New door opens for UDRI as NCR closes down in Dayton

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UD is in negotiations with NCR to purchase its former world headquarters building and the 150 acres surrounding it.

This opportunity brings forth many possibilities to UD, especially for the University of Dayton Research Institute, for further advancement for the university. Richard Stock, director of Business Research Group said economic development is not about the move. It’s about what UDRI will do.

“The UD move is largely symbolic if no additional UDRI work is brought here from elsewhere or no new UDRI contracts are based there,” Stock said. “If new UDRI contract work is done there or UDRI work is consolidated from other bases or other office space outside Montgomery County then it helps the county.”

Sen. Jon Husted said the move of NCR has several effects on the city of Dayton’s economy.

“First, it eliminates the Dayton-based jobs of over 1,000 well-paid, educated and talented people,” Husted said. “Second, it provides a real and psychological blow to the image and marketability of our region as an information technology growth region.”

Husted said both of these reasons have immediate and long-term consequences. However, he believes it is time to start moving forward.

By UD purchasing the headquarters and land, it is not just an attempt to save the region.

“Contrary to media imagination, the region does not need to be saved,” Stock said. “We are going through a transition from large plant manufacturing but that is not the same as being at death’s door.”

Husted said if UD purchases the land it will be a positive step toward its reuse and renewal.

“Having the property under local ownership by someone who cares deeply about the community is much better than it being owned by a company that is headquartered in Georgia,” Husted said. See NCR on p. 6

Provost Office considers new 2010-2011 school calendar

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University of Dayton’s Provost Office is considering making several changes to the 2010-2011 academic calendar.

The new calendar is expected to include a winter recess that extends approximately two weeks into January, which will eliminate Monday through Friday exam study days and lengthen the spring semester half-way into May.

“The change is being suggested in an effort to provide a better overall learning and service experience for the majority of the students,” said Thomas Westendorf, UD’s assistant provost and registrar.

According to UD Provost Joseph Saliba, the potential new calendar was suggested for multiple reasons.

“The main purpose of changing the calendar is to have a little bit more time for the Christmas and New Year’s recess,” he said. “The most important reason is that the faculty and staff really don’t have the time to prepare for the next semester.”

Many national academic conferences take place during the first week of January and it is difficult for staff members to leave campus at that time.

“A lot of universities are still in a recession and our faculty is losing out on that because it’s hard to leave on the first week,” Saliba said.

A main concern for the projected calendar is that it will shorten the summer semester to 10 weeks instead of the current calendar’s 12-week summer semester. This will not allow students enrolling in summer courses to obtain a 15-credit

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Car, bicycle theft numbers at peak high, thieves remain unidentified

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Adding to the list of crimes this year are auto and bicycle thefts, which have occurred multiple times in the past month and a half, leaving UD police searching for the culprits.

Within the past month, three automobile vehicles have been stolen from parking lots RP14, SV and S2 lots on campus. One vehicle was stolen Oct. 18, and two were stolen Oct. 20.

“These things usually seem to go in spurts, where you’ll have a rash of thefts,” said Executive Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police Bruce Burt.

Burt believes that these thefts are performed by someone from the Dayton area. At this time, they have no suspects.

Police have recovered all three vehicles. One vehicle was found on campus, one in the city of Dayton and one in the city of Fairborn. Burt said the vehicles were older models and easier models to steal.

During one incident, Burt said that the suspect brought an already stolen vehicle on campus, left it, and went to steal a vehicle on campus.

Determining when these thefts are taking place is difficult because students park their vehicles in these lots and don’t return to them for some time. According to Burt, the university has over 700 security cameras on campus, and it is difficult to monitor all of the cameras.

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weather
(Source: www.nws.noaa.gov)

You may want to change your costume to include a poncho for this rainy Halloween.

TODAY

67/50
Showers likely.

SATURDAY

58/39
Chance of showers

SUNDAY

55/39
Mostly sunny

STUDENT FRIENDLY STUART FIELD?
Talks of renovation to Stuart Field in full swing

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YOU'RE NOT AS SAFE AS YOU MAY THINK

KNOW THE FACTS

The threat of sexual assault is a constant danger for men and women everyday. Statistically women are at a much higher risk than men. College age women are 4 times more likely to be sexually assaulted then women of any other age group. The use of alcohol raises the risk level even more.

Every year the Halloween holiday is always a big party weekend. Large numbers of people get dressed up in costumes and in many cases abuse alcohol. There always seems to be a heightened number of sexual assaults.

Don’t become a statistic. Take these steps in order to protect yourself and those around you.

Protect yourself:

- When you go to a party, go with a group of friends. Arrive together, check in with each other and leave together.

- Practice safe drinking. Try not to leave any beverages unattended or accept drinks from someone you don’t know or trust.

- Have a buddy system. Don’t be afraid to let a friend know if something is making you uncomfortable or if you are worried about your or your friend’s safety.

- If someone you don’t know or trust asks you to go somewhere alone, let him or her know that you would rather stay with the group.

If you or someone you know has been sexually assaulted here are some on-campus resources who you can contact in a confidential manner:

Dr. Mary Buchwalder, Health Center: 937.229.3131
Dr. Becky Cook, Counseling Center: 937.229.3141
Sr. Linda Lee Jackson, Campus Ministry: 937.229.3570

In the case of an emergency contact Public Safety at 937.229.2121

65% of attacks are unreported, making sexual assault the "silent epidemic." Sexual assault remains the most drastically underreported crime.

90% of women know the person who sexually assaulted or raped them.

75% of the time, the offender, the victim, or both have been drinking.

42% of college women who are raped tell no one about the assault.

1 in 4 women will be raped during their college career.

3% Of college women nationally have experienced rape or attempted rape during the academic year. This means, for example, that a campus with 6,000 coeds will have an average of one rape per day during the school year.

*This means that at a university with about 7500 undergrads, there is, statistically, about an average of 1 rape every other day on campus.

80% of rape victims suffer chronic physical or psychological problems over time.

Victims of sexual assault are:

3 times more likely to suffer from depression.

6 times more likely to suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder.

13 times more likely to abuse alcohol.

26 times more likely to abuse drugs.

4 times more likely to contemplate suicide.

Looking for more information?

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NEW STUART FIELD TO BETTER SERVE STUDENTS

JEN CHENEY
Staff Writer

Imagine a turfed Stuart Field as home for an outdoor sports complex and a challenge ropes course.

Dave Ostrander, RecPlex associate director, said it’s time to start talking about Stuart Field renovations.

Currently, UD has no major on-campus venues for sport clubs. Tennis courts are off campus, and soccer clubs have limited off-campus access. Lacrosse and field hockey teams are temporarily reduced to intramural and club sports, Ostrander said.

Stuart Field’s central location allows for students to access the site with a short walk. A turfed field also provides usage all months of the year. Even when no intramural or club programs take place, the turf field would be available for student use.

A challenging high or low ropes course provides activities for leadership training for student staffs, clubs, organizations and classes. This obstacle course is composed of poles, cables and bolts, with ropes serving as the means to complete the course. Sometimes these courses are suspended in the air, on the ground or a combination of the two.

According to Ostrander, this challenge course could enhance skills such as leadership, listening, planning, problem solving, team building and communication skills.

He also claims that this could be the beginning of development of outdoor education programming for UD.

An open, outdoor sport complex would provide a campus area for numerous outdoor activities that could all occur simultaneously. A staging and seating area would exist for those who wish to support these outdoor events.

In order to begin the proposed renovation options, the field must first be leveled. The total cost of project completion, including leveling, would cost roughly $3 million.

“How will this project be funded? Donors? Student and user fees?”

“The million-dollar question remains,” Ostrander said.

Despite this question of financial support, once 70 percent of the money is received the actual building process can begin. The entire process is projected to take anywhere from nine to 12 months. The most optimal plan would be for building to start in early spring, and be ready for students in the fall.

