Junior creates business specializing in Ghetto cleanups

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Staff Writer

When junior Nick Massaro woke up to a big mess at his house this past summer, he realized he could turn his problem into a business venture.

“The idea just came to me that a cleaning service could be a really good idea on campus, so I started creating a cleaning business,” he said.

The exercise science major started Ghetto Fresh House Cleaning Co., an on-campus cleaning service open to all University of Dayton students, in September 2010.

The cleaning service specializes in pre-party and after-party cleanups and cleanings before parent visits. Massaro works with his sister Andrea, a sophomore communication major, to do the actual cleaning, but also has a team of business partners that help him with the customer relations, finance and marketing aspects of the company.

Since September, Ghetto Fresh House Cleaning Co. has had more than 10 jobs, according to Massaro. He said customers have been pleased with his business’s work. Junior undecided science major Analiese Deflorio and her housemates were Ghetto Fresh House Cleaning Co.’s first customers and were satisfied with the results. They have since used the service three times this semester.

“The experience was very beneficial for me and my housemates,” Deflorio said. “Being busy with school and other activities, we really did not have time to clean. But thanks to Ghetto Fresh Cleaning, we didn’t have to worry about it. They do a really good job.”

It generally takes Massaro and his sister from one and a half to two hours to clean a house. A standard cleaning involves vacuuming and mopping floors, wiping counters, reorganizing and picking up garbage. The business also cleans toilets, showers and sinks.

“Generally, we clean bathrooms, living rooms and kitchens,” Massaro said. “In the fall and spring, we’ll also do lawn and side lawn pickups, so people can avoid the UD littering fines.”

The business prides itself on the affordability of its services, according to Massaro. The company charges $10 per person living in a residence. For additional charges, the group also will wash dishes and steam clean carpets.

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Distribution of alcoholic energy drinks ceases in Ohio

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On Wednesday, Nov. 17, the Ohio Department of Commerce’s Division of Liquor Control sent a letter to retailers, distributors, manufacturers and suppliers, asking them to immediately stop marketing, promotion, manufacture and sale of alcoholic energy drinks in Ohio.

At present, the Division has no legal authority to ban alcoholic energy drinks. However, the manufacturer of Four Loko and the supplier of Joose, two brands of alcoholic energy drinks, have both responded and agreed to stop the distribution of their products in Ohio to meet the Division’s request.

The manufacturer of Four Loko, Phusion Projects, agreed to stop distribution of its product on Friday, Nov. 26, and the supplier of Joose, United Brands Company, agreed to stop distribution of its product on Thursday, Dec. 2, according to Matt Mullins, public information officer for the Ohio Department of Commerce’s Division of Liquor Control.

“The Wholesale Beer and Wine Association of Ohio has expressed support for state-based regulation of alcoholic beverages, and as such the association is supportive of the Division’s request for the manufacturers and suppliers of these drinks to cease shipping alcoholic energy drinks to wholesale distributors in the state of Ohio,” Mullins said.

Currently, Ohio is one of several states, including Kentucky, that has asked producers to stop the distribution and sale of alcoholic energy drinks.

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This week will sure be chilly, putting students in the holiday spirit for Wednesday’s Christmas on Campus.

TODAY
26/16
Chance of snow.

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Moustache fundraiser helps boost monetary donations for annual basket drive

RACHEL TOVINITTI
Staff Writer

Last month, University of Dayton students grew moustaches for a cause.

UD Campus Ministry raised $5,400 through the Mustaches of Fundraising, or mofUD, event which increased monetary donations for the university’s annual Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive.

Patrick Cashio, a graduate assistant for the Center of Social Concern at UD, came up with the idea after working with the Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive for the first time last year. In 2009, Campus Ministry struggled to raise enough money to pay for more than 450 Thanksgiving dinners for impoverished local families, so Cashio decided to create another fundraiser.

This year, Campus Ministry needed to raise $13,000 to pay for 505 baskets. In the past, they relied mostly on monetary or food donations.

“The mustaches are a hijacked idea from movember.com,” Cashio said. “It’s a fundraiser that raises awareness for men’s health issues, prostate and testicular cancer. It seemed like a good idea, so I tweaked it for the UD population.”

About 30 students participated in the fundraiser by either growing mustaches or sponsoring someone who was growing one, Cashio said.

“This is one of the most unique fundraisers I’ve ever seen,” said Nick Cardilino, assistant director of Campus Ministry and director for the Center for Social Concern.

“I don’t know how Patrick came up with such a wild idea, but he’s famous for his creativity.”

On Nov. 1, participants had to shave their faces clean to start off the fundraiser, which ran for three weeks. Each week, they had to check in at the Kennedy Union Pub on Fridays to turn in the money they raised, and to make sure the participants were abiding by the rules of the competition. Two winners were chosen each week for raising the most money and having the best looking “stache” for that week, according to Cashio.

“The basic requirement was that you needed to raise at least $2.50 each day, or else you would have to shave your mustache,” Cardilino said. “Other rules and ways for women to participate were generated throughout the three weeks.”

The competition concluded on Nov. 19, when the winner was announced. The winner had to have the best looking mustache and must have raised the most money, according to the mofUD homepage on Campus Ministry’s website.

Franz Berkemeier, a senior chemical engineering major, raised nearly $1,000 — more than any other participant raised in the competition. During the contest, Berkemeier and his mofUD sponsor made a bet to see who could raise the most money. Some of the bets included carrying books to and from classes and cooking dinner for the winner, he said.

Berkemeier and another mofUD participant also decided to try serenading one of their friends to raise money, which he said was a success.

