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Caldwell Center packs it in

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WHERE’S LARRY?
So, you think you know every nook and cranny of campus? Last month, Ann Raney correctly identified “INN” as part of the McGinnis Center sign. If you can figure out where photographer Larry Burgess was when he took the photo above, you’ll be entered in a drawing for fabulous prizes. E-mail your answer to campusreport@udayton.edu.

How did Walter Woeste '42 (bottom row, center) spend his 90th birthday? The same way he’s spent every fall Saturday for more than 60 years when UD has a home football game — in the stands, cheering for the Flyers. On Sept. 25, surrounded by 27 family members, Woeste got one present from the team (a 45-13 win over Central State) and a second from coach Rick Chamberlin and his predecessor, Mike Kelly (an autographed Flyers helmet). Earlier in the day, he also got this family portrait, taken on the porch of 237 Stonenill where a senior co-captain of the men’s golf team lives — that’s grandson Chris Woeste (top row, left).

Rich stories, full lives
Fiction novelist Ron Hansen is no stranger to Marianist traditions. Born Dec. 8, the day of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, he quickly learned that people didn’t go to school that day for reasons other than his birthday.

“I guess you could say it was the first Marianist award I received,” Hansen said Sept. 8 when he received a more prestigious honor — the 2010 Marianist Award — in a crowded Kennedy Union ballroom. This award honors a Roman Catholic whose work has made a major contribution to intellectual life.

Currently the Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J., Professor in the Arts and Humanities at Santa Clara University, Hansen is the author of six novels, a collection of short stories and a book of essays on the relationship between faith and fiction.

His most recent novel, Exiles (2009), tells the story of how Hopkins came to write “The Wreck of the Deutschland,” the tale of a tragic shipwreck that marked his return to serious poetry writing.

“There are certain elements we all heighten, sharpen, shade or color. We all learn how to tell stories,” Hansen said in his Marianist Award address. “Making Things Up...”

—Kristin Daugherty ’11

Saving green
Green initiatives last year helped the University of Dayton save $612,329. The University helped reduce its natural gas usage on main campus last year 5.7 percent and electric energy usage 4.8 percent by upgrading lighting systems, installing occupancy sensors, closing windows in the summer, and program-

There’s dancing in the streets — and in Kennedy Union — thanks to this year’s community artist in residence, Dayton Contemporary Dance Company. Last month, the company performed at a brown bag luncheon in Torch Lounge and at ArtBeat at ArtStreet, and on Nov. 30 its second company will host an open rehearsal in Boll Theatre. DCDC will work with students across divisions and at all levels of movement to introduce them to dance.

More than a fun run
Flyers were out in force during the U.S. Air Force annual marathon, held Sept. 18 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. “You get tired at about the eighth mile and really have to push,” said Beth Hart of UDit, who ran the half-marathon. “It was definitely a challenge but completely worth it.”

Hart joined others from UD, including 50 ROTC cadets, doctor of physical therapy student Kristen Olson — who placed third in her division — and law student Meghan Nugent — who finished the half-marathon with a time of 1:47:1.

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LIBBY LOPRESTI

The School of Engineering is lucky to have within Kettering Labs the Innovation Center, where interdisciplinary student teams solve problems for entrepreneurial clients, and the center’s Design and Manufacturing Clinic, where businesses come for student solutions. The school is also lucky to have Libby LoPresti as the center’s senior administrative assistant. After all, her desk has the best candy dish on campus.

When the position was created five-and-a-half years ago, why did you want the job? I became a secretary because, growing up in Dayton with 11 brothers and sisters sharing three bedrooms and one bathroom, I was always taking care of someone or something. In my free time, I was babysitting. It’s what I like to do — helping take care of kids and students.

What does your job entail? I handle day-to-day activities that include locating and purchasing supplies, tracking paperwork and making travel arrangements for students and faculty. I also manage six student technicians. I’m pretty much the “go-to” person in Kettering Labs when anybody is lost.

How do you get to interact with students at your job? I’m kind of like their mom away from home; they have called me that before. I am here for anything — if they can’t find something, if they need supplies or contact info or if they’re having printer problems. Sometimes they come for support.

