H1N1 infects first student, UD expects vaccine in October

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On Tuesday, UD announced its first confirmed case of swine flu. The student has since recovered and is back attending classes, but the university is taking extra measures to prevent an outbreak, including making plans to administer the H1N1 vaccination.

Dr. Mary Buchwalder, medical director of Gosiger Health Center, said UD is registered to receive the H1N1 vaccine when it becomes available, which will probably be sometime in October. But, not all students will be able to receive the vaccine.

“Those who get the vaccination first are going to be those at high risk,” said Sister Annette Schmeling, vice president for student development and dean of students. “How many we get and who gets them will be determined by the health department.”

Several students who are from the Dayton area have been seen. Swine flu on p. 4
PHI PSI LEAPS AND BOUNDS ABOVE THE REST
Fraternity ranks first nationally with extensive volunteer commitment

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UD’s Phi Kappa Psi fraternity may contribute to the campus community, but throughout the country no other chapter of this fraternity has proven to be better, and they have the award to show it.

The fraternity was chosen this summer from over 104 other Phi Kappa Psi chapters across the country to receive the organization’s highest honor, the title of Grand Chapter. The chapter was awarded this summer at the Woodrow Wilson Learning School, a week-long conference held in Buffalo, N.Y., where members get together to develop leadership skills.

Every year, the organization evaluates each chapter during a lengthy review process and rates them according to their strengths. The chapter has to fill out a lengthy accreditation packet and provide documentation of its work as a fraternity.

Although the UD chapter has only been established for five years, their commitment to service, academics and brotherhood helped them rise through the ranks faster than any other chapter in the history of the organization.

“We’re pretty good at everything we do,” Kevin Heitz, fifth-year mechanical engineering major and president of the fraternity, said. “We raise the most money for philanthropies, we hold good social events and a lot of good brotherhood events.”

Phi Psi’s volunteer work is especially important to the fraternity. Soon they will be holding their “Phi Psi 500,” a weeklong event when the organization clocks 500 volunteer hours between their 50 members. They raise money for the American Heart Association, volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, and organize events including a powder puff game and a sweetheart competition for the sororities on campus. During the spring semester, they work to raise thousands of dollars for Relay for Life.

“A lot of other chapters are just good at one thing,” Heitz said. “We’re just pretty solid all around. Everybody is really passionate about it and gets involved.”

This year Phi Psi will work hard in order to be the first chapter to win back-to-back Grand Chapter titles. The fraternity will hold a recruitment event on Thursday at 106 Lawnview to find the next class of brothers that will help them achieve that goal. For more information, contact Kevin Heitz at heitzket@notes.udayton.edu.

The Grand Chapter award was given to UD’s Phi Kappa Psi fraternity at the Woodrow Wilson Learning School. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY KEVIN HEITZ.
STUDENT SAFETY SERIOUS ISSUE ON CAMPUS

Security precautions emphasized with news of murdered Yale graduate student

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The body of Yale University graduate student Annie Le was found Sunday in the wall of a Yale university research building, showing case-in-point why students must take safety seriously on campus.

The Yale building she was found in had strict accessibility and contained 75 surveillance cameras.

Bruce Burt, executive director of Public Safety and Chief of Police at UD, said that just because UD students go to school here and have a sense of community, it should not exempt them from being cautious and aware of safety issues.

“If you compare us to the rest of Dayton, I feel we’re a very safe community here,” Burt said. “But I don’t want to give a false sense of safety and not practice basic crime prevention.”

To avoid serious crimes on campus like the Annie Le story, Burt recommends keeping an eye out for “tailgaters,” those who wait for someone to enter a building so they can gain access to that building by following them in.

Residents do not always question the person’s motives for trying to go inside, and instead allow them access to the building without question. If residents ask the visitor how they can help them instead of immediately granting them access they can help make the buildings much safer.

Burt also addressed the mis-take of letting uninvited guests into student neighborhood houses.

“I’m seeing more and more situations where students are allowing people into their house assuming they are a friend of someone who is actually there, but really they are not,” he said.

There are many measures students can take for crime prevention on campus. The first thing Burt recommends is that every student programs the Public Safety number, 937-229-2121, into his or her cell phone.

“If they are on their cell phone and dial 911 they’ll get the city of Dayton or Montgomery County. Public Safety is in a position where we can respond a lot quicker,” Burt said.

Along with that important piece of advice, Burt also gave other ways to put safety measures into practice, including reporting any suspicious activity, always locking the door, not leaving valuables unattended (especially in places like the library and the RecPlex,) and not leaving valuables in plain view in the car.

