Increased airline security affecting student international travel

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Chief Staff Writer

Umar Farouk Abdul Mutallab attempted to ignite a bomb on a Northwest Airlines flight traveling from Amsterdam, Netherlands to Detroit, on Christmas Day, but luckily the bomb failed to go off.

For the approximately 600 UD international students and 30 students studying abroad during the Fall 2009 semester, this posed potential travel complications with the recently increased security restrictions administered by the U.S. Transport Security Administration.

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CHANGING IN SIZE, NOT TRADITION

STEPHANIE VERMILLION
News Editor

On Dec. 21, UD announced its $18 million purchase of the NCR Corporation’s world headquarters, located at 1700 S. Patterson Blvd.

This acquisition will not only expand the university by 115 acres, but will create a new facility for UDRI, alumni, conferences and graduate classes to be completed within the next year.

Founded originally on 125 acres and the Marianist values of community, UD is now up to 373 acres with the NCR purchase and its past land attainments. Although expansion is beneficial for university development, it may leave some worrying about maintaining that tight knit community sense that sets UD apart from other universities.

“The fact that the research institute people were here in the engineering building and will now be at NCR means we have to find how to keep this community sense with a larger campus,” said Brother Ray Fitz, Ferrer Professor of Social Justice and former UD president. “Not letting those people get isolated will be one of the biggest challenges in moving forward.”

But fortunately, the staple of UD’s community is the people more than anything, and President Dr. Daniel Curran has no intention of disrupting the connectedness of the campus.

“If you look at the size of the undergraduate student body it hasn’t increased much,” Curran said. “If we went up to 12,000 students I think it would destroy what we have. We’re a medium size, and it works well. It’s not only the size; it’s the interaction of faculty, staff and students.”

And past experience can verify this. Since it was founded over 150 years ago, UD has greatly expanded to match the needs of the community.

Under Fitz’s leadership, UD acquired property from a Frisch’s on the corner of Alberta and Stewart streets to develop the main university entrance. He also led UD to purchase the Irving Park Research Center, as well as land to build the Bombeck Center.

Although none as large an acquisition as the 115 acres of NCR’s property, the UD sense of community did not falter with development. If anything, past expansions brought a new community into the picture: the city of Dayton.

By making the most of property and using it to stimulate the city’s economy, UD is not only helping those within the university walls, but the greater community. It is guiding the city, especially its economy, on the path to a bright future.

We want to be an economic driver for the community,” Curran said. “I think one of the most important things in the past decades was the Genesis Project. People say ‘look at all those stores on Brown Street’. The fact is no one would have wanted to build those stores if Brothet Ray, Miami Valley Hospital and others hadn’t expanded much.”

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**ROTC SENIORS TO RECEIVE ASSIGNMENTS SOON**

Cadets face five, six month course before deploying to first unit

JEN CHENEY
Staff Writer

Graduating senior ROTC cadets will receive deportation assignments this semester and have high hopes of a promising future.

The ROTC program offers $2.5 million in scholarships each year according to Lt. Col. Chuck Schretzman, professor of military science at UD. These scholarships include tuition fees each year, book money valued at $1,200 per year and a stipend of $300 per month as a freshman and up to $590 per month as a senior.

In phase one, the basic officer leader course, cadets learn about the 16 different branches in the military. Branches include infantry, field artillery, air defense, aviation and corps of engineers, among others. Specializing in a general field of interest by working within a branch allows cadets to take on different assignments every few years.

In their senior year, cadets create a list of all the different jobs they want and rank each one by preference.

Upon graduation, I will be an infantry officer carrying the rank of 2nd Lt.,” said senior ROTC member Jim Turk. “The next step is finding out where you are going to stationed.”

Even though he will not find out until later this semester, Turk said that his top three choices are Italy, Germany and Hawaii. But no matter where he ends up, he still believes signing up for the program was important and has been beneficial throughout his career at UD.

“IT was one of the best decisions I have ever made,” he said. “It keeps you in good shape, guarantees you a job after graduation, which is hard to come across today, and you get paid to do it.”

The desire to serve his country was important not only to [Jim] Turk when entering college, but also to his brother Erik, who is a junior at UD.

“The money is a big factor, as tuition at Dayton can get pricey,” [Jim] Turk said. “My family always instilled the ideas of patriotism and selfless service into me and my siblings. So my brother Erik and I thought there was no better way to demonstrate those values than by joining Army ROTC, especially during a time of war.”

Upon graduation and completion of phase one, ROTC cadets attend their basic course for five to six months before deployment to their first unit. Cadets could deploy anywhere from Afghanistan, Kosovo, Guantanamo Bay in Cuba, Kuwait, Horn of Africa to Iraq.

“I cannot say that every cadet will deploy within a year after graduation,” Schretzman said. “But some deploy as early as six months, maybe nine months. The deployment rate cannot be generalized to all graduates.”

Although deployment rate cannot be known for each person, the comfort of having the U.S. government take care of his future has made senior Air Force ROTC cadet Jonathan Fullenkamp confident in wherever he will end up post graduation.

“The Air Force has opened up so many possibilities for me,” he said. “I am 100 percent confident that no matter where they send me, or what my future job is, that I will be taken care of, and given every tool I need to succeed.”

