Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel spoke with a voice of hope and peace at the University of Dayton’s Diversity Lecture Series on March 25, inspiring his audience to pursue life with education and sensitivity.

Wiesel connected with students Thursday afternoon in Sears Recital Hall and spoke at the Benjamin and Marian Schuster Performing Arts Center Thursday night.

On campus, he led a discussion with students from UD and DECA, challenging them to initiate change within the world and to educate themselves.

“The world needs more sensitivity,” Wiesel said. “We need to read, read, read and listen. There are so many injustices in the world, and we have to speak up.”

Wiesel held a discussion with a dozen or so people about his experiences as a Holocaust survivor, author, teacher and activist. His overall talk gave his audience a glimpse into the passion he feels about making the world a better place and learning from the past.

“He was very chill and laid back; that’s how people need to be,” freshman Marina LoCasto said. “I liked him a lot. He had a lot of great things to say.”

Education is an irreplaceable tool, Wiesel explained. Being informed is the only way people can learn from the past and it is through this knowledge that the world can come to know and embrace a culture of acceptance in diversity.

“What has happened to this society?” Wiesel asked. “Can you not speak freely anymore? And if you do, you open yourself up to violence. What else can we do [to prevent this] but to teach our people respect and diversity?”

Wiesel emphasized community and interconnections, which are two central values of UD. What happens to one community affects another and they become related based on those occurrences. He used his experience in the Nazi camps as an example of this kind of diversity within a community.

Everyone in the labor camps came from different parts of Europe with different backgrounds, and this created a makeshift community found in diversity, he said.

People today need to recognize their relations with others and take a step forward out of the past. Asking questions about events going on today such as Darfur, the war in Iraq or crimes against humanity can shed light on what is happening in the world and create a platform to learn from history and spark a brighter future.

It is up to people to decide how they want to live. One of Wiesel’s key messages was for people to speak up and not let anyone tell them what to say and when to say it.

“People shouldn’t tell us when to laugh or when to cry,” he said. “We are free. Never let anyone violate that sovereignty.”

Wiesel’s message of promoting education and wanting to initiate a change in the world carried hope for today. He believed that people are capable of making the world a better place.

“I lost all my faith in humanity in Auschwitz,” he said. “But this generation is a great generation. They are sensitive and I have much hope for them.”

Wiesel is the author of over 50 books, winner of the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize, recipient of the Medal of Freedom and a professor at Boston University.

“Life is not made of years, but of moments,” he said, encouraging his listeners to have gratitude for what they have and go forth to create peace among humanity.
UD switches from private lenders to government for student loans

UD’s financial aid offices are doing what they can to provide more financial stability for students and their families by switching scholarship sources from private donors to the federal government.

Starting in fall 2010, instead of receiving the financial aid money from private lenders, UD will now rely on the federal government to finance student loans.

With the money saved, they plan to offer more Pell grants, which offer grants to low-income students.

According to Kathy McEuen Harmon, UD’s executive director of Financial Aid and Student Success, UD’s plans to switch to federal loans from the U.S. Department of Education have been in the works for a year and a half. The transition should be seamless for students and parents.

Harmon said. Harmon thinks this change will bring more stability. “This change is helpful for our students because it provides stability with student lending,” Harmon said. “There has been much volatility and uncertainty in the marketplace, and we want to ensure our students and families have access to student loans and receive continued service. We also think that this benefits taxpayers, as there will be no fees paid to private lending institutions.”

Although the change is not major, it is still getting positive response from current students. Incoming freshmen for the 2010 semester are already aware of the change because it appears on their financial award letters. UD will communicate with families in the summer about the change.

For more information on student loans, check out http://financialaid.udayton.edu.

STUDENT FUNDS

“Currently being a member of a student organization, I have become aware of the rising difficulty of fundraising,” said rescue squad member, Allison Chalupa. “While student organizations can have wonderful ideas and the capabilities to do great things on campus, they often are limited because of lack of sufficient funds.”

In the end, SGA hopes to see more planned events on campus, as well as give students an incentive for students to be more aware of what SGA is doing. “I think it is great that in the coming years organizations will be able to turn to SGA in times of need,” said Chalupa.

