FORKING IT OVER
Dining Services puts price on plasticware

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The quest to be a greener campus comes with costs, most lately involving silverware.

Upon returning from break, students found that Dining Services had replaced the old style of plasticware with a new compostable type. However, this new silverware is leaving students with empty pockets. Whenever eating in at one of UD's dining halls, customers using plasticware instead of metal silverware will now be charged 10 cents per piece up to a maximum of 25 cents.

“The old style plasticware was less expensive, but students would come by and grab a handful,” said Kathy Browning, associate director of budget and administration for Dining Services. “We needed to start limiting the cutlery once we switched to the more expensive, compostable products.”

Browning stressed that as long as a student is taking their meal to go, they can use the plasticware without any extra charge, other than the existing 25 cent take-out fee.

“The price is not in addition to the 25 cent take-out fee,” she said. “If you get a bowl of soup in a container to go and want to grab a plastic spoon, you’re still only getting charged a quarter.”

Some students are upset about the charge while others don’t see it as a problem.

“It’s not really a big deal to me; it’s just 10 cents,” said freshman Timothy Henry. “When I eat in I always use the metal silverware anyway.”

But not all students are taking it so lightly.

“I just think it’s a way for them to make more money off of us,” said freshman Justin Jennewine.

The extra change on silverware goes into the account that Dining Services uses to pay for the disposable silverware.

“We are just asking customers to pay a portion; we are covering the rest,” she said.

In the future, the cost of this environment-friendly cutlery may not be a problem.

“As more and more businesses start purchasing these compostable products, the price will go down,” she said.

Student athletes tied sixth in division for graduation rates

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Athletes at UD take success seriously both on the field and in the classroom.

UD is tied for the sixth best graduation rate among the top 50 Division I athletics programs in the recently released 2009-2010 NACDA Learfield Sports Directors Cup standings. It also ranks 47th in the Learfield Sports Directors Cup standings for collegiate athletics programs ahead of Michigan, Cincinnati, Kentucky and Tennessee. UD’s 97 percent graduation success rate leads among Atlantic 10 Conference schools.

“University of Dayton athletics is about opportunity,” said Tim Wabler, vice president and director of athletics. “Our student athletes have the opportunity to compete for championships while getting a great education.”

This kind of recognition comes from a university-wide commitment to academics.

“We feel the biggest adjustment student athletes have is transitioning from high school to college,” Wabler said. “Our coaches and academic support staff emphasize getting our freshmen off to a solid start with time management instruction and mandatory study hours.”

While the coaches are the ones who embrace the concept of success both in and out of the classroom, See Scholar athletes on p. 2
Natural, organic not always necessary

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Staff Writer

Organic food may be more natural, but that doesn’t mean it can’t be full of fat.

The main premise behind organic is that the foods are not treated with an intense array of chemical pesticides, fertilizers and herbicides like most other foods. In the case of meat, they are not given antibiotics or growth hormones. Organic foods are all natural and are maintained using natural fertilizers like manure.

But these health foods’ ever-increasing popularity has many consumers using this health fact to justify eating traditionally unhealthy food items such as cookies simply because they are labeled as organic. The overall, sweeping notion of organics’ healthiness has overshadowed the reality that these foods still retain their other dietary and nutritional facts.

Senior dietetics major and president of the UD Student Dietetic Association Sarah Garchar can understand this misconception and urges individuals to continue to look at nutritional content in these foods.

“It’s definitely a false notion that organic is healthier from a nutrient standpoint. I can see why people would think that, but organic and conventional foods contain the same amount of calories, nutrients, fats and sugars,” she said. “You always need to read the food label because that tells you what you’re eating.”

If an individual is aiming to go on a no or low fat diet, simply eating all organic foods might not be the answer. Checking food labels for caloric and fat content will be crucial for such a weight loss program. Blindly eating all and any organic foods may not produce wanted results.

It is also crucial, Garchar said, to remember that conventional food options, ones that have been treated with chemical pesticides, still undergo thorough inspection by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and thus are deemed safe and acceptable to eat.

Patricia Dolan, a registered dietitian and professor of dietetics at UD, said that there is a controversy in the health sector on whether or not the chemical pesticides used to treat products really have an adverse effect on the consumer.