He also said the monetary perks of joining AFROTC were beneficial, but that the most important benefit is the cadet camaraderie.

“You spend a lot of time each week developing teamwork and leadership with the same people for over four years,” he said. “At the end of those four years, you are more than just friends: you become family.”

Senior Jonathan Fullenkamp (right) and his fellow ROTC Air Force members partook in their Change of Commands ceremony earlier this week. MIKE MALLOY
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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New master’s course offers students cyber security education

MEGAN HARRELL
Staff Writer

With the Internet constantly growing and developing, the need for companies and businesses to protect private information from hackers is becoming increasingly important.

Starting this semester, UD is offering students the option of taking a new three course sequence in cyber security management.

Students in the master’s in business and administrations program or majoring in management information systems are eligible to take the first course.

In order to complete the full sequence and take the additional courses, students need to be eligible for a U.S. government security clearance.

“The first [course] is in cyber security management, which focuses on setting up processes to ensure information system integrity, availability and confidentiality,” said Dave Salisbury, associate professor of management information systems. “The latter two courses focus on more technical aspects of actually protecting networks and information systems.”

UD and the Advanced Technical Intelligence Center will be teaching the classes. The first class will be taught on UD’s campus and the following two courses will be taught on ATIC’s campus in Beavercreek.

“After taking the cyber security management classes, graduates will be qualified to work in classified industry and government positions and will have a security clearance sponsored by ATIC,” Salisbury said. “This program sequence equips professionals with both management skills and relevant government and industry network security standards for defending computer networks and information from attack.”

Although not all students are eligible to take the new three course segment, Dean Halter, the UDIT risk management officer, suggests that students unable to take the courses should take courses in computer science, computer information systems or computer engineering.

Hackers are persistent and can easily find ways to infect even a well maintained computer. According to Halter, there is no foolproof way to avoid getting hacked, but there are ways to better one’s odds. These include keeping computer applications patched, using an anti-virus program, using strong passwords, not sharing laptops and regularly reviewing financial account statements and credit reports.

“Individuals need to know how to protect themselves on an Internet that’s constantly evolving,” Halter said. “While new services allow us to be more productive than ever, not everyone’s got your best interests at heart.”

For more information on enrolling in this course for the term contact UD’s MBA program director Janice Gunn at mba@udayton.edu. To get help managing personal cyber security contact UD IT at itd@udayton.edu.
Bookstore prices lowering, comparable to online stores

ANNA BEYERLE  
Assistant News Editor

“We’ve started shopping our book list online and try to find out how competitive our prices are,” Pointdexter said. “We take a lot of [book] titles down so we are competitively prices with online resources.”

The bookstore lowered the price of 140 textbooks during the Fall 2009 semester and has continued to do so for this semester, according to Pointdexter. They plan to carry on this process in future school years as well.

According to Kevin Pointdexter, textbook manager for the bookstore, UD buys textbooks directly from their publishers. Many textbook prices are firmly set by the publishers, which allows used book Web sites to bring down textbook prices, seeing as they are not bought directly. This school year, the bookstore began comparing their textbook prices to those offered on Web sites as to be a more likely source for UD students to buy from.

“I wouldn’t ask [students] to buy something that would not be essential to the course.”

Natalie Hudson, political science professor

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Pearson said he also underwent a full body search before he was allowed to board the plane and was interrogated by authorities. Search dogs and police carrying machine guns were present inside the terminal; Pearson said this was unusual because most police officers do not carry guns in England.

“At Immigration I was asked about five or six questions about my student visa, what I was studying at UD, when I will leave again and about the contents in my bag,” he said. “The immigration workers seemed a lot more serious than when I arrived back in the summer, as if they were trying to catch you by getting you to say something wrong.”

Pearson’s experiences are congruent to the enhanced measures TSA has implemented according to its Web site. These measures include explosive detection canine teams, law enforcement officers, behavior detection and gate screening.

Some students did not notice as extreme of a difference as Pearson during their travels.

“I did not notice a difference in security on my flight from when I left campus to when I returned,” said freshman Ibrahim Al-Wartan, who flew from his home in Qatar back to Dayton. “I didn’t have any problems, but many flights were cancelled. [The airlines] told [passengers] that their flights were cancelled, because of weather conditions, but some people said it was a security measurement because the weather wasn’t that bad.”

Aside from differences in security during students’ experiences at airports following Christmas Day, their emotional state was changed as well.

“I was very nervous because it was the same airline [that the bombing attempt occurred on], but after thinking about it I knew that this airline was probably going to be the safest because of the increased security measures they put in place to stop another terrorist attempt,” Pearson said. “When I was on the plane I was sat right at the back by the toilets and was very observant when people got up to go to the toilet because I knew the bomber the week before had spent a long time in the toilet preparing his chemical bomb.”

Abdul Mutallab, who has been linked to the terrorist group al-Qaida, is currently in custody of U.S. authorities.

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Football team grants Christmastime wishes

JACLYN PHELPS  
Staff Writer

UD’s football team made their touchdowns count for a lot more this holiday season.

By partnering with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve’s program Toys for Tots, which provides toys for less fortunate children, the team received a total of $3,000 in donations from National City Bank for touchdowns scored in its 2009 season.