“From that point on, the idea snowballed into serenading friends, sisters, cousins, neighbors, residents and professors,” Berkemeier said. “We sang to our home departments of chemical and civil engineering, and really anyone who would listen.”

Berkemeier said the fundraiser was successful overall, and was excited by how creative the idea for the competition was.

“I think Patrick Cashio did a good job getting guys involved with the effort,” he said. “This event in particular offered a way for some guys to really get involved in Campus Ministry’s effort to feed Dayton families this Thanksgiving.”

Every year during Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week in mid-November, Campus Ministry hosts a Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive to help raise food and money to donate to local families each year.

For more information about the mofUD, e-mail Cashio at patrick.cashio@gmail.com. To find out more about the Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive, contact the Center for Social Concern at 937-229-3524.

WHO MAKES SNOW DAY DECISIONS?

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Staff Writer

As basketball season starts to heat up, the temperatures outside are starting to drop, and snow days could be on the way.

University of Dayton Facilities Management is in charge of informing the Office of the Provost of the condition of campus after snowfall, and recommends whether class can be safely held during snow emergencies, according to Beth Keyes, assistant vice president for Facilities Management.

“We watch the snow very closely,” Keyes said. “A lot of it [the decision making] has to deal with when the snow is falling.”

Keyes said Facilities Management surveys the campus early on snowy mornings, and if the snowfall is more than a light dusting or if there is ice, Facilities Management calls the Office of the Provost and recommends classes should be canceled.

Class cancelation is recommended when Facilities Management believes the campus cannot be cleared of snow by 7 a.m. The Office of the Provost officially makes the decision.

Keyes said her department also contacts Wright State University and Sinclair Community College to see if the institutions will be holding class. In addition, she said Facilities Management keeps watch on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base to see if it is open for the day.

Shawn Robinson, associate director of media relations for the UD Office of University Communications, is then responsible for delivering the news of a class cancelation to the UD community.

“Once Beth [Keyes] and Provost Saliba make a decision, Beth [Keyes] will then call me to notify the campus community of the snow emergency,” Robinson said.

Keyes said her department starts “plan B” after a cancelation of classes.

Since Dining Services employees need to report to work, steps are taken to contact them and make sure they can safely report to work, she said.

“UD is open 24/7; the students are here — we have to feed them,” Keyes said. “We’re never really ‘closed’ closed.”

Keyes said students can prepare for snow days by making sure they own weather appropriate shoes, and by being cautious not to slip if they need to go outside.

University-owned houses in the student neighborhoods are equipped with snow shovels and salt to help melt the snow, according to Keyes.

Because the streets in the student neighborhoods are owned by the City of Dayton, Keyes said these streets are often the last parts of campus to be cleared of snow. She said Facilities Management’s priority is to plow the university’s parking lots, and students living in neighborhoods are responsible for clearing the walkways leading to their houses and the sidewalks.

Students who need salt or a shovel or who have questions may call Facilities Management at 937-229-3753, or go to facilities.udayton.edu.

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**Crime Log**

**Criminal Damaging**

Nov. 14, 2:36 p.m.
Officer Parmenter was dispatched to Lowes Street on a criminal damaging report. The complainant stated that after he and his roommates left the residence at 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13, someone broke two windows in the back of the residence. Also broken was a back door panel and pane of glass on a bedroom window.

**Burglary**

Nov. 28, 6:02 p.m.
Officer Ryan was dispatched to Rogge Street on a burglary complaint. The complainant stated that he left his residence for Thanksgiving break at 12 p.m. on Nov. 24. When he returned on Nov. 26, items in the residence were out of place. He was missing $10, a watch and two shirts. Another roommate was missing items as well.

**Theft**

Nov. 29, 11:21 p.m.
Officers Weber and Tittle responded to Stewart Street on a theft report. The complainant stated that her Schwinn mountain bike was missing. The bike had been secured to a porch on Chambers Street and was last seen on Nov. 20, at 11 a.m. The porch railing on the Chambers Street residence had been broken.

**REACH Out with Active Minds members present at conference, bring mental health awareness to UD**

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Junior Kate Earl and sophomore Layne Perkowitz traveled to Montclair State University in New Jersey last month to present at the Student Mental Health Conference about mental health issues and how their on-campus organization is combating them.

The conference was hosted by Active Minds, an organization that raises awareness of mental health issues on college campuses. Active Minds has 298 chapters throughout the United States, and UD’s branch, known as REACH Out with Active Minds, is ranked as a five-star chapter, the highest ranking an Active Minds group can receive.

At the conference, held from Friday, Nov. 5, through Sunday, Nov. 7, Earl and Perkowitz spoke about the chapter’s major yearly event, M-Fest, its impact on the UD community and ways other chapters can host similar events.

M-Fest, which began in 2003 after a UD student committed suicide, is a music and arts festival held in March every year, which raises awareness of mental health disorders.

More than 600 people attended the national conference, including Brittany Snow, actress and founder of Love is Louder, a mental health awareness organization; John Nash, Nobel Prize winner and subject of the film “A Beautiful Mind”; and Frank Warren, founder of PostSecret, an art project in which individuals mail in anonymous secrets on postcards.

“Mental health is a big issue; I want to make it known, especially to college students,” Perkowitz said. “It’s the second leading cause of death of college students, only second to injuries; injuries are unpreventable, while suicide is a very preventable thing.”

Perkowitz said 1,100 college students commit suicide each year, which is more than three each day.

“A lot of people don’t think it [mental health disorders] exists,” she said. “It’s a serious chemical imbalance of the brain. A lot of people don’t realize that.”