“In studies, the chemicals themselves have been tested and have not shown to have long-term effects [on people],” she said. “So, no one really knows the answer to this question because there is no substantial evidence. I think people have to make their own choice and decide if it’s something important to them.”

UD’s Dining Services offers the Amy’s brand line of frozen organic foods at The Emporium. In the past they have offered organic products in the dining rooms, but due to low sales they have been discontinued. Upon request, Dining Services is willing to accommodate any students’ needs for such products.

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SCHOLAR ATHLETES

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ultimately student-athletes are in charge.

“Across the board, our student athletes are highly motivated individuals," Walther said. “They want to be the best they can athletically and academically.”

UD soccer player Jerica DeWolfe said student athletes must constantly micromanage their schedules.

“You have to constantly be aware of upcoming practice, weight lifting, games and travel," she said. “Most importantly, you have to be mindful that academics come first. For most of us, soccer will end one day and success is determined by attributes outside of how well one kicks or dribbles the ball.”

UD student athletes are successful on and off the playing field for a number of reasons, according to academic coordinator Beth Flach.

“The coaches recruit quality student athletes who buy into the culture and history of academic and athletic success,” she said. “The faculty members allow student athletes opportunities to travel for competition, yet remain current on important class material. The athletic administrators give student athletes the resources they need to be champions on and off the court.”

But sometimes even with professors helping, keeping up with grades and sports can be difficult.

“It is challenging being a student athlete,” DeWolfe said. “Like most athletes, I take pride in what I do and therefore there is little op-
Gina Garred got her ice cream fix with a cookies and cream cone from the Galley served up by Monica Archaro Sunday night. Ryan

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E-MAIL SECURITY

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pen,” said sophomore Lauren Berndt. “Gmail is such an awesome tool for communication purposes, and I would hate to have my personal life broken into and have to stop using it due to these issues.”

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THE LADIES OF 324 STONEMILL

Roommates: Seniors Jessica Schroeder, Kate Poeppelman, Ashley Miller, Audrey Leeker, Angela Westerheide and Elyse Grothouse. LEAH WINNIKE/ASSISTANT PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Angela Westerheide: Most of us have been together since freshman year. Audrey joined us last year. She's a great edition.

AM: It's like she's been here forever.

KP: We're pretty tight.

AW: We have several roommate songs.

JS: Sophomore year it was "Six-Pack Summer."

AM: We love calling ourselves "the six-pack."

KP: Junior year it was "How Can We Be Lovers?" by Michael Bolton.

JS: And our house lives at Milano's. We're friends with the bartenders.

FN: Finish this sentence: When your friends stop by 324 Stonemill, they can always find...

AW: "Housewives" and "The OC."

KP: Bravo is always on.

AW: Tons of food. Our freezer is always stuffed because of me. I like to buy all the things on sale.

JS: And keep it for the whole semester.

AW: You can usually find our neighbors over here as well.

JS: We're probably the closest duplex on campus.

FN: Do you have any house traditions?

AM: The 12th day of every month is "Hairspray" sophomore year.

AL: We always do something special for birthdays. Like the opera, dinner, a toga party.

AW: We use our mirror to write messages to each other ... And Kate writes chores on it every week.

KP: I like a clean house. We have a chore wheel.

AW: It's actually a great invention. We should give it to the entrepreneurship majors. It'll be in the bookstore next year.

FN: What's a must-have for a 324 Stonemill party?

AW: Good friends. We don't really like that many randoms. We don't like huge, huge parties when you can't get through. We like to be able to talk to people and socialize.

KP: At midnight, we ditch our party clothes and go to Milano's.

AW: Especially on Fridays.

JS: Or Saturdays for the DJs. Or Thursdays.

AL: Or Wednesdays.

KP: Or Tuesdays.

JS: Basically we're living it up our second semester.

FN: What's your most memorable night at 324 Stonemill?

AM: Our Celine Dion dance party.

AW: One Sunday afternoon we opened the windows and turned the music all the way up and were dancing.

JS: Ribbon dancing.