To ensure campus safety and avoid dangerous crimes committed against students, it is important not to walk alone at night and when walking in groups stay in well-lit, well visible areas. If solo-walking is the only option, Mom’s Limo is available, which will drive students around campus at night to ensure safety. Its number is 937-229-2124. Students are also encouraged to take notice of the blue light security phones and security cameras around campus.

“Our goal is to provide a safe learning and living environment for all of our campus,” Burt said. “Students may think we are here to ruin their social life, but that isn’t the case at all. We’re here to keep our campus and community safe.”

Crime Log

The following incidents were reported to the Department of Public Safety on Sept. 1 through Sept. 10. This log was compiled by Flyer News from actual police reports obtained from the Department of Public Safety.

**Theft**

Sept. 1, 7:45 a.m.

Officer Sweigart was dispatched to the UD Bookstore on the report of a possible textbook theft on Aug. 28. Officer Sweigart reviewed the security tape which showed the suspects, two white males, who entered the bookstore at 10:19 a.m. The first suspect proceeded to take a textbook from the second floor and place the book down the front of his pants. Officer Sweigart recognized the second suspect from an e-mail sent by the Sinclair Community College police department as someone who had stolen books from its campus. The SCC police department has been notified.

Sept. 9, 6:47 p.m.

Officer Orrill was dispatched to a Freniere Way residence on the report of a stolen trash can. The resident, a 19-year-old female UD student, stated that she noticed her wheeled trash can was missing at 9:30 a.m. She also observed that trash was strewn behind her house. A 21-year-old male UD student witnessed a middle-aged black male with gray hair and beard pushing a trash can in an alley behind the residence. There is no known approximate value of the trash can.

Sept. 10, 6:22 p.m.

Officer Ryan was dispatched to a Lowes Street residence on the report of criminal damaging. The resident, a 21-year-old male UD student and fellow, stated that on Aug. 28, two white males removed the front door handle, mailbox and address number plate from his house. This was witnessed by a neighbor, who was able to seize the mailbox from the suspects. The two students then saw one of the suspects, a 20-year-old male UD student, in an alley behind Lowes Street. The fellow proceeded to take the suspect’s student ID.

BATTLE OF THE ROCK BANDS

Form a team of four and compete in CAB’s Battle of the Rock Bands at 6 p.m. in The Hangar. The first place team wins $25 gift cards to Ticketmaster and second place team wins $10 gift cards to iTunes. Entry is FREE. E-mail daytoncab@gmail.com to register or sign up in KU Room 215.

FEMINIST COFFEE HOUR

Join the Women’s Center and the Women’s Gender and Studies Program to discuss “From Mary to Magic: Women Claiming Power in Religion” with Dr. Laura Lening, F.M.I. from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Humanities 472. For more information, call (937) 229-5490.
SWINE FLU
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going home to see local physicians, and she’s asking those students to notify the university if they test positive for H1N1.

“We’re trying to prevent the spread of the flu in dorms,” she said. “It was a different situation with this student because they had private bedrooms and bathrooms; they are able to isolate themselves.”

The student who tested positive for the H1N1 strain lived in the student neighborhood, according to Schmeling, so an outbreak was avoidable.

“If it became an issue in say, six Meyer, we would have a different problem,” she said.

Students can help avoid the flu by washing their hands, avoiding touching their face or mouth, avoiding friends showing symptoms and going to the doctor if they show symptoms.

“We’re in the precautionary state and encouraging common sense behaviors to protect yourself,” Schmeling said.

UD is also helping students avoid the flu by placing signage reminders to wash hands, having extra janitorial and custodial services and making available antibacterial products from Community Wellness Services, said Schmeling.

“The look for the fliers in the bathrooms and [for] the table tents at your next meal later this week,” said Clare Glaser, assistant dean of students and director for Community Wellness Services.

Community Wellness Services has developed an educational piece on ways to remain healthy, which includes advice on how to properly sneeze and cough, hand washing instructions, encouragement to use hand sanitizer and reminders not to touch your face or eyes, she explained.

The athletics department helped the Wellness Center in developing the educational piece.

“The athletics department enthusiastically worked in collaboration with us to take pictures of the men’s and women’s soccer players showing proper sneezing technique. It should be a hit,” Glaser said.

Despite the university and students taking extra precautions to guard against the flu, panic isn’t necessary.

“We are very conscience of not adding to any existing anxiety that may exist surrounding this topic,” Glaser said.

For more information on the flu, visit http://www.udayton.edu/flu/.

WILL SODA POP TAX PICK YOUR POCKET?

Obama suggests taxing soft drinks to decrease U.S. health care costs

President Obama is stirring up negative public sentiments by toying with the idea of putting a tax on soda to lower the cost of health care.