What occupies your time outside of your job? I love my family, and I love sports. Being a mom is the best part of my life; I love watching my youngest son play hockey, and I play on a volleyball team with my daughter. Through my son’s hockey travels, I have met some NHL players. I will sit at home by myself and watch sports on TV. I also love all kinds of music. “Young at heart” is a really good term for me.

What are your favorite parts about working at UD? The students. Everyone is friendly, and I love the spirit of cooperation on campus. Working here doesn’t feel like a job. I have never once said, “Oh no, I have to go to work.” I hope in the future there is more space to showcase the work of the Innovation Center and Design and Manufacturing Clinic. The staff and students are already great; I can’t improve anything there.

—Meredith Hirt ’12

ADVANCEMENT

John Stuart Society

‘Arts engage us’

The arts took center stage Sept. 11 at the John Stuart Society Dinner, which honors individuals advancing the University through lifetime giving of $100,000 and more.

This year’s annual recognition dinner was held in the 1700 South Patterson Building — the first University event held in this building. Nearly 250 attendees came to honor 22 new members and six donors who increased their level of support in the John Stuart Society.

“The arts are indispensable and must be advanced for all UD students and the entire campus community,” Paul Benson, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, told attendees. “Our students are drawn to the arts for the reasons that we are drawn to them. The arts engage us. The arts affect us in ways that are uniquely powerful, stimulating, moving and sustaining.”

The vibrant role of the arts at the University was evident throughout the evening with performances by the string quartet, chorale, jazz ensemble and others, plus an art gallery of works by faculty and students. The arts focus highlighted a University key priority: securing support for a new University Center for the Arts.

Campus Campaign

Seeing the need

Students with financial need have the generosity of staff like Gwen Klemmer, a longtime giver to the Campus Campaign, partly to thank for their education.

“When a student comes to me and can’t afford to go here, you have to make sure they can get the financial aid they need,” said Klemmer, administrator of student accounts who works with financial aid students to construct their funding plans. “It makes you feel great. I keep the letters and cards I receive from students and parents, but this is my job. I take it very seriously.”

Klemmer, who often helps students throughout their college careers, began working at UD as a cashier. Twenty years and several promotions later, she still recalls the words of Brother Ray Fitz, S.M., during her first employee meeting.

“He said the easiest way to handle things is doing the best thing for the student and then for the University,” she said. “If you do that everything else would be easy, and he was right.”

Five years ago, she joined other participants of Leadership UD to endow a scholarship fund. The fund handed out its first award this fall.

Members of the University community can unite in their efforts to support students through the annual Campus Campaign, said Joan Schiml, director of annual giving. By early October, all members of the campus community will receive “What if … ?” appeals, and campus ambassadors will work to raise awareness of the campaign.

Helping the students is a motivation for many donors, Klemmer said.

“I love the University of Dayton as much, if not more, than when I first started working here. I love the Marianist values, and I want to continue that for future generations.”

—Sara Dorn ’12
Campus climate remains positive

Score increases during last year despite loss of ‘Great Colleges’ status

In 2009, the majority of UD employees answering the ModernThink Campus Climate survey reported they felt great pride and satisfaction in working on a beautiful campus with strong leadership and dedication to an individual’s career development.

One year later, that remains true. But in 2010, the University failed to achieve recognition on the Chronicle of Higher Education’s “Great Colleges to Work For” list, an honor granted in 2008 and 2009.

“We weren’t named as a Great College, and we’re disappointed,” Vice President for Human Resources Joyce Carter said. “We are proud of our numbers and they are still very good.”

Survey average score in 2009 was 66; in 2010, that number rose to 68, which garners UD a “good” rating. UD first participated in the ModernThink survey in 2008.

Among the scores that increased from 2009 to 2010:

- Career development, research and scholarship from 71 to 76
- Fairness, 55 to 60
- Supervisor/department chair relationship, 68 to 73
- Compensation and benefits, 66 to 74

Among the scores that decreased:

- Facilities and security, from 82 to 78
- Respect and appreciation, 68 to 63
- Confidence in senior leadership, 65 to 60

Carter attributes the University’s rise in score but loss of ranking to several factors. First, the pool of universities surveyed increased, meaning more competition for the top spots.