THEFTS
(cont. from p. 1)

“Neither one of these [bicycle or auto thefts] have a significant pattern,” Burt said. “It’s hard to pinpoint when it’s happening.”

Prior to last October, the last time a vehicle was stolen on campus was Jan. 2009. Typically two to three grand theft autos occur in a year, Burt said. Thefts from auto happen more frequently when the vehicle is broken into.

“That’s part of our frustration,” Burt said. “We’ve had repeated individuals, especially with the theft from auto.”

UD police advise students to lock their vehicles and to take all valuables out of vehicles before leaving them.

“There’s not a whole lot you can really do other than keep an eye out for each other when you’re in the lots,” Burt said. “If you see something suspicious, call Public Safety. The more eyes and ears out there would be the best crime prevention.”

Bicycle thefts have also been a frequent problem on campus.

Burt said that typically only five to 10 bicycles will be stolen a year. This year, over 20 bicycles have been stolen. These bicycles range from $100 to around $1000, Burt said. These thefts have happened on all parts of campus. And it looks like the trend is continuing.

“Unfortunately, it’s not stopping,” Burt said.

Sophomore Laurel Hanna witnessed her bicycle being stolen at 365 Garden Apartments.

“I’m not really sure how he picked my bike,” Hanna said. “I don’t think [public safety] could have done anything about it, I think that security is fine. If someone’s going to steal something they’re going to find a way. I think it’s more about making sure you have a deterrent lock.”

Two suspects have been charged for bicycle theft and the charges are being processed downtown.

“I think they’re crimes of opportunity,” Burt said. “A lot of the Dayton roads look at UD as a fertile ground for theft.”

Students can register their bicycle with the Department of Public Safety online to help keep them from getting stolen.

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Rescue Squad responsibilities highlighted during EMS week

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Since your mom is at home, the Rescue Squad has your back.

Known for late night trips through the Ghetto and their comforting presence in times of need, the Rescue Squad has been on campus since 1992. But few UD students are aware of the extent to which the Rescue Squad is involved at Dayton.

This can change Nov. 9, the start of Collegiate EMS Week, an event recognized on campuses across the country.

The purpose is to “celebrate the men and women who provide emergency medical services in the community and to help educate the public on what exactly EMS does,” UD Rescue Squad Chief Tommy Graul said.

For those Flyers who are not familiar with the Rescue Squad, its job description is not a simple one. They are chosen through a rigorous screening process. Last year only 18 applicants out of the more than 60 who applied were asked to join the squad.

Members are EMT-certified and have completed clinical time at Miami Valley Hospital, as well as participated in ride-alongs with organizations like the Dayton Fire Department. In addition, they are required to participate in over 120 hours of class time, which is broken up into four hour periods, two to three times a week during the fall semester. Once certified, the students are responsible for taking the steps to renew their certification.

In honor of Collegiate EMS Week, the Rescue Squad is opening up a variety of services to Dayton students. Free CPR classes will be open to the campus and the Squad will be distributing magnets with their contact information to the dorms and throughout the Ghetto.

In addition, Miami Valley Care flight will be landing a helicopter on Stuart Field between noon and 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10. Students will have the opportunity to learn more about what the careflight does, while also meeting the crew and touring the helicopter. Although a date has not been confirmed yet, the Rescue Squad also hopes to visit the Bombeck Center and give the kids a tour of the ambulance.

To cap off the week of festivities, the Rescue Squad will be hosting a cookout in the Kennedy Union green space Friday, Nov. 13, from noon-2 p.m. Also in attendance will be the Dayton Fire Department, which is planning to bring a fire truck.

EMS week is a chance to talk with the Rescue Squad and learn about their true involvement on campus.

“We are trained and certified EMT-Basics and we do more than just pick up drunks,” said squad member Mike Czajka. “We are not a ‘drunk bus’ as many people have called us. Most of our calls are not intoxications, but many of our calls are alcohol related.”

The week can also serve as a reminder of how much the Rescue Squad does for the campus. Friday and Saturday night shifts each last over 12 hours.

Anyone who is interested in finding out more about the Collegiate EMS Week, the free CPR classes, or just the Rescue Squad in general, can go to their Web site, http://campus.udayton.edu/~squad/aboutus.php.

“We are students,” said Czajka. “We are here to help the campus, and we’re never here to get anyone in trouble.”
ARTSTREET GETS SPOOKY

Residents set up haunted house for Halloween festivities

FRANK STANKO
Staff Writer

Walk past the ArtStreet Amphitheatre, and you’ll see an advertisement for a new Halloween tradition: the haunted house. But it’s not a house that’s haunted.

For the second year in a row, from 8 to 11 p.m. on Halloween night, the studios of ArtStreet will be home to a haunted University of Dayton created by ArtStreet residents.

“We wanted to do a hayride through the Ghetto last year, but a haunted house was more feasible,” said senior decorator and ArtStreet resident Shelley O’Neill. “We decided that a haunted house would be great in the studios because they’d be easy to decorate and scary.”

The studios will again include Halloween twists on campus life, as well as a “scary carnival twist,” according to graduate student advisor and self-proclaimed “person who can build pretty much anything out of cardboard” Julie Roth. Roth is part of the team that works to get ArtStreet into spook-shape.

“A lot of people didn’t even recognize the building,” Roth said. “We use a lot of unconventional materials to completely reinvent the rooms, hallways and even the exterior of ArtStreet.”

And visitors love seeing ArtStreet in a new light. “A lot of people said they liked to go through it because it wasn’t terrifying, more funny [and] scary,” said senior decorator Kristina Frazier. The decorators said they are excited about their project. Roth, who put her enthusiasm level at an 11 out of 10, called the house a great event and expressed joy for the venue.

“It’s always great to see the ArtStreet residents being creative and sharing their creativity with the UD community,” Roth said.

Roth’s dedication to the project earned the admiration of her colleagues. “Julie is the glue that binds us together,” said O’Neill. “She does all the communication between planners, decorators and performers and makes sure that everyone is doing the right thing and staying on track. The haunted house would be impossible without Julie Roth.”

Although O’Neill, Frazier and their roommates and fellow decorators Jamie Eastman and Bree Quinn are seniors, none of the four said they are worried about the haunted house’s future. “The ambitious residents of ArtStreet will be putting it on next year,” Quinn said.

The haunted studios are open to visitors of all ages, although children may not understand the college humor. Donations will be accepted, but are not required for admittance.

Crime Log

Unlawful Entry
Oct. 18, 4:49 p.m.
Officer Cloyd was dispatched to a Woodland Avenue residence on the report of a theft. Three male UD students stated that sometime in the early morning on Oct. 18, a Sony PlayStation 3 and a controller, a Microsoft X-Box and two controllers, an iPod, a headphone cord and several DVDs were stolen from their residence. Later, several DVDs and a PlayStation controller were found on their back porch.

Misuse of Credit Card
Oct. 20, 6:19 p.m.
Officer Pease was dispatched to a Frericks Way residence on the report of the misuse of a credit card. A 22-year-old male UD student stated that he noticed unauthorized charges on his DayAir account. There were six charges to a gas station in Fountain Vallcaus, Calif. The student had not lost his card or given his card number to anyone. The student is disputing the charges with DayAir.

Burglary
Oct. 21, 12:10 a.m.
Officer Cloyd was dispatched to East Stewart Street on the report of a bicycle theft in progress. He met with two UD students who stated that the suspect who stole the bike was headed toward Roesch Library. Cloyd was unable to locate the suspect. One of the students stated that her mountain bike had been secured with a lock to a fence when it was taken. The suspect was described as wearing a UNC sweatshirt.