“With the help of our good friends at National City Bank, who donated $50 for each [35] touchdowns scored and a lump sum donation of $3,000 we were able to raise [nearly $5,000] for Toys for Tots,” UD football coach Rick Chamberlin said.

Each year the football team helps raise money to benefit a different charity organization and for 2009’s Christmas, it helped with the Toys for Tots program, to create a magical holiday for children around the Miami Valley.

The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve collects new toys from October to December to distribute to the community. Their primary goal with this is to deliver a message of hope by granting a new toy at Christmastime to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them in becoming responsible, productive and patriotic citizens.

Chamberlin said this year the team wanted to help raise money by using their football skills during their 11 game season.

The team’s October game against San Diego was “Military Appreciation Day,” where Flyer fans participated and made a difference in many children’s lives by donating over 100 new toys.

“All the money and toys were used to help needy families in the Miami Valley at Christmastime,” he said.

Last year the football team raised over $1,600 for the Miami Valley Catholic Social Services Food Bank by forcing turnovers, he said.

The team’s quarterback Steve Valentino, a senior entrepreneur and marketing major, said it was a great experience knowing that each touchdown went to a worthy cause.

“I just added a little bit more to the game knowing that a touchdown meant more than seven points,” he said.

Valentino was pleased the team got involved and was excited to be a part of something that makes a difference for children during the holiday season.

“[It gave] satisfaction that I was a part of something greater than just a football game,” he said.

To find out how you can help the Toys for Tots organization, either by donating toys or money for children, go to its Web site at http://www.toysfortots.org/.

Left: Head football coach Rick Chamberlin attends a press conference after his team partnered with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve to raise money for Toys for Tots. Right: National City Bank presented UD’s football team with donations to support Toys for Tots.
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Sophomore Katelin Hanes serves up one of the Galley’s warm drinks to give students a break from the cold. MIKE MALLOY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Version of Giselle Bündchen or David Beckham come springtime is appealing; and yes, the beginning of the year is an ideal time for weight loss and body transformation, but before you start ordering this sprint’s skinniest swimsuit, understand that getting in shape takes more than a few weeks.

The most common downfall people have keeping their New Year’s resolution to drop pounds is the desire for immediate results. Instead of approaching it the healthy way, they binge on exercise by hitting the gym for two hours daily or binge on diet restrictions by drastically cutting calories. Although starting to exercise and monitor what you eat is the first step to shedding pounds, go at it too strictly and you’re setting yourself up for failure.

You still need to eat! The first rule to remember when attempting a new diet is that moderation is key. By completely cutting out all of your favorite foods, you may save a few hundred calories a day, but you will only be able to maintain that lifestyle for a limited amount of time. Binging on the latest diet fads or overdoing calorie cutting will heighten your cravings to where you get to the two-week mark and tell yourself you deserve it. Unfortunately by “de-serving it,” you will turn that dieting to a binge on your food vice, be it late-night pizza, a tub of ice cream, or chips and gue$$ dip. By the time you’re 700 calories in, you’ll realize you’ve ruined your diet for the day and spend the next week starving yourself just to stay on track to your ideal body.

Not only is it unhealthy, it’s a stress agent. So moderate your sweet or fatty food intakes, but don’t completely cut them out. Look for healthy alternatives such as 100-calorie packs or low-calorie frozen versions of your favorite foods.

**The February fitness burnout**

The first few weeks on campus after break, the crowds at the RecPlex resemble a Thursday night at Tim’s. Most people are eager to jumpstart their New Year’s fitness goals and start losing weight. That’s a great thing. Getting into the habit of exercise is necessary to maintain good health for life, but it’s continuing in that second or third month that causes most people difficulties. Here’s why:

Many, again, want those immediate results, and attempt to get them by going too hard at the gym too quickly, which almost always results in injury. If you haven’t exercised extensively before, it will take some time to get your body ready to handle a higher intensity workout. You need to start slow and work your fitness level up over a longer period of time. And to avoid burnout, make sure you take adequate time off to rest, and switch up your routine as well to keep yourself motivated, injury free and ready to develop a healthy lifestyle!

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POSNER COMES TO TOWN
Pop performer returns to Tim’s, promises wild party

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Posner said he loved performing in Dayton, too.

“It was the first time I crowd surfed,” he said. “It was life-changing. I just remember it being a wild, wild party. The kids at Dayton party harder than at any other school.”

Over the past year, Posner has produced two mixed tapes titled “A Matter of Time” and “One Foot Out the Door.”

Selections from these mixed tapes were the most downloaded free songs in the world on iTunes.

According to Posner, iTunes recently removed his songs because they were being downloaded too heavily.

“I make pop music that’s authentic,” Posner said. “I just try to make music that’s true to myself. Obviously I’m in college, so kids can relate. I don’t talk about things that aren’t real to me, and if I did, I would have to quit music.”

According to Patrick Cline, a representative from Vanline Productions, Posner is an “electro/pop artist.”

“He is one of the most sought after and fastest growing new artists out right now,” Cline said. Posner’s music has gained so much attention because it is different.