Second, the pool of employees surveyed changed. In 2008 and 2010, ModernThink surveyed a subset of campus — 600 employees — that did not include nonexempt professional staff; in 2010, 296 responded.

In 2009, the University wanted feedback from all benefits-eligible employees to gain a realistic snapshot of the campus climate from key stakeholders. It hired ModernThink to survey all faculty, administrators and nonexempt and exempt professional staff; of 2,207 employees surveyed, 1,313 responded.

“People have a connection to this institution and we’re very proud of that,” she said. “It makes me very happy to know that people think their careers are being developed, and we know we have a beautiful campus.”

But she and other senior administrators are not content with a good rating but no ranking. “We clearly have some additional things to do,” she said.

She said it’s the responsibility of every employee on campus to work to improve the climate and, hence, the survey results. One roadmap for success is the division-level action plans developed after the 2009 survey.

“If employees haven’t seen it for a while, they should approach leadership and say, ‘How can I make an impact?’” Carter hopes that impact will be visible in results from the 2011 survey. The University will again hire ModernThink to survey all benefits-eligible employees in early spring. All individual responses are confidential, but aggregate data should show if progress is being made.

“The surveys show no red or yellow flags, and we’re proud that it’s all positive,” she said. “It’s the degree of positive we’re looking to improve, and we have work to do.”
Alumni report positive experience as students, continued positive opinion of alma mater

Approximately 59 out of 60 UD alumni say they had a “good” or “excellent” experience as a UD student, and the same number similarly describe their current opinion of the University. Seventy percent call attending UD a “great decision,” and 27 percent say it was “a good decision.”

These high levels of satisfaction are two key takeaways from the 2010 Alumni Attitude Survey, commissioned by the office of alumni outreach and conducted by Performance Enhancement Group. The firm compared this summer’s results from more than 4,700 UD respondents with surveys completed during the last nine years by more than 200,000 alumni at 140 colleges and universities.

The survey offers a snapshot of alumni attitudes about the University, covering subjects such as student experience, loyalty, communications and reasons for supporting the University. Results were reported in late September.

When considering their student experience, alumni give highest ratings to UD’s academics and classes, traditions or values learned on campus, the admissions process, their relationships with other students, and “lessons about life,” all of which they rated, on average, between good and excellent. They also say the University prepared them for “contributing to my community” at much higher than national rates.

As alumni, more than 62 percent rate their current opinion of the University as “excellent”; 55 percent of alumni of other colleges and universities nationally give their alma maters a similar rating. Data analysis shows that loyalty correlates most highly for alumni who say they value the “traditions or values they learned on campus” and that UD “deepened my understanding and commitment to personal development.”

Alumni also say that the University is a successful communicator. The survey shows that the University of Dayton Magazine is both well read and well regarded by alumni of all generations, a finding consistent with previous surveys conducted by the office of University communications. Alumni report that the magazine is not only good but also their most frequent point of contact with the University. Reading alumni e-mail, contacting other alumni, visiting the University website and visiting campus round out the top five most frequent points of contact.

The survey shows that alumni most value scholarships and knowledge of how gifts are used when making a decision about giving to UD. They also strongly value opportunities to use their gifts to support employment services for new graduates and alumni, increasing the quality of academics and lowering tuition. They give the lowest ratings to personal incentives such as group discounts and exclusive alumni benefits.

Alumni commitment to UD’s Marianist mission comes through strongly. Nearly two-thirds say that emphasizing UD’s Marianist heritage is either “very” or “critically” important, a response that is consistent across generations of alumni.

University life, coursework shapes student values

Most students say their participation in the life of the University of Dayton has strengthened and shaped their values, made them more aware of the needs of others and encouraged them to become more involved in the local community.

In the classroom, more students than ever—particularly business majors and graduate students—say their coursework has shaped their values.

