

Businesses like Milano’s Atlantic City Subs, Timothy’s Bar and Grill and Applebee’s have recently been the site of fundraisers for several different UD clubs. The Club Tennis team held a fundraiser at Milano’s on Feb. 12.

Milano’s offers a takeover, in which a club helps the restaurant get more business for a day and in turn gets back some of the extra money that they made. Through talking up their fundraiser and increasing Milano’s customers for a day, Club Tennis was able to hold a fundraiser there Feb. 12.

Basically the takeover is when an organization comes in and we run a fundraiser with them for 20 percent of all sales that they bring in,” Milano’s General Manager Ryan Grant said. “It’s more of their job to get as many people, foot traffic, through the doors. They get 20 percent of every flier turned in with a total.”

To set up a takeover, the student organization needs to go into Milano’s and talk to Grant.

“Go in there and you talk to a guy and say you want to set up a takeover,” Matt Cracchiolo, who set up the fundraiser for Club Tennis, said. “You need to convince the guy that it’s worth their time as much as it is your time.”

Milano’s prints out several hundred fliers and gives them to the club to pass out, Cracchiolo said. Then, anyone who comes in to Milano’s with a flier that day is contributing to the fundraiser.

Cracchiolo said that Club Tennis made $171.40 at no cost to the club other than any time they took to pass out the fliers. Its takeover at Milano’s lasted from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 a.m.

Grant said that he has done a takeover with eight different organizations now and it has been successful every time.

“In the past, it’s been huge,” he said. “We’ve gone from $150 of a donation to $300 of a donation. It’s been great for both of us, every organization has done a great job bringing people in.”

Grant said that he is not looking for anything in particular when a student comes in to pitch a takeover. As long as it is a university organization that is looking for help raising money, Grant said he will usually have no problem setting up a takeover.

“The process can take up to two years, however we are hoping that the General Assembly will see it as a priority bill and work to get it passed,” Wheeler said.

With the passing of this bill, many students’ worries about the future and worries for the future of Ohio could be stifled. This is part of Buehrer’s motivation.

“If we truly want to get our economy back on track, Ohio cannot afford to lose the next generation of skilled workers to other states,” Buehrer said on www.ohiogop.org. “In addition to our work to ensure good-paying job opportunities for our graduates, this program will provide an extra incentive for our best and brightest to purchase their own homes and become invested in our communities.”
**FREE COPYING 101**
Graduate student Alexander Goebel is working solo on his project, Free Copying 101. He said the support he received from mentors helped guide him while creating his product.

“I was very surprised about the level of support I received from my mentors and professor Janney,” he said. “All of them were very eager to help me and provided me with great advice for the project. Without their help, I would have missed some great possibilities.”

With Free Copying 101, Goebel’s aim is to help both students and advertisers.

“My project will provide students with free copy paper at the beginning of each semester by printing advertising on the back of the paper,” he said. “By doing so, the business model provides great benefits for the students as well as the advertising companies.”

Goebel said, “If everything goes well, students at UD will be able to experience the product by 2010.”

**PATRON SAFETY CONE**
With the help of engineering students, junior Phil Yust and his group created the Patron Safety Cone.

“Our project is a collapsible, light-up cone that is to replace customary construction cones,” he said.

The idea originally came from Dayton businessman, Ron Patterson. Patterson created the idea of the cone and has handed the idea to Yust’s group.

“It’s been interesting writing a business plan from someone else’s idea,” Yust said.

He said he and his group have spent a lot of time analyzing statistics and gathering information for their plan.

His group and the engineering students didn’t know one another at first. He said they formed strong bonds quickly but “when we met, it was strictly business.”

Janney wants UD students to know all are welcome to join the competition in the future. Students do not have to major in business.

“If you have an idea and meet with me, in less than 30 minutes I can help you refine your idea to the point where you can enter,” he said. “Judges look for good solutions and have no preconceived ideas where they come from. Next year’s elevator pitch will start in September. You have all summer to start thinking about that idea.”

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Prom, Mr. Perfect raise funds for art

MICHAELA KRAMER
Staff Writer

Saturday night, students jammed at ArtStreet in their ’80s best in honor of Strivers School for the Arts.

ArtProm was one of two events that were held with the intention of benefitting Strivers, a local visual and performing arts school that includes music, dance, theatre and visual arts in Dayton.

