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Ohio students choosing cheaper, alternative means of education over four-year colleges

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Steep tuition costs at four-year institutions are causing some Ohio students to engage in alternative means of education and to save money while still obtaining degrees.

More than half of first-year students enrolled last year in Ohio institutions attended community colleges and branch campuses, according to the Dayton Daily News.

Students are flocking to community colleges to obtain two years of credits and then transferring to four-year colleges to finish their

degrees, which has saved Ohio students around \$20 million this year alone, according to the DDN.

This past fall at the University of Dayton, there were 174 transfer students, according to the Office of Admissions. Of those students, 48.6 percent transferred from two-year institutions.

"I attended Sinclair Community College before UD because I received a scholarship through ... my high school," said Brad Lefeld, a UD student and visual communication design major. "The scholarship essentially paid for two free years at Sinclair — the scholarship was only for \$3,000, but it paid

for the majority of the tuition involved."

The cost of tuition at Sinclair Community College for local residents is roughly \$2,169 per year, as compared with UD's tuition of \$29,930.

Natalie O'Connor, a current student at UD and visual communication design major, began taking classes during high school at Miami Valley Career Technology School, a technical school for commercial graphic design that is associated with Sinclair Community College.

"They (MVCTC) have an accreditation with Sinclair and offer

15 credit hours worth of classes just because I attended MVCTC," O'Connor said. "I would not have received any of those credits if I would have chosen a different college."

Karen Abney Korn, an anthropology professor at both SCC and UD, said she has noticed the high amount of students in her classes at SCC that are planning to transfer to another school.

With a 21 percent increase in transfer students in the state of Ohio, it seems that more students are starting to catch on to this money-saving option, she said.

"The majority of my students at

SCC are enrolled in transfer modules," Korn said. "That is, they are completing a course of study at SCC that was designed to transfer to Wright State or UD."

Both Lefeld and O'Connor said they attended SCC at little to no cost before attending UD.

However, there are pros and cons no matter which path prospective college students choose, according to Lefeld.

"SCC had a low tuition and great staff that taught in the design department, [but] UD is great because everyone is more my age, and there is more access to labs than at Sinclair," Lefeld said.

Dining Services works to balance caloric items with healthy choices for students

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Students who regularly eat school lunches have a greater chance of becoming overweight, according to the Dayton Daily News.

University of Dayton Dining Services is attempting to combat this trend, making sure there is a 50-50 split between high calorie items and healthier products of-

fered in dining halls.

Dining Services has begun to offer students healthier options, recently converting to all wholegrain items, according to Paula Smith, director of Dining Services. Dining Services also has been purposefully decreasing the amount of sodium in food, looking for different ingredients and a better calorie count, according to Smith.

Smith said student input is important to her.

"One thing I want students to know is that if there are things that students would like to see on a menu, they can send an e-mail or come in and tell us," Smith said. "Most of what we put on our menus comes from students' suggestions."

The Secret Shopper program, in which students taste test food in dining halls and give Dining Services their feedback, is another way for students to give input, according to Smith.

The program evaluates all Dining Services locations, including the Emporium in Marianist Hall, as well as Virginia W. Kettering, Marycrest and Kennedy Union dining halls.

"Secret Shopper is a huge vehicle for us to get immediate feedback on just about anything," Smith said. "We use the program to try to keep a pulse on what students are thinking [and to] try to monitor what students feel."

UD Dining Services provides students with a variety of meal choices, ranging from 300 to 500 different food items every day

with varying nutritional value, according to Mary Eilbeck, general manager of Marycrest dining hall.

"We offer as many varieties as we can, and a lot of it is through suggestions," she said.

There is a suggestion box located at the front entrance of Marycrest Complex in which students can write down meal ideas for Dining Services to consider. The "chicken super bowls" are the most popular items, and the ones with the most calories, according to Eilbeck.

"Even though it [the chicken super bowl] is extremely high in fat and carbs, it is substantial, not empty calories," Eilbeck said. "It stays with the students long enough that they may not be eating other meals."