These are the major findings of the Catholic and Marianist Philosophy of Education survey commissioned by the board of trustees’ mission and identity committee. The survey offers a snapshot of how well the University reflects its educational mission on campus and beyond, offering comparisons to a similar 2006 survey.

“The findings are a powerful testament,” said Brother Tom Giardino, S.M., chair of the mission and identity committee and executive director of the International Center for Marianist Formation. “What does it take for the University of Dayton to create and maintain a culture that values its religious heritage? This survey, with its lights and shadows, offers some answers.”

The Business Research Group conducted the online survey of faculty, staff, students, alumni, parents, trustees, Marianists and community leaders. Other key findings include:

• All groups believe the University reflects its Catholic and Marianist philosophy of education “very or extremely well,” but implementation could be more effective on campus and in the wider Dayton community.

• A greater percentage of students, faculty and staff today say the University has made improvements in educating for service, justice and peace.

• More trustees, students and faculty believe the University educates for adaptation and change. All trustee survey takers hold that opinion.

• Students, staff and administrators today are more likely to believe the University provides an integral quality education.

• Three-quarters of faculty, compared to two-thirds in 2006, say the University educates in a family spirit, one that builds community.

• The percentage of faculty and students who regard providing an education for formation of faith as extremely or very important remains high, but lower than other groups. Two-thirds of parents, compared to three-quarters in the last survey, believe the University realizes this Marianist tenet well.

• In today’s culture, if two-thirds of the people think formation of faith is important, that’s encouraging to me,” Giardino said. “When people think of faith, they often think of campus ministry activities. It’s more than that. It includes all the dynamics of the classroom and curriculum. We’re creating a climate that values ethical behavior in every sphere.”

The survey verifies that the quality of teaching remains high on campus. The percentage of students who describe their relationship with faculty and staff as poor is almost non-existent, according to the survey.

For more on the findings, visit www.udayton.edu and click “Mission.”
I like to move it, move it

Many campus offices and operations are literally on the move, some taking advantage of new space opened up by the purchase of the former NCR world headquarters, others in preparation for a new look on Brown Street.

According to Leslie Groesbeck, director of planning and construction management, some research operations and evening classes are moving this fall to the 1700 South Patterson Building. A master planning process is under way to plan usage and future moves into the 455,000 square foot facility, which will become the home of the University of Dayton Research Institute.

UDRI’s aerospace mechanics and sensor systems research operations made the first moves to the third floor of the 1700 South Patterson Building during the last week of September. Forty-four people from the Caldwell Street Center became the first University occupants of the facility.

By the end of October, 20 to 25 graduate classes of the School of Education and Allied Professions and the School of Business Administration will be moved to the second floor, Groesbeck said.

They’ll see a renovated lobby area, opened to show off the spacious windows and wooded landscape behind the building. A customer service representative located in the lobby will assist visitors.

In the meantime, clean-up and abatement operations will start Oct. 1 on the Caldwell Street Center, which is scheduled to be removed later this calendar year to make way for new student housing. The University is working with Miller-Valentine to develop about 400 apartment-style units for juniors with a concentration on housing for international students.

On Sept. 13, Career Services celebrated its move from the Caldwell Street Center to new offices in Alumni House on L Street across from Holy Angels Church.

—Cilla Shindell

Long live the King

With its layer of gray icing, black and blood-red roses, and its solitary black cross, the birthday cake resembled less a cake than a gravestone.

“I don’t have any candles,” observed English professor James Farrelly. “But I think he would prefer darkness.”

Stephen King, bestselling author of nearly 50 novels, turned 63 Sept. 21. Farrelly was celebrating the occasion with his students in his Stephen King on Film course the following day. Farrelly has been teaching the class for 15 years.

Several students donned colorful cone-shaped party hats. Spotting them, Farrelly joked, “All the dunces are in the back row.”

Once the class had completed an atonal rendition of the Happy Birthday song, the lights were dimmed and Farrelly cued up a VH5 tape-recording of a 60 Minutes segment on King from 1997. Like the tattered paperback edition of The Shining that Farrelly carries about as he lectures — with its profusion of Post-it notes sticking out of the top — the tape has seen better days. Static washed across the screen in diagonal patterns as it played.