The third annual ArtProm was an event open to all students and was sponsored by the visual arts students at the University of Dayton, according to Kate Anderson, visual arts technical and professional staff member.

“It’s about fun, community, and service,” Anderson said. “We are trying to promote a relationship with Strivers and this is a way for art students to help art students.”

Each year there is a different theme for the prom. This year the theme was the ’80s and the previous two years were a gothic theme and a thrift store theme.

“Everyone dresses up,” Jeff Jones, visual arts professor at the University of Dayton, said. “And we mean everyone — faculty included.”

In addition to the theme, a prom king and queen were also announced and prom pictures were taken.

“We do it just like a high school prom,” Anderson said.

ArtProm is a chance for the hard working art students to “let loose and let go” while raising money for a good cause, Jones said.

There have been other ties between UD and Stivers in the past.

UD art students have volunteered at Stivers, and UD alumni have taught at the art school. Faculty members at UD have even gone to Stivers to critique the work of photography students there.

“We do have a kind of connection,” Anderson said. “We’re trying to build it up.”

The Seeding Foundation at Stivers offers students the most direct help, so most of the funds to the local art school will go to this foundation.

Another recent event held to raise funds for Stivers was Mr. Perfect Fifth, held Friday. Sigma Alpha Iota, an international music fraternity, sponsored it.

“Stivers is a school in need and has repeatedly produced wonderful students and highly talented and skillful musicians,” Keivel said.

“We have several students in the music department that have gone through Stivers. Budget cuts have forced their renowned handbell choir to stop playing, so we hope that the money raised will do some part in keeping music alive and flourishing.”

Mr. Perfect Fifth featured a male member of the music department that was to compete in a talent competition, evening wear event and interview process. The event was open to the entire campus but contestants had to be a part of the music department. All the proceeds went to Stivers, according to Laura Keivel, senior history and political science major.

Raffles for both events took place. Mr. Perfect Fifth raffled off a free Dayton to Daytona trip, while ArtProm raffled off items such as faculty work, an iPod and even work from Richard Simmons.

Kelly Dowd: Ugh.
Mick Enright: Weird layout.

FN: Who’s the cleanest and messiest person in the house?
MC: Kelly is the cleanest.
PV: Mick is the messiest. But one time I did catch a mouse that was running around the house with my bare hands and killed it. So… yeah.
KS: We were all running around with brooms, it was crazy!

FN: If your parents ever came to the house, what would you hide from them?
MA: Mick.
KD: We have nothing to be ashamed of, we’re perfect.

FN: Describe your house in one word.
P: Rustic.
KS: Loving.

FN: Is it weird having the opposite sex as roommates?
PV: We love it.
KD: It’s a landlord house and we thought it would be fun to live with three guys and three girls. It has exceeded our expectations.

FN: What is the strangest thing about living here?
P: If you could name your house, what would you call it?
MC: The tree house. If you look out the windows upstairs all you see are trees and it makes you feel like you’re in a tree house.

FN: If you could change the front porch, what would you change?

FN: Anything else you want to say?
KS: We all have characters from “Friends” that we go by, but don’t tell anyone.

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Roommates: Seniors Megan Clayton, Kelly Dowd, Kaitlin Smith, Merek Aman, Mick Enright and Patrick Vohden

House spec:
Five bedrooms, two bathrooms, living room, family room, game room, kitchen and fireplace.
Exhibit depicts rare view of science

KAITLYN HITI
Staff Writer


“Images from Science 2” is a collection of 61 photographs that display scenes such as lightning bolts, magnified snowflakes and a six-month-old human fetus.

These photos were created at science institutes around the world and brought together at the Rochester Institute of Technology. Through March 26, the exhibit will be housed at the ArtStreet thanks to Scott Streiker, whose microscopic image of a fruit fly head is part of the collection.

“The fruit fly photomicrograph (picture) was produced during a biology class lab at UD,” Streiker said. “During that lab, students used the High Resolution Scanning Electron Microscope to examine the results of genetic studies.”

While this may sound complicated and time consuming, about 15 minutes of preparation “it takes just a moment to take a HRSEM,” Streiker said.

Streiker is currently working in UD’s Nanoscale Engineering Science and Technology Lab of the Science Center, producing microscopic images for academic and professional researchers.