FN: When you open your fridge, what's usually in it?

EG: Frozen meals.

AW: I don't like those.

JS: Maybe they don't like you.

FN: What's the biggest perk about living here?

AW: It's close to the Rec. Close to Frericks. Close to the bars ... And we love our neighbors.

EG: They're our best friends. We're inseparable from them.

AW: It's so big too for having people over. It's nice.

AL: This is the St. Regis ... The Plaza Hotel of Dayton.

KP: I don't know if I'd go that far, but this is one of the nicest houses on campus.

FN: Anything else you guys want to share?

AW: We just made a bucket list.

KP: We have a lot of things to do ... Like go to Masque downtown.

JS: I have to sled down Stuart hill before I graduate.

EG: We want to open the Hills together.

KP: Throw a fake bachelorette party.

AW: One was going to every bar on campus in one night.

JS: I want to do a nine hole in the library. In case anyone else wants to join.

FN: Any final thoughts or philosophies?

EG: I think something our house is really good at is work hard, play hard.

KP: Don't change your major seven times in your college career.

AL: And ... Let's rage.
New organization created to amp up music scene

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Staff Writer

In April 2009, Guster played at UD Arena, and a new organization was formed soon after to bring more big names to the university.

The Charity Concert Committee was created this school year to improve UD’s thirst for music. The purpose of the organization is to serve the student body by providing them with entertaining concerts.

“It was such an involved process that they decided to dedicate an organization to it separate from CAB,” said Jessie Hanley, chair of the committee. “It was such a huge project with so much work that it needed a committee all its own.”

Hanley said that the goal of the committee is to bring a concert to UD every year.

She said CCC is already planning on bringing a band to campus this April.

Large bands, such as Dave Matthews Band, cost about $1 million to bring to campus, whereas smaller bands like Guster go for $10,000, Hanley said.

Hanley said the type of band depends on several factors, including how much support they get from students, as well as sponsors, advertising and fundraisers.

“Students can get involved first and foremost by looking out for our events,” Hanley said. “We’re alive and active, and we have some cool things coming up.”

Some upcoming events sponsored by the CCC include the Battle of the Bands information night 9 p.m. Feb. 11 in Kennedy Union Room 310. The information night will give student bands the opportunity to sign up for the Battle of the Bands in March. The winner will open for the band that performs at UD in April.

CCC will also host the cardboard boat competition at the RecPlex pool on Feb. 20. Teams have to design a boat made out of cardboard that must be able to float with only one person in it.

“Students are super excited about having a big concert come to UD, but we need their help to do it,” Hanley said. “We need them to support our events and get involved. Basically, we want to say ‘Hey. Here’s who we are. Look out for our events and support us so that we can bring you a great concert.’”

Students interested in CCC should e-mail udaytonccc@gmail.com and look out for the CCC Facebook page which will have more information on how to join.

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DENNIS GREENE,
UD law professor and co-founder of Sha Na Na

“From the experience of serving as a UD student, Greene co-founded a rock band called Sha Na Na that played at Woodstock, hosted a TV variety show, and influenced his current career as a professor.”

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A&E Editor


For Dennis Greene and his college band mates, this meant their moment to shine would have to wait.

The following morning at 5:30 a.m., Greene and his band Sha Na Na finally took the stage after an eight-hour delay, opening for Jimmy Hendrix in what “Rolling Stone” has called “the most famous event in rock history”: Woodstock.

“It turned into an incredible kind of magic carpet that took me into places I never would have been exposed to otherwise.”

The forming of Greene’s band dates back to 1969 when he was a freshman at Columbia University.

During his first year on campus, he joined a group called the Columbia Kingsmen that performed a cappella music on campus.

In the spring of 1969, the group performed at a carnival and decided to change its name to Sha Na Na.

Sha Na Na got its first big break that summer when they performed at a New York club called Steve Paul’s Scene. After playing at the club, Sha Na Na booked a spot at Woodstock.

Greene decided it was time for change.

He attended graduate school at Harvard University and studied interactive technology. Following Harvard, Greene attended Yale Law School and then worked as vice president of production and features at Columbia Pictures. After this, he took on the position of president of Lenox/Greene Films.