The following incidents were reported to the Department of Public Safety from Oct. 18-21. This log was compiled by Flyer News from actual police reports obtained from the Department of Public Safety.
VOTING ON AREA ELECTIONS TUESDAY, NOV. 3, STUDENTS CAN AFFECT DAYTON’S FUTURE

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News Editor

Tuesday, Nov. 3 is election day in the state of Ohio from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Sure, these ballots may not get national attention or be written about in history books like last year’s elections, but that doesn’t mean they’re not important.

The local aspect of this ballot means it can affect UD students and faculty more closely and personally than the presidential ones of 2008.

Students registered in Montgomery County can vote at South Park United Methodist Church, 140 Stonemill Rd., and get their say in what happens to their city.

Some of the major issues include:

**MAYORAL/CITY COUNCIL**

Incumbent Mayor Rhine McLin is opposed by Gary Leitzell, the chair of the Southeast Priority Board.

Two incumbents, Joey Williams and Nan Whaley, and third candidate David Earati are vying for the two seats on the Dayton City Commission. Voting on these candidates is crucial for students to make an impact on the city they live in and have a voice in local legislature.

“Obviously students (even if not here long term) have to live within the city and are subject to municipal laws and policies that impact life here,” said Dr. Grant Neeley, associate professor of political science and director of the MPA program.

**FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS**

**ISSUE 4**

This park system takes care of nearly 15,000 acres of land for area residents, including UD students.

This vote accounts for 80 percent of the MetroParks’ funding for the next four years.

These parks, many of which are less than five minutes from UD, provide avenues for outdoor recreation, relaxation, wildlife viewing, kayaking and Riverscape iceskating during the holiday season.

Without this funding these parks may be closed to the public.

“MetroParks offers a great deal of outdoor activities that students can use for little or no cost,” Neeley said.

Mayoral debate between Leitzell and McLin (below) CONTRIBUTED BY DAYTON DAILY NEWS

Five Rivers MetroParks provides a home for wildlife as well as multiple types of recreation (below) CONTRIBUTED BY FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS

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**OTHER STUDENT-RELATED ISSUES**

Issue 2 is about creating an Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board to regulate the treatment of livestock and poultry in Ohio’s farms. A yes vote is in favor, a no vote is against it.

Issue 3 proposes putting a casino in Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Toledo. A yes vote is in favor and a no vote is against building casinos, according to daytondailynews.com.

A form of identification is necessary to vote in the Nov. 3 ballots.

Tuesday’s forecast is sunny, so not only will a walk down Stonemill Rd. to vote be pleasant, it will allow you to make your mark on Dayton.

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THE SKY IS THE LIMIT
GET FLYERED UP

Dayton basketball is here, ready to get back to NCAA

NATE WAGGENSPACK
Sports Editor

It is time.

The anticipation and excitement built up throughout the fall can only be stymied partially by volleyball, soccer and football. UD basketball is king on campus, and it is finally ready to start the 2009-2010 season.

This year’s team has more excitement surrounding it than any other in recent memory. Coming off a strong 27-8 performance last season including a first-round win over West Virginia in the NCAA Tournament, the Flyers return everyone from last year’s team except for Charles Little and Stephen Thomas.

With such a successful season nationally, the expectations are as high as they have been in a long time for this year’s squad. The Flyers were picked by a panel of Atlantic 10 coaches and writers to win the A-10 this season. They also have been popping up in various preseason Top 25 lists around the nation. Even with all the hype, the team has stayed grounded and continued to work in the offseason.

“We challenged [the team] immediately after losing to Kansas. The next step for this program is for the guys to take great responsibility in their development as a player,” head coach Brian Gregory said. “The guys have done an unbelievable job during the summer and now during the fall and the most important thing is that we keep sticking to the things that have got us successful to this point.”

One aspect of the game that made UD successful last season was a fast-paced style of play featuring a constant high tempo, plenty of substitutions to keep players’ legs fresh and tough defense. Flyers opponents averaged just 61.4 points per game last season.

Gregory believes the pace of the game will continue to be important in 2010. “I felt one of the things that really set us apart was the pace we played at,” he said. “That high intensity pace was what gave us the best opportunity to be successful. That has to continue, I think we can get even better at that.”

UD returns four of five starters and 11 of its top 12 scorers from last season. That means the Flyers seem to have every piece to the puzzle. One thing they will definitely not be short on is leadership. The team boasts seven seniors—Kurt Huelsman, Marcus Johnson (A-10 Honorable Mention), London Warren, Rob Lowery, Mickey Perry, Dan Fox and Luke Kendrick. With juniors Chris Johnson and Paul Williams, Gregory believes that these players in particular are important for the Flyers’ success.

“One thing you look for is freshman to make a big jump between their freshmen and sophomore year; in particular in the areas that are most difficult in that transition from high school to college,” Gregory said. “The challenge for all players is no matter what year you were last year; you have to become a better player.”

Chris Johnson, an A-10 All Rookie team selection, averaged 6.3 points and 5.2 rebounds per game last year; and he is ready to transition into an even better season as a sophomore.

“I feel that we will be better than last year,” he said. “We know we just push each other to get better each day.”

Rounding out the players who figure to contribute big minutes this season are two new faces. Redshirt freshman Josh Benson and freshman Matt Kavanaugh will bring more size and athleticism to a team that is not short on either.

Next UD heads to Puerto Rico for the Puerto Rico Tip-Off. They have three guaranteed games, the first of which will be against Georgia Tech from the Atlantic Coast Conference. Other possible opponents are Boston University, George Mason, Indiana, Kansas State, Ole Miss and Villanova.

Other potential good non-conference games include Dayton playing at Miami of Ohio on Dec. 2 and at George Mason Dec. 8.

In conference play, Xavier and Richmond figure to be the Flyers’ biggest contenders for the regular season crown. UD split two games with Xavier last season and beat Richmond twice, once at UD Arena and once at the Atlantic 10 Tournament.

One thing will be on the Flyers’ minds all season long: getting back to the NCAA Tournament. After a successful bout in the tournament last March, the team now knows what they want.

“Losing in the tournament was bad because I don’t think we ended on a good note, the way we wanted to, but also it gave us a taste of things we wanted and what we need to accomplish this year,” Huelsman said.

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Gregory has been through the tournament before as an assistant coach at Michigan State, and he is ready to make a run with Dayton as a head coach.

“When you have that type of success and then you win [the first round game], you get a taste of what it’s like,” he said. “There is
The season of destiny is finally upon us. After teasing us with a second-round appearance in the NCAA Tournament last season, the 2009-2010 version of the Flyers basketball team is set to be the best in recent memory.

Losing just one senior from that 27-win season a year ago along with adding in three pieces from the tournament victory over West Virginia, it is impossible to consider this team any worse off than a year ago. Already dubbing the pre-season favorite in the Atlantic-10 Conference, expectations will be high and do not be surprised if Dayton manages their way into the national pre-season rankings.

Last season was just the appetizer for fans of the revamped program under Coach Brian Gregory. It was the first tournament appearance in five years and the most wins by a Dayton men’s basketball team since Tom Blackburn was the coach in the 1950s. For those new to the Flyers experience, that just happens to be the man for whom the court at UD Arena is named after.

As a fan, it was difficult to temper expectations throughout last season’s run to the second round. Charles Little was an exemplary starter who had battled alongside many Dayton stars, but standing only 6’6” he was not the bruising force the team needed on the inside to combat opposing big men. This year, the team adds redshirt Josh Benson (6’9”) from nearby Dunbar High School and true freshman Matt Kavanaugh (6’9”) from Centerville to the frontcourt.

Think that will help the team beat the Xavier’s, Kansas’s and Pittsburgh’s of the world this season? No doubt about it, as it will help to lessen the overall load for stud NBA prospect Chris Wright. Playing alongside Little last season, Wright was expected to be the top rebounder and top offensive weapon for the team night in and night out.