“Images from Science 2” is the second round of photographs provided by RIT professors at their School of Photographic Arts and Sciences. This time the professors focused on emphasizing the idea that an image taken for purposes outside of the art world can be just as aesthetically pleasing.

The next time you find yourself near ArtStreet, stop by Studio D and take a look at the sonic boom produced by a firing rifle, or a magnified human eye, computer chip and Crane fly larva.

“A film that can detect and see sound waves” was used to capture the rifle shot, said Susan Byrnes, the Director of ArtStreet, as well as “other kinds of technology aside from microscopes and cameras.”

Also, images captured using high-powered telescopes at the Spitzer Science Center in Pasadena, California feature a range of bright colors, pushing our limited spectrum, that represent certain elements and wavelengths in space.

Though the photos in “Images from Science 2” were first taken for scientific purposes, primarily discoveries or experiments, they have turned out to be beautiful pieces of artwork and viewing is free to all.

Show portrays eating disorders

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Staff Writer

“The Thin Line,” a one-woman show that addresses the issues surrounding eating disorders, will come to UD March 2 as part of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week and Women’s History Month.

According to Pattie Waugh of the Women’s Center, “The Thin Line” is a 30-minute play in which the actress—her mom, her best friend and her negative inner voice—“It is the negative inner voice that makes this play so compelling as it gets at the inner thoughts and emotions of a person with an eating disorder,” Waugh said.

The play is produced by Add Verb Productions Arts & Education, who use theatre and dialogue to address social issues. The company requires the show is followed by a panel discussion with experts from the community. UD’s panel will include Dr. Mary Buchwalder, director of the Gosiger Health Center, Dr. Beck Cook and Dr. Erin Shiner of the Counseling Center and Emily Buckley. One in Four president, an eating disorders awareness group.

“While there are many people who suffer from eating disorders — bulimia and anorexia — an even larger percent of the population deals with ‘disordered eating,’ i.e., they have struggles with food and weight that do not meet criteria for an eating disorder, but can create turmoil in their lives,” Dr. Buchwalder said. “How many people do you know who are frequently or constantly dieting, feeling guilty for eating a piece of candy or bag of potato chips, putting themselves down for not being stronger and always unhappy with their weight?”

Buckley agrees, citing that one in four college-aged females has an eating disorder and as many as 10 million women and 1 million men are affected with an eating disorder of some kind. She said this means almost everyone knows someone with an eating disorder, and even if they don’t, everyone is affected by negative body image. She said that the show will be particularly relevant to UD, as college is a common time to develop eating disorders and also when they are most likely to go undetected.

“The stresses of leaving high school, handling course work and extra curriculars, trying to avoid the freshman fifteen, and, for many people, having to make their own diet choices for the first time, are often triggers that lead to eating disorders,” Buckley said.

Buckley said she hopes the performance and the panel will encourage students with eating disorders to seek professional help.

Buckley said. “The actresses’ portrayal of negative self talk will go far to show that eating disorders are not glamorous, are not diets, and are certainly not something to be dismissed or trivialized, but are diseases that kill,” Buckley said.

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Graduate and Adult Continuing Education Open House

Wednesday, March 4, 5 to 7 p.m.
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Take a break:
Mid-term break pointless, not fair to student body

At the end of this week, students will be granted what the university calls “mid-term recess”. This break will begin at the end of classes on Thursday and classes will then resume on Monday morning. For the non-math majors out there, that means students get exactly one day off of classes for their first break of the semester. Our question is, why?

Think about it. What is the point of giving students just one day off? Some students on campus (mainly upperclassmen) don’t even have classes on Fridays, thus making it so they don’t get a break at all. Shouldn’t this mid-term break be just like the one the students are used to in the fall where they get both Thursday and Friday off from classes, thus enabling those who live far from Dayton to potentially visit their families for a few days?

Now, students will have to wait until April 3 to have their spring break, with classes resuming on Monday, April 13 at 4:30. Then, the last day of classes is on April 24. Yes, students at UD go to a Catholic university and should get time off to celebrate Easter, but why not have a shorter break around the holiday and have a longer spring break that is more in line with other universities?

This would solve a few problems. First, students would be able to spend time with their families during Easter and another time during break that is more in line with other universities. This would solve a few problems. First, students would be able to spend time with their families during Easter and another time during the semester. Second, the university wouldn’t look like a villain to students for short-changing them with a one-day mid-term recess. Third, by having spring break when other schools do, students would be able to spend some time with their friends from home.

