LOWERY IS BACK

After 10 month recovery, Rob Lowery makes surprise debut against Lehigh

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Sports Editor

The night before Dayton’s game against Lehigh at UD Arena, Rob Lowery was keeping it as low-key as possible: just eating well and sleeping.

He wanted to make sure that his emotions were in check for his return to playing for UD basketball.

The next day after pregame warm-ups, Lowery only had one thing left to do: wait.

It is something Lowery has become all-too familiar with since injuring his knee 10 months ago, but the senior guard knew in his heart that it would come.

So Lowery sat on the bench for the start of the game with a towel over his head. He sat patiently and did his best to stay calm, knowing what was coming.

“I was nervous but excited too. I was just nervous because I mean it’s the first game back you know,” he said after the game.

At one point early in the first half, Head Coach Brian Gregory said something to Lowery, to which he stood up and began walking toward the scorer’s table. Some fans behind the Dayton bench stood up and began to cheer, but they were silenced when Lowery sat down next to an assistant coach further down the bench. The time had not yet come.

Finally, with 6:52 left in the first half, Lowery came off the bench and stepped onto Blackburn Court for the first time since Dayton’s win over Xavier last season. He entered to a raucous applause from the crowd at UD Arena.

As play started, Lowery was moving well and managing the game. A casual viewer wouldn’t have known it was his first time playing in 10 months from his calm demeanor on the court; he was just trying to play within himself.

Lowery would not stay so calm for long, however. He took and made his first shot of the game, a 3-pointer.

After hitting the shot, he turned around and gave a smile and nod to his family, back at the arena for the first time since the injury, as well.

“I know exactly where they sit, know where to look for them,” Lowery said. “My dad, I can find him no matter where he is.”

Lowery brings a bit of a different run-and-gun style to the team when he comes into the game, which he put on display during his first few minutes. After a defensive stop, the ball was given to Lowery on an outlet pass and he barely hesitated before throwing an alley-oop to Chris Wright from beyond the half-court line. Wright’s finish was not spectacular, but the pass was, and the play was something Dayton fans had not been treated to in a long time.

Lowery continued to be a big difference maker when he was in the game. In the eight minutes he was on the floor, Lowery went three for three from the field (two for two from 3-point range) for eight points. He also had three assists and zero turnovers.

When the game was well in hand and Lowery went back to the bench for good, he received a standing ovation from an appreciative crowd.

After the game, Lowery was giddy with excitement about his play.

“I think I did pretty well,” he said. “Three for three shooting and I made my first shot. You don’t normally make your first shot back.”

Lowery was also candid about his knee, saying it was sore and that he was not completely comfortable with the lateral movement he was forced to do on defense, but that was to be expected.

“It’s sore but I’m gonna go home and ice and run my machine on it,” he said.

With the guard back in action, Gregory says that the next step is getting him back up to game conditioning so he can play more significantly minutes.

With the three guard rotation of Lowery, London Warren and Mickey Perry in full effect against Lehigh, Dayton delivered their best performance of the young season, and it should give Dayton fans plenty to be excited about as the year progresses.

“Me being back definitely helps the team out,” Lowery said. “If we are missing anybody on the team, not just me, we aren’t as good. We can play our best when we’re a complete team.”
MEAGAN MARION
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Kristina Keneally, a UD alumnus, is faced with controversy as New South Wales’s first female premier.

“Less than a decade after becoming an Australian citizen and after less than seven years in Parliament, the American-born Keneally has scaled the peak of state politics,” according to a press release in The Sydney Morning Herald.

“She is the state’s first female premier. These things are an astonishing achievement. But to achieve them in that time frame is to highlight one of her key vulnerabilities: her shallow roots in Labor, and a sense among a sizeable proportion of her colleagues that she is not ‘one of us.’”

She feels that her passion for social justice and feminism are enough of a basis to be a member of the Australian Labor Party (ALP). She was previously a member of the Teamsters Union in the U.S. and interned with a democratic lieutenant-governor, according to the press release.

Keneally became involved with Australian native Ben Keneally in 1991 at the World Youth Conference in Poland and they married in 1996. ALP insiders mentioned in the press release that Ben was the one interested in a political career. He was supposed to stand in the Labor Party, but the affirmative action rules changed and Kristina was backed by the party’s national executive because “it was judged that she would be the more likely to succeed in a hotly contested pre-selection.”

Both Ben and Kristina Keneally dispute this occurrence.

Kristina said she just had the determination to change the world by doing something more practical with her life. She received her B.A. in political science and M.A. in theology from UD, but didn’t want to be stuck behind academic research.

While at UD she was vice president of SGA and started a national organization to represent students of Catholic colleges with a friend, which led her interest to student political and religious issues.

“Being stridently feminist, I had more than a few arguments with John Paul II when I set off to Poland [in 1991], such as women’s ordination, celibacy in the priesthood, lifelong vocations and contraception,” she told the New South Wales Parliament in 2005.

As minister of planning, Kristina has implemented numerous programs that have won her support from the property industry. After a year and a half of being elected minister of aging and disabilities, she revealed that her strongpoint was in economics and infrastructure. This led members of the ALP to believe that she was just plotting a way to make her way to the top of the political ladder.

“It was more about recognizing that there are so many different levers that government can pull to help people,” she said.

Kristina’s biggest challenge in the ALP will be to prove herself and show that she is worthy of the position.