Sure his athleticism paid through in a handful of games such as the upset over the Mountaineers, but overall it was not the greatest follow-up to his scintillating freshman year. Throwing Benson and Kavanaugh to the fold, along with returning big men Kurt Huelsman and Devin Searcy, and now the Flyers have one of the most physical frontcourts among all the mid-majors in the country.

With those four bruising forwards all standing taller than 6’9” playing serious minutes, it will enable Wright to sneak into the scene much like he did during his freshman campaign. He will be able to use his high-flying athleticism to create opportunities for himself and others offensively while also matching up with a size advantage against most small forwards in the conference.

Looking down at the backcourt then, everything remains the same from a year ago. Seniors London Warren and Marcus Johnson will be the starters game with even more expectations this year, but the main storyline will be the improvement of the bench players. A summer of seasoning did wonders for Paul Williams and Chris Johnson, giving Dayton more weapons than ever before.

Coming off the bench last season, Rob Lowery always proved to make some of the most exciting plays in the entire game. A devastating knee injury cut his season short, but he is back in practice and should be ready to go for the season-opener. When Warren and Lowery were splitting minutes at the point guard slot, or even on the court at the same time, Dayton took on a different identity and was very difficult to defend by teams with only one natural distributor.

Things are looking good for a return to glory of the Flyers basketball program, but in the end the legacy of this team will rely upon their post-season performance and play against Xavier. Making the second round and splitting the season-series with the Musketeers a year ago made it a successful year overall, but expectations are extremely high and that should only be the bare minimum of goals for this team.

The team tips off in just over two weeks so get excited for a season of success that will keep you on the edge of your seat.

Brendan Hader
Staff Writer

While this season is one of the most highly anticipated seasons for Dayton men’s basketball, the team’s mentality has not changed. Players remain calm and focused about what they need to accomplish this season. They are treating this year like any other.

“We have to work hard and keep working hard,” senior Rob Lowery has said. “We can’t take one team for granted, not one. Any team is capable of beating another team on any given night, so we have to get it done each game.”

Lowery is not alone with that mindset. All the players have emphasized the importance of not overlooking any opponent, especially in a conference like the Atlantic 10 where teams have a knack for surprising the top teams in the conference.

“We need to have a championship mentality as a unit and have to be clicking and on the same page at all times,” redshirt freshman Josh Benson said. “As long as we do that and stay focused on what we need to do as a team, we’ll be alright.”

Head coach Brian Gregory has obviously gone through to the Flyers. This season is about staying focused and staying hungry, themes which the team has discussed at length.

Gregory spent the off season drilling another theme home to his team, one that is important to both on and off court success.

“Coach Gregory’s big theme this off season was ownership,” Benson said. “We are in control of what we do and we have to build on that and do whatever it takes to win games.”

With a great buzz spreading for this team, a tournament in Puerto Rico and a matchup with conference foe Fordham at famed Madison Square Garden, distractions are everywhere for the Flyers. Players were asked about the spots for NBA D-League and MSG, and while they admitted it will be exciting, they quickly countered by expressing the importance of every game on the schedule.

“Playing in one of the most historic gyms will give any player chills going in there, but again, it’s a long way away until we play there so we need to take advantage of the opportunities that are immediately in front of us,” senior Mickey Perry said.

UD enters the season as the favorite in the Atlantic 10, an unfamiliar feeling. In a conference where rival Xavier has reigned supreme as of late, as well as Temple, this is a new situation for everyone, including the seven seniors.

“It’s an opportunity for us to be on the other end of the spectrum,” Perry said. “A lot of times we were hunting other people and I guess now we’re the so-called hunted, but again it just comes back to staying hungry and understanding that we still have to play basketball, have fun and take advantage of the opportunities in front of us.”

For any team that has a season with lofty expectations, it can be easy for players to get uptight and struggle to relax. Relaxing doesn’t seem to be a problem with this group, however. Whether it’s Christ Wright singing, “I’ll Be There” a cappella or Rob Lowery doing his best Michael Jackson impersonation by bellowing out “The Way You Make Me Feel,” this Flyers team can stay loose.

“Singing goes on in the locker room between me, Chris, Rob and some other people and we’ll get into some rock ‘n roll and start singing,” Benson said. “I don’t really think there’s a best, we’re all evenly matched … or evenly bad.”
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Sr. | 6'0"

34 DEVON SEARCY
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4 MICKEY PERRY
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WITH SUPPORT OF TEAM, LOWERY’S DIFFICULT ROAD NEARING AN END

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Assistant Sports Editor

For the vast majority of Flyer fanatics, Feb. 11, 2009, was a day filled with elation. The men’s basketball team beat Xavier 71-58 at a raucous UD Arena. The win was one of the team’s biggest last season and was Dayton’s first win over the Musketeers since the 2005-06 season.

But for senior guard Rob Lowery, that date marked the beginning of what he says is the toughest thing he’s ever had to do. Lowery tore the patellar tendon in his right knee midway through the first half of the game. The injury ended his season.

“When it first happened I thought my knee dislocated,” Lowery said. “I don’t know what happened during the play but I felt the sting and I looked at [my knee] and my knee cap was in my thigh so I knew something was wrong.”

Lowery cradled his knee for several minutes on the floor and at first the training staff told him his knee was dislocated to calm his nerves. However, when the team’s medical staff took Lowery into the training room, he was given the true diagnosis.

“Then they told me that I tore my patellar tendon and that I was out for the season,” Lowery said. “As soon as I heard, ‘you tore ... ’ I went crazy. I pushed the doctor away, and I started throwing stuff. I just lost it. Then I started crying. I hadn’t cried in so long. It felt crazy to cry, but I was sick.”

Lowery said that the support of his teammates was crucial to him after the injury.

“Without them, I wouldn’t have worked hard to get back,” Lowery said. “Without them, I wouldn’t have made it.”

Men’s basketball head coach Brian Gregory couldn’t agree more. “This is a very tight knit group and guys really look out for each other,” Gregory said. “They’ll go out of their way to make sure Rob’s doing ok. But he’s also not a guy that guys feel sorry for or anything like that because I think the guys still demand out of him to be a leader for this team even when he’s not playing.”

Lowery also said that it was difficult for him to watch Lowery sit out last year.

“It was hard,” Gregory said. “Rob has a heart and a passion not only for the game of basketball, but for UD. He really loves this place and I think he realizes that this place has changed him for the better. He’s got a greater emphasis on growing up and getting his degree. And in terms of basketball, he’s getting a chance to play in front of crowds that he never even thought would happen. For lack of a better word, it’s been a dream come true, and it’s tough when that’s taken away.”

“It was just as testing for Lowery to sit out.

“It was the toughest thing I’ve ever had to do,” Lowery said. “Knowing that basketball had gotten me to UD and into school and to not be able to play ball anymore, it hurt me, man, it really did.”

There have been some positives that Gregory says Lowery has taken from the process though.

“I think he understands how important every single possession is,” Gregory said. “I think he understands that this is a fleeting moment and that you better appreciate it and you better take full advantage of it.”

Lowery said that he’s grown as a player since the injury.

“I learned not to take stuff for granted,” Lowery said. “It can be over in one play. I was doing well, and one play took me away.”

Although Lowery said his knee is at about 85 percent strength, he has been cleared by the team’s medical staff to participate in non-contact drills.

“It’s been great (to have him back),” Gregory said. “Our defensive system has been altered because of him and London Warren. They’ve changed the way this program is perceived and how we play. And he’s a bundle of energy, there’s no doubt about that.”

Lowery is just as happy to be back.

“It’s important to me,” Lowery said. “I think I bring a lot to the table. And so does everyone else on this team. I think without one of us, we’re really going to struggle. We need everybody to get it done.”

Rob Lowery, who tore his patellar tendon during last season’s home game against Xavier, is expected to return in January.