Now that the amendment has been passed, it will be run by the senate. A two-thirds vote will be needed to form a committee in charge of the money.
Severe Weather Awareness Week focuses on safety precautions

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This past week was Severe Weather Awareness Week, sponsored by the National Weather Service. UD promoted the week to students and faculty through e-mail to increase weather safety and awareness.

Randy Groesbeck, UD’s administrator for campus communications and physical security, said it is important for UD to observe the awareness week and take the opportunity to inform the campus community.

“Each year, we comply with the National Weather Service’s efforts by sending out an e-mail in late March to all of campus informing them of the possible threats and emergency procedures, before the actual severe weather season begins in April,” Groesbeck said.

Upon receiving alerts concerning tornados, it is recommended that all individuals go to the lowest accessible floor of a building, whether academic or residential, and take shelter in its interior rooms or hallways. If that option is not available, an individual should take cover behind a couch, in a bathtub or under cushions so debris does not fall on him or her.

Many upperclassmen are especially concerned about where to go in the event of a tornado because of UD’s policy about basements being locked in UD-owned houses. Groesbeck said that students should simply take the same precautions they would for any building that would not have a basement, including going to the house’s lowest floor, free of windows.

The Department of Public Safety, based in College Park Center, has dispatchers who consistently monitor weather conditions with advanced weather software and radios. If the weather is determined a legitimate threat, the department then alerts the campus community through the campus emergency notification system. This system sends warnings to all faculty, staff and students through e-mails and text messages. Groesbeck feels very confident in the effectiveness of the system thus far.

“We’ve put a lot of effort into it,” he said. “We have an excellent system that’s proven itself several times, most notably in the September 2008 wind storm.”

While Groesbeck is not aware of any specific severe weather threats or predictions for the upcoming 2010 season, which runs from April through July, he still warns of the potential seriousness of all spring weather.

“These extreme weather conditions occur very quickly, especially tornados. They are very unpredictable because they form and move so rapidly, and this is what makes them one of nature’s most dangerous weather conditions.”

For information regarding what to do in the event of severe weather, visit emergency. address.udayton.edu to learn about UD weather policies and procedures.

Additionaly, all students, faculty and staff should update their emergency contact information through UD’s Porches or https://address.udayton.edu Web sites to insure access to all weather alerts.

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Research helps face detection, tracking criminals’ intentions

MEAGAN MARION
Assistant News Editor

UD’s Ohio Research Scholars Program has a new researcher, Vijayan Asari, to assist in sensor technology studies.

As Ohio Research Scholars chair in wide area surveillance and professor in electrical and computer engineering at UD, Asari focuses on advanced sensor technology and works with face detection and tracking, as well as intention analysis. This research can be used to help track terrorists and other criminals.

It is part of his research to use application systems to detect long-term intentions of suspicious-looking people, he said. Asari will soon move his research team from Old Dominion University to UD. They will work on linking sensor data processing and surveillance to locate suspicious objects and people by obtaining important information through sensors. The research also lies in basic signal processing for various applications.

Asari and his research team from ODU have previously worked with the University of Tennessee and Tufts University on detecting explosive devices through robotic sensing. The research teams collaborated to produce an electronic nose for a robotic dog to sniff out the devices and dangerous chemicals, according to a 2006 Inside Business article.

Robotic sensing has been a topic of Asari’s research and as UD’s newest researcher, his knowledge in sensor technology is beneficial for the Research Scholars Program.

“We see things today that we never thought about 10 years ago,” he said.

UD is teaming up with Ohio State University, Wright State University, Central State University and Miami University to create the Ohio Research Scholars Program, Asari said. This program is designed to create facilities, equipment and partnerships for specialized research clusters in Ohio, which will lead to more products and jobs in the state, according to a university press release.

Asari is one of the scholars involved in the Cluster for Layered Sensing, which groups and evaluates multiple images for different applications.

“The leadership of the program will be such an institute for development and advancement,” he said. “I have only been at UD for two months, but I like the people and environment. My research team has high levels of productivity, and I love being able to see their success.”

Asari came to UD from Old Dominion University where he directed the Computational Intelligence and Machine Vision Laboratory. He studied artificial neural systems in graduate school and then moved on to study applications in data processing. He also specializes in pattern recognition, visual stabilization, robotic navigation and computer vision.

UD plans on hiring two other scholars for the Layered Sensing Cluster, according to a university press release.

The following incidents were reported to the Department of Public Safety on March 13 through March 16. This log was compiled by Flyer News from actual police reports obtained from the Department of Public Safety.