This semester’s day off for mid-terms is basically pointless. Giving students one Friday off does not accomplish much of anything for students or faculty. In future years, we hope that UD learns from its scheduling disappointment and thinks about what is most important to students when scheduling breaks for them during the academic year.

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Your turn

Beer brand important UD tradition

Students’ shift in preference from Beast to Natty Light in recent years disheartening to senior

As the pages begin to fly off the calendar and graduation draws near, I can’t help but look back at my years at UD. A lot has changed here since my days in Marianist Hall in the fall of 2005, and while most of the obvious changes were brought about by the administration, there has been a major shift brought on by the student body. It has become increasingly worse throughout my four years, a change so profound that it threatens the very identity of this student body as we know it. The dire problem I am referring to is the shift from students buying Beast to students buying Natty.

After studying abroad for two semesters, I didn’t realize how pervasive Natty had become until I walked into Sunoco my first time back this year. What used to be an entire aisle reserved for Beast was now a never-ending aisle reserved for Natty. What!? Were they kidding me!? Had UD changed so drastically and so quickly? I glanced around the crowd expecting to see a few popped collars.

Some argue that Natty tastes better than Beast. Besides being a preposterous claim, I can’t recall a time where anyone has played beer pong or flip cup “for the taste.” With the exception of basketball, there are three adjectives that have always been synonymous with UD: Community, the Ghetto, and Beast. Coming from New Jersey, I don’t meet a lot of people who have heard of UD, but if they have, those are the first things they mention. Yes, of course we have good academics and whatnot, but that is not what makes us unique. Community, the Ghetto, and Beast are three things that no other college has. We have already given up on the old tradition of couch burning; the least we can do for the UD alumni is to continue drinking Beast. So, for those of you who think you’re preserving your taste buds, go have a Natty in the South Student Neighborhood. For those of us who love UD and its traditions, we’ll be back at the party with Beast in the Ghetto.

Word on the street...

Are you staying on campus for mid-term break?

"Yes, I am staying on campus. There’s no point in going home.”

DAVE PETROSKY, FRESHMAN
INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING TECH

"I thought about leaving, but the break was way too short.”

HINDA ABDULLAHI, FRESHMAN
ACCOUNTING

"I have to work at the rec, so I’m staying.”

ANNA ST. CYR, SOPHOMORE
BIOLOGY

“Journalism is not a science. It is a craft ruled by the iron law of “It depends.””

Professor clarifies remarks in previous issue of *FN*

I very much appreciated the opportunity to be interviewed for the Feb. 6 edition of *Flyer News*. I do want to clarify a couple of points in the resulting article because significant portions of the original interview didn’t make it in print.

The second question in the printed article asks, “What problems did you have with the Church that made you become atheist?” But I wasn’t asked that question in the interview. If I had been asked, my answer would have been quite different than the one printed. My being atheist then had nothing to do with my concerns about marriage and family, though that is how it came across. My doubts about God’s existence in college were the reasons I considered myself an atheist (or probably, more properly, agnostic) at that time. I think I should also clarify that I am not now an atheist, but a very committed Catholic theologian. It was, however, my frustrations with questions about marriage and singleness among Christians (of various denominations) that led to my desire to study marriage and family in graduate school.

A couple of questions toward the end of the article ask me to offer advice to people who are dating, engaged or married. In the article, I seemed to suggest that dating and marriage and engagement are mostly about having fun and getting to know each other and going against cultural norms. In the interview, though, I made my comments in the context of the radical nature of being disciples of Jesus Christ. Christians are called to be counter-cultural. I gave an example of single people who significantly help out families via just simply being present with those families—in hanging out, or babysitting, or inviting people over for dinner. I also gave an example of two friends of mine who are married with two children and doing a medical mission in Haiti. One of our default ways of thinking is that being married “ties you down” and that being single “makes you free”. But my single and married friends in my examples refute the notion that being married “ties you down” or that being single makes you free from commitments or obligations. In addition, we can be counter-cultural by not succumbing to the societal pressure to be married just because everyone else does it. It is in that context, then, that I made statements about having fun and just getting to know people—without ulterior motives!