“She has to throw off the tag of being the puppet of caucus kingmakers Tripodi and Obeid, to whom she owes this elevation,” the press release said.
Students gain illegal, unhealthy study advantage by using unprescribed medications

Both the stress of finals and the desire to party can drive students to use prescription drugs to increase concentration.

Drugs like Ritalin and Adderall are used by people with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), according to University of Dayton Alcohol Drug Abuse Prevent ion Team. The effect of these drugs is to stimulate the brain and help it to focus, which is one reason many students without these disorders take these drugs: they help focus on their work.

Junior Jessica Vonderhaar, a communication major, takes Adderall for her ADD, and it helps her complete homework and get through school successfully.

"It's allowed me to be able to focus more in class and get more homework accomplished after class," Vonderhaar said.

This ability to focus and get things done is in high demand on college campuses come exam time. According to jointogether.org, Adderall and other drugs like it are very popular on college campuses because they help students increase concentration and stay awake longer for studying or for partying. Use of prescription stimulants like Adderall have serious risks associated with them.

Vonderhaar understands that students not on the medication may have the desire to take it for help studying. Her main worry is the side effects it could cause.

"If people feel as if they need to take it in order to get things done then so be it," she said. "But just like any prescription drug it can be dangerous if they're not careful."

As with any prescription, the use of Adderall by those for whom it is not prescribed leads to serious sides effects on one's health. According to the ADAPT Web site, Adderall is an amphetamine and has as high potential for addiction. Over time the drug has the potential to be as addictive and detrimental as cocaine.

The drug can cause serious physical changes from an increased heart rate to nausea, diarrhea, nervous- ness, weakness, dizziness and insomnia. Taking Adderall with alcohol makes all of these symptoms worse. While many students take the drug to stay awake longer, it radically alters their sleep patterns.

Beyond the physical consequences, the use of someone else's prescription has serious legal ramifications as well. As described on the ADAPT Web site, The University of Dayton policy states that the first drug offense results in a $250 fine and mandatory drug abuse classes. A second offense "is cause for suspension from all UD housing, athletics, extracur- ricular activities," the Web site said.

If a student either gives or takes drugs a third time, he will be expelled.

Methamphetamine like Adderall are Schedule II drugs, the second highest national level in terms of dangerousness and illegality. The sale of drugs like this carries a federal penalty of a minimum of five years in jail for the first offense.

Using drugs at exam time has psychological consequences, too. Dr. Steven Mueller, director of the Counseling Center said that the use of Adderall and drugs like it "can create a false sense of security." Students can come to actually psychologically believe that they need the drug and it becomes the only coping mechanism for dealing with the stress of finals.

If students are struggling with drug use or suspect a friend might be, the Counseling Center, located in Gosiger Hall is a place where they can come to get help. Dr. Mueller said that not only is it against the law to give the drug to a friend, it also goes against the Marianist character of the university. Giving someone something that is very harmful for them is not how a Marainist community functions, he said.

Ultimately, students are responsible for understanding the risks and serious consequences associated with the use prescription drugs like Adderall. For more information visit the ADAPT Web site at http://campus.udayton.edu/~adapt/druginfo/rx-drugs.html.

School of Education, Allied Professions selects new dean

The School of Education and Allied Professions has selected Purdue educational studies professor Kevin Kelly as its new dean.

Expected to begin May 1, Kelly plans to use his background with strategic planning and program building to help further the progress of the already successful school. He hopes to focus on helping the American Catholic school system.

"There are a few things I’ve talked about doing," he said. "Things are already working really well so we want to take the next step, improve on the things we’re doing and getting to the next level. We’re interested in being national leaders in education by helping Catholic schools, maintaining Catholic schools in a rapidly chang- ing social environment and also doing research on learning in Catholic schools.”

Kelly’s main draw to UD was its Marianist tradition. The School of Education and Allied Professions dedication to urban development and the numerous programs it developed also made the opportunity to serve as dean an attractive choice for him.

"I really like the Marianist tradi- tion at UD and the pursuit of social justice and peace," he said. "Those are very attractive goals to me. That’s what got my attention. It’s an innova- tive and entrepreneurial school and that’s a strong draw to me.”

With a background serving as inter- rim dean and professor at Purdue, Kelly has experience in strategic planning and program building. His 15 years of success at Purdue were among the reasons he was chosen to serve as dean.

While at Purdue, Kelly was the founding training director for the counseling psychology doctoral program. He also brought the National Rural Education Association to its campus, which is an initiative to help math and science teachers in rural schools, according to a recent press release.

Kelly will follow in the footsteps of Thomas Lasley II, the School of Edu- cation and Allied Professions’ cur- rent dean who has served since 1988. Lasley plans to stay at UD and is tak- ing on the role of executive director of EDvention, a program which will help science, technology, engineering and math to grow in Dayton.

Impressed with all Lasley has achieved for the school, Kelly is ready and excited to further the progress UD has already achieved.

"The school is really very impres- sive," he said. "They do innovative things and are on the cutting edge in terms of urban education research and writing, so that was impressive to me.”
JOURNALISM STUDENTS’ ETHICS UNDER SCRUTINY

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In 1978, Anthony McKinney was convicted of murder and was sentenced to life in prison. A Northwestern University investigative journalism class believes they have evidence to prove McKinney’s innocence, but they are now finding themselves under legal scrutiny.