Farrelly was interviewed for the show but never made it on the air.

But Farrelly did get to meet and pal around with the prolific writer in 1980 when King visited the campus as part of the Distinguished Speaker Series and appeared as a keynote speaker at the University’s writers’ workshop. Farrelly has compared King’s work to that of Shakespeare.

“Even though there are these other-worldly elements built in, like ghosts and various other manifestations of evil, his characters and story frames all have wide application to human experience,” he said.

“King deals with what happens when ordinary people face the extraordinary,” Farrelly taught the horror novelist’s first book, Carrie, in his Literature of the Occult course 35 years ago. The professor first celebrated the writer’s birthday with his students in 1999, when King turned 53. That was the year the writer was nearly killed when he was struck by a minivan as he walked along the shoulder of Route 5 near his home in Lovell, Maine.

“We almost lost him,” Farrelly reminded his students that Wednesday. “This began as a way of celebrating that we still have him around.”

In the 10 years since the car accident, whenever producers of the Oprah Winfrey Show solicit suggestions for topics from its viewers, Farrelly has suggested King be featured as part of Oprah’s book club. No luck so far.

“King doesn’t need the promotion, and she hates horror novels,” Farrelly admitted, shrugging. “But I figure, who knows?”

—Emanuel Cavallaro ’07 ’12

Fledgling Common Academic Program acknowledged as model for student learning

Last spring, the Academic Senate voted to create a new Common Academic Program for undergraduate students. This summer, several College of Arts and Science faculty began exploring ways to design and implement some of the first-year components of the new curriculum.

Initial planning for the Common Academic Program began in 2006 with the work of the Marianist Educational Group. The new program is the first comprehensive reform of the general education program in 20 years.

According to the program’s proposal, “The curriculum will develop distinctive graduates who possess the critical reading, writing, oral communication, quantitative reasoning and information literacy skills that students need to function in their academic, community and professional lives.”

Patrick Donnelly, chair of the coordinating and writing task force that produced the final proposal, said the changes are necessary to ensure that every student receives “a broad education built upon Catholic and Marianist values, as found in [the document] Habits of Inquiry and Reflection.”

This past summer, after the senate’s approval of the program, College faculty traveled to national institutes to plan its launch. Three department chairs and the chair of the history department’s curriculum committee joined Dean Paul Benson at an Association of American Colleges and Universities’ institute to begin planning for the...
ADMINISTRATION

New systems, successes

Beginning this month, select faculty and staff will be required to attend one-hour training sessions about a new electronic payroll system that goes into effect Dec. 16. Joyce Carter, vice president for human resources, told the President’s Council in September.

“Employees are responsible for understanding and using the new system whether they’re entering time, reporting vacation or sick hours, or approving another employee’s time for payment,” she said. The training will not affect UDRI or bargaining unit employees.

To register for training, click on the “HR Connections” tab at porches.udayton.edu. The President’s Council also reviewed forms used when requesting outside employment opportunities. “We’re trying to be consistent across campus in how we deal with this issue and avoid conflicts of interest,” Carter said.

Campus visits are running ahead of last year’s record pace, according to Sundar Kumarasamy, vice president for enrollment, who gave a report on student recruitment efforts for fall 2011.

Fundraising is up, too. Since July 1, the University has raised $32 million, putting the Campaign for the University of Dayton at $100 million, reported Deborah A.W. Read, vice president for University advancement.

“We believe we will have a strong year,” she said. “We’re launching two new recognition clubs, the 1890 Society and Champions and Scholars Fund, and focusing on raising alumni participation to 20 percent.”

The offices of student success and parent engagement, registrar, admission, and financial aid are moving to newly renovated space on the fourth floor of St. Mary Hall. Flyer’s First, billed as a one-stop shop for current students, will open in mid-October.

—Teri Rivi

HR Connections

Oct. 4 — Banner training begins
- Web Time Entry for nonexempt employees
- Leave Reporting for exempt employees
- Approver training for faculty administrators/staff

Employees are responsible for understanding and using this new HR/payroll system. Live entering of time and leave begins in December. All of the details are available at these required training sessions.

