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UD buys NCR

Campus now 373 acres, full of possibilities for academics, research, alumni

New home for UDRI

The NCR world headquarters building will provide a signature location for the expanding UD Research Institute.

**Director John Iland announced the purchase and moving plans to UDRI employees Dec. 21 before the press conference. In a memo, he said that he and Allan Crain, associate director, had during the past four years devoted a tremendous amount of time to exploring options for creating a new space, including construction of a new building. “The world headquarters building can accommodate significant UDRI growth in a well-maintained structure that holds a commanding presence,” he wrote.**

Approximately 260 researchers, support personnel and students are expected to move out of Kettering Laboratories, Caldwell Street Center and other campus locations and into the building. Analysis and planning is being conducted to coordinate the necessary renovations and move, which will happen over the next three years. About 160 researchers will continue to work at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and leased space around Dayton. The institute will maintain operations at Shriver Park Center, which offers an outstanding amount and quality of large, high-bay space that would be hard to create in the new facility, he wrote.

UDRI conducted $96.5 million in sponsored research in fiscal year 2009 and recently received its largest contract in history — $49.3 million to develop advanced jet fuels and combustion technologies for the Air Force. UDRI has added 35 employees during the past year and has experienced growing constraints due to space. This acquisition provides the institute with much-needed space for expansion, and the consolidation of operations will provide opportunities for collaborative and interdisciplinary research.

**Evan Dobelle, author of the Savior of Our Cities survey, said, “It once more shows the leadership of the University of Dayton in its efforts to not only keep but improve the economy of Dayton by stepping up to the plate when it’s most needed.”**

The University of Dayton Research Institute (UDRI) is one of the nation’s premier university research enterprises, with a 70-year history of supporting research on national security, energy — attract excellent scientists, scholars and researchers to Dayton, where we are working hand-in-hand with the region to create a future of innovation and invention.”

The Dayton Daily News, in a Dec. 22 editorial, wrote that the growth of UDRI is a model for ideas centers that could be the basis of Dayton’s future economy. “Bringing in the NCR building will give the research institute more visibility and cachet. Locating in the first-class environment is a statement about its role at UD and in the community.”
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Our mission as our guide

Two centuries ago in France, the University of Bordeaux was known as a small, private school. It became a small school for boys. Its impact over the years stretched beyond Dayton and Ohio and even the country. But the University remained, in the Marianist tradition, formed in faith, dedicated to excellence and service to others.

Today, the University is one of the top Catholic universities in the country. We are an international university, and they represent our global reach.

In 1850, Father Leo Meyer read the signs of the times when he purchased the 22-acre Dewberry Farm. He took a bold leap. For me, he’s an inspiration.

Bill Hoben recognized

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Blue, purple and brown things
It's blue, ceramic, and may or may not be shaped like a seal, depending on your perspective. It's "That Blue Thing" by junior art education major Leah Winnike, one of 22 pieces in the 10th annual University Honors Art Exhibition, on display in the Alumni Hall first floor through November 2010. The pieces vary from inspiring photographs to purple and brown oil paintings; the artists are honors students with majors varying from English to pre-med.

The Best in Show winner — who will receive a $500 scholarship — will be announced during a reception and award ceremony beginning at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, in Alumni Hall room 125.

—Chanty Small '10

Ready, set, FeUD — BUT WHO’S COUNTING?

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

**Through Jan. 28**
Sabbatical Exhibition: Gary Marcinowski, Fred Niles, Jayne Matlack Whittaker
10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, Rike Center Gallery, Artist reception 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19. Call 229-3261.

**Through Jan. 31**
Archeology of a Neighborhood
8 a.m.-midnight Monday-Friday, noon-midnight Saturday-Sunday, ArtStreet Studio O Gallery. Students uncover the history of the student neighborhood in this exhibit. Opening reception 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8. Call 229-5101.

**Friday, Jan. 8**
10th University Honors Art Exhibition
3:30 p.m. reception, 4 p.m. awards presentation, Alumni Hall 125.

ArtStreet Friday Film Series: The Shining

**Saturday, Jan. 9**
Men’s Basketball v. Duquesne
2 p.m., UD Arena. Call 229-4433.

**Sunday, Jan. 10**
Music Faculty Artist Series: Faculty Composers
3 p.m., Sears Recital Hall. Compositions by Susan Gardstrom, Philip Magnuson, Jim McCutcheon, Mark Porcaro, Damon Sink and Eric Street.

**Monday, Jan. 11**
Maristian Heritage Celebration: Adèle Celebration
4-7 p.m., Immaculate Conception Chapel and Torch Lounge.

**Wednesday, Jan. 13**
Meet Our Maristians: Religious Brothers and Sisters
12-11:15 p.m., Kennedy Union 310. To RSVP, call 229-2409.

Jazz and Blues Concert
8 p.m., Sears Recital Hall, featuring Karen Patterson, guest cellist. Free. Call 229-9336.

**Friday, Jan. 15**
Academic Senate Meeting
3 p.m., Kennedy Union ballroom.

ArtStreet Friday Film Series: Food, Inc.

**Monday, Jan. 18**
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
No classes. University closed.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Holiday Celebration and Presidential Banquet
6:30 p.m., Dayton Convention Center. Roland Martin, CNN analyst and author of Listening to the Spirit Within: 50 Perspectives on Faith and Speak, Brother! A Black Man’s View of America, will deliver keynote speech. Tickets are $60. Call 268-0051.

**Tuesday, Jan. 19**
The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast
7:30 a.m., Kennedy Union ballroom.

Roland Martin, CNN analyst and author, will deliver keynote speech. Tickets are $15 for community members, $10 UD faculty and staff, $8 students. Call 229-2545.

**Wednesday, Jan. 20**
Men’s Basketball v. George Washington
7 p.m., UD Arena. Call 229-4433.

**Friday, Jan. 22**
Maristian Heritage Celebration: Chaminade Mass
3:30-7 p.m., Immaculate Conception Chapel and Torch Lounge.

Conundrum
8 p.m., Sears Recital Hall. The instrumentation of this Ohio-based quartet — soprano, flute, clarinet and piano — provides the foundation for adventurous chamber music both classical and contemporary. Arts Series event. Tickets are $14 general admission, $8 UD faculty, staff and non-UD students, $5 UD students. Call 229-ARTS.

ArtStreet Friday Film Series: Wristcutters: A Love Story