Subpoenas have been released to professor David Protess by Cook County prosecutors to seize the syllabus, grades and personal e-mails sent by the class. They claim that since the investigation was part of the class’s coursework, students may have had privileged information in order to receive a good grade, according to a Chicago Sun-Times article.

Annette Taylor, a UD communication professor, describes Protess as a professor who was dedicated to his work and wanted to teach his students the obstacles that exist in the world of journalism.

Protess and his students have helped to free 11 innocent people from jail since 1996. Northwestern was petitioning a new trial for McKinney when prosecutors subpoenaed the journalism class. The county claims they are just trying to be thorough in the investigation, while some students think differently about their motives.

“The state’s attorney’s office is trying to save itself from the embarrassment of students finding another innocent man in prison,” said Evan Bodd, a former student of Protess’, in the Sun-Times article.

Dennis Greene, a University of Dayton law professor, agrees, stating that although the group has made a huge contribution toward the lives of the individuals they have freed, it seems that the case’s prosecutors still do not take their claims seriously because of their student status.

“If a person is proven innocent, then there is often a negative light cast upon the prosecutor’s office who convicted them,” Greene said. “This approach to Professor Protess and his students is a clear move by the state prosecutor’s office to put a chilling effect upon what they seemingly perceive as ‘a group of student wannabe journalists gratuitously disrupting the real world of professional prosecutors working in criminal justice.’”

According to an article by truthout.org, prosecutors are arguing that the students acted more like criminal investigators, as opposed to journalists. Recently, a witness who stated during an interview in 2004 that he was present at the murder and McKinney was innocent, has recanted his statement and claims the students paid him to make those statements.

“If this bribery accusation were found to be true, it would definitely damage the credibility of the students’ work and there could be legal ramifications for the investigators who bribed these witnesses,” Greene said.

With the possible guilt of the class, it puts into questions the credibility of investigative journalists and their place in today’s society.

According to Gina Gerhart, a journalism major at UD, the situation at Northwestern poses a complicated question of how much investigative journalism students should be exposed to in their classes. Although it is what they are planning to do with their careers, examining real cases may be too much pressure for undergraduate students.

“The students want to learn, and they should be able to go into the real world and practice what they want to do before they think about their future jobs,” Gerhart said. “But it’s a tricky situation with all the possible legal consequences.”

Gerhart suggests the school may want to make a change to having simulated investigations as opposed to real ones. No matter what decision is made, it is obvious that the case will most likely make a mark on the future of student journalism, whether for the better or worse.

“I think that the Northwestern student group is uniquely successful and uniquely vulnerable,” Greene said. “This is a great case because it speaks to the potential of educational institutions to inspire young people to commit themselves to important work that can have real world impact and meaning.”

Contributions by Tiffany Bohman

The following incidents were reported to the Department of Public Safety on Nov. 15-Nov. 16. This log was compiled by Flyer News from actual police reports obtained from the Department of Public Safety.

Crime Log

Criminal Damaging Nov. 16, 5:04 p.m.
Officer Ryan was dispatched to a Stonestreet Road residence on the report of criminal damaging to a car. A 21-year-old female UD student stated that she parked her car in a parking lot behind her house at 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 14. She observed that her passenger side mirror had been damaged when she returned to her car on Nov. 15 at 4:30 p.m. The mirror’s housing was broken and was hanging off the car by the wires. There are no suspects or witnesses at this time.

Criminal Damaging Nov. 16, 5:28 p.m.
Officer Duran was dispatched to UD Police Headquarters on the report of a stolen wallet. She met with a 22-year-old male UD visitor, who stated that his wallet had been stolen between 12 and 1 a.m. while he was at a party on Evanston Avenue. The visitor stated he was leaning against an open window on the front porch, and he believes someone took his wallet from his back pocket from the inside of the house. His wallet contained $40, a driver’s license and social security card.

Criminal Damaging Nov. 15, 3:27 p.m.
Officer A. Duran was dispatched to a Kiefaber Street residence on the report of a broken window. Upon arrival, a 20-year-old male UD student stated that at 3:30 a.m. on Nov. 15, he was sleeping on a couch in his living room when the sound of breaking glass awoke him. He observed that a window in the living room had been shattered from the outside and found a beer bottle on the ground. The cost to repair the window is unknown.

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DON'T MISS THE “BAND OF FLIGHT” performing 7 p.m. today at Xenia High School. The United States Air Force Band of Flight is known for performing at official military events along with community events. The USAF Band of Flight calls Wright-Patterson Air Force Base its home and has been performing since its activation in 1942. The concert is free and open to the public. To find out more information about this performance, call (937) 372-0516.

SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY AND LOCAL ARTISTS with the fifth annual Charity Pottery Auction now through Dec. 9 in ArtStreet Studio D Gallery. Local potters featured include David Chesar, Kate Chesar and Geno Luketic. These artists have created original ceramic pots that will be up for auction on eBay now through Dec. 9 in ArtStreet Studio D Gallery. Local potters featured include David Chesar, Kate Chesar and Geno Luketic. These artists have created original ceramic pots that will be up for auction on eBay now through Dec. 9 in ArtStreet Studio D Gallery. Visit http://www.ebay.com and search “ArtStreet pots.” For more information about this event, call (937) 229-3936.