Oct. 19 and 27 — Practice labs, LTC
- Registration required. More offered in November and December.

For more information, visit the “HR Connections” tab at porches.udayton.edu.

Growing entrepreneurs

Enrollment increases as program earns fifth national ranking

For the fifth straight year, the University of Dayton is ranked as having one of the top 10 undergraduate entrepreneurship programs in the nation. The program ranks sixth in the 2010 list of best undergraduate entrepreneurial programs released Tuesday, Sept. 21, by Entrepreneur magazine and The Princeton Review.

The 2010 ranking came one day after President Daniel J. Curran announced that alumni Bill and Marilyn Crotty, whose support helped create the program and propel it into national prominence, committed an additional $5 million for the L. William Crotty Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership.

Crotty ’52, former chief executive officer of Van Dyne-Crotty Inc., and Marilyn ’53 gave an initial $1 million gift to create and endow the center in 1998. In all, the Crotty’s have donated $15.7 million to the School of Business Administration.

“Bill and Marilyn Crotty’s support has been essential to the growth and success of our entrepreneurship program,” Curran said. “Their vision and commitment have increased the number of opportunities students have to be involved in actual business creation. This support has been crucial to the development of this nationally ranked program and its ongoing excellence.”

Since the first classes were offered in 1999, the entrepreneurship program has seen steady growth. This year, 74 sophomores entered the program, bringing the total number of majors to more than 200. It’s the fastest growing major in the business school.

The entrepreneurship program emphasizes hands-on, real-world learning opportunities in which students gain experience in conceiving, starting and operating new businesses, according to Dean Matthew Shank.

“Starting with the sophomore experience of creating and running a microbusiness to the teamwork of the business plan competition to the senior capstone project, our students are engaging in real businesses and actively apply their learning in the marketplace,” Shank said.

—Cilla Shindell

Program’s new first-year humanities courses

Additionally, faculty from the natural science departments accompanied Don Pair, geology professor and associate dean for integrated learning and curriculum in the College of Arts and Sciences, to the SENCER summer institute. The forum aims to improve curriculum by helping students address pressing civic issues in their communities.

“It was a chance to take a large group from the science departments, including department chairs, to a national institute to actively think and continue talking about how sciences could connect to the evolving Common Academic Program,” Pair said.

The program is currently being laid for the new program as faculty members begin revising current courses and developing new ones to promote the new student learning goals. Some of these courses will be piloted next fall, with all first-year components of the new program implemented by August 2013.

The program has been recognized beyond the University of Dayton. Benson reported that contacts at the AACU’s Engaging Department Institute affirmed the Common Academic Program as a model for nationwide advancement in student learning for comprehensive, research universities.

In his August address to the College of Arts and Sciences faculty, Benson encouraged them to embrace this opportunity to restructure the curriculum.

“It should lead us with richer pedagogical skills and broader imagination about how our disciplines intersect with or complement others as students build capacities for scholarship, community building, practical wisdom and critical evaluation of our most uncertain times.”

—Maggie Malach ’11
Through Oct. 22
Peter Gauch: Project Ethiope
ArtStreet Studio D gallery. Works on paper and small panels. Call 229-5101.

Through Oct. 26
Matthew Dayler: Beyond the Village
Rike Center Gallery. Works in printmaking, digital media and installation. Call 229-3261.

Through Oct. 29
Henry Sugimoto: Wood Block Prints
Roesh Library, second floor. Call 229-4221.

Through Nov. 12
Seething and Soothing: The Madonna Between Hope and Havoc (MB Hopkins)
Manan Library gallery. Artist’s reception 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 7. Examines suffering caused by social injustice contrasted with the saving power of God as witnessed by Mary, the mother of Jesus. Call 229-4214.

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 1-3
Family Weekend

Friday, Oct. 1
Pride of Dayton Marching Band
7 p.m., Humanities Plaza. Trenton Kaze, director.

Women’s volleyball vs. Rhode Island
7 p.m., Friedricks Center. Free.

Women’s soccer vs. Fordham
7:30 p.m., Baujan Field. Free.