In October, UD’s chapter of Active Minds also hosts National Day Without Stigma to promote mental health awareness, and its members participate in the annual Student Wellness Fair.

“The goal of our group is to change the conversation of mental health,” Earl said. “It’s taboo [that] you can’t really talk about mental health issues. Our group is just about making it normal.”

Earl and Perkowitz agreed students are often afraid to go to UD’s Counseling Center or to an off-campus counselor because of the stigma associated with doing so.

“How many suicides do you hear about?” Earl said. “It’s hush-hush. Instead we need to say it’s a problem, and we need support for these people. They need to feel like it’s OK to talk to people if you are having a problem.”

REACH Out with Active Minds started in 2005. The chapter currently has 15 members. Those interested in joining can e-mail reachofficers@gmail.com.

UD’s Counseling Center provides free counseling services to all undergraduates, law students and graduate students with assistanships. To make an appointment, call 937-229-3141.

**Cleaning**

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“We try to go above and beyond with our service,” Massaro said. “We really try to detail the house the best we can. People especially like the smell of their house after we clean.”

Sophomore business major Keegan Kelly utilized Ghetto Fresh House Cleaning Co.’s services in her Irving Commons apartment before Parents’ Weekend this year, and said the apartment was spotless afterward.

“If you are looking for a quality cleaning company that is affordable, you would be crazy not to go with Ghetto Fresh,” Kelly said. “Not only do you see a direct benefit of your house being clean, but you are also supporting a hard working Flyer and his business.”

Massaro said he has enjoyed working with family and friends on this business endeavor. He hopes recent promotion of the business will lead to even more clientele second semester.

For more information about Ghetto Fresh House Cleaning Co. and its services, go to the group’s Facebook page.

To schedule an appointment or to learn more, contact Massaro at 937-215-4249.

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drinks because of the grave health concerns associated with them, according to Mullins. Washington, Michigan, Utah and Oklahoma have officially banned the drinks, according to The Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Division believes these beverages are a threat to the health of Ohio consumers because of the dangerous combination of caffeine and alcohol, Mullins said. Caffeine and alcohol are a problematic mixture because the caffeine component masks physical cues people normally rely on to judge their level of intoxication, according to Mullins.

Also, premixed malt alcoholic beverages have between 12 and 32 liquid ounces per can, with a value of 12 percent alcohol. This is significantly higher than a standard beer’s value of about four to five percent alcohol, Mullins said.

There has been an increasing number of reported incidents around the country in which hospitalization and death have resulted from alcoholic energy drink consumption, Mullins said, including an occurrence on Friday, Oct. 8, in which nine students from Central Washington University were hospitalized after drinking the beverage.

According to Mil Frank, a co-owner of Arrow Wine and Spirits, the liquor store located near the University of Dayton campus decided to stop selling alcoholic energy drinks after the dangerous components of the drinks became newsworthy.

“We sold a decent amount of Four Loko before the ban, but we stopped selling them when all the negative publicity came out,” Frank said.

Recently, alcoholic energy drinks have come under increasing governmental scrutiny. The Food and Drug Administration has been reviewing the possible adverse health effects associated with the consumption of alcoholic energy drinks in order to determine whether caffeine and other stimulants can safely and lawfully be added to alcoholic beverages.

The Ohio Division’s request to stop the distribution of alcoholic energy drinks was made prior to the FDA’s warning to four companies that the caffeine added to their malt alcoholic beverages was an “unsafe food additive,” according to Mullins.

“The FDA’s announcement served to reinforce the Division’s belief that [alcoholic energy drink] products pose a significant threat to the health of Ohio consumers,” he said.
Flyer News: What’s the most memorable feature of your house?
Molly Martin: Our pool.
Sarah Fischietto: It’s a baby pool.

MM: And we sit in it and play “Kiss Cam.”
SF: Like when you’re at a sporting event, and they put your picture up on the screen, and you have to kiss. We do that. We get in the pool, and look for people to come by, and then we yell “Kiss Cam,” and see if they kiss. Sometimes they get weirded out.

Taylor Urbanowski: Preferably, it’s two boys.

FN: You live in a landlord house. What’s that like?
MM: Well, our landlord’s hot. He’s gorgeous.
LS: He’s really good about fixing things. He comes when we call.

Annie Leitch: I’m sure his wife and children really want to know we think he’s hot.

FN: How are your apartments split up?
SF: Well, Natalie and Taylor have Apartment A. And Emily, Annie, Lisa and Caitlin have Apartment B. And I live with Nicole and Molly (in Apartment C).
LS: It’s for “blacklight.”
SF: C’s the party room, and the dogs come up there when we have

Nicole Runco: Down here’s the movie room.
SF: We call it the dog pound.
TU: On Sundays, when we’re hung over, we watch movies in here.
Caitlin Clohessy: And by movies, we mean “She’s the Man.”

FN: What are some of the advantages and disadvantages of having so many roommates?
CC: Well, there’s always someone home.
MM: And there’s always someone gone.
LS: I’m usually missing. I’m the bad roommate, I guess. And [Annie’s] the creepy roommate.
TU: The dogs are usually downstairs.
LS: And when they aren’t, we have a dogcatcher [points to CC].
CC: I’ll hear them screaming up there, “Dogcatcher! Dogcatcher!”

FN: With so many roommates, is dividing chores easy?
MM: Never.
SF: We have no system.
CC: Sara’s usually cleaning from the night before.
LS: I’ll do everything but dishes.

FN: So, do you have any house nicknames?