Although he is correct in the correlation between soda and obesity, there are numerous other factors raising health care costs in America, and a tax on soda alone would not be able to cover these rising fees.

“By itself, it would probably not really directly impact health care costs because there are so many other foods in addition to pop that has had an impact on the increase in obesity in the country,” said political science professor Don Vermillion. “If you really want impact on health care you would probably attack not just pop but snack foods in addition.

Also, the Center for Disease Control talks about how it’s not just food and drink we have a problem with but lack of exercise, which impacts obesity and health care costs.

Professor of dietetics Fran Angelo argues, poses the question why tax one obesity factor and leave out the other?

“How about doughnuts and chips? Will these be taxed someday?” Angelo said. “This becomes a philosophical dilemma that each person must resolve in their own mind.”

One potential reason Obama targeted the soda pop industry was the possibility that the public would accept this tax the same way they accepted tax on alcohol.

“Because beer has been taxed over the years, the thought may be that since people have accepted tax on beer and alcohol that maybe tax on soda pop would be something the public could accept if there was a feeling it could reduce rising health care bills in country,” Vermillion said.

But comparing the pros and cons resulting on the American public from this tax show that the biggest hit would be to lower income households. In these economically challenging times this is not what citizens are looking for.

“Already they’ve had spokesmen saying how damaging of an impact this would be on the soda industry and making a big case that the people most hit by this would be those with lower incomes,” Vermillion said. “Therefore it would not be a wise way to fund health care initiatives.”

Along with hurting lower-class budgets, Obama’s potential soda pop tax, known by many as a “sin tax,” has American citizens upset for one main reason: the word tax.

The deal Obama made with Americans was a promise of no new taxes and proposing this idea seems to counter that.

Yet all this conflict may be trivial considering this is one of many proposals Obama has developed to lower health care costs.

“I think he’s trying to find any way that he can to fund the health care proposal being debated in Washington,” Vermillion said. “And I’m thinking this was an idea that he threw out to see what kind of reaction there would be.

“I don’t think he has even thought through this: he just threw it out as one idea, but there are number of ideas being floated around in Washington as to how we pay for this new health care proposal being discussed,” Vermillion said. “No one has an easy answer, and they don’t want to increase the deficit, so they’re trying to find new ways to come up with funding sources to not make the deficit worse.”

And when Obama put two and two together, seeing the need for lowering health care costs and rising obesity rates, the possibility seemed to make sense.

“Obama was commenting on the fact that it’s a known fact that Americans are more obese and maybe helping the health care reform package could possibly decrease the obesity we’re seeing in the country,” Vermillion said.

“But a soda tax by itself is not going to be able to stem that tide. It’s going to take much more than a soda tax to be able to turn this situation around in America.”

Angelo agrees it will take more, and for her the way to stifle the obesity spike is by getting to the core of it: education.

“Taxing may be considered,” she said, “but education of all age groups on the benefits of healthy eating and exercise will be the key to solving this problem.”

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Virtual career event offering local jobs

SARA DORN
Chief Staff Writer

Ohio Cox Media in partnership with Yahoo Hot Jobs launched an online virtual career event on August 31st.

The site contains job postings for various companies ranging from logistics company Warner Enterprises to Dannon, a dairy product manufacturer and distributor. The event is scheduled to end Oct. 14.

“We have a very positive relationship with Cox [Media],” University of Dayton Career Services Director Jason Eckert said. “This site is a way to gather job postings from companies hiring in the Greater Dayton Area.”

Job seekers can go on this site and create profiles for any job type. The information then becomes available to whichever specific companies or categories the seeker chooses. This is not the only site out there looking to match companies with employees. Eckert suggests other Web sites that list jobs nationally, not just in the Dayton area.

“My number one job site to go to is indeed.com,” Eckert said. “Indeed goes looking for job postings on Web sites… it actually searches Yahoo Hot Jobs for you.”

Indeed.com is a way for those looking for employment opportunities to avoid searching larger sites such as monster.com and careerbuilder.com. UD’s job-finder Web site http://hire.udayton.edu was another of Eckert’s suggestions for helpful sites.

Although it is important for students to be familiar with the online job market, networking is often the most efficient way to obtain a position, Eckert said.

“I stress not to rely on the Internet for job leads,” he said. “Studies have shown that approximately 70 percent of job offers made are through networking.”

Another great idea is looking to the federal government for employment.

“Usajobs.gov contains federal employment opportunities to avoid searching larger sites such as monster.com and careerbuilder.com. UD’s job-finder Web site http://hire.udayton.edu was another of Eckert’s suggestions for helpful sites.