Crime Log

Criminal Damaging
March 13, 9:45 a.m.
Officers Durian and Huffman were dispatched to the entrance of C parking lot, close to Evanston Avenue and Stonemill Road. UD Police had received a tip from a passerby that the gate entering to C lot had been damaged. Upon arrival, the officers observed the window at the C gate guard stand had been shattered. They could not find an object that would have caused the damage and did not find anything else broken at C gate.

Criminal Damaging
March 14, 6:51 p.m.
Officer Cloyd was dispatched to the RP-8 lot, off the 500-block of Lowes Street, on the report of damage to a vehicle. He met with a 20-year-old female UD student who stated that she parked her car in RP-8 at 8 p.m. March 13. Upon returning at 1:30 on March 14, she found a large dent on the right rear side of her car. There were no paint marks or scuffs, indicating that a person, not a car, probably caused the damage.

Attempted Burglary
March 16, 7:33 p.m.
Officers Huffman and Weber were dispatched to VWK to investigate a possible burglary. They met with a 20-year-old female UD student who stated that at 5 a.m. March 14 she awoke to find a male student that she knew in her room. When she saw she was awake he left the room, and she saw he was holding her purse, which she took back from him. The female student expressed that she did not feel comfortable with him living in VWK.

Campus Watch

MAR. 30
TUESDAY
BEN FOLDS AND A PIANO TICKETS
Tickets are on sale for Ben Folds and Piano for $17. Tickets can be purchased through the KU Box Office; students must have their student ID with them.

MAR. 31
WEDNESDAY
EASTER BREAK
Easter Break begins after your last class. Classes will resume Monday, April 5 after 4:30 p.m.

APR. 6
TUESDAY
BREAKFAST WITH BLAKE MYCOSKIE
The Stander Symposium Committee is picking 15 students to have breakfast with Blake Mycoskie, the founder of TOMS Shoes. Interested students should send an e-mail to breakfastwithblake@gmail.com explaining why they should be picked and what they would bring to the conversation. Today is the last day for submissions. The breakfast will be April 14 from 9 to 10:15 a.m.

Follow the Men’s Basketball Team in the NIT Tournament!

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But, just as there are many poor foods to choose from, there are just as many healthy ones that when eaten can make energy levels soar. Once you make these switches, healthy eating can become part of your daily life, and you’ll witness waking up for class or finding energy to hit the gym much easier.

HAVE SOME WHOLE GRAINS

While white bread may take you back to childhood days of Mom’s PB&J, it can also serve as a “quick-fix,” which means your energy levels spike quickly then plummet even faster. When you make the switch to focusing your diet on whole grain foods, expect that to change.

The switch is an easy one, especially these days as more and more foods are whole grains. Check your cereal’s nutrition facts and make sure that fiber is above five grams and sugar levels are single digit. The same rules apply for granola bars, breads, pastas, rice and basically all grain foods. The higher the fiber content and lower the sugar levels, the better it is for your health.

POWER UP WITH GOOD PROTEIN

When you think of protein, more often than not a big steak or grilled chicken breast comes to mind, but in reality protein comes in all shapes and sizes. Often times different protein rich foods, not just meat, can contribute to heightened energy levels, according to www.qualityhealth.com

Some high protein foods include yogurt, cottage cheese, beans, almonds and fish. These all have multiple health benefits, such as calcium, fiber, vitamins and minerals.

CUT OUT THE CREAMERS

Yes, coffee could very well be a college student’s best friend. Unfortunately if your drink contains just as much cream and sugar as it does coffee, those caffeine benefits come with a high cost: weight gain. To avoid this, start switching to lower calorie options in your coffee.

If you can, avoid cream and sugar altogether. Once you get in the habit of drinking your coffee black, it really isn’t as bad as it seems. But this sometimes is hard to switch to, so instead, use the natural low calorie sweetener Truvia instead of sugar or switch from creamer in your coffee to skim milk. These switches can save hundreds of calories per week. Also, avoid the high calorie lattes and capuccino drinks. Sure, they may have caffeine in them, but they can add up to 500 calories.

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Kelly Fine performed her opening song with her All Man Band at the Battle of the Bands in KU Pub. LAURA MACK/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

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Congolesen ensemble to take Boll stage as final World Rhythm Series installment

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Wacongo, an ensemble of master drummers, musicians and dancers from the Democratic Republic of Congo will take the KU Boll Theatre stage at 8 p.m. April 7.