Before becoming a UD professor, Greene also worked at Florida A&M University, University of Oregon, The Ohio State University, Seton Hall University and the University of Connecticut.

He has been part of the board of directors for the Society of American Law Teachers and on the Law School Admissions Council’s services and programs committee.

While at UD, Greene has started a law and leadership institute for eighth-grade students to learn about the legal profession and a street law program for Dayton Early College Academy students.

The UD professor encourages student artists to pursue their music dreams just as he did.

“I would tell them that they should work hard to develop their artistry and then go forward boldly to express their vision to the world, empowered by the knowledge that due to the decentralization of much of mass media industry through the rise of digital media and the Internet, they can develop an artistic career from wherever they’re based and find audiences in locations around the planet based upon their own commitment without a major media corporation’s sponsorship,” he said.

Looking back, Greene said his musical experiences have influenced his current career at UD and have made him who he is today.

“My experiences from my music career were based in communication and performance, which play an important part in teaching,” he said. “International travel and university education gave me a great appreciation for a wide range of people and ideas. All of these factors have been significant in contributing to who I am today as a person and a teacher.”

FROM ROCK STAR TO PROFESSOR OF LAW

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For this survey on the sexiness of peers, 82 heterosexual undergrads were surveyed. Forty-four male students ranked various physical and intellectual aspects they believe women find important in determining male sexiness and what they find important when determining female sexiness. Thirty-eight female students did the same; they ranked what they see as important in men and what they think is important to men. The results of the surveys were averaged on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being very important and 1 being very unimportant.

For Flyer News, a variety of students rated the importance of physical, intellectual and academic aspects when determining the sexiness of fellow students. They also shared three words that they believe embody a physically sexy male or female.

Male students rated female aspects, as females did the same for males. Also included were male thoughts on how they think women perceive male sexiness. The same was done with the female students. Therefore, we surveyed the students’ input on the opposite sex (actual) and on how the opposite sex perceives them (perceived).

Psychology professor Skip Carter teaches the human sexuality course, which focuses on sexual health competency, in conjunction with Dr. Fred Peterson. Carter believes that many survey results come from physical and intellectual characteristics that college-aged people perceive as cultural norms.

“A lot of it also has to do with life experience,” said Carter. “The older you get the more experiences you have and the more open you are to other experiences and people. At this age, [students] have been programmed to certain likes and dislikes and feelings of how they should look and who they should be paired with.”

Humor and spontaneity were principal in both actual and perceived intellectual importance because people don’t want to be bored, said Carter. They want to be entertained and to be with
someone who is carefree and not set in their ways.

Grades were also ranked with high intellectual importance, which Carter found interesting but understandable.

"People are usually physically attracted to a person, and later ask themselves if they can accept that person’s personality issues. But grades show intelligence and hard work. If they get good grades, it shows they take initiative, have intelligence, and care about their future situations."

Hygiene was considered very important by both sexes, as well as being perceived as an important personal aspect. "Today, we have the technology to bathe, but that also shows how they take care of themselves," said Carter. "If they’re lazy or don’t have the concept of cleanliness and hygiene, people might find that unattractive. It also goes back to education and how they were raised. Did they have the means growing up?"

Although thoughts were tallied and there’s a small consensus on physical and intellectual aspects of students, in no way does this survey condone making changes to one’s body or lifestyle. The purpose of the survey was to find out what fellow students value as important in determining the sexiness of others and for readers to assess the survey results for themselves.

With contributions from Randi Sheshull, Maureen Brady, Beth Tekulve and Erica Ventura
Alliance:

Former presidents unite for good cause, set positive example for rest of United States

America is all about pitting the pachyderm against the ass.

Let’s be honest, when it comes to politics, we tend to be a country divided. There are a few rare moments where we come together as a nation, but most of the time political coverage consists of the red versus the blue.

It is because of this norm that I find it so refreshing that every once in awhile we find the means to put aside our differences. So much of the animosity between Republicans and Democrats is perpetuated by the people at the top of the political hierarchy, those who lead by example.

Case in point is the recent crisis in Haiti. For those who have not seen a newspaper, watched the news, or checked out CNN.com in the last two weeks, I’ll bring you up to date.