Finally, some of the statements in the article made it sound like my arguments about marriage as over-valued are solely arguments with the Catholic Church, when in fact I was very careful to say (as someone who grew up United Methodist and found similar attitudes in non-Catholic circles) that I think all Christians have to reflect on the over-idealization of married life.

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RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The last *Flyer News* article featured a discussion on the abortion issue that rightly addresses the need for common ground between pro-life and pro-choice advocates in reducing abortions. However, one cannot simply stop at the idea of “reducing abortions” and then either see this topic as unimportant in our lives or dismiss the topic altogether.

Whether we realize it or not, this issue will be around for a while, and being a good citizen demands of us to continuously inform ourselves, research, and look into all different aspects of this profound issue. A deeper and ongoing look at the abortion issue from all sides—political, religious, social, economical—is always needed to prevent us from falling into the popular media’s trap of biasness and relativity.

While many attempts at common ground are and have been successful, one needs to be wary of plans to reduce abortions that are actually a false front to further promote abortions. Case in point: on July 17, 2007, then-Senator Obama promised in a speech to Planned Parenthood that he would sign the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) into national law once president. Recently, Obama has been quoted in saying that he wants to “reduce abortions,” and FOCA will “finally end the culture wars,” but please ask yourself: do you really know what FOCA is about?

If enacted, FOCA would eradicate hundreds of state laws that protect women, parents, children, and health care workers while forcing taxpayers help fund the bill for millions of abortions. It would overturn common sense laws like parental notification, conscience protections, abortion waiting periods, informed consent, and regulations for women’s health. Practically every state pro-life law enacted over the past 35 years— that have been shown to reduce abortions effectively—will be done way with. Did you know this? Or have you bought into the idea that Obama will “reduce abortions” without any further look into it? Common ground in abortion discussion makes sense, but make sure that you are informed as to how our legislators want to reduce abortions.

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PREMED AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Common ground is important, but knowledge of potential plans vital to abortion debate

Professor unhappy with depiction of student housing in *Flyer News*’ staff editorial

I was disheartened to read the recent *Flyer News* editorial on the housing options afforded students, specifically contrasting the newly renovated University-owned houses with older properties. Pointedly, the editorial ended with a troublesome assumption regarding student behavior: “On one hand, it is nice to be surrounded by nice things. On the other hand, this is college and we are likely to destroy those nice things on any given weekend.” A distressing commentary from a student organ at a Marianist university given that most of us would assert that the Christian-grounded academy is called both to honor and reverence its learning and living environments. At the same time, we are admonished that destruction in any fashion is not to be part of our character.

Peter Drucker argued that: “In a moral society, the public good must always rest on private virtue.” Should not *Flyer News* promote restraint and civil behavior over against the assertion that a bent toward destruction is simply part-and-parcel of the college experience?

Less than six months ago after leaving the RecPlex, I passed a university-owned house where, in late morning already, a student party was in full swing. Dozens of young men and women were clearly and shamelessly intoxicated. Broken chairs were lying on or near the sidewalk and the house’s yard was cluttered with garbage and broken beer bottles. One intoxicated young man stood in my way as I attempted to pass down the sidewalk. That student yelled at me “Hey, old man, this is our sidewalk.” I asked him: “Does your behavior and the behavior of your friends honor this university?” Shockingly, his response was: “We don’t give a (obscenity omitted) about the image of this university.” Other students laughed and echoed his sentiment as I hurriedly walked away, somewhat in fear of my safety.

As a person who directs a large doctoral program in higher education leadership, I often remind my students of Erik Erikson’s observation, “I am what survives me.” Let’s hope that our collective sense of geniety prompts us to leave a better world on campus, one where *Flyer News* editorialists do not condone bad behavior as somehow normative.

REV. DR. EDWARD GARTEN
DEAN EMERITUS
PROFESSOR

**“These days, it saddens me that UD kids can so willingly let another UD tradition go by the wayside.”**

PETER VISCEGLIA, SENIOR COMMUNICATION MANAGEMENT

FEATURING OPINIONS OF TALENTED WRITERS

**Editor’s Note:** Portions of the interview selected for print in the Feb. 6 edition of *Flyer News* may have unintentionally characterized Dr. Bennett or misrepresented her perspective on the issues discussed in the Q&A interview. The *FN* editorial board felt that having Dr. Bennett write in a letter to the editor would be the most effective way of conveying her message.