“It’s hard to genrify or put my music in a box,” Posner said. “Growing up, I lived in an extremely diverse area ... I was exposed to a really wide array of music. I remember in like seventh grade having Red Hot Chili Peppers, Charlie Parker and the Wu-Tang Clan in my CD player. It was this wide array of music, and I would like to think that I can take what I like from each of these artists.”

Posner’s first album will debut in January or February, Cline said.

“I’m working so, so hard on my album, and it’s going to be totally crazy,” Posner said. “If you’ve heard any of my music so far, it’s that on steroids.”

Posner said his success feels great and is looking forward to his return to UD, one of the places that helped propel him into the spotlight.

“I owe it all to the kids at Dayton that support me so much,” he said. “I have no idea how much I love that school. It was the first school I went to besides Duke ... the first school that really got behind me. I owe so much to you and can’t wait to come back.”

All of the advance tickets for Posner’s concert at UD were sold out in less than 90 minutes, Cline said.

There are almost 1,300 confirmed guests attending this weekend’s event.

Vincent Ziols
Assistant A&E Editor

Three University of Dayton professors took a break from the classroom and traveled across the globe to grow as artists and as teachers.

Now they want to show UD what they have learned and created.

Visual arts professors Brother Gary Marciniowski, Fred Niles and Jayne Whitaker will exhibit new work created during their sabbaticals now through Jan. 28 in the Rike Center Gallery.

In order to be qualified to take a sabbatical, professors must teach at UD for at least seven years.

“The work they created while they were on sabbatical was an assimilation of their ideas from the past seven years before and research done by all of them while on sabbatical,” said Dr. Judith Huacuja, an associate art professor.

Whitaker used her time on sabbatical to visit a site that had a deep family history for her, the exhibit’s press release said.

She viewed her research project as a “creative process [that] visually reflects, through iconographic reference, tradition and ritual, the comfort and loss of a place,” Whitaker said in the press release.

Niles also decided to take a sabbatical after he spent eight years as the chair of the art department.

“It was about observation,” Niles said. “It was about getting back to some creative outlook and observation and then recording what I found out there ... and to bring that rekindled interest back to teaching.”

Niles traveled to New Zealand where he visited design colleges.

He also traveled to Scotland, as well as the southeast and west coasts of the United States where he photographed landscapes and water.

When he wasn’t traveling, he spent his time in Michigan.

“This sabbatical was principally for photography with hopes to carry over to my teaching in graphic design ... then to get back to being involved in creative research and create a body of work that I could exhibit,” he said.

Marciniowski went on sabbatical for one year and took a different approach.

He spent time in Japan, experiencing spiritual traditions and burial practices, and the United States, where he studied the architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright.

“I was at an age that it was an important time; why not take a year off,” Marciniowski said. “I was just at the point that I needed to do that.”
STUDENT SHINES ON STAGE

Recent graduate sings with stars in ‘Broadway Holiday’

FRANK STANKO
Staff Writer

Christmas came early for Jacki Schneider.

The fifth-year music education major and December graduate was one of two winners of the “Broadway Holiday” contest.

Schneider shared Victoria Theatre’s stage with fellow Dayton-area singers and Broadway stars like Marc Kudisch (“9 to 5”) and Danny Zolli (“Jesus Christ Superstar”), an experience she’ll never forget.

“I had heart-to-hearts with Marc on many occasions,” Schneider said. “He had some very interesting insight to the profession and even the vocal coaching world that I’d never known before.’’

Schneider, now an assistant choir director at West Carrollton High School, said singing at Victoria Theatre was unique because of the stars of “Broadway Holiday” inspired Schneider with their stamina and star power.

Schneider called Danny Zolli, who sang “Gethsemane,” the epitome of Jesus from “Jesus Christ Superstar.”

“His [Zolli’s] performance was mesmerizing,” she said. “Opening night sitting backstage, Marc turned to me and said, ‘I don’t know anyone that can do what he does … But then again, I don’t know anyone who can do what I do either.’’”

Schneider said she considered singing in “Broadway Holiday” to be fulfilling. It also convinced her that she could make it on Broadway, although she is hesitant to move to New York.

“It’s a difficult world to be involved in, and I don’t think I have the patience,” she said. “This opportunity sort of fell into my lap, and I’m very thankful that I ended up auditioning. I would love to be on Broadway, but I’m not sure it’s in the cards for me.”

DANIEL WHITFORD
Staff Writer

Junior Zach Goetz tried playing soccer when he was younger, but he said it didn’t work out for him.

“I would just sit around and pick flowers and stare at the clouds,” he said.

His parents, who encouraged Goetz to be creative, suggested drawing instead.

“As all the stories go, they gave me a set of paints, and you go with it from there,” he said.

Goetz, a fine arts major with a focus in sculpture, pursued his passion for art throughout high school and continues to do so today.

“I was in all art classes [in high school],” he said. “Everyone else was off doing whatever else they do in high school, and I was doing my thing. It was mainly classes and hanging out with the art freaks. We did a lot of art galeries.”

His interests weren’t limited to the visual arts though.

Goetz is also a musician, accompanying his voice with either the piano or the acoustic guitar.

“I didn’t even know I could sing until I was hanging out with my cousins one day and they were singing some song, and I was singing too,” he said. “They were like ‘Wow, you’re good.’”