On Jan. 12, 2010 there was a horrendously epic earthquake in Haiti. It is estimated that the disaster will claim between 100,000 and 200,000 lives.

In the midst of all of this, people in the United States have been stepping forward to do what they can to help. Celebrities have openly contributed millions of dollars to the effort and U.S. civilians have donated as well.

One of the things that impresses me the most, however, is to see the stance the government is taking. Of course we are sending support. But beyond that, we are uniting both political parties to help a nation.

The specific instance I am speaking of is when President Obama called upon former presidents Clinton and George W. Bush to lend support to Haiti. Not only did both presidents step forward, they worked together to set up an organization, modeled after the one Bush’s father and Clinton initiated to aid the tsunami victims in 2004.

I don’t know about you, but even the animosity between red and blue pales in comparison to the thriftiness of our leaders. If this is true, then I hope that the American people, like Bush and Clinton, will put aside political differences and understand that, at least for the time being, there are more important concerns on the table. The Obama administration has criticized the mess that our current commander-in-chief inherited, and yet Bush still stepped forward, even commending the president’s handling of the crisis.

In the midst of all of this, people in the United States’ political frenzy, especially when we are in the middle of two controversial wars. There is no more important time than now for our leaders to step forward and, well, lead.

It is when these people show the maturity and graciousness expected of them that the rest of the country can see and follow suit.

Word on the street...

Are you on Team Conan or Team Leno?

“Team Leno. I don’t really like Conan’s hair.”

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“I don’t watch either of them. I watch ‘Lopez Tonight.’”

STEPHANIE BROWN, FRESHMAN ACCOUNTING

“I’m in the middle.”

BRANDON GUNN, FRESHMAN COMPUTER ENGINEERING
‘Sexty’ exchanges sending out wrong message to guys

As someone who has grown up in the modern, iPad-laden age, I understand how technology is a major factor in romantic relationships that are formed today.

With anyone I’ve dated, texting has been a big aspect in the progression of our relationship. My mom met her current boyfriend on Match.com and I’m a firm believer that two people aren’t really dating until it’s “Facebook official.” So, I don’t get too fired up when people say that they rely a lot on their laptops and cell phones to keep a relationship going.

But there is one phenomenon that really does push my buttons when it comes to technological relationships: sexting. According to urbandictionary.com, sexting is “the act of text messaging someone in the hopes of having a sexual encounter with them later; initially casual, transitioning into highly suggestive and even sexually explicit.”

Another definition adds that these messages can sometimes include evocative photos. Sexting has been in the news for a few years now, and it seems that most of the articles I’ve read about it seems to involve teens and preteens, and I wrote off the concept as something that never really involved my generation, and as something that immature high schoolers did to get the attention of the guy or girl they considered to be the major hottie of the month.

But over Christmas break, I was chatting with three of my high school girlfriends and the topic of sexting came up. I made some sort of comment about how questionable I found it, and that how surprising it would be to me if I found out that people our age did it.

Based on the expression I received back, it seemed pretty obvious to me that my assumptions were wrong. Through our discussion, I found out that all of my friends have tried sexting at one point or another, and I apparently live in the Stone Age.

I think the reason I was so shocked about my 20 and 21-year-old friends and the topic of sexting came up is because I’m definitely my favorite princess, but in the context of the story itself was written by Hans Christian Andersen in the 1800s. Ariel may be a little misguided, but Disney didn’t create her that way. I may be biased in the next point because Belle is definitely my favorite princess, but I think that the situation by improving it however she can. It also seems unfair to draw comparisons between young girls’ reactions to the film and their likelihood of being in an abusive relationship later in life; surely few of the children who grew up in veritably the “hottie of the month” would even be capable of answering a question about domestic violence at that stage in their lives.

All that being said, the critics have had their say too, and it seems like Disney listened, given the heroine of “The Princess and the Frog,” Tiana is a hard-working young lady who doesn’t even have time for boys because she’s motivated to accomplish her own goals in life. Those goals have nothing to do with romance, even if she finds it along the way. As a college student probably outside the intended demographic, even I was inspired by her dedication to a dream and attitude toward life.