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Men’s Basketball

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Eric Weinheimer
Staff Writer

With the shot clock winding down Stephen Thomas found himself with the ball on the wing and a defender in his face.

Moments earlier he had entered the game against rival Xavier for injured teammate Rob Lowery after seeing limited minutes in previous games due in part to illness. However, none of these things ran through his mind at this point. There were more pressing issues.

He dribbled left into the lane, put up a floating right-handed runner and dropped it right through the rim. He didn’t have time to think.

“It’s a lot of reactions,” Thomas said. “I try to play within myself. I just try to play how the coaches brought me here to play.”

The sophomore point guard was brought to UD from Indianapolis where basketball was a constant part of his life. His father, who introduced Thomas to basketball in his life. His father, who brought to UD from Indianapolis brought me here to play.”

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The men’s basketball team’s record after losing to Saint Louis Saturday evening. The Flyers still have four games remaining this season, with all of those games coming against challengers for the A-10 crown.

UD will travel to Rhode Island Wednesday before hosting Temple on Saturday. To close out the regular season, the Flyers will travel to Xavier to face the Musketeers and then host Duquesne on March 7.

Thomas provides spark for Flyers

In high school and at the junior college level in Iowa.

“Basketball has always been in my family,” Thomas said.

So much so that Thomas can’t recall a time in his life without a basketball.

“I’ve been playing ever since I can remember,” Thomas said. “I’ve seen pictures of me with a basketball before I could even walk. I guess I was one of those babies with a basketball in their crib.”

As a second grader Thomas played up an age group with the third graders in his first competitive league as a youngster. He honed his skills early against older opponents, and his game got better with age. In sixth grade, around the age of 12, Thomas posted a school-record 38 points in a single game. Even outside of organized practices and leagues he constantly worked on his game.

“My friends and I all played a lot of basketball and didn’t like to play inside much,” Thomas said. “We wanted to be outside. It helped me because I was always playing and always improving.”

All the work began to pay off at the high school level. Thomas came to the Flyers as a highly touted point guard in the high school ranks, especially in the Indianapolis area. As a junior he led Indianapolis Cathedral High to a 17-6 record and a city tournament championship while averaging 15.5 points, five assists and 3.1 rebounds for the season. He was also named Indianapolis City Player of the Year.

He and his team accomplished much of the same in his senior season. Thomas averaged 18.6 points and four rebounds during his senior campaign and was named city player of the year for a second time. He led Cathedral High to a 21-4 regular season record, a Hall of Fame Tournament title and a second consecutive city tournament championship.

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realistic and practical realizing he was third on the point guard depth chart behind London Warren and Lowery.

"Everybody wants to play and contribute," Thomas said. "You have to be ready when your number is called."

**Thomas' number called**

Thomas played sparingly early in the season, but it wasn't until the I-75 showdown against Xavier that Gregory turned to the bench and called for No. 11. With a teammate down with an injury, Thomas' first thought was one of concern.

"My first thought was that I wanted Rob to be all right," Thomas said. "I wanted him to get up and shake it off. My second thought was that I had to be ready and step up for my teammates."

And step up he did. Thomas contributed a much needed spark off the bench and, in only 11 minutes, added five points, two assists and a steal in the victory over Xavier. Against Richmond three days later he contributed four points and two assists while not committing a single turnover in 16 minutes. In the first two games with Lowery out, Thomas averaged 4.5 points, three rebounds, two assists and 1.5 steals per game.

He realizes he plays a more prominent role for the Flyers with teammate Lowery out, but at the same time, recognizes he can't replace Lowery.

"I have to be myself. I can't be Rob and Rob can't be me," Thomas said. "Rob has set the bar high because he played so well so I have to play my game, get out there and play well."

**Finishing the season**

Following those two home games the Flyers enjoyed a week-long break in their schedule. It gave Thomas some perspective and a chance to look toward the rest of the schedule.

"(The time off) is a good thing. It gives us a chance to refocus on some stuff and we get a break from the intensity and get some rest," Thomas said. "We have to focus on preparing for these upcoming games, finish strong and carry it into the A-10 tournament."