Wondering about what other talents he might have, Goetz decided to try playing the guitar, which proved to be a successful endeavor.

He took lessons at first but decided he preferred to teach himself.

“I don’t know if a lot of people just don’t know how to react to [art], or they just don’t know what it is, and I just feel like it’s definitely important to us as humans because it is a truly human activity,” he said.

“I feel like art is another form of communication to help us understand each other better and through that information come together.”

On campus, Goetz’s artwork has been displayed in the Horvath Exhibition, the annual UD art show and in the ArtStreet gallery.

After college, Goetz said he would like to pursue a graduate degree in fine arts and possibly teach at a college.

“The future looks good for artists,” he said.

To hear Goetz’s music, go to www.myspace.com/zacharygoetz.

To read his poetry, visit his blog at http://collapsinginapoetictrench.blogspot.com.

HAVE AN IDEA FOR THE ARTIST OF THE MONTH?
If you would like to nominate a UD student for A&E’s Artist of the Month, contact Jacqui Boyle at boyleja@notes.udayton.edu. The nominee should be actively involved in visual arts, theater or music.
FAILED CHRISTMAS ATTACK SHOULD SERVE AS REALITY CHECK

On Christmas, the U.S. was reminded yet again that terrorists pose a serious threat to our security and the American way of life. Umar Farouk Abdul Mutallab, a Nigerian man with claimed ties to al-Qaeda, attempted to blow up a commercial airliner traveling from the Netherlands to Detroit.

The only thing that saved the 289 people on board was the failure of the bomb to ignite. It wasn’t security measures or an act of heroism that stopped the bomb, but a malfunctioned detonator. Mutallab was even listed in a database in November of people suspected of terrorist ties, according to an MSNBC article. He wasn’t on a watch list, and he made it through security measures, all with the bomb in tow.

And yet, a week after the attempted terrorist attack, the story is hardly making headlines. Although the images of Sept. 11 are no longer fresh in our minds, terrorism is still very much alive. Mutallab is reported to have trained with al-Qaeda in Yemen, which is now fertile ground for al-Qaeda to grow and train. Just as people were becoming familiar with Iraq and Afghanistan nearly nine years ago, now we must familiarize ourselves with this new country. Terrorists aren’t disappearing, but are just moving to other unstable Middle East countries.

Under President Barack Obama’s administration, it is no secret that focus has been on the economy and health care. Our focus has shifted away from the threat terrorism poses. It shouldn’t take an attempted terrorist attack every couple of years for security measures to tighten up again after eventually falling into the same old routine.

If anything, this failed terrorist attack did America a favor. It provided a reality check to not only the American people, but also our president. While our economy can’t deserve to be ignored, neither can terrorism. We can’t let terrorists instill us with fear, but we can’t ignore the threats that do exist.

Terrorism is as real as the economic struggle we’re in. While national reforms and struggles are in U.S. hands to solve, terrorism, as shown by the Ms. Maher article, is not.

Word on the street...

What is your New Year’s resolution?

“I don’t have one.”

Megan Ossim, Senior Pre-Physical Therapy

“I decided to go with the UD motto of Learn, Lead and Serve.”

Seth Richardson, Sophomore Psychology

“I don’t make New Year’s resolutions because I feel like I’m setting myself up for failure.”

Megan Hazeltin, Sophomore Communication
Lack of student body’s opinion is troublesome, needs to change

I feel like I am in the waning minority still believing that the UD student body is capable and willing to express their opinions.

Forgive the old cliche, but “What we got here is a failure to commun-icate.”

What am I talking about? The disconnect between the administration and students that has been steadily growing for longer than I have been a student here. Being fair, both sides share the responsibility of mending the relationship—it won’t be easy, but it needs to be done.

We live in a world of instant communication, Web collaboration and social networking. Why then, do students find out about most “hot issues” from rumors and other non-official sources?

The administration has a responsibility to notify and communicate with students effectively. They have already done a very good job with the emergency notification system, and now the next step needs to be taken.

Everyone has heard a horror story of Greek problems, locked Ghetto basements and house decorations. During the events I just mentioned it would be an understatement to say that the administration could have done a better job communicating. Can’t a clear policy and reasoning be put up before public (student) comment, available to all, before it takes effect?

The university should solicit student input. We use Lotus Domino/Notes for student e-mail, with mailbox sizes adequate for the year 2001 and an informal poll showing at least 80 percent student disapproval of the selection. Other universities have chosen g-mail; Google provides it for free to universities, with massive mailboxes, seamless iPhone/Blackberry compatibility and a much better user experience. It took how long to stop forcing Tangents on students, overpriced, sub-standard laptops which also endured glaring disapproval?

Students—not that we can escape without blame. Something is seriously wrong when the opinions editor of our Flyer News needs to beg for letters to the editor, and can’t even fill her own column with something she didn’t write. You (or your parents) are footing the bill for college, and you damn well better be comfortable voicing your opinion on your education and your university. Write about it, talk about it, blog about it, whatever. There’s no excuse, vacations, finals coming up, anything for being compliant.

Don’t mind the means, but many in the student body are silent with their opinions. It’s one thing to talk about them in class, but you need to share them with the people in charge.