Time should keep speaking up about issues of sexism and stereotypes, but perhaps redirect their attention to a more worthwhile topic: in terms of gender issues, Disney princesses are positively irrelevant with the pop cultural juggernaut “Twilight” wreaking havoc on females everywhere.

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Disney’s princesses are strong, better role models than current pop icons

I find it sad that we, the lucky ones who grew up in the golden age of Disney films, have become jaded about the classic stories.

A recent letter about this issue brings up several comments about the heroine of “The Little Mermaid,” and goes on to say that we must “examine why our patriarchal society is still creating these images today.”

It is important to note that, while Disney made this particular film, the story itself was written by Hans Christian Andersen in the 1800s. Ariel may be a little misguided, but Disney didn’t create her that way.

I may be biased in the next point because Belle is definitely my favorite princess, but I think that the situation by improving it however she can. It also seems unfair to draw comparisons between young girls’ reactions to the film and their likelihood of being in an abusive relationship later in life; surely few of the children who grew up in veritably the “hottie of the month” would even be capable of answering a question about domestic violence at that stage in their lives.

All that being said, the critics have had their say too, and it seems like Disney listened, given the heroine of “The Princess and the Frog,” Tiana is a hard-working young lady who doesn’t even have time for boys because she’s motivated to accomplish her own goals in life. Those goals have nothing to do with romance, even if she finds it along the way. As a college student probably outside the intended demographic, even I was inspired by her dedication to a dream and attitude toward life.

Time should keep speaking up about issues of sexism and stereotypes, but perhaps redirect their attention to a more worthwhile topic: in terms of gender issues, Disney princesses are positively irrelevant with the pop cultural juggernaut “Twilight” wreaking havoc on females everywhere.

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Men's Basketball

JUST THE RIGHT FIT

Perry came to UD for more up-tempo, style; feels at home with Flyers

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In the men's basketball media guide, each player’s profile page contains a section that lists all past Flyers that wear the current player's jersey number. For example, on Marcus Johnson’s page, you'll see a heading that reads, "Flyer 32s." And listed there are Don Donoher, Tom Frericks and Chris Alvarez, among others.

But on Mickey Perry’s page, under the heading “Flyer 0s,” it reads “Perry is the first Flyer to wear the number 0.” Not only is Perry original in this way, but like most athletes, his jersey number bears a personal significance.

Perry transferred from Wisconsin during the 2006-07 season, and he said coming to UD was a fresh start for him. That fresh start was, in part, why Perry chose to wear No. 0.

“When I decided to leave Wisconsin, I had to prove myself,” Perry said. “I had to prove myself in high school, and at Wisconsin and now I have to prove myself at Dayton. I saw it as right now I’m a nobody, and I’m trying to go from a nobody to somebody.”

Perry said that ultimately he chose to leave Wisconsin in 2006 because the style of play didn’t suit him.

“I’m more fast-break oriented,” Perry said. “But with Coach [Brian] Gregory and these guys, it seemed like a perfect fit for me. I’ve loved every second.”

When Perry was looking at schools, Gregory first contacted him about coming to Dayton. Perry was at Wright State for a campus visit and Gregory called and said he was very interested in having him come to UD. Gregory knew Perry because he recruited one of his high school teammates, Los Angeles Lakers guard Shannon Brown, to come to Michigan State while working as an assistant coach under Tom Izzo.

“He knew about my area (Maywood, Ill.) from recruiting Shannon,” Perry said. “I heard a lot of good things about coach Gregory. I knew what kind of basketball he liked to play and thought it was a great fit for me. He wanted me to come down for a visit, and my mom said it was okay, so I visited and I absolutely fell in love with it. It seemed like home.”

So with mom’s approval, Perry was off to UD. And when he arrived, he immediately noticed one contrast between Bo Ryan’s Badgers and Brian Gregory’s Flyers — the fast break he loves so much.

“There’s a lot more running, a lot more up and down here,” Perry said. “Even when the other team scores, it’s a fast break. And that’s how I like to play. It’s more natural and more reacting, more than it is thinking.”