Other websites are behind the venture, and they currently have 2,700 sites. We hope to have 4,000 sites when the site opens in November in CPC. Dining Services is behind the venture, and there is no planned opening date.

CORRECTION

In Issue 4, the article “New café set to open in CPC” said Flyer Enterprises was behind the opening of a new café set to open in November in CPC. Dining Services is behind the venture, and there is no planned opening date.

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On The Fly soars to new heights with ‘Unkoshered Comedy’

FRANK STANKO
Staff Writer

UD’s improvisation team, On The Fly, promises “Unkoshered Comedy,” premiering 7 p.m. today in Sears Recital Hall, will feature lots of swine. And that’s all they’re saying.

The $1 admission fee per person will buy 90 minutes of improvised and scripted comedy for OTF’s first show of the year.

During the performance, audience members will get the chance to provide the rules or participate in a sketch or game. The members say they thrive on such risky excitement.

“You’d be surprised how not funny you become when you’re in front of an audience...there is no safety net,” sophomore Michael Winn said. “The hardest part is to not panic...to just wait and be patient.”

Junior Erin Phelps said she likes an audience shaping a show with their feedback and participation.

“There’s a truly amazing energy that comes from interacting with the team in front of people who, for the most part, are rooting for us and ready to laugh,” she said.

For today’s performance, Phelps says she’s interested in pushing the boundaries more in front of an audience, a concept OTF has embraced in the past. Last spring’s show in Boll Theatre began with a filmed piece, and ended with Winn and then senior Ryan Fennessey blindfolded and stepping on mousetraps.

Through performances at venues and events on and off campus, the OTF team has carved out a reputation based on first-rate talent and the ability to surprise and amuse an audience and sometimes even themselves.

Although junior Brittany Demmitt, a three-year veteran of the group, serves as its president, all 11 cast members and its technical director, senior Joe Keller, are on an even level.

“It’s something we feel is important to portray,” junior Lindsey Sunderhaus said. “This group isn’t meant to be led by one of us.”

Her teammate, Phelps, agrees. “Paul [Azzi] was a freshman last year, and he was a driving force in getting skits and the massive video ready for the Boll show.”

Last spring’s “Taking the Bull by the Horns” was by all accounts a success, but the OTF team don’t rest on their laurels. They stick to a twice-a-week practice schedule, with 90 minutes for each practice. For the week of a show, rehearsals become nightly. After warm-ups and exercises, the team usually practices the same games they plan to play in a performance.

Phelps said this week’s practices have been more focused on preparation for their first performance.

“Warm-up may be brief so we can workshop our major games or just talk through skit logistics,” she said.

“Often before show week, we go in with a big list of games that may work, and then we narrow it down based on our strengths, weaknesses and time constraints.”

Knowing each other and their audience so well is an advantage for the OTF team and often leads to constructive feedback from friends about what they feel is funny.

Other members agree.

“Performing for an audience is a blast,” Demmitt said. “You guys [the fans] are great!”

The team will also announce audition dates and times during their show tonight.

While no dates have been given for future performances, OTF group will be holding an open house from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22 in ArtStreet’s Studio E.

Remember that doors open at 6:30 tonight, and seats are limited to 183 people, so arrive early for a night full of comic entertainment.

ART EXHIBIT HONORS STUDENTS

MATT CROGHAN
Staff Writer

Senior Michelle Timmerman, an education and math major, snapped a black and white photograph at Blenheim Palace while she was studying abroad last summer in England.

Her work, “Raindrops on Roses,” of a rose just after a light rain is now part of the 2009 Honors Program Art Exhibit.

“The Honors Art Exhibit is a great way to see the talents of fellow students or members of the local community,” Timmerman said. “It promotes the display of our abilities for faculty, staff and students to view and enjoy.”

Timmerman’s photograph, along with several other student works, will line the walls of 125 Alumni Hall until Oct. 31.

Jill Talley, the honors program coordinator, said there were 90 students who entered the exhibit this year. Each piece is reviewed by a local judge. This year, the judge was Will South, chief curator of the Dayton Art Institute, Talley said.

Ellen Schneider’s work “Caged 2” was awarded Best in Show.

“We are proud of the quality of the exhibition,” said Jeanne Palermo, assistant director of the university’s honors program. “As always, we are displaying a great variety of work from honors students from across a wide variety of majors.”

Senior LeeAnn Chomanics, a psychology major whose photograph of a sunrise in Michigan is also on display, said the exhibit promotes the art scene on campus.

“If the students are not professional photographers, it is nice for them to share their experiences and their memories with the campus community,” she said.

The exhibit has also been useful since it began in January 2009 for recruiting by showcasing the talent of honors program students, Talley said.