MM: The Orphanage.
FN: Do you have any house traditions?
LS: Well, we broke off some woodwork accidentally, and then just nailed it back to the wall.
AL: And Lisa and I made door signs for each bedroom, like we were RAs.
LS: Semi-appropriate ones.
AL: We had a good hour of bonding.
LS: Although we really didn’t need to bond, since we lived here together in the summer.
FN: Do you have any house sayings?
LS: Yeah, we say “Hiilee” when we enter, and “Byyeee” when we exit. Or we end a word with its vowel, so “great” is “gee” with a hard “e.”

The more you know who you’re performing with, the better you’ll be able to bounce ideas off them, and you get to know them and their styles. It lets you just have fun with it instead of trying to be funny, which makes for more authentic and (ironically) funnier scenes.

We’re especially excited to have Wednesday off though for Christmas on Campus to polish our sketches. They’re all mostly unscripted, but within a framework where we know, say, the punchline, and vaguely how we want to get there.

And [our sketches are] all Christmas-themed, so we took a really fun approach to writing them. We would all shout out the first thing that came to mind when we heard the word “Christmas,” and we used that as a word bank of suggestions for scenes.

It was awesome seeing other people’s ideas, building on them and seeing where they took your own ideas. I sometimes wish people could see our practices, because they’re hilarious.

We’re really excited about the show this Friday (cough cough, 7:00 Friday, Dec. 10, in Sears Hall, cough cough), and we’ve been hard at work preparing the biggest cast ever.

There are 11 people in the cast, with four of our new members and all of the old ones [performing].

We just had so many really funny people try out this year, so it wasn’t even that hard adapting them into the group. I really think people are going to enjoy the variety the newbies bring to the show. We’re all such different people in a lot of ways, so it’s really energizing to see how we can all come together.

So come out and enjoy a good laugh. It’s been a hard week, and you deserve to start off finals week with a lot of laughter.

There’s just a really uplifting energy at an On The Fly show that I always look forward to. It’s only a dollar to get in, and proceeds are going to UD’s Dance Marathon, so if you don’t go, I guess you just hate happiness or something.

It’s been a while since we performed, and did I mention we’re all really excited? Because we are really excited.

Dear Editor,

I was very impressed with the work in the most recent issue of Flyer News. As a reader, I was especially pleased with the writing and editing. The articles were well-written and the content was informative and engaging. I particularly enjoyed the feature on Taylor Urbanowski’s apartment. It was clear that he had put a lot of thought into creating a unique and enjoyable living space.

Keep up the great work and I look forward to seeing future issues.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
DAYTON, UD UNITE FOR EXHIBIT

Renowned artist’s works on display at three campus locations now through January

ASHLEY PANTONA PRICE
Staff Writer

The University of Dayton and The Dayton Art Institute have come together to celebrate one of the city’s most notable artists.

“Making the Past/Shaping the Present: The Art of Willis ‘Bing’ Davis,” an exhibit on display now through Friday, Jan. 28, will feature Davis’ artwork at the Rike Center Gallery, Roesch Library and ArtStreet Studio D.

“For more than 50 years, [Davis] has used the arts to reach across diverse communities and create intercultural dialogue about our shared human condition,” Dr. Judith Huacuja, associate professor in the visual arts department and president of the academic senate, said.

Huacuja helped to develop “Making/Shaping” for UD and is curator of the on-campus exhibits.

Davis, who works in a wide variety of media, including paint and sculpture, is a 2009 recipient of the Governor’s Award for the Arts in Ohio, which Huacuja said is the highest honor in the arts.

Funding for “Making/Shaping” came from the visual arts department, the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and an Ohio Arts Council grant, she said.

According to Huacuja, Davis should be known for more than just his artwork and ability to move people.

“The artist [Davis] dedicates his work to young people because they most impact our future,” she said.

Huacuja said Davis has an effective teaching style.

“For Davis, transforming the world around us requires vision,” she said. “In his workshops, Davis teaches others how to focus, how to recognize positive symbols and deploy those symbols into our everyday objects, environments and rituals.”

Since 1960, Davis has created thousands of workshops to encourage individuals to get involved in the arts, according to Huacuja.

“Davis is committed to the idea that people can forge connections with one another best when creatively engaged through the arts,” she said.

Davis will be on the UD campus for an artist’s reception from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Rike Center Gallery on Thursday, Jan. 20, and an artist’s talk from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Sears Recital Hall on Wednesday, Jan. 26.

Both events are free and open to the public.

Writer’s funny, touching childhood memories to be shared at Victoria

“The Wonder Bread Years,” a comedic show that focuses on the events of the 1960s and ’70s, will play at the Victoria Theatre from Tuesday, Dec. 7, through Sunday, Dec. 19.

The show is written and performed by Pat Hazell, whom PBS has named “America’s foremost pop culture anthropologist,” according to wonderbreadyears.com.

Diane Schoeffler-Warren, public relations manager for the Victoria Theatre, said “The Wonder Bread Years” is full of memories and humor.

“It’s [a show] more about childhood memories, how children perceive things when [they’re] growing up and how funny it can be,” she said.

According to Schoeffler-Warren, “The Wonder Bread Years” is not exactly a typical theater production.

“A performance of ‘The Wonder Bread Years’ is very intimate,” Schoeffler-Warren said. “There is interaction, and the audience will feel what this man is doing on stage.”

According to Schoeffler-Warren, though “The Wonder Bread Years” highlights elements of the 1960s and ’70s, all age groups will be able to enjoy and respond to the show.

 “[Children and young adults] are going to be able to relate to the holiday experience,” she said. “[They] probably remember stories parents or grandparents told them.”

Sheila Miller, a part-time faculty member of UD’s theater program, said she she thinks material from the ’60s would be ideal for a comic routine.