THE HALLELUJAH GIRLS is performing now through Dec. 13 at the Caryl D. Philips Theatre Scape. This comedy follows the lives of five of Georgia’s “Real Housewives” and their adventures taken after the death of one of their close friends. The women learn a valuable lesson of taking advantage of the time they are given and decide that if they want to accomplish the high goals they have set for themselves, they must do it now. To learn more about times and ticket pricing, call (937) 278-5993.

This will be the last food review of 2009, and we are going out smokin’. We traveled downtown to get a taste of the 2009 award winning “Best of Dayton BBQ.” Smokin Bar-B-Que is located right outside the Oregon District across the street from The Neon. The building seats roughly 15 people and offers a drive-through window for those times when you need ribs for the road.

It is an authentic Texas barbecue diner; offering smoked cuts of beef, pork, turkey, chicken and even bologna. The owner lived in Texas for years and brought Texas style barbecuing to the Gem City. The pork butts and beef brisket are smoked for 14 hours, the ribs for seven hours and ham and turkey for four to five hours. They are even smoking the burgers. All meats are unbelievably tender and seasoned without sauce. They do offer two homemade sauces (a sweet sauce and a spicy sauce) but you will have to sauce the meat to your liking.

The service is different than most sit-down dining experiences that we have encountered. There are no tables in the restaurant, only bar stool seating. The menu features mostly smoked meats, soups from scratch and homemade side dishes. Since the meats are smoked for such a lengthy period of time, they are ready to eat upon arrival. After placing our order, our food was out within five minutes. This apparently was longer than usual because our server apologized for the long wait.

Finally, if you decide to spend a weekend night away from UD’s campus in the Oregon district, Smokin Bar-B-Que is open until 4 a.m. to serve as a great late-night snack.

Nathaniel: I played it safe and went with the smoked brisket meal. This included a generous portion of smoked brisket and two sides of my choice. The macaroni and cheese was a given, but I went out on a limb and chose the Southern style greens as my second side. The macaroni was on point, and the greens were nice but a touch salty for my liking. I shot the waitress a wink, and she even threw in a sandwich bun so that I could make a sandwich with my smoked brisket. I sampled both barbecue sauces, and while both were good, I showed slight favoritism to the spicy sauce. This down home meal made me feel like I was back on the prairie, and for that reason, I give it a 5 out of 5. For those of you keeping track at home, this is the first perfect score.

Brian: I was tempted to try some of the pork products, but I heard from others that the burger was something I could not pass up. I decided to go with the smoked half pound burger. For an extra $2.75, you can add a second patty, but the half pounder is more than enough for this Brian. With the burger being smoked for such a long period of time, it comes out cooled perfectly with the inside pink, just how I like it. I also decided to go with the sides of macaroni and cheese and coleslaw. They were both delicious, but when I do go back, I will try some of the homemade chips. I am going to give Smokin Bar-B-Que a 5 out of 5. This is quite a feat as very rarely will I give a perfect score to anything.

RANKING:★★★★★★ RANKING:★★★★★★

Smokin Bar-B-Que is a unique dining experience and a place where you can get a filling meal for under $10. It is a less than five minute drive from UD and a great alternative from the typical sub shops on Brown Street. As always, we rate our places on a GO or NO-GO, and Smokin Bar-B-Que is a GO. Definitely check this place out.

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CREATE AND CELEBRATE
Orpheus presents newest art and literary magazine, recognizes student work

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The University of Dayton’s oldest student-run organization will celebrate another semester of success this week.

Orpheus will showcase the talent and work of members and contributors of its fall 2009 art and literary magazine with an end-of-semester gala.

All UD students, faculty and staff members are invited to attend the Orpheus Fall 2009 Gala from 8 to 10 p.m. Wednesday in ArtStreet Studio D. Authors and artists published in this fall’s issue will present the new magazine and to celebrate the hard work and talent of Orpheus members,” said senior English and French major Meghan McDevitt, Orpheus’ editor.

McDevitt said her favorite part of the gala is handing out the new magazines to the authors and artists.

“They are always so excited to see the finished product and see their work professionally published,” McDevitt said.

Founded in 1903, Orpheus was originally titled “The Exponent.” It is where the well-known writer Erma Bombeck got her start.

“It is specific time,” McDevitt said. “It is fascinating to look back at old issues of Orpheus and see what students were writing and creating 20, 30 years ago.”

Orpheus holds what McDevitt called “a literary roundtable” in order to select submissions for the semester’s magazine, the organization’s main venture.

Submissions are accepted through the first half of each semester, McDevitt said.

Junior Ben Murad, an English major, submitted his work for the first time this year:

“As an aspiring writer, I decided that Orpheus would be a good outlet for me to have some of my works read [and] edited and to get some feedback,” Murad said.

“The fall 2009 issue of Orpheus will be will be distributed to many of the campus buildings and residence halls this week. This issue will contain six short stories, eight poems and art in various mediums,” McDevitt said. Students from each academic year and from a variety of majors, including psychology, English, mechanical engineering, education and Spanish, are published.

“I think it is incredibly important to create a space on campus for students to develop and share their creative talents,” said senior English and human rights major Caitlin Jacob, Orpheus’ co-activities director.

“The magazine gives many students their first opportunity to get work published, which can be important in encouraging them to continue in their efforts and in giving them confidence. Also, students really enjoy reading the work of others on campus; it is work that they can relate to about the issues that they face in their lives.”

According to McDevitt, Orpheus’ mission is to promote cultural and artistic endeavors in UD’s community.