RYAN KOZELKA/MANAGING EDITOR
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ATLANTIC 10 A MISGUIDEDLY DISRESPECTED CONFERENCE

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I’d say it’s a fair assessment that most men’s basketball fans on campus understand and appreciate the tradition and history of UD basketball.

But I don’t think that fans at UD or members of the national media that cover men’s basketball necessarily understand or respect the conference that the Flyers belong to. The tradition of many of the basketball programs within the Atlantic 10 Conference, the quality of coaching and the conference’s collective success are just a few reasons why we as UD fans should feel lucky to be a part of one of the strongest non-Big Ten conferences in college basketball.

Dayton Head Coach Bryan Gregory has long been a strong proponent of the A-10 and the Atlantic 10 Conference, the quality of coaching and the conference’s success in many years as well as anyone.

“You look at it and last year [the A-10] had three teams go to the NCAA Tournament,” Gregory said. “The year before that there was three. And both those years we had multiple teams in the NIT or other postseason tournaments.”

According to the conference’s Web site, the 2008-2009 season marked the 15th time in Conference history and the sixth since 2000 that multiple A-10 teams earned at-large berths to the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament. The conference also received two of just four at-large bids awarded to non-BCS conferences last season and over the past two seasons, the A-10 leads all non-BCS conferences with six NCAA berths.

Gregory said that he feels there are a couple of points of differentiation that the conference boasts that go unnoticed.

“One, the quality of players that are in this league,” Gregory said. “Every team in this league has four or five guys that were recruited by BCS schools. The second thing is that every coach has either been established at their program or has had great success that has led them to get this job.”

Coaching perhaps is the most glaring strength of the Atlantic 10. The conference has two hall of fame coaches in Rick Majerus of St. Louis and Phil Martelli of St. Joe’s.

“Phil has made a huge impact on the game not only as a coach but as an ambassador for college basketball,” Gregory said. “You go down the list of the other coaches with Jim Baron (Rhode Island) and with his great success. And if you’re young and you’re a coach in this league, you got a pretty good pedigree coming in. It’s not as though you’re going to win games because you’re outcoaching someone. Believe me, that’s not going to happen.”

Gregory further cited the individual talent level in the conference as a strong point.

“We have more national players of the year than a lot of conferences. Marcus Camby (UMass), Jameer Nelson (St. Joe’s) and David West (Xavier). We’ve had three in the last 12 years,” Gregory said. “That’s more than the Big Ten and more than the Pac-10. Sometimes it’s disheartening that the league doesn’t get the credit that it deserves.”

Perhaps most importantly, every school in the conference hangs its hat on its men’s basketball team. Since basketball is the most important sport, that is the focal point of every school’s recruiting, resulting in some great talent.

“Every one of our schools — their athletic tradition has been based on their success in men’s basketball,” Gregory said. “So every single one is a basketball school, so to speak. With the Conference’s success against the BCS and in the tournament, outside of the conference there’s no comparison to any other league — it’s not even close.”

 Entire roster key to team’s success, getting better every day, junior walk-on knows his role

ALEX BAUSCH
Staff Writer

A key to any championship team is that each player understands his role.

Depending on the talent level, some may be all-American or all-conference players. But some players have roles the average fan doesn’t get to see.

Take, for example, the practice players. At the Division 1 level, these practice players are usually walk-ons (athletes who were neither recruited to a school nor received a scholarship). Most of these walk-ons are good athletes.

At UD, one of these important players is Peter Zestermann. Zestermann, who played high school ball on the Ohio Division I state runners-up, St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati, both understands and enjoys his role.

“It feels good coming to practice every day knowing that I have to help the people that actually play get better,” Zestermann said. “More importantly help the starters get better and I take that as a serious role as something that I have to do.”

Zestermann, a junior forward/center, averaged 7.9 points, 6.4 rebounds and 2.8 assists his senior year in high school. He then joined the UD basketball program as a walk-on in October 2007, but then he took the year off.

“I took the year off because I had been playing basketball my whole life. I wasn’t sure what I wanted to do,” he said.

During the time off Zestermann realized how much he missed the game and more importantly, the University of Dayton team.

“I decided to come back because all of the guys are good guys,” he said. “I also missed the game, and I wanted to be a part of the team again.”

Zestermann thinks that the key to the Flyers team this year will be defense, something that they work on daily in practice. As a practice player, Zestermann is on offense when the starters are working on their defense.

“I always think defense will be the most important part of our team,” he said. “I think both our offense and our defense will be better than last year due to another year of team chemistry and great off-season workouts.”

One of the things that Zestermann is most looking forward to this season is when the Flyers take on Fordham at Madison Square Garden.

“I’m excited to play at Madison Square Garden where all of the legends have played before,” he said.
CITIZENS’ EXHIBIT SHARES ABROAD EXPERIENCES

Photography of study abroad students represents 19 countries across the world

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Heather Petrie, junior engineering major, said that her favorite part of studying abroad in Italy was taking an overnight train to Sicily. “My roommate Beth and I awoke to find that our entire train had been loaded onto a ferry and was halfway between the Italian mainland and Sicily.”

Petrie is one of many students to have participated in UD’s study abroad program that will display their experiences in the Citizens of the World photography exhibit at ArtStreet Studio D.

The Piazzale Michelangelo in Florence has a beautiful view of the city, and Petrie’s photograph of it expresses her feelings toward her trip to Italy.

“Some friends and I climbed the steep path up to the piazza just in time to see the sunset wash the city of Florence in brilliant gold,” she said. “It was by far the most gorgeous sunset I have ever seen.”

The Citizens of the World photography exhibit began in 2006 when two students, Sarah Bracht and Bryan Campione, created a way for UD students to share their international experiences with the entire campus community.

“They envisioned a photography exhibit that showed students’ observations of new places and cultural practices, like international dance demonstration and performances, opportunities to share food, drink and music from around the world, and screenings of films that depict life in diverse cultural settings,” said Tricia Barger, Center for International Programs International communication coordinator.

The photographs displayed in the exhibit come from students, staff and faculty. Most are from the past year but pictures from all years are welcome.

“We have a current exchange student from France who submitted a photo from his travels in Tunisia, and one of his photos will be displayed as part of the exhibit,” Barger said. “We also have a faculty member’s photo in the exhibit from her time teaching as part of a study abroad program.”

Pictures in the exhibit come from all parts of the world. Out of 250 pictures submitted, 30 pictures covering 19 areas varying from Greece to South Korea and Bangladesh to Uganda.

“I am excited that I have this opportunity to share this little moment of my trip with the rest of UD, and I can’t wait to see the other 29 moments that will be on display,” Petrie said.

The exhibit will have an opening reception 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and will run through Nov. 23. Students, faculty and staff are all encouraged to visit the exhibit.

COSTUMES, CONTESTS, CUISINE

Oregon District hosts Dayton’s largest Halloween bash of year

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Costumes, contests, a craft beer and wine garden, food, bands and wrestling matches are all treats at this year’s Hauntfest on Fifth Street in the Oregon District.

The new organizer Joe Waizmann has been lining up stages, food vendors, volunteers and entertainment for the district’s biggest event of the year held on Halloween night.

“We’re expecting 9,000 or even 12,000 people this year,” he said.

New this year is an 18-by-18 foot semipro wrestling ring in which both males and females will have the opportunity to wrestle in themed costumes, such as Little Red Riding Hood and the big bad wolf, Waizmann said.

According to Dave Obenour, Hauntfest’s publicity representative, after the $5 entrance fee, there is no cover at most of the Oregon District’s bars.

There will be no cover charge at Blind Bob’s, The Dublin Pub, Le Monde, Ned Pepper’s, Newcom’s Tavern, Oregon Express, Pacchia and The Trolley Stop, according to OregonArtDistrict.com.

“They even close down Fifth Street so people can walk around not worrying about getting hit,” Obenour said.