Miller said she remembers events and stories from growing up during this era, some unique to her and others that affected the nation as a whole.

“My fondest memory is my date showing up wearing no shoes and the American flag as his choice of clothing — at 6 feet 7,” Miller said. “[I] thought my dad was going to flip.”

More serious issues hold a place in Miller’s heart as well.

“The good memories also come along with a very sad, unpleasant one — the Vietnam War,” she said.

Schoeffler-Warren said “The Wonder Bread Years” blends the sweet with the sad.

“It is quite funny, but tugs at the heartstrings,” she said.

Student rush tickets for “The Wonder Bread Years” are available for half-price two hours before each performance.

For show times, call 937-228-
Thumbs out: Hitchhiking underappreciated art neglected in face of modern fear, paranoia

How did you get home for break?
As a resident of Xenia, Ohio, I didn’t have a far drive to return home for Thanksgiving. So close, in fact, one professor suggested I could have hitchhiked my way there.

In discussing this relatively outdated mode of transportation, we laughed about how unlikely it would be for a student to do so to get home.

And yet, the professor reminded us about his youth when he rode his thumb all the way home. He said he always paid the favor forward, picking up hitchhikers until a few years ago when he stopped doing so. He stopped for the same reason we chuckle—hitchhiking, now that’s not a smart or safe way to get home!

And yet in our knowing laughter about the dangerous action, an odd realization poked at both him and me. Why is it now no longer safe to pick up strangers in the car? Was society blissfully naive in decades past, or has humanity actually become more evil?

I don’t believe either alternative. People are not less safe than they were in years past. But if people haven’t changed, perhaps their perspectives have.

I generally dislike blaming the media for diluting our society, destroying young minds, etc. But this might be one crime for which they are culpable. Yes, reporting the news is an important task, but there seems to have been a switch from sharing big stories to glorifying tragedy in gory details. Delving on the sordid details of a tragic story for news cycle after news cycle is not delivering the news, nor does it make society safer. On the contrary, the over-saturation of reports of rouge incidents makes us paranoid. However, despite this over-situation to the supposed evils of humanity, there is evidence that the compassionate and adventurous intentions behind hitchhiking aren’t all dead.

Ironically, I remember at the time thinking how crazy she was to have gotten in the car with them. I’m not trying to advocate throwing away your common sense. A high school friend of mine ran out of gas in the middle of the boonies. She was stranded, but a car stopped and offered her a ride. The young men in the car were nice and helpful and ensured my friend got gas and got back on her way heading home.

If you’re feeling down or know someone who is, get yourself or your friend to someone who will listen. As the long dark days of winter arrive, take care of yourself and your community. It’s never too late to talk.
Students of UD, the time for action is now!

After reading Mr. Veselik’s letter to the editor about the raising costs of tuition and food at Dayton in the previous issue of Flyer News, I was compelled to think of a way in which our student body can further defend ourselves against this injustice. I hit the books, researching the greatest political movements of our time, and the answer was glaringly clear to me.

In recent years, a new political party has emerged. Led by a man named Jimmy McMillan, The Rent is Too Damn High party is rooted in the fundamental belief that lowering housing rent will ease financial stress across the country. In this spirit, I propose that SGA forms The Tuition is Too Damn High Party to fight our financial burdens as students.

To my knowledge, there are no political parties that exist in SGA, but there is no time like the present to change this. Let me point out a few core values for which this group would stand.

First, I would like to point out that the cost of tuition is too damn high. Unfortunately, this is a private school, and college tuition is too damn high across the country. Since I don’t see this cost going down in the near future — despite the great successes this political party is sure to have — I propose two years students lived here, UD was more than reimbursed for what they paid for the house. Additionally, with three bedrooms and two full bathrooms, our house might have been one of the more costly houses they bought.

The battle I’m fighting is not a new one, nor is it one that I see ending anytime soon. Regardless, I do not think I am too damn fired up. Our college degrees will mean nothing if we spend the next 15 years of our lives paying them off.

In America, bigger is better. This is apparent in most American’s car choices.

An American would rather have a burly muscle car than a small European hatchback that is most likely faster and can handle itself in the bends a lot better.

For example, I was walking through a parking lot with my friend when we passed a Dodge Challenger. I immediately thrust my tongue out at the hideously large, white, angular blob that makes me feel like hurling myself off a high dive in the form of a belly flop. My friend on the other hand gets this ridiculous smile on his face and says, “What a car — ... what a car.” That set me off.

What is the appeal in a car that is way too massive and can only move fast in one direction? That’s like an old man on Viagra. It may look big, it may look great, but it actually fails to perform.

Marijuana. Pot. Cannabis. Mary Jane. The list of names can go on and on.

This drug has been a main focus in the War on Drugs since the Reagan presidency. It’s a drug that the majority of Americans have tried and yet still is a source of much debate.

Fourteen states now have legalized the drug for medicinal use. Marijuana is said to help patients suffering from epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, cancer and AIDS, among a multitude of other medical conditions. The only state that has attempted to legalize the drug completely is California; however, Proposition 19 failed in the 2010 elections.

The use of marijuana is a touchy subject for most — a taboo topic in all reality. However, I’m going to tell you my true thoughts on the matter. Whether you agree with me or not, don’t judge until you hear the full story.

Pot is a drug, true. However, so are alcohol and tobacco. Both in my eyes are worse than marijuana. This drug has medicinal value and also has the potential to help this severe economic situation. If we regulated marijuana like we regulate alcohol and nicotine, the amount of money it alone would generate would lead to insurmountable economic relief.