“Students appreciate having a venue in which to display their artistic talents,” Palermo said.

“Many students who are not majoring in fine arts still have talent and an artistic vision.”

The 2010 Honors Art Exhibition will begin in January, and a call for entries will be sent to honors students in November.

Alumni Hall’s regular business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

THE SECOND ANNUAL LIVE GREEN FEST: 12 to 6 p.m. Saturday in Dayton’s Carillon Historical Park. Emily Strand, Chris Bowman, Romeo Champagne, the Demolition Crew and Little Mary will perform. Participate in workshops on eco-action choices and transportation alternatives and see organic cooking demonstrations. Admission is free. Go to www.greaterdayton.org/ to find out more.

‘80S HAIR METAL BAND SKID ROW will rock out 7 p.m. Saturday at McGuffy’s House of Rock, 5418 Burkhardt Rd. Six Cloves and The Mighty Swine will also perform. Tickets cost $20 in advance and $25 the day of the show. Questions? Call (937) 256-3005 or go to www.mcguffys.net. Learn more about the band at www.skidrow.com.

CELEBRATE HISPANIC CULTURE at Dayton’s ninth annual Hispanic Heritage Festival 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday at RiverScape MetroPark. Come enjoy free musical entertainment, authentic Latin food and cultural dance. You can also participate in a jalapeno-eating contest. For more information, call (937) 274-0126.
The sixth annual ArtBeat Festival of the Arts and Alumni Food Court will bring a palette of creative venues to the ArtStreet Amphitheatre and the 100 block of Lawview Avenue from 5 to 8 p.m. tomorrow.

Sponsored by ArtStreet, Alumni Relations, Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow, Street Sound and the ArtStreet Café, the festival, set in a street-fair atmosphere, will feature live entertainment, art vendors, free food and more.

Adrienne Niess, ArtStreet Facility and Communications Coordinator, has been a part of the past five ArtBeat festivals and said she has enjoyed seeing the event grow.

“ArtBeat is an excellent opportunity to experience a wide variety of performing arts, from a world class contemporary dance company to student bands, providing just a sample of the arts that are happening on campus and in the Dayton community throughout the year,” Niess said.

The Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, Rhythm in Shoes, Julie Roth, Kelly Fine and Company, and the Jaywalkers will all take the festival’s stage.

Although graduate student Julie Roth has attended ArtBeat for the past five years, this will be her first time performing.

“The festival celebrates the originality and creativity that exists in the local community, providing the perfect opportunity for me to showcase some of my newest original compositions,” she said. “My style and writing abilities have changed over the years. I’m excited to give the UD audience some new melodies for their ears.”

Roth explained that the event spotlights various ways in which UD students, faculty and staff can become involved in the arts on campus and in the community.

“As an underclassman, ArtBeat exposed me to a world of performing arts I didn’t know existed,” she said. “It allowed me to engage in new experiences without having to buy an expensive ticket or find a way to transport myself off campus.”

Senior Kelly Fine will also be performing a 30-minute set of original music. She will sing and play guitar for about 10 songs that she said will be a mix of some of her new work, as well as old favorites.

Fine said that ArtBeat gives artists “a venue to coexist.”

She is looking forward to performing, as well as enjoying other entertainers at the festival.

“As an underclassman, ArtBeat exposed me to a world of performing arts I didn’t know existed.”

Julie Roth, Graduate student and musician

For more information on the event, call Niess at (937) 229-5104, or e-mail her at niessadl@notes.udayton.edu.

### how to go

**WHAT**  |  ArtBeat Festival of the Arts and Alumni Food Court
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**WHEN**  |  Saturday, Sept. 19, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
**WHERE**  |  ArtStreet Amphitheatre
**RAIN SITE**  |  KU Ballroom

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CAUTION:

WITH SMART ATTITUDE, STUDENTS CAN STAY SAFE

As young adults in college, we’re focused on school or the weekend ahead, and our biggest worry tends to be a test coming up next week or finding a job upon graduation. As college students in a small, close-knit community, it’s easy to think we’re invisible from realities often seen in the outside world.

In light of the murdered graduate student at Yale inside a campus building, however, UD students need to be reminded that dangers do exist and precautions need to be taken to remain safe.

Public Safety does its best to protect students, and the officers do a good job at it. But, the truth is, an officer can’t be on every part of campus every part of the day. They do their part to protect us, and the rest needs to be taken up by students.

Everyone is aware of the effervescent blue posts that glow across campus. They aren’t just there for aesthetics – believe it or not, if you press that button, Public Safety will come. But with only 14 of these emergency phones located throughout our campus, it’s likely you won’t be right next to one when an emergency happens. Familiarize yourself with where they are located. If you visit http://campus.udayton.edu/~safety/emerg1.htm, you can see a list of their locations.