Friday Film Series: Up (2009)
9 p.m., ArtStreet Studio B. Free.

Saturday, Oct. 2
Family Game Night
8 p.m., ArtStreet Cafe. Free.

Football vs. Valparaiso
1 p.m., Welcome Stadium. Tickets $10 for adults, $5 for youth. Call 229-4433.

Women’s volleyball vs. Fordham
7 p.m., Frenics Center. Free.

Sunday, Oct. 3
Women’s soccer vs. La Salle
1 p.m., Baujan Field. Free.

Men’s soccer vs. Canisius
3 p.m., Baujan Field. Free.

Symphonic Wind Ensemble

Wednesday, Oct. 13
Between two worlds
While writing a book about Iranian society, American journalist Roxani Saberi was arrested in Iran Jan. 31, 2009, on charges of espionage. Believed to be a threat to national security, she spent 100 days in Evin Prison, during which she gave a false confession under duress in hopes of being freed. After recanting her confession, she faced trial and was sentenced to eight years in prison, eventually cut down to a two-year suspension.

She brings that story to RecPlex 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, as the first speaker of this year’s Diversity Lecture Series. Her talk is free and open to the public. Saberi, a freelance writer of Iranian and Japanese descent, recently published Between Two Worlds: My Life and Captivity in Iran. The series continues Jan. 18 with a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. address from Geoffrey Canada, president and CEO of the Harlem Children’s Zone in New York City. The premiere of On the Shoulders of Giants, a documentary tracking the world champion Harlem Rens basketball team, will be held on March 14, with a lecture by executive producer and basketball legend Kareem Abdul-Jabbar to follow. Call 229-4122.

Thursday, Oct. 28
Faculty Artist Series:
9 p.m., ArtStreet Cafe. Free.

They’ve got spirit — how ‘bout you? BUT WHO’S COUNTING?

8 Varsity athletic teams supported by Red Scare
180 Possible spirit points to be earned in October at football, volleyball and soccer home games
850 Students scanned at the Aug. 27 women’s volleyball match following the Red Out Rally, the first opportunity to earn spirit points
1,300 Estimated students in Red Scare, the University’s largest student organization — Go Flyers!

Friends of Asia
3:30-5 p.m., Torch Lounge. Campus members with interest in or affiliation to Asia are invited to network. Refreshments served.

Wednesday, Oct. 20
East Meets West: Simon Shaheen
1 p.m., Sears Recital Hall. Simon Shaheen, master of the ‘oud and violin, discusses Eastern and Western music. Free.

Thursday, Oct. 21
Simon Shaheen: A Benefit Concert
8 p.m., Dayton Art Institute Renaissance Auditorium. Performance featuring Shaheen and fusion group Qantara. Co-presented by the Dayton Arab American Forum, Cityfolk and UD Arts Series. Proceeds support a scholarship fund for Arab American students at UD. Tickets $20; discounts available for Cityfolk and Dayton Art Institute members and those with University affiliation. Call 496-3863.

Thursday Night Live
9 p.m., ArtStreet Cafe. Free.

Friday, Oct. 22
Men’s soccer vs. Duquesne
7 p.m., Baujan Field. Free.

Women’s volleyball vs. George Washington
7 p.m., Baujan Field. Free.

Friday Film Series: Examined Life (2009)
9 p.m., ArtStreet Studio B. Free.

Saturday, Oct. 23
Football vs. Campbell
1 p.m., Welcome Stadium. Call 229-4433.

Women’s volleyball vs. Charlotte
4:30 p.m., UD Arena. Free.

Sunday, Oct. 24
Men’s soccer vs. St. Bonaventure
1 p.m., Baujan Field. Free.

Faculty Artist Series: Die schöne Müllerin
7 p.m., Sears Recital Hall. David Sievers, tenor and John Benjamin, piano. Presented by the department of music. Call 229-3058.

Monday, Oct. 25
Friends of Africa
3:30-5 p.m., Torch Lounge. Campus members with interest in or affiliation to Africa are invited to network. Refreshments served.

Thursday, Oct. 28
Thursday Night Live
9 p.m., ArtStreet Cafe. Free.