I also know there are drawbacks to the drug. Some argue that it is a gateway drug, while others warn of its addictive properties. However, both alcohol and tobacco have addictive properties and can also lead to death, with cigarettes leading to a third of all cancers according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Legalization of marijuana would also lead to less crime. There would no longer be a need for an underground marijuana culture creating drug cartels or drug dealers. Instead it would be a legalized substance that could be government regulated.

I know this is a very touchy subject, and I know many people reading this don’t agree with what I am saying. But before you judge my thoughts, honestly think about it. Compare the good and the bad.

Obviously, marijuana is still a drug and has its negative qualities. But, honestly, what doesn’t?

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Web Managing Editor

"The great successes this political party is sure to have — I propose we lower other living costs to make tuition payments less volatile.

This brings me to my second point. The cost of food is too damn high. As Mr. Veselik and former Flyer News managing editor Ryan Kozelka have tactfully pointed out, KU’s “comparable” menu choices leave much to be desired, but are priced very similar to their tasty Brown Street counterparts.

In order to rally support for this cause, I would like to introduce “Breakfast, lunch, dinner” as the mantra of our food efforts. Those three words might seem simple, but they perfectly encapsulate everything our food-cost struggles are taking away. Lower the prices, UD, or watch us upperclassmen undeniably purchase snacks to comfort ourselves.

Thirdly, in light of these rough living costs, our housing costs are too damn high. UD purchased the house in which I am currently living for $86,000. This year, my five roommates and I will each pay $6,220 to live here, with a grand total of $31,220.

I understand repairs have to be made to the house, and we are not paying for utilities, but in the first...

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An American would rather have a burly muscle car than a small European hatchback that is most likely faster and can handle itself in the bends a lot better.

For example, I was walking through a parking lot with my friend when we passed a Dodge Challenger. I immediately thrust my tongue out at the hideously large, white, angular blob that makes me feel like hurling myself off a high dive in the form of a belly flop. My friend on the other hand gets this ridiculous smile on his face and says, “What a car — ... what a car.” That set me off.

What is the appeal in a car that is way too massive and can only move fast in one direction? That’s like an old man on Viagra. It may look big, it may look great, but it actually fails to perform.

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Men’s Basketball

SPACC ON SPORTS

UD recovers from early struggles

I know. It was a 68-34 loss to the University of Cincinnati, and then East Tennessee State University at home? What is going on here? But please, don’t panic just yet. We’ve got plenty of time to work with.

The University of Dayton men’s basketball team’s recent struggles have been bad enough to give any fan his doubts, but with this group, it’s going to be important to always keep in mind that these things take time.

Think about it: They still are running around with three guys who weren’t in last year’s starting lineup, one of whom is a freshman, and he’s the one handling the ball most. The team is still adjusting to a new style of play, and it is still a group of guys who haven’t had time to really mesh on the court.

It’s been eight games, for crying out loud.

The loss to Cincinnati was embarrassing, and having a 49-game nonconference home winning streak snapped by the ETSU Buccaneers was almost as bad, but if there is anything they showed us in a 70-58 win over Miami University on Saturday, Dec. 4, it’s that these guys are good, and worth watching every game to see them improve over the course of a season.

Head coach Brian Gregory knows this is the case. After the Miami game, he called it UD’s best full game performance of the season, but he also talked about his team’s progress. He called the Miami win “a good step” for his team.

This is not the end. It doesn’t mean the Flyers have things completely figured out, but it does mean that they are getting closer.

If you saw UD take on Miami Saturday night, then you saw a team respond to its adversities. UD had played poorly three straight games, scraping a 61-59 win over Savannah State University before its consecutive losses. There were not many positives for the Flyers to look at from those games, so they had to figure something out.

Give them all the credit in the world. For at least one game, and especially one half, the Flyers figured it out. Just check out the stats from the second half of Saturday’s game: freshman guard Juwan Stanton posted eight points, five assists, and one turnover; junior forward Chris Johnson had five points and seven rebounds; junior guard Paul Williams scored 10 points; and senior forward Chris Wright led the way with nine points and seven boards.

UD also held Miami to just 25 points in that half. Don’t let the stats be your only impression of the game, though, as this performance went way beyond that.

It was about stepping up, responding and playing with some pride. UD did all of those things.

When Miami junior forward Julian Mavunga had 13 points at halftime, it was because he had a mismatch with most of UD’s big men. His combination of strength and quickness had been a little bit more than UD could handle in the first half. So in the second half, Wright requested to be able to defend him. While Wright would be giving a few inches to Mavunga, he knew his quickness would be better suited to defend the big man.

Mavunga scored one more basket the rest of the game.

It is that sort of thing — a senior stepping up, and delivering one of the best performances of his career (18 points, 11 boards and an absolutely tenacious defensive effort) — that lets you know this team is on the right track.

Do they have work still to do? No doubt about it. They still don’t appear to have much of an offense against the zone, they turn the ball over too much, and their three-point and free throw shooting are inconsistent at best. But again, the Flyers looked good, and they helped assuage some of the doubts that had crept into our minds over the past two weeks.

Stick with this team. By the end of the season, they’ll be fine.

Women’s Basketball

Jabir conquers Dayton’s all-time wins record; praised by players, staff

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Head coach Jim Jabir only needed eight seasons to transform the University of Dayton women’s basketball program into an NCAA tournament caliber team and become the squad’s all-time coaching wins leader.

The Flyers’ 70-59 win over previously undefeated University of Cincinnati on Thursday, Dec. 2, tied Jabir with former UD head coach Linda Makowski (1980-1986) with 119 wins. Jabir then broke the record Sunday, Dec. 5, with a 102-69 victory over the University of Toledo, but credited the record to his players and assistant coaches rather than his coaching.