“The mission of the magazine is two-fold,” McDevitt said. “It is a service for the students who have their works published in it, enabling them to share it with an audience of their peers; and second, it is an artifact made available to the University of Dayton family. As an artifact, it serves as an object for discussion and as a limited record of the quality and nature of creative expression that takes place at the University of Dayton.”

As the staff members work to produce the magazine, they get practice for futures in editing, publishing, design and production, McDevitt said.

“It [Orpheus] provides real life experience that cannot be taught in any classroom,” Murad said.

In addition to publishing the magazine once each semester, the organization also sponsors events including movie showings, open-mike poetry readings, art workshops and a book swap.

“Orpheus provides a student-run outlet in order to give other students a chance to have their work published and enjoyed,” Murad said.

“The arts are an expression of the artist, but they are also meant for the enjoyment of others, to give a brief look into something more extravagant in the hopes to teach, entertain and provide wisdom to those that seek its endeavors.”

She said she’s pulled too many all-nighters.

When she’s not working on projects, Masur also devotes her time to a variety of other clubs that show her team spirit, such as Fusion, the graphic design club.

In this club, members help design graphics for different companies or other clubs. One of Masur’s projects was to design the T-shirt for UD’s chapter of Big Brothers Big Sisters of which she is a member.

After college, Masur said she would like to work at a studio.

“Fusion took us on a field trip to Real Arts’ studio in downtown Dayton,” she said. “[It was] unbelievable. It would be so much fun. I would love to get up every morning and go there.”

ARTIST of the MONTH
Erin Masur, JR

DANIEL WHITFORD
Staff Writer

Erin Masur traces her interest in art back to family vacations to Norris Lake in Tennessee.

“My favorite type of boats are Malibu boats, and the graphics on the sides of those are awesome,” she said, describing her inspiration to pursue graphic design.

“My dream job would be to live on the lake, drive half an hour down the mountain every day to work and design for Malibu boats.”

As a junior visual communication design major, Masur has kept the theme of family in her life.

“We’re a lot of fun,” she said of the visual arts community at UD. “I know friends in the same major at other schools. They don’t have the family that we have. We’re supposed to be competing with each other, but we make each other better.”

This has lead Masur to work toward creating an art fraternity, Lambda Gamma Tau.

While it is still in the planning stages, Masur said she is excited about its potential.

“It was going to be a graphic design fraternity, but since you have all these foundation classes the first two years and then everyone breaks off, you don’t see each other anymore,” she said.

She also said she sees the benefits that it will hold for the underclassmen.

“I want all the grades to be together so that people can feel more comfortable asking us questions now that we’re the older ones,” she said.

Masur said that graphic design is a lot of fun but also takes time and effort.

“I took a graphic design class in high school,” she said. “It was fun but wasn’t anything like it really is. It’s a lot of work.”
**CHEATERS:**

**POPPING PILLS TO HELP ACADEMICS IS ILLEGAL, UNETHICAL**

Barry Bonds, Mark McGuire, Alex Rodriguez: the list goes on of professional athletes who have been busted for taking performance enhancing drugs.

Their careers have been tainted by these drugs, and people who once looked up to them as role models now turn their heads in disappointment.

Many people are ashamed of them and are committing a similar crime.

Yes, taking the drug Adderall unprescribed is a legal and moral crime, and so is selling it. If a professional athlete is found to be guilty of taking steroids, he or she can be suspended or even kicked out of the sport.

The problem with Adderall is that most people don’t see the use of the drug as gaining an unfair advantage. Why is there such a negative feeling about the use of steroids in sports, but not concentration-enhancing drugs in academics?

If you illegally take Adderall and get an A on a test that you really needed to pass and you could not have done it without the drug, your degree should have a big fat asterisk on it. You don’t deserve a degree at all.

One day you will be a paid professional because of the degree you earned at UD. If the use of an illegal drug got you there, you are committing a form of fraud; you are stealing from your employer because they hired you thinking you were something you are not.

Steroids and drugs like Adderall are excellent medical advancements that help millions of people every day live a normal life. Taking Adderall as a prescribed drug to help with ADD and ADHD is perfectly acceptable and should make us proud that we have found a solution to help so many people live more normal lives.

People with these disorders are at a major disadvantage when it comes to studying and the use of concentration-enhancing drugs levels out their field for them to perform on the same level as others who are able to concentrate on their own power.

Something is wrong with the way society accepts the illegal use of this drug yet cries out at the use of physical performance enhancing drugs.

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**OPINIONS**

**Word on the street...**

**What do you think about the Tiger Woods scandal?**

- “I think it shouldn’t be all over the news. I don’t know why he cheated, she’s really good-looking.”
  **KATIE COTNER, SOPHOMORE UNDECIDED BUSINESS**

- “It’s pretty sad because a lot of people look up to him.”
  **ROSS MITCHELL, SENIOR HISTORY**

- “Whoever is stupid enough to do that does not deserve everything he has.”
  **LAUREN BERNDT, SOPHOMORE PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY/THEATER**
Sophomore housing lottery is based on circumstance, not merit of students

MICHAEL MILLER, FRESHMAN

The main criteria determining sophomore housing lottery position is the amount of disciplinary points a first-year student has incurred during the year, according to the Residence Life home page on UD’s Web site. This seems to me a very narrow-minded approach to determining an important factor like where a student will live for the majority of the year.