The members of Wacongo are largely interested in sharing the culture and history of the ancient kingdom of Congo. “Wacongo” itself means “from Congo.”

Wacongo’s founder and artistic director Elie Kihonia said the Congolese culture has a wide influence.

“Many Congolese, after the slave days, went to Brazil, Haiti [and] Cuba,” Kihonia said. “To this day, there are Congolese words spoken in Brazil. A lot of our dances and rhythms [en-dured].”

The concert will include costumes and music that Kihonia said many in the audience will see and hear for the first time.

The Wacongo concert is the final event of the university’s World Rhythms Series and is presented in association with Cityfolk. Eileen Carr, coordinator of UD’s student neighborhood of diversity, said “At UD, one of the things that is broadly supported is the idea of diversity,” she said. “Many students study abroad, but just as many are not able to take advantage of such opportunities. Our World Rhythms Series provides a great way to get to see and hear some of the great cultural traditions that exist, and this option is easy and affordable.”

Tickets for Wacongo are $9 for students and $16 for faculty, staff and alumni. General admission is $18. For more information, call the KU Box Office at (937) 229-2545 or the Cityfolk box office at (937) 496-3863.

Wacongo’s energy and talent will be put to use outside the Boll stage, according to Kihonia.

The group will have a week’s residency at UD, something they’re looking forward to.

“We’re going to be teaching the origin of our music [and] let students know that the drum is the mother of a lot of the music they listen to, like R&B, hip-hop [and] reggae,” Kihonia said.

In addition to the concert, Wacongo will also hold a traditional drum circle, in which anyone can participate. The drum circle is a part of Wacongo’s community workshop, Kihonia said.

A question and answer session will also be held after the Wacongo concert, Carr said.

According to Carr, this event has a lot of student appeal.

“The big lightbulb moment was in the sophomore English major. I thought ‘Man it would be great if I could just write every day. Wait a second, I should probably do this for the rest of my life.’”

Winn’s artistic medium is not limited to writing.

“It was a big surprise to me because I had always been into music,” he said of his writing epiphany.

Winn plays the guitar and bass and dabbles in playing a multitude of other instruments, he said.

“On many instruments, I’m not really licensed to drive for real, but I can sort of go on joy rides,” he said.

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In addition to writing and music, he also enjoys acting.

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ART, AWARENESS, ACTION

Five Times August joins other performers for day full of music, mental health support

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Members of the UD community enjoyed music and learned about mental health at this year’s M-Fest at ArtStreet Saturday.

Festival goers participated in many activities promoting stress relief and mental health, from making friendship bracelets to participating in interactive demonstrations on overdinking.

To Write Love on Her Arms, a first-year business major. “It’s about making people know that they’re worth something and not to give up on life in general or give up on anything,” said Gina Delisi, a first-year business major. “It’s also about spreading love and hope.”

Fliers with the tagline “Consider this” were also distributed at the event; they gave helpful information about many mental illnesses and problems that may help students understand and assist friends who show signs that they are hurting themselves.

M-Fest attendees could also visit the ArtStreet Café to read submissions of the REACH project DaytonSecret, an ongoing art project in which people send in secrets about their lives on a postcard.

Shayn Roeder, a sophomore environmental geology major, and Todd Longbottom, a senior environmental geology major, said they enjoyed watching the Weekend Boxers perform and participating in the day’s events.

“I happened across [M-Fest] last year and spent the whole day here, so I heard it was going on this year, and I came back because it’s really relaxing,” Roeder said. “I mean, what better way is there to spend a sunny Saturday. The idea is so nice. It’s not just about the concert and for day full of music, mental health support

staff; it’s about looking around and seeing other people who are there for you and just enjoying yourself, being happy about the situation that you’re in.”

With performances all day, music by Pat McInnis, UD Music Therapy Club, Kelly Fine, Kat Graham, Tom Ondek, Sarah Spurgeon, Julie Roth, Weekend Boxers and Five Times August flowed out of ArtStreet.

“Playing at M-Fest is great; I’ve actually played all four years,” Fine said. “I love M-Fest; it’s like one of my favorite days of the year … I think [M-Fest] is really important for a campus to congregate for the cause of supporting mental health because not everyone has all the answers, and you need to be able to count on your community to be there for you.”