It would take what, five or 10 minutes to fire off an e-mail to Sister Annette (or whoever else was appropriate) with your thoughts on whatever you feel needs to change? I remember seeing somewhere that she loves visitors on her porch, maybe more students showing up and respectfully sharing their thoughts could help things.

Should you feel that your base-ment should be open, or you should be able to hang a banner with a sense of humor from your home, don’t be silent. It’s good for a few people in each class to say something, but I have a feeling that a common message will come across better in numbers. We have tunnel-vision, focusing on only two things—academics and partying.

What happened to student sit-downs in KU? At one time, not too long ago, students came together and confidently voiced their opinions.

Do we have nothing to unify us, or do we just choose not to unify and act?

Main problems with ‘housing’ column are negative outlook, flawed solutions

I would like to respond to Michael Miller’s entry concerning the sophomore housing lottery. After working for two years in the housing office and playing a role in housing all years of students, I think the view he presented is slightly skewed.

First of all, I’m glad someone has brought light to the housing lottery. In working in the office, “lottery season” can be quite the headache. Some may say that is because the system is complicated and to those that think that I ask—what else would you do?

In the previous article, it stated that the underlying flaw is simply that it is due to disciplinary points. The junior/senior lottery is based heavily on credit hour,\ and also on merit.

There is no possible way to de-note this system to the sophomore class due to the fact that the university assigns your first semester of credit hours. It would be the university dictating not only classes, but who lived where their sophomore year since it is based on credit hour—it’s a catch-22 that isn’t an effective placement tool.

External factors were also ad-dressed in the previous article that sometimes write-ups are “out of [the student’s] control” or they were “in the wrong place at the wrong time” because they are actually “good kids.” Yes, there are different standards on every floor, but unless times have changed since I was a freshman, I believe these are to be posted in a spot so that any visitor is aware of such community standards.

Think about each floor being a different relative’s house: they all have their preferences and rules, and as a visitor you abide by those. This is the same idea behind each floor being a community and setting their own standards. As a guest, it is your responsibility to be aware of such standards. More and more we as students must be aware of our behavior, whether it is in representing an organization or just ourselves. Simply be aware of your actions, and you’ll be fine!

Finally, I’d like to address the point of considering GPA and involvement on campus in the lottery. Year after year I get the classic call from a parent—“my daughter has a 3.9 and why is she STUCK in Marycrest?”

First and foremost, let’s con-sider GPA. An engineering major, a business major, a premed major and an education major may all have the same GPAs; however, there is no “right” way to com-pare GPAs due to the fact that the classes taken have varying levels of difficulty and they’re in different colleges. Who’s to say “Oh well, engineering is harder than education” or vice versa. While it may be your personal opinion, everyone’s differs. Which office on campus would you like to denote that some other major is “harder” than your very own? Certainly not Residence Life.

Second, you’re never “stuck” where you live. Seniors who had to live in Stuart or Founders who may have thought the world was over when they received their assign-ment learned to love it and found their best friends in college there. There is no being “stuck” at UD because it eventually all works out. It’s your mindset that gets you stuck—not the university’s polici-es; that mindset is clearly unnec-essary and negative.

While it may be a great idea as well to add some sort of service hours to placing sophomores, think of it logically. How would you track the hours? Who would do that? Do you really think the university would hire someone to do just that? And what if that got messed up—then how would you correct it?

In closing, by having the sopho-more year lottery based solely on discipline points, it may seem unfair. Yet, every UD student has had to face the same lottery in the past years— this is not a new system.

And if anyone is so concerned with being “stuck” in Marycrest or Marianist then it’s in their own hands to be good behavior knowing the standards the university has set.

The housing office comes under scrutiny every year and obvi-ously, I have a biased opinion, but I think instead of saying “this system stinks, you people stink” we need to start saying THANK YOU to the office that puts a roof over our head from year to year and are more than willing to help you along the way to understand the process.

The efforts and time it takes to allow the lottery to be effective should not be overlooked simply because people did not get placed where they wanted—there are only so many beds in each hall. Be smart in choosing your groups, know your actions and your friends’ actions, and you will be fine.

Residence Life is always open to taking questions about the lottery. Feel free to call them at 229-3317. There is never a bad question, and—speaking from experience—EVERYONE in that office is more than willing to help a student—any day, any time. The ball’s in your court.

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Women’s Basketball

Flyers set for conference play
Team brings 12-3 record, big wins, to start of Atlantic 10 season

JACOB ROSEN
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The Dayton Flyers women’s basketball team hits the road Saturday night for its first conference game of the season. After a promising start to the year, the team had two recent losses that pushed its record to 11-3 overall.

Two wins over nationally ranked opponents brought UD as high as No. 20 in the polls back in December, but a road loss to Toledo pushed the Flyers out of the rankings. The team also lost to Vermont during winter break before finishing its non-conference schedule by dominating Navy Tuesday.

Atlantic 10 Conference coaches projected Dayton to finish third in the conference this season, the highest ever preseason honor for the Flyers. The team received the recognition despite being one of the youngest squads in the nation.

Talking about the season, coach Jim Jabir praised senior Kendell Raterman.