“It means I’m old,” Jabir said jokingly about the distinction. “It also means I’ve had good assistant coaches and good players. I’m the lucky one here.”

Jabir’s continued success was on display in his 119th and 120th wins with the Flyers — now adding up to 340 in his coaching career that began in 1986 and includes five different schools.

According to associate head coach Kyle Rechlicz, Jabir’s modest response is just the kind of coach Jabir is.

“I think Coach Jabir is the most humble person I’ve ever met, and I think he’ll place all wins on everything else [besides himself],” Rechlicz said. “But like I said, he’s recruited some great people to this program, and he deserves all the success.”

In Jabir’s first season in 2003-2004, the Flyers won just three games. In the past three full seasons, they won 71 games.

Rechlicz credits the successful turnaround to the way Jabir developed the entire program into a successful one at Dayton.

“It’s definitely more than just winning; it’s a culture he’s created here,” Rechlicz said. “He really believes in family within our program, and I think... his biggest contribution to UD is just building a culture with good people.”

Senior guard Kristin Daugherty said she has cherished her time playing under Jabir.

“With what he’s been able to do with this program and with the type of kids he’s brought in, it’s great to have been a part of it,” Daugherty said about Jabir.

Daugherty, the team’s second leading scorer this season, said Jabir’s performance over the eight seasons has created a sustainable program at UD that will continue its winning ways. Daugherty said next year’s recruits are the talented type of players Jabir wants for his team, and said she wishes she could get the chance to play with them next year.

She also said she knows Jabir won’t celebrate the accomplishment, so she wants the Flyers Faithful to join the coaching staff and her teammates in congratulating UD’s head coach.

“He probably won’t make a big deal of it,” Daugherty said. “But I know all the coaches and players will congratulate him, and I just hope all the Flyer community comes out and supports him because he really has done so much, and I think he’s been great for our program.”

For now the winning record is an afterthought for Jabir, as he has more important tournament goals in mind for the team this season.

“When I retire, and hopefully we’ve accomplished great things here, then I can reflect,” Jabir said. “But right now, I just want to get back [to the NCAA Tournament].”
The University of Dayton International Taekwondo Club members were so fast on Saturday, Nov. 27, at Purdue University’s annual taekwondo club invitational tournament, they frightened the other competitors.

Ten of the 11 members who made the trip to West Lafayette, Ind., earned medals in a dominating effort at the tournament. Senior club vice president Tim Raffio was unable to attend the tournament, but was pleased with how well the club performed, especially for the beginning white belts.

“I am very proud of our white belts and everybody, in fact, but every year when we go to Purdue, our white belts clean house,” Raffio said. “Traditionally, our white belts are always very good, and so are our advanced belts because a lot of them placed as well.”

Tournaments are broken up into two events, forms and sparring, with forms consisting of blocks and punches. The competitors are judged on balance, intensity and technique. Sparring is when martial artists fight one another with protective padding, and points are awarded to fighters based on whether attacks connect with their opponent.

The goal of the club is far beyond just winning tournaments though, according to Eric Harper, senior club president. Harper said the club’s mission is to help its members get or stay in shape, defend themselves, gain confidence and most importantly, have fun. Having fun is something that stems from a UD philosophy rather than a traditional taekwondo ideology, Harper said.

“We’re a little more laid back than what other schools are, and for me at least, that’s very characteristic of what you find at UD,” Harper said. “All of our instructors who are here on the weekends are alumni, and so there’s a very UD character to the club.”

The club’s 13 members meet on Tuesdays from 8 to 10 p.m., Thursdays from 10 to 12 p.m. and Saturdays from 3 to 5 p.m. to practice and learn the teachings of taekwondo, according to the club’s website. These sessions cover everything from punching and kicking to learning what the specific colored belts mean.

According to Raffio, it’s important for people who are learning taekwondo, especially beginners, to understand the “why” behind self-defense, not just the “how.”

“Martial arts can be dangerous,” Raffio said. “You’re turning your body into a weapon, and with every weapon comes responsibility. ... I’m not going to teach someone how to punch another person really hard unless I also teach them when it’s appropriate to do so.”

The end of every semester marks the testing period for members when they earn the chance to move up a half step toward their next belt. That test took place on Saturday, Dec. 4, for the current club members, Harper said.

Raffio said the tests are a good way to compare the new members with the veterans, as the members who founded the club back in 1985 are now instructors for the club, and can share their knowledge with UD’s current taekwondo students.

Anyone interested in joining the club or learning more about taekwondo should go to its website at campus.udayton.edu/~itc/. No knowledge or previous martial arts experience is needed to join the group, and Raffio said that is one of the main reasons he joined the club four years ago.

“I was walking around Up the Orgs my freshman year and saw a table with a couple of guys in uniforms, and I said this could be the coolest thing,” Raffio said. “So I walked up [to the table] and said, ‘Do I need to know anything?’ And the guys said ‘Nope. Come join us.’ I’ve rarely missed a practice since.”
FLYERS FALL AGAIN IN NCAA SECOND ROUND

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A season of high expectations for the University of Dayton volleyball team came to a crashing halt on Saturday, Dec. 4. Underdog Ohio State University defeated the No. 14 seed Flyers in five sets in the second round of the NCAA Tournament in front of a large crowd at the Frericks Center.

After dropping the first two sets 26-25 and 22-26, Dayton rallied with a pair of dramatic set victories including an emotional 26-24 comeback in the fourth to force the deciding fifth. OSU took the early edge at 8-6 before five straight UD points, but the Buckeyes responded and ended the match at 16-14 on the evening’s third match point.