Amanda Bachman, a senior dietetics major, said the day was “beautiful” and enjoyed hearing testimonies from students.

“We opened some eyes,” she said. “If we touched just one person, we did our job.”

Five Times August performed at M-Fest on Saturday night at ArtStreet Amphitheatre. The UD Music Therapy Club, UD Dance Team, Pat McInnis, Kelly Fine, Kat Graham, Tom Ondek, Sarah Spurgeon, Julie Roth, Weekend Boxers and the organization To Write Love on Her Arms also contributed to the day full of music and art sponsored by REACH to promote mental health awareness.

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LAS RUBIAS DEL NORTE: Don’t miss this Brooklyn-based musical ensemble’s Latin rhythms at 8 p.m. Wednesday in KU Ballroom. To learn more about the group, go to http://www.lasrubiasdelnorte.com. Tickets cost $14 for general admission, $8 for seniors, UD faculty, staff, alumni and non-UD students and $5 for UD students. To purchase tickets, call the KU Box Office at (937) 229-2545.

DRAWEINGS BY KATHY MOORE are on display now through April 15 at the Burrell Roberts Triangle Gallery at Sinclair Community College. The gallery is located on the fourth floor of Building 13. These drawings are still life sketches from Moore’s perspective. Moore also works with figurative art, painting, landscape and mixed media. Admission is free and open to the public. Call (937) 512-5381 for gallery hours.

THE DAYTON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA SPRING CONCERT will be held 6:30 p.m. tomorrow and 10 a.m. Thursday at the Schuster Center. Conversational in its nature, DPO occupies a musical genre all of its own. It plays early work by Robert Schumann and Ludwig van Beethoven, mixing youthful buoyancy with musical maturity. Tickets are $10 to $24. For more, call (937) 229-3820.

GET “FIRED UP” now through April 25 at the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center. The exhibit features metal and glass sculptures by Mary Taylor and enamels by David Brand, David Baird and Evelyn Staub. The gallery is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (937) 339-0457.

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DESPITE PREVIOUS DEBATE, PRIMARY ELECTIONS HAVE POOR TURNOUT

We are a campus that likes to get fired up. Be it basements, KU or the possibility that Daytona might disappear forever, we will write letters to the editor and form Facebook groups to make sure our voice is heard. In light of this, however, it appears that we aren’t content to follow through with our actions.

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So what happened during SGA primary presidential elections this past week? For all of the fuss that was voiced about SGA, less than one third of the student body voted.

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Health care reform a win for women, step toward gender equality

“Being a woman will no longer be a pre-existing health condition.” House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said after the passage of the health care reform bill in the House.

Upon hearing that statement, I hoped it wasn’t spin. I hoped what I perceived as one of the great injustices in health care was finally being addressed. And from what I can tell, it is.

Currently in the United States, women spend 68 percent more on health care insurance than men, according to the National Women’s Law Center. This is largely due to greater out-of-pocket costs for reproductive care such as monthly birth control, annual gynecological exams and mammograms. These services are pricey, yet the alternatives are even more so. Without annual gynecological exams, cancer can go undetected, and without birth control — well, you can figure that out.

Despite the necessity of these services, many women are opting out. According to 2008 numbers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, only 68 percent of women more than 40 years old had a mammogram in the two previous years and only 18 percent of women 18 years old and over had had a Pap smear within the previous three years.

Women also pay higher premiums for health insurance. Companies determine this higher premium by “gender rating” conditions associated with being a woman, according to the law center. If you are capable of becoming pregnant, of going through childbirth, you’re paying more. And if you have had a Caesarian section, a “pre-existing condition,” you’re in even worse luck: Insurers may refuse to pay for your future C-sections or reject your application altogether.

In America, approximately 30 percent of live births are performed by C-section, according to the New England Journal of Medicine. On top of the discrepancy in health insurance costs due to their sex, women are less likely to have the money to pay for it. According to the National Committee on Pay Equity, women were paid 77 cents on the dollar to men in the same position, as well as are already less likely to have a paying job.

This is where I think the health care reform bill got it right.

Under the legislation, gender rating will be prohibited, albeit not immediately — this aspect of the bill goes into effect in 2014. Women will also benefit from the bill’s ban on denying health care to those who have a pre-existing condition, which in a woman’s case could be a C-section in her past.