Also put other phone numbers in your phone. Since our first meeting with our RA’s as freshmen, we’ve been given the Public Safety and Mom’s Limo phone numbers. So finally take everyone’s advice. Mom’s Limo isn’t just for avoiding the bitter cold or a long walk; use it for a safe ride home.

There’s no reason to be paranoid, but be aware of your surroundings and know what measures to take if you feel threatened. In the Public Safety’s Campus Safety and Security Act Report, there were zero murders or manslaughters from 2005-2007 on campus. But, there were 24 forcible sex offenses in the same time period, so violent crimes do happen on this campus.

The important thing to remember is that you can be safe – just be smart about when and how you go across campus.

Overkill:

Michael Jackson died three months ago, world needs to move on from talking about his untimely passing

Even after death, Michael Jackson continues to be exploited.

I like music. I like Michael Jackson. I’ve even tried my hand at learning “Thriller.” When Michael Jackson’s death was announced on June 25, 2009, I was genuinely sad. Here was a musical genius, the undisputed King of Pop, gone way before his time.

I understood when every news outlet covered his death for 48 hours straight. I tried to overlook the absolute circus that was his memorial service. I have openly ignored all gossip concerning his cause of death, because frankly, it’s getting old.

Yes, Michael Jackson’s death was tragic, but three months later I’m over it.

The world, in contrast, seems to still be in denial.

The latest example of this is Sunday night’s Video Music Awards. While the rest of the world is buzzing about the infamous heartless Kanye moment, I was annoyed with yet another overly long tribute to Michael Jackson.

I think it is definitely appropriate to honor him, especially since Michael Jackson’s music videos are nothing less than epic. I do think, however, that it is unnecessary to have a commentary from Russell Brand, a dance number incorporating numerous Michael songs, that random Madonna monologue and to have the cameras constantly panning over to Jermaine Jackson.

It’s no secret that Michael Jackson was exploited when he was alive, but why can’t we just respect the dead and stop using Jackson? The media is already using his family, his children, his estate to still be in denial.

It really had nothing to do with Michael Jackson’s music career in general.

I am with the rest of the world in mourning Michael Jackson’s death. I realize there will never be another Michael Jackson, but how long is this going to last? Is no one else tired of waiting in line at the grocery store and being surrounded by Michael Jackson’s plastic face? It makes Jon and Kate look severely underexposed.

With all of the drama that MTV threw in commemorating Michael Jackson at the Video Music Awards, is it any wonder that Kanye freaked out and attacked Taylor Swift? I don’t blame him for trying to get the world to realize that there are people at the award show, too.
Flyer Pig is about helping each other, not just saving your hard-earned change

The University of Dayton has rich and cherished traditions of giving for community and commitment to fiscal responsibility. These two traditions, working in tandem, are at the heart of the current student campaign to raise money for book scholarships.

This student-initiated campaign is built around a concern that all of our students have equal access to a quality UD education. Students saw a need and developed a strategy for meeting that need. It is the best of what we do as individuals and as a community. The Flyer Pig campaign, which came in for some criticism in the Sept. 11 edition, is one of many ways in which we support each other.

For more than 20 years, each graduating class has given a little something back to the university — or, more accurately, to other students — through the Senior Class Gift Campaign. These gifts have funded the QUEST scholarship, a scholarship for juniors who otherwise wouldn’t be able to return to the university for their senior year due to financial issues. Over time, that fund has evolved into an endowed scholarship capable of supporting up to six juniors per year with scholarships ranging from $2,500 to $5,000.

The fund is popular among young alumni as well and many find the gratification of giving to other students as seniors to be a behavior worth repeating after graduation.

Five years ago, because seniors and young alumni experienced such gratification, the Culture of Philanthropy program was established. This program encouraged students to make modest contributions that would go directly to current students in the current year. Seniors continued to focus on the QUEST scholarship while other classes supported such areas as textbook scholarships and participation fees for Campus Ministry’s Appalachian service project.

This year, our intent was to refresh the student giving efforts and take advantage of social media as a communication tool. So we revamped the program for 2009, using successful programs at other institutions as a model. The piggy bank emerged as a fun concept upon which to build: little change can make a lot of difference. And, like we have experienced in our own past, there is great satisfaction in saving a small amount of money and using it to benefit others.