Costume contests will begin at 8:30 p.m. when the Budweiser Girls will go through the crowds and pick out costumes to put into three categories: scariest, funniest and most creative. Winners will receive a $300 prize. Local bands The Story Changes and Skilless Villains will also provide entertainment at Hauntfest through live performances.

The volunteers working the night’s event are from a number of nonprofit organizations. These groups include the Northmont ROTC, Dayton Boys Choir and the Dayton Area Rugby Club. Part of the entrance fees will be given to these organizations for their help setting up, working and tearing down Hauntfest.

Make your way over to the Oregon District tomorrow for an All Hallows Eve night filled with all of this spooky entertainment.

“Get anything, it’s one of the best nights for some cool people watching,” Obenour said.

HOW TO GO

WHAT Hauntfest
WHERE Oregon district
WHEN 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday
COST $5
INFO (440) 225-6769

Participants at a past Hauntfest celebration dressed as Super Mario Bros. characters. In addition to a costume contest, this year’s event will include a craft beer and wine garden, wrestling matches, live bands and more.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY DAVE OBENOUR

As the sun sets over Florence, Steve Nathaniel takes in the beauty of his study abroad experience.

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NEW CALENDAR:

Extending Christmas break harmful to students’ success

UD is currently exploring editing the academic calendar for next year, which will result in a two week extension of Christmas break and ending the school year two weeks into May.

While several other universities have a three, four or even five week winter break, UD’s two-week break can be quick and seem rushed. But is it worth extending break?

Unlike other schools, UD gets breaks throughout the semester due to our Catholic holidays. Instead of just a week off for Spring break, we get an additional three days off for Easter recess. We also receive other days off throughout the semester, including one for Stander Symposium. While this day isn’t a “day off” for some students, most take advantage of it as just that.

So although Christmas break may seem a bit rushed, we get other breaks throughout the semester that give students a chance to go home and reduce stress.

However, it’s difficult for students in various majors to graduate in four years. To fulfill graduation requirements and graduate on time, many students have to enroll in summer school courses to get caught up or get ahead. With the proposed calendar amendments, students won’t be able to complete a full 15-credit course load, but instead only 12, according to the article on calendar amendments in this edition of Flyer News. If students are no longer able to be full-time students during the summer, we are only prolonging their graduation date.

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The media and pop culture is a huge factor in encouraging this way of thought. Movies like American Pie show losing one’s virginity as a race, a goal to be completed by high school graduation. The themes of this movie hit hard with its audience; the high school audience now feels the need to have sex, while those in college who have not yet had sex think there is something wrong with them.

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Don’t let the media dictate your morals, or you’ll find yourself screwed.

Word on the street...

What are you dressing up as for Halloween?

“Do you know why Tina Fey was a virgin until she was 24? Because she couldn’t give it away. This is probably shocking to most people because Fey is known as being one of America’s lead female comedians. What’s shocking to me is not the fact that it took Fey “so long” to “lose” her virginity, but rather that the age of 24 is considered to be scandalously old.

There is no magic age when a person should no longer be a virgin. It is my personal belief that it is different for everybody, and that there is no formula for when or how this should happen. Society’s standards, however, appear to be much different.

In the world we live in, virginity seems to be something taboo. If a person graduates from college still holding on to his or her precious flower, it is considered to be shocking and socially unacceptable. The loss of one’s virginity is supposedly representative of a coming of age, but those who give away for the sake of this recognition do not seem very mature to me.

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6 a.m. Wake up, look around, fall back asleep. 9 a.m. Hear noises, consider getting up. Lift your head, get dizzy, decide the bed is too comfy. 9:30 a.m. Wait a minute, this isn’t my bed. 9:45 a.m. Who is opening me? 10 a.m. Disengage left arm from under best friend’s torso. Stumble out of bed, trip over trashcan. 10:15 a.m. Locate bathroom, examine smeared makeup and pesty tongue in mirror. 10:25 a.m. “Guys, where are my pants?”

“Ah, kill me now.”

“You got housed, tossed your cookies in that guy’s bathroom, and we had two firemen carry you home.”

“Guys get up I want to get some greasy nasty breakfast.”

“What? I didn’t do that. Seriously where are my pants?”

“Dude, it’s college.”

It’s an exchange every student has had at least once—today. It’s the excuse we have to dress like the bears that call the Great Miami River their home, to burn up our parents’ credit cards just because half of Brown Street accepts Flyer, to turn Tool Academy into a drinking game to spice up Wednesday nights, to do whatever the hell we want. It is the ultimate cop out and we will use it as often as possible for four years, particularly to explain our affinity for certain vices. But what happens when we leave?

A close friend recently told me about “coming out” to her parents about partying. She did not know what to expect since her father had a few too many nights involving a few too many during his college years, and was thus unable to consume alcohol for years afterward. My friend was lucky though. Her parents placed an incredible amount of trust in her, and they would continue to until she really messed up.

How do you know you’re in trouble? I define really messing up as the time I found myself brushing my eyes out into a payphone at UDF to my parent’s credit card because I misplaced my cell phone while partying and, in the process, made the realization that my cousin who died of alcoholism over the summer is, indeed, dead. But being the wonderful daughter I am and hoping not to worry my parents, I hung up shortly thereafter and tried the bed is too comfy. 9 a.m. Hear noises, consider getting up. Lift your head, get comfortable for more than two years: that KU and probably the environment, because, let’s face it, no one brings those compostable boxes back to the dining hall once they’re done with them. After this experience, I’ve figured out something I’ve been pretty sure of for more than two years: that KU isn’t really worth all the trouble you have to go through to get food and enjoy it there.

We take comfort in Web sites like textfromlastnight.com and college-candy.com. Revealing stories that mirror our own, we see that we are not alone.

Seetha Santhananarayanan, Sophomore

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So, Dining Services, it’s your job to go through to get food and enjoy it there. For a second look at the pamphlets in the Health Center. Just find a way to make it stick for you, and hold on to it before you end up in the UDF parking lot too, or worse.

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KU is about overpricing, overcrowding, underwhelming students

Last Thursday, I got out of class early. This doesn’t happen too often to me, and I decided to take advantage of this fact by treating myself to a KU lunch, a rarity because of my fledgling neighborhood account. I had about 40 minutes to relax and eat before I had to go to work, so I resolved to embrace Dining Services’ new “green” policy and save 25 cents and did not get my order to go. After weaving my way through the typically crowded cafeteria, I got my food and paid. I hadn’t seen anyone I knew in the dining hall, sans a few acquaintances, so I had already accepted that fact that I would be one of those awkward people who sit alone browsing a textbook or looking busy at their laptop. I had some homework and Facebook stalking to do anyway, so I was fine with resigning myself to sitting solo at the end of a long table. But after doing a quick walk-through of the Pub area, it looked like this was not going to be the case.

It’s an unspoken fact that the long tables in KU are the Mecca for solo eaters, but on this day they were mostly crowded with large groups, or were already full of singletons who actually had, in most cases, actually abandoned the comfortable buffer seat between strangers due to overcrowding.

I did a survey of the rest of the cafeteria, but the same situation only repeated itself, and no one seemed to be leaving anytime soon. As I, embarrassingly, entered the Pub for the second time, I screwed up the courage to do the unthinkable—sit at a four-person table.

I approached a friendly-looking group of two and ask to sit at their table, and after a few awkward looks and the shuffling of books and backpacks, I sat down, pulled out a notebook and started studying the first thing I came to while I began to consume my buffalo chicken sandwich. I was so uncom fortable with the situation that I didn’t notice until halfway through the meal that I had been reading the syllabus for my POL 321 class.

I suppose it was a combination of this, the fact that my sandwich was much too spicy, and only being able to hear my tablmates talk about their calculus homework for so long that made me leave the table with my food only half-devoured.