If you ever talk to Perry, it’s easy to tell he has one of the highest basketball IQs on Dayton’s roster. That’s due in part to his basketball pedigree. Perry has played for tremendously successful programs throughout his career. His high school, Proviso East, has produced NBA products Michael Finley, Dee Brown, Shannon Brown and Steven Hunter, among others. Perry also has four former teammates currently in the NBA: Shannon Brown (high school), Julian Wright (AAU), Marcus Landry (Wisconsin) and Alando Tucker (Wisconsin).

That IQ along with his strong basketball skills and knowing what it takes to win on the court have Perry well on his way to going down as a “somebody” in the UD record books. And this year, No. 0 and his teammates are working to ensure the country views them as a “somebody” by winning the A-10 title and getting back to the NCAA Tournament — and taking numbers along the way.
Men’s Basketball

Flyers return home to face Rams

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The Dayton Flyers are looking to get back in the winning spirit tonight at 7 p.m. against the Rhode Island Rams. With the Atlantic 10 schedule in full force, every game is of the utmost importance and this key game at UD Arena is no different.

Rhode Island lost to Xavier on the road last weekend while Dayton also lost in a heartbreaker in Philadelphia against St. Joseph’s. It will be a major test of the team’s focus and defensive determination in order to recover this week against the Rams.

“At both ends of the floor, we played pretty well against George Washington but then on Saturday evening, we just didn’t play well enough,” Head Coach Brian Gregory said on his Sunday morning television program.

It was a disappointing finish for the Flyers as their furious second half comeback fell just short in the closing seconds. Down by one point with the ball and 10.9 seconds to go, senior Rob Lowery’s final layup attempt was blocked and St. Joseph’s killed the rest of the clock to secure the tough-nosed upset.

Chris Wright provided a career-high 28 points in the contest on 12-20 shooting from the field, but remained unsatisfied with the ultimate result of Saturday’s contest. “We still lost,” he said following the game. “If you score 100 points and lose the game, it doesn’t matter.”

For the second season in a row, Rhode Island enters its contest against UD with the best scoring offense in the Atlantic 10, posting better than 78 points per contest. Their fast style of basketball, however, often leads to open shots for opposing teams, as they rank dead last in the conference by allowing opponents to shoot 45.2 percent from the field.

That does not mean everything will be easy for the Flyers offensively, though, as the Rams defense leads the league in three key categories. URI is on top of the A-10 in blocked shots per game, steals per game and turnover margin, showing their versatility within their up-tempo style.

Super-efficient senior Keith Cothran is the leading scorer for the Rams, ranking eighth in the conference with just over 16 points per contest. Senior Lamonте Ulmer is also one of the best rebounders in the A-10 while junior point guard Marquis Jones might be the best pure distributor in the conference.

All of these signs point to a difficult time ahead for the Flyers coming off their difficult road trip to Philadelphia. It was a back-and-forth affair the last time these two teams met, as the Rams prevailed in a thrilling 93-91 upset victory over the Flyers in overtime.

A monster game by Marcus Johnson last year was not enough for Dayton, even though the shifty guard nailed a three-pointer with less than 15 seconds remaining in the extra period. Rhode Island’s Jones responded by weaving through traffic on the next possession, delivering the game-winning layup with no time remaining on the clock.

The shot was an instant highlight, notching the top spot on the “SportsCenter” Top-10 plays the following morning. At the time, it was the first loss in a game decided by five points or less for Dayton, and the tough defeat helped to motivate the team through the rest of the conference schedule.

“We did play hard, but we did not play well enough to deserve to win,” Gregory said following last year’s disappointing loss. “When you go on the road, you cannot make turnovers like we did in the first half and you have to make your free throws. It’s a disappointing loss because while we didn’t play well enough to deserve to win, maybe we could have stolen one.”

With the hopes of returning the favor to Rhode Island, tonight’s contest will be an indicator for the rest of this team’s season. Their ability to recover from a difficult road loss as well as overcome the memories from last year’s overtime loss will be a deciding factor against the opportunistic Rams.

“This is a team that you are going to have to play extremely well against in order to be successful,” Gregory said in anticipation of tonight’s home contest. “You are going to have to be very, very good offensively and defensively, too.”