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Flyer fans have reason to be disappointed, should remain supportive through season

The stretch-run of the A-10 regular season for the men’s basketball team was certainly frustrating for everyone at UD, players and fans alike. The Flyers teased fans with glimpses of greatness as they fought for a spot in the NCAA Tournament, but were still looking from the outside in on Selection Sunday. Even though they earned a spot in the NIT, fans seem to have given up supporting the team.

With 8 of 9 starters returning from last year’s NCAA Tournament team and a pre-season Top 25 national ranking, expectations for the team reached unprecedented heights as the season began. But as the season wore on, injuries and a failure to close out close games took their toll, and the Flyers slowly disappeared from anyone’s “Last Four-In,” and then even “First Four-Out” lists of at-large bids to the NCAA Tournament.

Along the way, it was not all bad moments. Fans at UD Arena on Feb. 6 saw the Dayton Flyers team they expected, when high-flying athleticism, good shooting and stellar defense led to a 25-point blowout of rival Xavier.

After that game, however, the Flyers wavered and ended up losing 6 of their last 9 games by single-digit margins. And, unfortunately, fan support wavered way more than the number of wins.

UD fans certainly cannot be blamed for the feelings of disappointment and frustration, but we should never abandon our sports teams. UD’s first-round NIT game against Illinois Street is on St. Patrick’s Day saw a meager crowd of 5,127 fans. Fan disappointment is to be expected, but I think fans should continue to support the Flyers regardless of their record.

In the last week, the Flyers have beaten a number of talent-ed teams, including Cincinnati and the University of Illinois, to earn a spot in the NIT Final Four next week. The Flyers will play a SRC opponent, Ole Miss, at 7 p.m. I urge fans to support the Flyers, and cheer them on as they watch the game. Red Scare may be planning a viewing party in the CU Hangar, with free food and drinks provided, so check your e-mails for the possibility and come join other students to watch the game. If not, watch the game wherever you can and show support for our Flyers, because we still fly together.

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Men’s Soccer

Two Flyers to play pro for local team

MICHEAL PATTY
Staff Writer

The University of Dayton will have two more athletes in the professional ranks next year.

Randy Dennis and Jeff Popella, members of the Atlantic 10 Champion University of Dayton men’s soccer team, will be continuing their soccer careers locally after committing to sign with the Dayton Dutch Lions FC, a new professional local soccer team. Dennis and Popella are among seven American players who will join the new team.

Dennis and Popella join teammate Isaac Kissi in signing with a professional club. Kissi was drafted by Club Deportivo Chivas USA in the third round of the Major League Soccer SuperDraft.

Popella, a forward for the Flyers, earned the opportunity by finishing second in goals with seven last season for the Flyers. In his career at UD, Popella played in 61 games, scoring 16 goals in all, six of those turned out to be game-winning goals.

Popella, a native of Dayton, said he is excited to still be playing in the area so his family and friends will be able to come and support him. He is also ready to gain valuable experience from the other players on his future team.

Dennis, a defender from San Angelo, Tex., has built his reputation as a solid presence in the back after playing in 72 games and more than 6,000 minutes for the Flyers.

Both players were four-year letter winners at Dayton, amassing 45 wins during their career. Along with winning the Atlantic 10 regular season title this year, they won the 2008 Atlantic 10 Tournament Championship, earning an NCAA berth.

The Dayton Dutch Lions will be joining the Premier Development League’s Great Lakes Division. The Lions will match up against clubs from Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Kalamazoo, among others.

The season kicks off for the Dayton Dutch Lions on April 30, 2010 against the former world stars of Global United FC. This game will be played at Miami Valley South Stadium in Bellbrook, Ohio, the home field of the Dutch Lions.

No track, no problem; men’s cross country continue competition in spring

NATE WAGGENSPACK
Sports Editor

Despite not having a men’s track team, the cross country runners get some races in the spring anyway.

As many Dayton sports fans know, UD has a men’s cross country team but no men’s track team. While that means they do not get to compete in any conference, regional or national events, it doesn’t lock them out of competing altogether. The NCAA allows them to go to five meets per spring to keep from getting rusty.