All-in-all, this was an uneasy situation that left me slightly hungry, $3 poorer, and wishing my class hadn’t been let free early that day. Ever since my freshman year, KU has always been an overly crowded dining hall with only decent food, but it’s convenient. As a junior, I’m not going to journey out of the way to VWK or Marycrest for a quick bite to eat, and the Empo gets old after awhile. KU is a central location, and I’ve never had a huge problem finding somewhere to sit there.

Even though I paint myself as an unpopular lone eater in this anec dote, I do indeed have friends, and although we may have had to share a long table before, I’ve never once had trouble finding seats for a few people, and obviously not just for one person.

I don’t know what it is about this year—my best guess is the combination of large freshmen and sophomore classes plus the incentive of saving 25 cents by din ing in has caused a large influx in the lunchtime crowd. I appreciate Dining Services’ call to “go green” and save the environment through composting, but it’s becoming a problem with overcrowding.

I would have hoped that Kennedy Union would have foreseen this problem and incorporated extra seating for this year, but the best they can do is do that now. This could be as simple as rearranging some tables to fit more, or adding more long tables as opposed to multiple four-tops, which require more space in-between. Though I am a huge fan of the booths in the Pub, they take up a lot of space. Re moving these could free up a lot of room for tables. Just doing small things like this could free up space for just a few more people, gaining more seats and hopefully a quicker turnover rate, for a pretty small price to the university. Otherwise, I feel that students, especially upper classmen, will get sick of the more crowded-than-usual KU and resort to their apartments and houses for lunch, just get their food to go, or figure that it’s worth it to hike up to Marycrest, where the food is usually better anyway. This would ultimately be a loss in money to KU and probably the environment, because, let’s face it, no one brings those compostable boxes back to the dining hall once they’re done with them.

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So, Dining Services, it’s your call: are we worth it to you?

Anna Beyerle

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Intramurals a blast but Sports Editor calls ‘foul’ on some rules

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Sports Editor

My intramurals soccer season recently came to a close, and that is always disappointing. It is a lot of fun to keep on playing the sports I got enjoyed so much in grade school and high school. Intramurals offer the rare opportunity to keep on playing the sports we love in an organized fashion. The intramurals program at UD is great, and the new Web site at imleagues.com seems to be working out quite well. That being said, there are some issues that really should be ironed out in some of the sports. Namely, some of the rules. For anyone who has ever played intramurals or read the rulebooks for these sports, you know what I am talking about. Things can get pretty ridiculous. Here are some of my least favorites.

Flag football, the rules are pretty standard, but they can really get crazy if you look into them. For instance, did you know that it is legal to cross the line of scrimmage, cross back over onto the side you started, and then throw a legal forward pass? Yeah, it’s true. A quarterback, or any other player on the team for that matter, can take the ball, run five yards downhill, turn around, lateral the ball to a player on his team behind the line of scrimmage, and that player may then throw a forward pass to another teammate who is now streaming down the sidelines all alone because everyone on defense thought the play was a run. How foolish of the defense to assume that once the quarterback had started running forward, he wasn’t planning on running at all. This rule is absurd. For one thing, it makes it impossible on a defender to have any idea what is going on. For another, it goes against everything any football fan has learned from watching or playing for the first 18 years of his life. It’s tough to reverse 18 years of experience over the course of a six week season. So offenses, use the play I just described above, and you’ll have great success. Just don’t trust any instincts you might have on defense, they don’t apply here.

Next let’s examine a rule from intramurals soccer. This one is not as ridiculous sounding at first, but I just can’t really see any reason for it. The rule is that there are no throw-ins. Normally in soccer, when the ball goes out of bounds, one team is awarded the ball and they throw the ball in to restart play. For whatever reason, UD intramurals decided a throw-in was a bad idea. Instead, they chose to have a team kick the ball in when it goes out of bounds. I guess I just don’t understand why a kick-in is better. Throw-ins are not especially difficult to execute, and kick-ins are actually easier on the offense. They are just like a free kick, which is awarded when the opposing team commits a foul. It doesn’t make any sense to have out of bounds be the same as a free kick. Maybe if out of bounds is going to equal to a free kick, free kick should be equal to a penalty kick.

Next in line is a pretty dreadful rule in coed basketball. In every intramurals sport there is a slightly different set of rules which force the girls to get involved or restrict the males. This is done in an effort to make the games more even for every player, and I support the idea. However, this rule just takes it too far. In coed basketball, the guys can never enter the lane. Ever. The rules say that not even to get a rebound or pick up a loose ball. A boy simply cannot touch the ball in the lane. Now, the rule is good at heart, but it goes too far. It makes sense to keep the ball away from boys when they are in the lane, ready to back a girl down. However, in following this rule, is a guy just supposed to let a ball roll through the lane and out of bounds because he cannot touch it? Or is he supposed to allow a girl free access to the hoop because he is the only one back on defense and he cannot contest for the ball?

For my personal favorite terrible rule, I will take you back to the football field. This one is so absurd, I am not even going to try and explain it. We need to go straight to the literature, and check out spot passes. The intramurals football rules say this: “A player who catches any punt in the air may pass the ball forward, provided that the player does not take more than two steps after they make the catch.” Wait a second. What? That can’t be right, let me read this again. Holy crap, I did read that correctly. They are actually allowing someone who catches a punt to throw a pass to one of his teammates. What in the world is the thought process behind this rule? Could that possibly add to the game? Anybody who has any ideas or explanations on this rule, let me know, cause it’s got me stumped.

The last rule that I hate is the one that comes last in every game it appears: the run rule, or mercy rule. Anybody who is getting involved in an intramurals sport is doing it because they enjoy the fun of playing. You aren’t playing because you want to – that is just a potential bonus of playing. No one is interested in a game ending early; they signed up to play, and the mercy rule is just taking that from them. Anybody who signs up should get to play every minute of every game. If they are showing up, it is because they want to have some fun.

The Intramurals at UD are top notch, and have very little work to do. If I was on the staff though, I’d be bringing these kinds of things up.

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UD PUTS PERFECT PFL MARK ON THE LINE AGAINST TOREROS

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After dismantling Valparaiso last weekend, the Dayton Flyers football team looks to continue its momentum Saturday against San Diego. Winners of six consecutive games, the Flyers enter this weekend’s contest with a 6-1 record (4-0 in the Pioneer Football League). They beat Valparaiso 38-7, giving up just two first downs and 60 yards of total offense the entire game.

“We’ll definitely play some zone to be on our two-touchdown San Diego is coming off a loss to Jacksonville, putting them at 3-4 (2-3) on the season. Coach Chamberlin is not taking them lightly, however.

“I am worried about their speed and athleticism,” he said. “San Diego has a lot of athletes. We need to prevent their offense from getting in the open field and be precise with our offense to keep their speedy defense at bay.”

San Diego’s starting quarterback, redshirt freshman Sam Scudellari, is out for the season after fracturing his left fibula in the loss to Jacksonville. Redshirt sophomore Justin Fontenberry, who entered the fourth quarter of last week’s game in place of Scudellari, will get the start for the Toreros.

No matter who San Diego planned to have in at the quarterback position, one player the Flyers need to be wary of is redshirt sophomore wide receiver John McGough. This season McGough has totaled 30 catches for 466 yards and four touchdowns.

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While the Flyers can’t afford to look ahead, a week after the game against San Diego Dayton hosts the Butler Bulldogs who hold sole possession of first place with a 7-0 (6-0) record. Despite this huge game approaching, Chamberlin will be sure his players are ready for San Diego. Even with the 3-4 record, the Toreros lost to Butler by just one point and to Drake, who is tied with the Flyers, by three points.