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DIRECTOR OF ANNUAL GIVING

In the first few weeks of college, freshmen suffer from cases of homesickness. For many of these students, care packages, phone calls, and visits from loved ones back home can act as remedies and ease the difficulty of switching to this new environment. I assume most freshmen have experienced this to some degree. Without taking anything away from those struggling to adjust, I ask you to please imagine this scenario:

What if your home was thousands of miles away? What if you were in an unfamiliar, foreign country, half a world away from family and friends?

These hypothetical situations are everyday realities for many students, including Erica, a fellow-first-year student and classmate in my West and the World history course. We happened to sit next to each other on the first day and introduced ourselves. In an attempt to make small talk, I asked her where she was from, fully expecting to hear one of the usual locations: Cincinnati, St. Louis, Chicago, etc. She has actually come to UD from Singapore.

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Secondly, students from abroad are similar to other Flyers in their desire to introduce themselves, make friends and fully feel that community atmosphere which sets the University of Dayton apart from many other learning institutions.

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Water polo to face-off this weekend

Men’s club sport hosts several schools in tournament at RecPlex Sat. and Sun.

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SCHEDULE

Volleyball
Fri. Sept. 18 - Sat.
vs. Oregon St., Michigan and Marquette

Men’s Soccer
Fri. Sept. 18 - vs.
Bowling Green at Baujan Field
Sun. Sept. 20 - at Wright St.

Women’s Soccer
Fri. Sept. 18 - at Miami (OH)

Football
Sat. Sept. 19 at Robert
Morris in Coraopolis, Pa.

Women’s Golf
Sat. Sept. 19 - Sun. Sept. 20
Ball State Cardinal Classic

Men’s Golf
Mon. Sept. 21 - Tues. Sept. 22
Earl Yestingsmeier Invitational

inside the NUMBERS

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Teams left in Division 1 women’s soccer that have not lost a game. At 3-0-4, the UD women’s team is one of the group.

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The rank of the University of Michigan women’s volleyball team. Dayton volleyball will be taking the Wolverines on this weekend at the Michigan/Adidas Invitational. Dayton will also play Oregon State and Marquette.

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Final round score by women’s golf senior Katie Gallagher at the Grand Valley State Laker Fall Classic. Gallagher led the way for the Flyers, who finished eighth in the tournament. Next up is the Ball State Cardinal Classic.
Field Hockey

Club field hockey helps ladies stick with it

Sport gives athletes chance to continue playing after high school careers are over

JACOB ROSEN
Chief Sports Writer

One of the oft-forgotten club sports around campus, Dayton’s club field hockey team brings a tradition-laden sport to the friendly college level.

The team just compiled its final roster for 2009 and is gearing up for the fall season of competition. A variation of another budding sport, lacrosse, field hockey pits 11-member teams against each other with the goal of scoring a smaller, harder ball into tightly defended goals.

According to the official United States field hockey Web site, USFieldHockey.com, the history of the sport probably dates back to prehistoric time in Egypt. The modern game took hold during the 19th century as one of the few accepted sports for women.

Now field hockey is a popular sport for many high schools and club teams across the country. The UD team competes typically on Saturdays against other area colleges such as Xavier University, Ohio University, Miami University and University of Kentucky.

Junior Kristin O’Connell serves as the vice president of the club after playing for UD during her sophomore year, as well as during high school in Kentucky.

“I really like the team camaraderie and going out there and having a good time with my teammates,” O’Connell said.

While there are no formal tryouts for the team, the majority of the members played either for their high school team or for an organized team during high school. O’Connell said due to the large turnout at Up The Orgs the past two years, there is a large number of sophomores and freshmen on the team.

One of the underclassmen is sophomore Seetha Samkaranarayan, who played for her high school team in Pittsburgh and found information about the club through the university’s Web site. She mentioned how the environment of the club team fits her college schedule perfectly compared to her previous athletic experience.

“I think that is why a lot of us play: we all just love field hockey, and our team is so cool,” Samkaranarayan said.

There are many opportunities to move up in the involvement with the club, as is shown in O’Connell being the vice president her second year. There are over 20 women on the team, which plays its first game of the season tomorrow night.

**COLEGE OR PRO FOOTBALL? YOUR CALL**

JOHN BEDELL
Assistant Sports Editor

I’ve had a theory for years about ESPN and the NFL in America. It’s not one that is particularly earth-shattering. In fact, when I run it by people I get the ‘yeah, that makes sense’ reaction.

My theory goes like this: if you brought a foreigner here that had no previous knowledge of professional sports in America and the only means he had to learn about our pro sports culture was to watch ESPN, he would think that the NFL season never ended.

It’s really more of a simple observation about this country’s obsession with professional football. It’s easy to see that ESPN is in bed with all things NFL. The network’s coverage is constant in the truest sense of the word.