“We compete against Division I competition five times as a team with me as a coach and the athletic department paying the bills,” head coach Rich Davis said. “I break it down into one indoor and track, ... and you’ll see that you have one week off [between cross country and track]. We spread five meets over 12 weeks and our bodies get time to recover.”

Davis said it generally works out well for the athletes, who still get to participate and get race experience, but they also do not have to endure the pressure of two athletic seasons — a workload that would end up spanning the entire year.

“It’s a nice setup in that it’s a Division I experience where our guys work really hard in the fall, and they don’t have to hammer a complete indoor season of 10 events and they don’t have to hammer through 12 to 16 outdoor events,” Davis said. “It gives their bodies a chance to recover, and it also gives them a time to study, have a social life and perform very well academically.”

Another benefit is that the team’s training can focus on the 8k distance they run in cross country meets.

The runners have already had three of their five meets. They ran at the All-Ohio Indoor Championships Feb. 13 and more recently competed at the Early Bird Relays in Cincinnati. A bit different from other meets, the Early Bird Relays feature a scoring system that relies on the combined times or distances of two athletes for scoring.

The Flyers turned in an admirable performance at the meet, setting eight personal records and winning two events.

Stalwart juniors Chris and Matt Lemon combined to win the 3k. Chris finished third individually with a time of 14:37.97 while Matt was fourth in 14:44.47. Their combined time was best of any team for a first place finish.

The tandem of freshmen Jeremy Schiele and Nate Addessi later took first and second place, respectively, in the 3k steeplechase to claim another victory for UD.

The steeplechase, an event that involves jumping over what are essentially extra large hurdles and running through a water pit, is an especially fun event for the runners, according to Davis.

“What’s wonderful about the steeplechase is basically it’s cross country on the track,” he said. “It’s as close as you can get to cross country on the track. So again we use track to enhance our cross country performances.”

Davis does see a few negatives to his team’s situation, the biggest of which is their inability to compete at regional or national events. Even if a Dayton runner were to post a regional qualifying time, one of the best in that nation, he would not be able to go and compete for Dayton.

Still Davis believes it has more positives than negatives. Not getting to run at the A-10 meet might seem disappointing, but the team isn’t too upset about being excluded. The meet takes place in late May, so the Davis’ runners are okay with not having to stay on campus an extra month with no one around.

Overall, the social and academic benefits that come with having only one season instead of two are extremely important to Davis, and they help give his team a “better than track” experience.
Women's Basketball

SOFTBALL BEGINS A-10 WITH SUCCESS

Team begins conference play begins with sweep of La Salle in close games

JACOB ROSEN
Chief Sports Writer

The Dayton Flyers softball team got off to a hot start in Atlantic 10 conference play this weekend.

The Flyers hosted the La Salle Explorers for a two-game series scheduled to start last Friday. The surprising snowfall that day then moved the series to a doubleheader Saturday at UD Stadium.

Dayton proceeded to sweep the Explorers, using a deadly mixture of drama, defense and dominant pitching. Game one had a 5-4 margin while the Flyers completed the sweep with a 2-0 victory in the second contest.

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Cara Clark-LaPlaca
Head coach, softball

Entering the weekend 9-14, it was a unique opportunity for Dayton to jump out of the gates in A-10 play. Despite their inconsistent start to the year, UD now is the only 2-0 team in the conference.

“It’s critical [to start 2-0], and it gives us a solid foundation,” Coach Cara Clark-LaPlaca said after the games. “We are focusing on the sweeps this year instead of a lot of splits.”

The series started off on a rough note as UD trailed 3-2 through five innings. Considering the team entered just 1-12 when trailing through five innings, the chances for a comeback looked slim.

That was until Lauren Nacke helped the Flyers tie it up in the bottom of the sixth inning. Her double to center field scored Brandi Brown and tied the score at three a piece.

Unfortunately, La Salle pitcher DJ Guinn took matters into her own hands by returning the favor. Her towering home run off the first pitch in the top of the seventh inning gave La Salle the lead yet again.

Clark-LaPlaca called the home run “a dagger” but said that she never felt that the team was entirely out of the game. She said that the game plan was to run on the Explorers, and that is exactly what they did in their final opportunity.

Molly Meyer led off with a walk, before stealing both second and third base. Anne Maci followed with a walk of her own and took second base due to catcher indifference on the play.

A grounder was misplayed by the La Salle shortstop and before she could recover, both Meyer and Maci had crossed home plate for the dramatic come-from-behind victory.