Chris Johnson and Dayton will need to be at their best to take down Rhode Island. RYAN KOZELKA/MANAGING EDITOR
Win big at home, hit the road

Women’s Basketball

Women recover from loss with 50 point destruction at home

Two important away games upcoming

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The Dayton women’s basketball team delivered a dominant performance in dismantling conference opponent Richmond 83-31. The Flyers won with a great team effort, as 13 of their players scored in the game. They were led by senior Kendel Ross, who had 16 points.

The teams came into the game Saturday with matching 14-4 records, but UD played at a different level than the Spiders. The Flyers had the game in hand from the start, opening up a 23-10 lead by the under 12 minute timeout on the strength of eight early points by Ross.

“I was so proud of us on both ends of the floor,” Head Coach Jim Jabir said. “I thought our intensity was great, our execution was great and we just beat up a really good team.”

After that the game could be summed up as a series of runs by Dayton. Between each media timeout, the Flyers increased their lead until the game was out of hand.

Dayton went on an 8-0 run to make the score 31-13 when the ball went dead under eight minutes. By the end of the half, the score was 45-15, giving UD a 14-2 run to close.

Nine different Dayton players scored in the first half. The most damage was done inside by Ross and sophomore Casey Nance, who combined to go 10-11 from the field for 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Ross and Nance’s 10 field goals were more than the entire Richmond team was able to score in the half. Richmond went an abysmal 6-35 from the field, good for 17 percent.

“I think we’ve got a lot of talent,” Jabir said. “When we’re playing hard it’s a weapon that we can really use; we have a lot of tools, and that’s how I want us to play.”

The second half started the same way. Dayton jumped all over the Spiders early with a 9-1 run to make it 54-16 and forced a Richmond timeout. Junior Kristin Daugherty and sophomore Jabir made their presence felt early in the second half, each scoring six points in the first six minutes.

Meanwhile, Dayton’s defense stayed strong and Richmond’s shooting woes continued. Dayton’s defense on inbounds plays was especially impressive. The Flyers forced three five second violations and Richmond called a timeout on another inbounds play to keep from turning the ball over.

The runs kept coming from the Flyers, who went on a 14-7 spurt to go up 68-23 with 9:32 remaining. The game was well in hand and Dayton began to take more time up on its possessions to finish the game more quickly. Still, by the under eight minute timeout, the score was 72-24.

Richmond could not find the basket on the offensive end and had no answer to what UD was doing on offense, which was a deadly combination. It was a truly dominant performance by the Flyers, who out did the Spiders in every statistical category kept in basketball. They shot better from the field, the three point line and the foul line, had more rebounds, more steals, more assists, more blocks and less turnovers.

The win was an important one for the team, which had suffered a disappointing loss to St. Joe’s during the week.

“We were really unhappy with our performance on Wednesday at St. Joe’s,” Jabir said. “I think we corrected some things and that’s what it is supposed to look like.”

It will take more than just conference to get a win at Duquesne. The Dukes received votes in the national rankings poll this week for the second time. With a 14-5 record (4-0 in Atlantic 10 play), they claim the top spot in the conference along with a Xavier team that shares the 4-0 mark.

Dayton is working on a four game win streak, most recently an overtime victory at home versus Massachusetts, so Wednesday’s contest with the Flyers should prove to be their toughest competition in conference play so far.

When tough opponents loom ahead on the schedule, some teams fall in to what is called a “trap game.” The Flyers, led by Justine Raterman, surpassed the “trap game” and can head to Pittsburgh to take on Duquesne with full confidence.

“We really clicked,” Raterman said. “Hopefully this win will give us confidence heading into next week’s games.”

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Another player the Flyers will have to try and shut down is sophomore forward Alex Gensler. Gensler has gone for 20 or more points five times this season, making her a prolific offensive threat.

The conference meeting will be the only time these two face off this season, unless they were to play each other in a post season tournament.

Both teams rank in the top three in the Atlantic 10 in scoring, so the game figures to be an offensive shootout.

Game tracker will be available on DaytonFlyers.com when the game tips off at 7 p.m. Wednesday.