“Our past experiences with San Diego will keep us grounded,” he said. “Our guys will be focused on this game and this game only. San Diego’s had some injuries, but they’re a quality team who is deep and still dangerous.”
WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR (OR THREE) CAN MAKE

Three seasons removed from A-10 doormat, Flyers look to defend conference crown in 2009

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The men’s soccer season is winding down and this weekend features two pivotal contests in their quest for a second straight Atlantic-10 Championship.

The Flyers are currently 9-4-1 and 4-1-0 in the Atlantic-10 and take on two of the top teams in the conference this weekend. Play begins Friday night at 7 p.m. for Dayton’s Senior Night at Baujan Field as they take on undefeated and nationally ranked Charlotte.

Continuing play this weekend, the Flyers will take on the rival St. Louis Billikens Sunday at 1 p.m. These games will begin the descent of the final season for many of the top contributors to the men’s soccer team. After this weekend, the team hosts Xavier next weekend as well as traveling to St. Bonaventure on November 6 for the make-up of a postponed game. A top six finish will bring the team to the conference tournament for a third straight year.

Currently in his fifth year at the helm of the UD men’s soccer program, head coach Dennis Currier mentioned how proud he is of the state of the team today. Just three years ago, the team was 6-9-2 overall and finished with a lowly 2-5-2 record within the Atlantic-10 Conference. Flash forward to last season and the team advanced to the NCAA Tournament on the heels of an impressive 15-4-3 overall record.

Zach Weiss, a senior midfielder from St. Louis, was the player that provided the game-winner in 2008’s championship contest. He recaps fond memories of the night in Pittsburgh last November, and it brought a smile to his face when asked to describe the scene. “For a time like that,” Weiss said, “it was huge both for me and clearly the team as well.”

Not only was the A-10 final a huge thrill for the team, but there was also a key stretch against both of these two teams during the regular season that helped to push the team farther along. A successful road trip against Charlotte and St. Louis in late October garnered the Flyers a win and a tie, helping to push them into the conference tournament as the no. 3 seed.

“This is a massive weekend at home for us, especially with Charlotte coming in ranked number nine in the nation,” Currier said. “These games will dictate whether we are merely a good team or a great team.”

The keys for this weekend, according to Currier, are most importantly individual and team defending. Both Charlotte and St. Louis are in the top tier of goal-scoring teams in the A-10, and thus it will be important to see how the Flyers respond defensively. Two other keys to victory Currier mentioned were transitioning and the team’s ability to finish their offensive chances.

Recalling the memories of his seniors this season, Coach Currier grew sentimental about the improving nature of the team. “They have meant a great deal to me and were my first full recruiting class,” he said in recognition of this year’s collection of seniors. “This group elevated the Dayton soccer program and created a winning culture, both on and off the field.”

Senior defender Randy Dennis has made 62 out of a possible 64 starts in his illustrious Dayton career, and he emphasized the importance of the remaining schedule this season. He said the team knows they have to succeed this weekend in order to advance into the A-10 Tournament. According to the dreadlocked Dennis, the team understands how every game matters beginning this weekend and then finishing with Xavier and St. Bonaventure.

Senior defender Sonny Renner clears the ball earlier this season. Renner is one of 10 seniors on the men’s soccer team, which celebrates senior night against Charlotte Friday.

Mentioning how nationally ranked Charlotte is undefeated on the season, he also made sure to say that his sights are clearly on the task-at-hand.

“We have to focus on Friday, that is probably going to be the toughest remaining game,” he said.

In looking back at the four years at Dayton, Weiss also said his favorite memories are simply the “Friday Nights at Baujan.” The key for him this weekend is the ability of the team to capitalize on their home court just as they have for the past three years.

“It will be important to come out prepared, excited and relaxed on the field,” he said.
HARRIERS HEAD TO REGIONALS

Women’s team looks to finish strong with best finish in UD history

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The Dayton women’s cross country team has had a strong season up to this point finishing first or second in four of the team’s five meets this year. The women harriers also placed 28th overall at the NCAA Pre-National meet in Terre Haute, Indiana on October 16.

This weekend the team is heading to the Atlantic 10 Championship meet in St. Louis, Missouri. “It’s probably the biggest meet that we focus on for the entire year,” head coach Ann Alyanak said. “And the only other teams that we’ve seen (from the A-10 this season) are Xavier and Charlotte. Although we haven’t seen most of these teams this year, we keep track of what they are doing and there’s weekly A-10 polls that the coaches vote on so we kind of have an idea of where we stack up.”

Alyanak, who has been on maternity leave for most of the season but still keeps up on the team, touched on some of the team’s success. “So far the team has run great,” Alyanak said. “We’ve had top-two finishes at every meet besides pre nationals. And pre-nationals was extremely competitive and we had a good showing there.”

Junior standout Maureen Bulgrin has been one of the standouts for the Flyers all season. “She’s had a great season,” Alyanak said. “She won the first three races which is a big feat to do at collegiate races. She should also have a strong showing at the conference meet. I would expect her to be up toward the front along with (junior) Liz Coorey and (sophomore) Elissa Mason they’ve all been running really well this year.”

Alyanak said that the entire team qualified for the Flyers’ NCAA Regional meet on November 14 in Bloomington, Indiana. “At regionals I think we are capable of having our best finish in school history,” Alyanak said. “We’ve been ranked in the top 15 in our region all season and that would be huge for us to finish in the top 15.”

With the strength of the region the Flyers fall into, a top 15 finish is a tall order but it’s one that Alyanak and her runners are up for. “We’ve got some good powerhouse teams in there,” Alyanak said. “Michigan, Notre Dame, Michigan State, Wisconsin, Indiana; it’s a tough region.”

With the season winding down Alyanak said the training regimen now shifts to train the girls on the team to have their best and fastest performances at the end of the season. It’s what’s referred to as “peaking” in cross country and the timing of it is crucial. If the process is started to early it can cause runners to burn out and not perform their best. “We’re doing some shorter, quicker stuff now,” Alyanak said. “And the volume has definitely decreased so we’re looking to freshen up their legs so they’re feeling good.”

And it will hopefully be the team that’s feeling good and moving on to the NCAA National meet after a stop in Bloomington, Indiana along the way.

Fall 2009 season deemed ‘season of respect’, Flyers look to earn at-large bid to NCAA National Meet

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For the Dayton men’s cross country team the fall 2009 season is all about respect. Respect from their coaching staff, respect from the rest of the Atlantic 10 and most importantly respect for themselves.

“At the end of the 2009 spring season, we began referring to the 2009 fall season as the season of respect,” head coach Rich Davis said. “For every meet I set expectations for the guys and for every meet somehow they find a way to slightly exceed those expectations. In doing so they’ve earned my respect. They’re dedicated to the sport and they’ve taken ownership of it and that’s turned into a lot of respect from others but most importantly self respect among the team.”

Coach Davis said that one of the challenges for the Flyers has been their depth. In cross country, just as in golf, the low score wins and is derived from adding up the placements of the team’s first five runners. For example, a perfect score in cross country is a single team recording the overall first through fifth place finishes for a score of 15. It’s easy then to see why depth is so crucial.

“Our guys have to be dead on all the time because we don’t have the depth that if one guy doesn’t succeed that we can succeed as a team,” Davis said. “We’re not like most teams competing for the A-10 title in that sense.”

Because of this the team’s success is driven, primarily, by “I set expectations for the guys for every meet, somehow they find a way to exceed those expectations. In doing so they’ve earned my respect.”

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Men’s Cross Country Coach

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three men: Juniors Matt and Christ Lemon (the two are twin brothers) and RS senior Mike Andersen.

“The Lemon twins are the first ever UD Flyers to achieve the national championship race and they did that in their sophomore seasons last year,” Davis said. “The two of them are led and motivated by Mike. He was very instrumental in attracting the Lemon brothers to UD. And the three of them were crucial in the recruitment of Greg Roeth who is our fourth man.”

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