“Kendell is probably mentally the toughest player on the team and she is very important to us because of her determination and toughness,” he said.

Her improved play is just one of the many reasons it has been an all-around impressive season for the women’s basketball team.

“I think this year we are more of a complete team all around,” sophomore forward Justine Raterman said. “We have a lot more scoring options and everyone is playing with a lot of confidence.”

Leading the team in scoring for the second season in a row, Raterman averages 12.9 points and 6.4 rebounds per contest. “I think that as we progress in the season we are just starting to learn how good we can be,” she said.

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The league is really tough this year and there are some great teams that are playing very, very well,” Jabir said. “Every game is going to be tough for us and we are going to have to be mentally tough in order to compete.”

In Atlantic 10 women’s basketball, rival Xavier is always a big part of the discussion. Currently ranked No. 15 in the nation in the AP poll, Xavier has made the tournament each of the past three years while racking up five straight seasons of 20-plus victories.

Raterman noted that although Xavier is already Dayton’s archival in school history.

Predicted to win the conference again this year, Xavier is the team to beat. Also standing tall are early opponents Duquesne, Richmond and St. Bonaventure, all with double-digit wins.

The tough non-conference schedule is now over, but the real season is just about to get under way. The team is happy with the early results and confident they can keep the momentum going into A-10 play.

“We all really believed in our selves and this was important,” Raterman said. “We really shocked a lot of people around the country, but the 15 of us and our coaches all knew we had the ability.”


The senior class was also part of a post-season non-conference home win over Cleveland State in the 2008 NIT.

27.9

The men’s basketball team played suffocating defense Tuesday night in its 59-35 win. The Flyers held the Cardinals to a putrid 27.9 field goal shooting percentage.

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The Atlantic 10 Conference is ranked 6th in the Ratings Percentage Index in the nation. The A-10 is ranked ahead of the PAC-10 and is just a bit behind the 5th ranked Big Ten. Rhode Island and Temple are ranked 4th and 5th, respectively, in team RPI.
Former Flyer forward making mark at professional level

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Sports Editor

A former Dayton basketball player is just a step away from playing in the NBA, but it is not one of the usual suspects of recently graduated Flyers.

UD fans’ minds would most likely wander to Brian Roberts or perhaps Charles Little. The player on the cusp of playing in the best league in the world however, is a Flyer that did not leave a mark at UD quite like those others. Jimmy Binnie.

Binnie played from the 2003-04 season to the 2007-08 season for UD. He came to UD touted as an excellent shooter and scorer and a member of Brian Gregory’s first recruiting class.

When Binnie came to UD, his role changed a bit as he played alongside one of the great Flyers in recent memory, Roberts. Playing alongside such a star meant Binnie often flew under the radar and did not receive the accolades like Roberts did.

For Binnie, playing at UD brought a great deal of pride and enjoyment, but it was a change from what he had grown accustomed to before college. “Just playing with B-Rob, I was more of a role guy,” he said. “I was happy to play that role though.”

After graduating, Binnie continued to work hard and was able to go play in Europe with the Horsboln 79ers in Denmark. While Denmark is certainly not the ideal destination like Los Angeles or Boston in the NBA, it was a blessing for Binnie, who was able to rejuvenate his basketball career.

Playing on a mid-major team like UD at 6’8”, Binnie often was slotted in the four position on offense, which was not his natural spot on. Going to Europe meant bigger players on average, and therefore a move back down to small forward, a much more comfortable fit to Binnie’s style.

“I think it was a great experience for me to go overseas,” Binnie said. “Playing the four at UD I made me feel like I needed to get bigger. Then I went overseas and lost weight and was able to get back to playing the three, which I feel like is more of my natural position. I was able to get my confidence back.”

Binnie became a go-to scorer for the 79ers last season. He said he felt lighter on his feet and more ready to score. As a result, he was invited to several different draft camps, including the NBA Development League (NBDL) Draft Camp, where he impressed scouts enough to be drafted by the Dakota Wizards.

Binnie attributes a great deal of his current success to what he learned during his time at UD.

“Coach Gregory, Coach [Billy] Schmidt, they had a huge impact on my success now,” he said. “The work ethic and everything they taught me, being a role guy and team member. Also my teammates. You go through something like that for four years with the same guys it creates a great friendship.”

The NBDL is similar to minor league baseball or hockey for basketball. It is just a step below playing in the best league in the world, and players can get called up to play for an NBA team mid-season, just like the minor leagues in other sports.

Binnie has enjoyed mild success in playing as more of a role player once again. He says the talent level in the NBDL is the biggest difference in playing there versus overseas. He has been moderately successful in his rookie season with Dakota, playing almost 15 minutes a game and scoring six points per game as a role player.

As his basketball career has continued, Binnie says he has remained a big-time follower and fan of UD and stays in touch with the team.

“I still talk to Coach Gregory and Coach Schmidt quite frequently,” he said. “I checked up on every game, wrote some of the guys on Facebook last season, so I like to see what the program is doing.”

His season in Denmark was finished by the time Dayton had made the NCAA Tournament, so Binnie could have made it home. However, he had made plans to visit Rome with his wife. Still, he was excited about the Flyers’ success.