The two biggest flaws concern the nature of write-ups. For example, every residence hall has slightly different “Community Standards” to follow, such as 24-hour visitation rights for some and not others, the number of quiet hours per day, and rules about out-of-town visitors staying over. How can the university use disciplinary points as the main criteria for the housing lottery when all first-year students do not even have to follow the same rules?

There are also external factors outside of a first-year student’s control. It is well-known that some RAs are more reluctant to set-up their residents than others.

A first-year student has no control over this factor, but it could very well determine the number of write-ups and consequently disciplinary points, that they have on their record when the time comes to apply for sophomore housing.

Another contributing factor is pure luck. Well-behaved students can simply be caught in the wrong place at the wrong time while other students do not get caught.

I am not saying disciplinary points should not be considered when the university determines the housing lottery. But I think other factors, such as GPA and involvement on campus, are much more indicative of the student’s right to have a privilege or not and should count for just as much if not more than disciplinary points.

Personally, I do not have any worries about whether or not I will be successful in my attempt to get up who works hard to get a 4.0. The university could even add a factor like community service hours served to the formula to encourage students to make a difference and find out who is willing to work hard for an improved position in the housing lottery.

Increase in troops leaves senior wondering if war overseas is really worth high costs

JOSH GOLDMAN, SENIOR

I voted for Barack Obama because he said that he was going to withdraw troops from Iraq. Now, with last week’s announcement to send 30,000 more troops to Afghanistan, I don’t know what to think.

I have never been pro-war, but I do trust our leader’s decisions to provide the United States with optimum security. I have family in the Marines who were stationed in Iraq. I went to school with people who served both in Afghanistan and Iraq.

In talking to these people, I realized that while none of them wanted to be there, they all thought that it was necessary for the safety of our country and for their safety to hold positions across seas.

This March will make the war in Afghanistan the United States' longest war, surpassing Vietnam. It is still unclear to me whether or not it is worth it to be over there. The people that I have talked to claim that the Iraqis and Afghanistan both, for the most part, welcome our presence in their countries. For me, however, there is still no clear reason why we are there.

After Sept. 11, we targeted Iraq and Saddam Hussein as well as Osama bin Laden. I am still unsure of what Iraq had to do with Sept. 11 but we took Hussein out of power anyway, and had him hanged. We still have no word on bin Laden.

There is no clear truth about this war. There is so much propaganda circulating that it makes it hard to believe what anybody has to say.

It is difficult to come up with my own opinion of the war because I am constantly bombarded with someone else’s opinion on why we should or shouldn’t be occupying these countries.

It is eight years later and I still feel like I know as much of the war as when it was started. I want to believe that the reason that we are over there is to help the people in those countries and to stop terrorism. I just don’t know if that is true.

Politics are notorious for serving as a platform for politician’s personal interest.

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letter to the editor

Same-sex marriage letter not correct representation of LGBT community

ABAGAIL LAWSON, JUNIOR

I wish to respond to Kurt Blankenshae’s letter concerning the question of same-sex marriage and LGBT equality. While I more than agree with Mr. Blankenshae’s statements of the lesser treatment and discrimination against LGBT persons, I am somewhat troubled by his classification of marriage as “straight.”

Part of the struggle for LGBT persons in society has been that our relationships have been seen as simply based on lust and that we are incapable of a real, deeper love. The love I share with my significant other is real, it is as legitimate as a heterosexual love. It is not an unnatural lust, and therefore, if I so choose, I should have the right to pledge my life to that person and have it recognized before the law.

Therefore, I support same-sex marriage not because I want to be straight but because I want to be married. I want to be treated as an equal citizen with equal rights.

It is NOT assimilation to demand the same rights as straight people. Was demanding the right to choose a seat on a bus an attempt to fit into straight society? Was demanding the right to vote an attempt to play straight but because I want to be straight but because my run out of states in which I can act straight, but because my rights are being denied time and time again.

Celebrating my love of another person is what I dream of doing and the reason why I demand the right to marry. I resent the implication that has been characterized as one of drugs and promiscuity. Again, this adds to the idea that LGBT persons are incapable of true love beyond superficial lust.

I do not appreciate being characterized as having a certain lifestyle simply based on one aspect of myself. The same principle applies to straight people! There is not a way to “act straight,” or a “straight lifestyle,” just as there is not one single “gay lifestyle.”

If we start advocating the mindset that there is a way to “act straight” or “act gay,” then we are defeating our own cause.

As Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, a right delayed is a right denied, and I was upset and heartbroken by the ban on same-sex marriage supported in Maine and again with the recent defeat of the bill legalizing same-sex marriage in New York—NOT because I am running out of states in which I can act straight, but because my rights are being denied time and time again.

ABAGAIL LAWSON, JUNIOR

Those actions were demands for equality, for recognition that living is about being human, not about our gender or skin tone or sexuality. While these aspects should not be glossed over and should be celebrated, they should not divide us or define us exclusively.

I will not give up my identity and I will not give up my rights. I refuse to believe that those two are mutually exclusive.

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As for the assertion that gays are incapable of a real, deeper love. “Gays” are incapable of a real, deeper love. “Gays” are incapable of a real, deeper love. “Gays” are incapable of a real, deeper love. “Gays” are incapable of a real, deeper love. “Gays” are incapable of a real, deeper love. “Gays” are incapable of a real, deeper love. “Gays” are incapable of a real, deeper love.