It was the second consecutive second round exit for Dayton, as well as the third time in four years and the fourth time in seven NCAA appearances over the past nine seasons.

“We’re really disappointed with the outcome, but I thought both teams played very, very well,” head coach Kelly Sheffield said. “It was a very, very high level [of volleyball], and I don’t think anyone on our team should hang their heads. I think competitors want to be in a match like that, and unfortunately somebody has to lose.”

Five different UD players provided double-digit kills on the night, led by an efficient 15 from redshirt senior Lindsay Fletemier, but it was not enough to conquer the equally physical Buckeyes.

Both teams entered the weekend ranked in the top 25 in the nation in blocks per set and hitting percentage, setting the stage for the back-and-forth game.

Senior outside hitter Katie Dull was the leader for Ohio State, finishing with 25 kills and 15 digs, while senior setter Betsy Hone also provided 62 assists and 21 digs.

“It was an unusual match because I felt like no one was off their game for either team,” Sheffield said. “You look at the stats, and they say the same thing. It was two teams playing at a really, really high level. Those kinds of matches you dream of and of being a part of those types of things.”

Both coaches said in their post-game press conferences that the teams played exactly their style of volleyball, and that the match was one of the most dramatic ones in their careers.

“That’s the most intense match I’ve ever been a part of either as a player 100 years ago or as a coach,” OSU head coach Geoff Carlston said after the game. “I remember thinking halfway through game four, ‘This is an awesome match.’ ... Hats off to Dayton, Kelly and I know each other really well, and that’s a great team.”

The Flyers advanced to the second round with a three-set sweep of Butler University Friday, Dec. 3, at the Frericks Center. Ohio State proceeded with a convincing four-set victory over Lipscomb University, and will be one of six Big Ten teams in the Sweet 16.

Dayton’s players were emotional after the final outcome, and tried to put the loss in perspective with what they hoped to accomplish.

“Ohio State played great, and we were hoping that they would play great,” redshirt senior outside hitter Amanda Cowdrey said. “Like what Coach Sheffield said, someone had to win, and I wouldn’t have been pleased if it was an easy sweep.”

Led by six seniors in Tiffany Gaerke, Becky Novacek, and Rachael Broerman along with redshirts Jessica Yanz, Cowdrey and Fletemier, 2010 was expected to be the season of destiny for UD.

The team had set a preseason goal for finally advancing past the second round and into the regional tournament, which UD Arena still will host next weekend.

Saturday’s loss also ended a 23-match winning streak for Dayton, who advanced to the tournament as the lone team from the Atlantic 10 Conference.

Despite the upsetting final result, the Flyers coach said he was still impressed by his team’s resiliency.

“I don’t think it’s how we thought this year was going to end,” Sheffield said. “We went into this feeling like, all right the regionals – that’s where we have to be and take the next step. It’s tough not being able to do that. With that said, it was a heck of a match.

“We were down 0-2, and this team [the Flyers] showed over and over again that they’re a team that will stick together through adversity.”

This is the column I never thought I would have to write — not like this certainly, and not this soon.

University of Dayton volleyball has a rich tradition, and over the past decade, that has included nearly annual trips to the NCAA Tournament. This season, the story was no different as a cast of six seniors led the Flyers to a 25-match winning streak and a program-record tying No. 12 national ranking, but were unable to capitalize on the opportunity.

For the third time in four seasons, the team again fell in the tournament’s second round on Saturday, Dec. 4. The Ohio State University Buckeyes team brought its pep band, a half dozen cheerleaders and even mascot Brutus, and managed to conquer UD in an epic five-set match, at the Frericks Center.

At the post-match press conference, third-year head coach Kelly Sheffield gave credit to both teams for sticking to their game plan, and said he would have felt awful for whichever team had to lose at the end. Meanwhile, redshirt seniors Lindsay Fletemier and Amanda Cowdrey were in near tears, scraping for the right words to describe their emotions.

Despite the sorrow, now is the time to commend this Dayton volleyball team more than ever. Now is the time to stand beside Coach Sheffield’s program and congratulate these players on their continued success.

During his tenure that began in March 2003, Sheffield advanced the production of the team even further from the days of Tim Horsmon, the team’s former head coach. Since arriving from the University of Vermont, “Shef” has reached for new goals not just to measure the program’s success in comparing UD to the top teams from across the nation.

In the 41 years of Dayton volleyball, the program has totaled 500 victories with a .637 winning percentage. Additionally, there has been an average of 11.8 conference wins just within the past 16 years of A-10 affiliation.

And then finally, let’s take a look at the success of the seniors, middle blocker Fletemier, outside hitter Cowdrey, setter Jessica Yanz, middle blocker Becky Novacek, defensive specialist Rachael Broerman, outside hitter Tiffany Gaerke and even former setter Racie Hausfeld.

Fletemier was the two-time A-10 Player of the Year, and is likely to appear on the American Volleyball Coaches Association All-American team for the third straight season. Yanz and Cowdrey transferred from Nebraska University and Vermont, respectively, and contributed immensely over their time at UD.

Novacek provided consistent efforts at the net alongside Fletemier, while Broerman and Gaerke were two of the most reliable players on the team that never received the credit or attention they deserved.

Furthermore, all of their success this year was dedicated to their former setter Hausfeld, who tragically passed away along with her father Tom in an April plane crash in Kettering, Ohio. The team members wore a “KC14” insignia on their uniforms all season, and constantly attributed their high level of play to honoring her life.

It was another historic year for Dayton volleyball, and another one in which the program made continuous strides.

Now’s not the time to be frustrated about the loss, but to be reflective about this incredible team and its record-breaking success.