“I called from Rome after they beat West Virginia and I was going crazy,” he said.

Basketball / Track and Field

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Dakota Wizards forward

Track and field off and running

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Senior Sports Writer

Often getting overlooked in the winter sports landscape, the women’s winter track and field team is looking for a big season of its own.

The program has been on the rise in recent years and has transformed itself into one of the more formidable teams in the Atlantic 10.

Coming into the 2009-2010 campaign however, the team is no longer just settling for a respectable showing. This season the goals are much higher.

“Our team goal this season is to win the A-10 Championship,” Head Coach Adam Steinwachs said at the beginning of the season in an interview with DaytonFlyers.com.

Steinwachs is coming off a season in which he was named A-10 Coach of the Year, the first ever such honor in the history of the program. He’s also led the team to back-to-back second place finishes in the indoor and outdoor conference meets.

Leading Steinwachs squad this winter will be junior Ashley Cattran. Cattran is coming off one of the most successful track seasons ever for a UD runner, winning six individual races and breaking three different school records.

The junior standout also became the first ever Flyer to compete in the NCAA Championships, where she finished 12th overall in the 800 meter run.

On the field, Dayton will be looking to sophomore pole-vaulter Courtney Siebenaller to account for some major points.

Siebenaller is the reigning A-10 Rookie of the Year as well as the defending champion in both indoor and outdoor pole vaulting. In addition, she broke the school record 14 times last year.

Throw in the distance runners from the cross country team, this fall’s A-10 champions, and it puts the Flyers in serious contention for a conference championship.

With all the expectations, the team certainly did not disappoint in its first meet of the season at the Findlay Oiler Open.

Junior weight thrower Mallory Barnes broke the school record on her way to an individual championship, out-throwing her opponents by over six feet.

The impressive performance was also all Barnes needed to pro-

visionally qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championship.

To top it off, Barnes was honored by being named the A-10 Performer of the Week.

On the track, senior sprinter Lauren McCormick won the 60 meter dash while teammate Brittany Thomas came in fifth.

All the pieces are in place, and it appears this season could be a historic one for Dayton track and field.

Sophomore Courtney Siebenaller runs up for a vault at practice. Siebenaller was the Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year in 2009 and is one of several reasons the UD women’s track and field team is ready to contend for an A-10 Championship.

The team will be in action Saturday for the second time this year when it travels to Columbus to compete in the Ohio State Invitational.
READY FOR A-10 JOURNEY

Flyers kick-off conference season with game against Duquesne Saturday

JOHN BEDELL
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The men’s basketball team played suffocating defense Tuesday night at UD Arena to hand Ball State its sixth loss of the season with a 59-35 win.

The game was Dayton’s final non-conference contest of the 2009-10 season. The Flyers set the tone early with dominating defensive play, holding the Cardinals scoreless for the first three minutes of the game and limiting BSU to an abysmal 7-of-27 (25.9 percent) shooting in the first half.

Dayton also held the Cardinals scoreless for nearly an eight minute stretch in the first frame. Although the Flyers didn’t come alive offensively until the last seven minutes of the half (scoring 17 points in that stretch) to give themselves a 30-17 lead at halftime, their defense was all they would need.

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Brian Gregory
Head coach

After an alley-oop dunk by Marcus Johnson from London Warren to open the half, the Flyer offense sputtered again. Dayton had three scoring droughts of four minutes or longer in the second half. Luckily for the Flyers, their defense continued to be suffocating, holding Ball State to 31.3 percent shooting in the second frame and 27.9 percent shooting for the game. The defense also did an exceptional job containing Ball State forward Jarrod Jones who was the MAC’s Freshman of the Year last season.

“They’re always looking to get the ball inside and we have Kurt and with him that’s hard to do,” Gregory said. “[Jones] has a chance to be the Player of the Year in the MAC this year and he goes 1-of-8. Kurt and Devin did a great job on him. I thought our discipline and sticking to what we wanted to get done was as good as it has been all year.”

QUICK SHOTS

The senior class of Marcus Johnson, London Warren, Mickey Perry, Rob Lowery, Kurt Huesman, Dan Fox and Luke Hendrick finished their careers undefeated (an astonishing 36-0) in non-conference, regular season home games.

The Flyers improved to 11-3 on the season while the loss dropped Ball State to 6-6.

A-10 SEASON STARTS

The Flyers begin Atlantic 10 play Saturday against the Duquesne Dukes at 2 p.m. at UD Arena. The Dukes ended the Flyers’ regular season last year in the semifinals of the Atlantic 10 Tournament.

“They’re a high quality team and they haven’t played with [Melquan] Bolding the entire year,” Gregory said. “And he’s coming back this week. They’ve had a good non-conference season without the guy that I think had 25 on us [in the A-10 Tournament]. They’re going to improve dramatically in that short period of time with him getting back in the mix. We cannot forget that if you do not defend or rebound in this league, you have no chance.”

Mickey Perry weighed in on starting A-10 play as well Tuesday night.

“As seniors this is the last go around for us. There is no coming back next year. This is it. We’re looking forward to it and we’re not looking over anyone and we’re not scared of anybody. We’re just going to go out there, play our game and see what happens.”

Men’s Basketball

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