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Senior star disappearing? Not for long
Johnson too talented, will explode in a big game for team soon

Danny Vohden, Senior Sports Writer

Senior guard Marcus Johnson is undoubtedly one of the best players on the team, a role he has accepted and played mostly throughout his illustrious career at Dayton.

In fact, one could even argue he is one of best players to ever come through UD in the Brian Gregory era.

However, the times where Johnson has struggled in his career are interestingly enough in the Flyers' biggest non-conference games.

Excluding his freshman year, because it's hard to truly judge a player straight out of high school, Johnson is averaging just 6.6 points a game against the likes of Louisville, Pittsburgh, Ohio State, Marquette, Creighton, West Virginia, Kansas, Villanova and Georgia Tech.

In those games, UD holds a 5-4 record.

In his sophomore season, Johnson was held to just four and nine points against Louisville and Ohio State, respectively. However, it was also in the 2007 season where MJ did have his best “big game moment” when he dropped 15 in UD’s 25 point rout over Pitt at UD Arena.

In last year’s NCAA tournament, Johnson did scratch out double figures against West Virginia with 10, but Kansas held him to just two in the second round.

Then in the latest installment of UD’s “big” games, he was held scoreless in the Georgia Tech game before scoring just five against Villanova in the Puerto Rico Tip-Off tournament.

“All these are some shocking numbers considering how successful Johnson has been in his three plus years, and Wednesday night in Oxford, he became just the 41st player in Flyer basketball history to reach the 1,000 point plateau.

As if those credentials weren’t enough, Johnson is second only to LeBron James on his high school’s all-time scoring list.

So why then, with all his success, does he seem to struggle most when the stage is the brightest? Perhaps it’s other teams showing their respect by making sure he doesn’t beat them. Maybe even Johnson has just deferred to his teammates to carry the team in these games, and it’s just a matter of time before he has a career game against a top out of conference opponent.

After all, MJ has had several defining moments in Atlantic 10 play. Take last year for example, when it was Johnson’s tip in at the buzzer that gave the Flyers a win on the road against LaSalle.

Or look at the Xavier games of Johnson’s career, which most UD fans will probably tell you mean even more than any non-conference game. In the past two seasons, Johnson has averaged 16 points in four games against the rivals to the South, including a career high 26 in his sophomore season.

Obviously the ability is there and it’s hard to argue that Marcus shies away from top competition.”

Danny Vohden, Senior Sports Writer

Marcus Johnson has been one of the great Flyers of the past decade, and it’s only a matter of time before he shows his full potential.

Schedule

Women’s Basketball

Wednesday, Dec. 9 at Toledo 7 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 12 at Miami (OH) 2 p.m.

Men’s Basketball

Tuesday, Dec. 8 at George Mason 7 p.m.

Inside the Numbers

29.8

The women’s basketball team has won its last five games (over Wright State, Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Illinois-Chicago, Chicago State and Seattle University) by an average of 29.8 points.

23

Straight home wins for the Dayton men’s basketball team, a program record and one of the longest such streaks in the nation.

62’5.75”

Distance of junior Mallory Barnes’ record-breaking effort in the weight throw last Saturday at the women’s track team’s first meet of the indoor season.

Barnes’ throw not only set a school record, but it also made her a provisional qualifier for the NCAA Indoor Championships.

8-2

The Dayton volleyball team’s record in matches that were decided in the fifth set, after the Flyers beat UW-Milwaukee in five sets in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.
Volleyball team loses in second round of the NCAA Tournament, finishes 30-4

SEASON COMES TO A CLOSE

One magical season is over, but it may be just the beginning for the UD volleyball team.

The Dayton Flyers lost in the second round of the NCAA Tournament Friday, finishing the impressive season with a 30-4 record. Fifth ranked Illinois took down the young A-10 Champs 28-26, 8-25, 17-25, 18-25 at their home court to advance to the Sweet 16 instead.

It was a team goal to advance to the third round of the tournament for the first time in school history, making the loss in Champaign difficult for the Flyers. With the right perspective however, the team has a great chance to make history again next season.

Dayton had only one senior on the entire roster this year in marketing major Chelsy Christoff and will return their entire starting lineup in 2010. Overpowered by an Illinois team that finished with 18.5 blocks, Dayton will look to regroup and reload for another successful season that begins eight months from now.

“We didn’t fulfill all of our goals for the season,” second-year Head Coach Kelly Sheffield said. “But it was a very good year to be able to come back and win the conference championship while beating some really good teams along the way.”

After holding on to narrowly win the first set against Illinois, the Flyers were unable to match them point-for-point. Six opponent blocks in the second frame and a .344 shooting efficiency against the third set dug a big hole for the visiting underdogs.

Managing just a .064 attack percentage in the fourth set against 6.5 more blocks for Illinois, it was the end of the road for Dayton.

“They were a great team; they deserved their seed, and they played their best game after that first set,” Christoff said.

Starting the tournament Thursday night, UD defeated Wisconsin-Milwaukee to advance to the second round for the third time in seven years. Junior Amanda Cowdrey paced the team with 16 kills and 27 digs, maintaining her hot streak of recent play in leading the Flyers to a 15-4 victory in the deciding fifth set.

Dayton reached the 30-win plateau for the second time in three years against the unranked Panthers, who entered the tournament winners of their last 11 contests. The Flyers also now own more Atlantic-10 Championships (five) than any other school in the conference.