“I’m not surprised [by the comeback] but you just never know where it’s going to come from,” Clark-LaPlaca said.

In game two, it was all about sophomore pitcher Sarah Wedel, who took care of business by simply shutting down the La Salle offense. Despite entering the day with an ERA of 4.71, she managed to dominate throughout.

Dayton put on a pair of runs in the bottom of the third thanks to some efficient small-ball offense and an Explorer error. A ground out to third managed to score Maci from third base in the fourth inning and that would be all the offense needed.

It was “the best performance of the season” for the sophomore Wedel, according to her coach. Wedel allowed just one hit and one walk while striking out six in the efficient shutout.

There were also several notable defensive plays in the second half of the twin bill as both right fielder Kathleen Maloof and left fielder Alicia Nicholas made diving catches in the final game.

On a team filled with upperclassmen and loaded with experience, this past weekend was an indicator of just how good UD can be this season. They lead the A-10 conference with their perfect record as they hit the road this week.
Men’s Basketball

Flyers look to finish strong at Garden

Men’s basketball team seeks NIT crown in New York City’s famous venue

JOHN BEDELL
Assistant Sports Editor

There are still some big challenges ahead for the UD’s men’s basketball team.

The University of Mississippi’s nickname is the Runnin Rebels. And Ole Miss’ men’s basketball team lives up to that moniker. These boys love to get up and down the floor. Dayton Flyers head coach Brian Gregory knows this will be one of the many challenges the Rebels will give the Flyers in their matchup Tuesday night in the NIT semifinals at Madison Square Garden.

Dayton saw Ole Miss play at the Puerto Rico Tip-Off in November as both teams were in the tournament.

“I was so impressed with them then,” Gregory said. “And now watching film the last few days even more so. It’s going to be a great game.”

Gregory said there are only a few teams the Flyers have faced this year that compare to Ole Miss’ propensity for pushing the ball — a familiar conference foe and two opponents from Puerto Rico.

“Xavier is probably the closest to [Mississippi] in terms of their transition,” Gregory said. “The only other teams that are similar are Kansas State and Villanova with their guard play and their ability to push the ball.”

Gregory and his staff know that if they do not contain Ole Miss’ guard play Tuesday, they will be in for a long night. Junior guard Chris Warren is similar to London Warren not only because of the last name they share (no relation) but because of the speed at which he plays.

“He can really score,” Gregory said. “And they do a lot of things to create space for him to drive.”

Containing Warren along with sophomore guard Terrico White, who is averaging 21.7 ppg in the NIT, will be crucial for the Flyers. Dayton will have to defend the ball screen and the dribble drive well as they are two things the Rebels will be sure to use early and often to create space for their pure scoring backcourt.

Another thing Dayton will have to deal with is Ole Miss’ athleticism.

“They are the first team that we’ve played in this tournament that is as athletic as we are,” Gregory said. “They’re quick, athletic and strong, and they are tremendous on the glass. I hate to say it, but they have a lot of ‘Dayton players’ on that roster. They’re 6’6”, 6’7”, 225 [pounds] and strong, tough and kind of junkyard dogs on the glass.”

The Flyers will be making their second trip to Madison Square Garden this season; Dayton played Fordham at MSG in January. Lowery said that staying composed playing in an arena that’s dubbed by many as “the Mecca of basketball” and “the most famous arena in the world” is key.

“It’s the best feeling playing there,” Lowery said. “Knowing all the greats that have played there. You just get really excited but you got to know how to control your emotions. It’s an exciting opportunity.”

Gregory said that having played at MSG before this season will reduce some of the wide-eyed effect that The Garden can have on a young basketball player.

“I think playing there [against Fordham] will help us, I really do,” Gregory said. “You have to get used to it — it’s a unique place. But I think being there the time before this year will help us.”

The winner of Tuesday night’s game between Dayton and Ole Miss will play the winner of Rhode Island and North Carolina Thursday night at 7 p.m. for the NIT Championship.

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2009 Record: 24-10
Conference: Southeastern Conference
Key Player: Chris Warren 5’10” guard | 17.3 ppg
Mockable feature: Terrico White was a preseason Wooden Award candidate. That didn’t quite work out, did it?

“The teams match up well size-wise, but I really like the way Dayton is playing now.”

-Nate Waggenspack