Regular Season: Most would say that the regular season is the postseason in college ball because of the BCS, but that’s what makes it so great. Every game holds the weight of the world on its shoulders. One game can determine whether a team plays in a BCS Bowl or in the Outback Bowl. Although occasionally the regular season doesn’t really settle things, (Texas and Oklahoma in 2009), usually the right teams take care of business and end up in the biggest bowl games. And because rivals only meet once a year, it makes them all the more special. With cable you really only watch one NFL game you care about. But with national college football coverage you can watch UCLA play Tennessee, Notre Dame vs. Michigan and Ohio State vs. USC in the same day. Advantage College.

Postseason: We all know the BCS sucks but it’s here to stay. In the NFL there are no polls, no computers, no style points, no automatic bids or BCS conferences; there’s just the game. And the NFL playoffs are a thing of beauty. It’s some of the fastest moving, most entertaining, most closely contested and pure three weeks of sports you’ll ever see. The focus moves away from commercialization after the regular season ends until the Super Bowl rolls around. Even notice how almost every single game in the NFL playoffs is one for the ages? Advantage NFL.

Fan bases: While NFL fans in general are nuts, less than a third of the league’s fan bases are truly fanatical. Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Oakland, Washington, Green Bay, Philadelphia, Chicago, Kansas City and Denver are the only ones that really qualify. In most other cities MLB, NHL, or NBA franchises are more beloved. In college, however, every fan base is insane. And there’s a lot more tradition that goes with college fandom. Also, NFL fan bases are, for the most part, localized to the cities in which the respective franchises are located, whereas college football teams have a broader following, because the college game is more about state and regional pride (hence Ohio State fans from Cleveland and Toledo, Notre Dame fans that hail from Chicago and Michigan fans from outside Ann Arbor). Also, alumni networks can span the nation, making the fan bases huge.

Overall advantage: Although both have their flaws, because they’re each so great in their respective ways—let the debate continue America. I love them both and will keep it that way.
CHAMBERLIN A FLYER FOR LIFE

Football coach has been at UD since his playing days as a Flyer

It’s never easy to replace a legend, especially one with over 200 wins, an .819 lifetime winning percentage and seven National Coach of the Year awards.

However that is exactly what Dayton’s head football Coach Rick Chamberlin was asked to do after the 2007 season, when he was selected to take over for UD coaching legend Mike Kelly.

Kelly presided over the Flyer football program for 27 years before deciding to step down and take a job as associate athletic director.

“It was an honor,” Chamberlin said. “I appreciated the confidence that Ted Kissell, Tim Wabler and Dr. Curran had in me to run a program that Mike Kelly had molded into one of the best in the country.

If there is such a thing as a lifetime Flyer, Chamberlin would be it.

Growing up in Springfield, Ohio, Chamberlin was a football standout in high school, racking up three all-city selections.

He decided to take his game to Dayton next, where he accumulated 385 tackles and was also the first two-time winner of the Chief Toscani Hitter Award.

Chamberlin graduated in 1980 with a degree in health and physical education. Since his graduation, Chamberlin has spent 28 years on the Flyer coaching staff as linebacker coach, defensive coordinator and now head coach.

“After being an assistant for a few years, I thought it would be great to be a head coach and be able to run a program the way I would like to,” Chamberlin said.

Besides his success on the field, there are two reasons why Chamberlin has stuck around Dayton for so long.

“One is the type of young men in our program. They are quality people who work hard, are accountable and are fun to be around,” Chamberlin said. “The second reason would be the people I get to interact with on a daily basis.”

Chamberlin was named to Dayton’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 1989, and his reputation will continue to grow with every Flyer win.

In Chamberlin’s first year in the big seat, he led the team to a 9-3 record, falling just short of another Pioneer Football League Championship. He and the team are looking to keep that success going this season.

“Goals are basically the same each year. Have a winning season and to have an opportunity to win the PFL going into the last game,” Chamberlin said.

As successful as Dayton football has been on the field, Chamberlin has also worked to maintain the same level of prestige off the field.

“Academics are the reason these young men are here,” Chamberlin said. “That is why we are very proud that our team GPA is over 3.1 and that every year we have a player selected as an Academic All-American.”

Last year Dayton had four players selected as ESPN Academic All-Americans, the most ever in one season for Flyer football.

In addition to coaching and academics, Chamberlin is also dedicated to charity work. Since he took over as head coach, Chamberlin and his team have raised over $1,500 for Catholic Social Services and over $12,000 for breast cancer research.

“I think it’s important that when a person has the means to help someone else then we should,” Chamberlin said.

“It doesn’t mean we can help everyone, but if in a particular situation a need arises and we can help in some way, we should.”