“I am very proud of what our team and staff was able to accomplish this year,” Sheffield said. “It is a special group and a team that works really hard. They grew a lot this season and we had really good leadership while dealing with multiple injuries.”

A huge positive for the program all season was its youth with just one senior on the roster. However, that never tempered their expectations. With the end of 2009 soon approaching, 2010 has the potential to be one of UD’s greatest seasons ever and the year UD finally reaches the Holy Grail of the Sweet 16.

The only player that will not be on the team next season is an Ill. native Christoff. The defensive specialist appeared in 32 of 34 contests this season and played in 132 matches during her four-year career with the team.

Christoff said that her favorite memories of the season were defeating Big Ten power Purdue in September and beating St. Louis at home to capture the conference title.

“It is always good to go out on top and having not won on Thursday would be really upsetting,” she said.

It was a disappointing way to end their tournament run, and no matter what happens next season, it will be much different not having Christoff along for the ride.

“I am going to miss having Chelsey in the gym. She was really fun to work with and be around,” Sheffield said. “This team is going to need to replace her leadership, positive attitude and demeanor.”
OFFENSE LEADS FLYERS TO 8-1

NATE WAGGENSPACK
Sports Editor

The 2009-10 season has started great both home and away for the women’s basketball team. Last weekend at UD Arena, they just kept the good mojo going.

The nationally-ranked Flyers dismantled Wisconsin-Milwaukee Friday and followed up with a win over Wright State Sunday. Two dominant performances were befitting of the dominant start this team has had to the year, now at 8-1.

It all started with the win Friday over a hugely overmatched UW-Milwaukee squad. Dayton came out guns blazing and did not slow down until the game was well in hand, securing an 86-52 win.

Senior Kendel Ross scored 11 of the teams first 13 points, including three 3-pointers in the opening minutes. As the rest of the team helped Ross with the scoring load, UD’s lead ballooned quickly, opening up a 30-13 advantage in the first 10 minutes.

Dayton’s defense was also suffocating, forcing 17 turnovers and scoring 22 points off those turnovers in the first half.

“I was really pleased with our intensity defensively,” Head Coach Jim Jabir said. “I thought we got out and ran the defense gave us that. They couldn’t run a lot of offense because of our defense.”

Dayton continued to pour it on from a variety of players and positions for the rest of the first half, scoring tons of lay-ups on fast breaks, as well as hitting a couple more threes. Any thoughts the Panthers had of coming back were put to rest by the Flyers by the end of the first half, as the scoreboard showed 56-19 when the buzzer sounded. Ross led the way for the Flyers with 13 points in the first half.

The second half went much the same way, although coach Jim Jabir and the Flyers slowed down in the scoring department a bit. Midway through the first half the lead had actually gone down by a couple points, 67-65. The lead did not change noticeably for the remainder of the game as UD coasted to the victory. Despite playing only a few minutes in the second half, Ross finished the day leading Dayton in scoring with 18 points.

With such a large lead in the second half, Flyer fans were able to see some of the younger players play extended minutes and get a vision of the program’s future.

The team appears to be in good hands for the next couple years with freshmen Olivia Applewhite (seven points), Kari Daugherty (seven points), Sam Mackay (five assists) and redshirt freshman Brittany Wilson (11 points).

Dayton kept up the defensive pressure, however, and continued to force Panther turnovers–32 by Wright State throughout the game. Dayton dominated the game in every facet, out rebounding the Panthers 42-40 as well as recording 22 assists on their 34 field goals.

“There’s a certain way to play and I thought we played as well as you can play,” Jabir said. “That’s pretty basketball, that was just the way you want to play.”

Sunday’s game featured another Horizon League opponent in the Wright State Raiders. Again, Dayton jumped all over their opponents early on, opening the game with a 17-2 spurt.

The Flyers continued to shoot well from the 3-point line with early threes by Patrice Lalor, Kayla Moses and Kari Daugherty. After a steal and lay-up in transition from Moses, the score was 24-6 with 7:42 to play.

The Flyers’ leading scorer Justine Raterman made her presence known in the first half, scoring inside and on the perimeter to amass 15 points.

Despite the strong start from UD, the Raiders made a run late in the half to bring themselves back into the game. Down by as much as 22 at one point, Wright State started getting to the basket more and hitting 3-pointers and were able to bring the lead below double digits with just under two minutes left. A couple Dayton baskets made the score 39-26 after the first frame.

The second half began and Wright State pulled within 10, but Raterman turned it on again and quickly scored eight points. After she hit two threes on consecutive possessions, Dayton had stretched the lead out to 47-29.

Dayton continued to increase its advantage with a strong second half performance. With nine minutes left, McKay hit a layup and foul shot to push the lead to 66-37.

Again UD enjoyed the luxury of a large lead, so coach Jabir could see his younger players in action for the final portion of the game. The team coasted into the final buzzer and took the game 79-58.

Raterman led all scorers with 25 points and Ross finished with 11 points and eight rebounds. Dayton had 11 different players score in the game.

These two wins have helped the Flyers prove they are deserving of their Top 25 ranking. The young team is growing in confidence and ability with each passing game and will look to keep the wins coming when they head to Toledo to take on the Rockets Wednesday.

For any Dayton basketball fan that has not been following the women’s team, this weekend was a shout-out-loud to pay attention to them because they are for real.

“We’re really unselfish, we’re pretty skilled. When we play hard good things happen to us,” Jabir said.