The Flyers were unable to continue their success Saturday night falling on the road to Saint Louis 57-49. With the loss, finishing strong seems even more important as the team prepares to travel to Rhode Island Wednesday.
UD uses 24-2 first half run to seize control; defeat La Salle

CORY GRIFFIN
Sports Editor

The Dayton women’s basketball team looked shaky out of the gates in the Flyers’ 71-49 dismantling of La Salle Saturday afternoon at UD Arena. In the first minute of the game, La Salle knocked down two 3-pointers to take a 6-0 lead prompting a timeout from Dayton head coach Jim Jabir.

“We just weren’t paying attention to the principles we’d been practicing over the past two or three days,” Jabir said. “We wanted to take away the 3-point shooters and we really didn’t do that at all. We got caught on screens and left really good shooters wide open. That’s a recipe for disaster, and I wanted to remind them that we weren’t going to win the game if that’s how we were going to defend.”

“He just got into us because we weren’t playing how we were suppose to, he told us to be tougher and play harder,” freshman point guard Patrice Lalor said. “We weren’t focused and he just told us to calm down and refocus.”

His pep talk did the trick. The Flyers rattled off a 24-2 run to take a commanding 24-8 lead and never looked back.

“It’s a lot easier to play when everything’s going your way,” Lalor said. “Everything seemed so natural, we were hitting each other when we were supposed to, we were making shots, it was just a lot easier. It was fun.”

The Flyers forced turnover after turnover, and applied harsh defensive pressure to the perimeter to deter the Explorers from attempting to play to their outside strength. Meanwhile, the defensive pressure collapsed on La Salle forward Morgan Robertson, holding her to 2-of-9 shooting for the afternoon.

“When you’re doing things the right way I don’t look at the scoreboard as much as how we do things,” Jabir said. “When we’re doing things the right way, usually good things happen. We need to continue with our defensive principles and our offensive principles, and when we do what we’re supposed to do, it’s pretty good.”

Making matters worse for La Salle was the shooting accuracy of the Flyers. Lalor led the arsenal from the perimeter, nailing three 3-pointers to tally nine points for the afternoon.

“Patrice was looking for a shot today finally,” Jabir said. “We’ve been asking her to do that for awhile and hopefully that is a trend that she will continue.”

Besides Lalor, the Flyers had two more players in double figures with sophomore guard Kristin Daugherty (12 points) and freshman forward Justine Raterman (11).

With the win, Dayton moved to 16-12, 5-7 in the A-10, and La Salle dropped to 10-17, 1-11 in the A-10. The Flyers will now travel to Rhode Island Thursday to battle the Rams.

Patrice Lalor dribbles down the court, Lalor scored 10 points in Saturday’s contest, including three 3-pointers.

CORY KOZELKA/ASSISTANT PHOTO EDITOR

Women’s Hoops

FLYERS DEFEND PERIMETER TO SPOIL EXPLORERS’ TRIP TO DAYTON

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Team looking to have gained second wind despite long season

Commentary

Flyers loaded with talented youngsters

The Dayton women’s basketball team has lost seven of its last 11 games, but don’t judge them on that alone.

With seven first-year players on the roster, the Flyers are having great success for a team anchored by youth.

After the win over UMass Feb. 7, sophomore captain Kristin Daugherty said that the team is not using youth as an excuse this season.

However, compared to the high school basketball that seven of the team’s players were participating in last year at this time, the leap to Division I college basketball is severely more difficult.

Rather than playing a 20-game regular season, the new players are playing 30 this season in college. And that doesn’t take into account travel (the Flyers will have played in 10 different states once next week’s game rolls around), practices and the extra coursework required with the college experience.

Despite all the challenges that the young team has faced this season, its attitude remains positive. The team looks to be gaining its second wind heading down the stretch.

The influx of talent from the newcomers has provided head coach Jim Jabir with flexibility in the lineup and several different weapons from different areas on the court.

It was never better evidenced than on Saturday, when the Flyers were able to use the inside-outside attack by getting the ball into freshman forward Casey Nance.

Nance was able to dish back out for an open 3-point attempt, or finish strong around the basket, and the attack seemed almost impecable.

With all of the energy and versatility present in the UD lineup, the Flyers could be a scary team in the A-10 Tournament this season. Most of their losses have been by single-digits, and the experience gained from a full season of conference play will prepare them for the postseason tournament in Charlotte, N.C.

Add the five-day resting period for the Flyers between the regular season and conference tournament, and the team should be fresh for a postseason run.