Different seasons affect the kinds of food Dining Services offers, which results in the changing eating habits of students, Smith said. For example, while fruit is offered year-round in the dining halls, students typically eat it the most in the spring when it's freshest, according to Smith.

Also, exam week near Christmas is always a time when students eat additional sweets, she said. Beginning next week, snacks such as donuts, popcorn and cookies will be offered from 11 p.m. to 12 a.m. in dorms and dining halls, according to Smith.

A trend the Dining Services staff is seeing is that students want the option to customize their food choices, she said.

"Consumers today want some-

thing customized right in front of them," Smith said. "This [gives] students a larger variety, and they are the ones choosing what to put on their food. It is their choice to

choose healthy from not."

To view the nutritional value of all food options on each day's menu, go to dining.udayton.edu/menu.aspx.



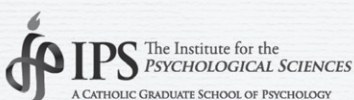
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Freshman Kiley Hogg prepares her salad in Marycrest Complex's dining hall. While Dayton Daily News recently reported that school lunches have helped attribute to the obesity epidemic, Dining Services tries to represent a good variety of healthy options. MARIC DUCKRO/LEAD PHOTOGRAPHER

FIFA ignored importance of human rights, Qatar wrong choice for World Cup



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On Thursday, Dec. 2, FIFA announced Russia and Qatar as the host countries for the 2018 and 2022 FIFA World Cups.

Qatar won by a vote of 14-8, beating out the United States to host the tournament.

I was as upset as the next U.S. soccer fan when I heard we wouldn't have the opportunity to organize the games in the near future. But, I have another overlying qualm with FIFA's choice for the 2022 World Cup, which, in my eyes, makes the decision downright wrong. Qatar's questionable human rights record has made it wholly clear that prepa-

rations for this event will be tainted largely by forced slave labor, something that such a renowned international sport association should not be endorsing.

Qatar, located in the Middle East, is a small nation of about 1.6 million people. The country is rich in oil, and has begun to boast one of the highest gross domestic products per capita in the entire world in recent years. Qatar has been rising fast in terms of global position, quickly becoming more powerful despite the country's small size and population.

Because the country is vastly wealthy and is growing at an incredible rate, citizens from other Middle Eastern, African and Asian countries willingly travel to Qatar to find jobs as laborers or domestic workers. But, once arriving and being hired, some face harsh, unfair working conditions, in which they are forced and/or coerced to contin-

ue working. In Qatar, this modern-day slavery often involves forced hard labor.

According to the U.S. Department of State's 2010 Trafficking in Persons Report, one of the most comprehensive databases of information regarding human trafficking, Qatar's government does not comply with minimum human trafficking standards, and has no anti-trafficking legislation. The country also hasn't shown a significant effort to increase prosecution of traffickers, and has made few strides in recent years to protect victims. Over the past nine years, Qatar has held the lowest ranking possible in the TIP Report's four possible grades.

So, here's my question: When Qatar openly has such a horrible human rights record, why did an established, well-funded organization such as FIFA decide to put an international event in the country?

These instances of human trafficking are well documented, not only in state documents like the TIP Report, but also in easily reached websites – there's even a separate "Human Rights" section of the country's Wikipedia page.

Qatar's World Cup proposal includes the use of 12 different soccer stadiums, nine of which have yet to be built. Of the remaining three, all are planned to undergo renovations before 2022. Though the plans are ambitious and do indeed look impressive, who does FIFA think will build Qatar's new stadiums? When trafficking victims can be forced by their traffickers to work long hours with little to no pay, are the new buildings really going to be built by honest means?

FIFA president Sepp Blatter defended the association's country choice by saying the Arabic world had not yet hosted a World Cup

since the event's inception. While I understand FIFA's reasoning to give the tournament to a country in the Middle East, I would have hoped it would have taken the concept of human rights into consideration when making its decision.

It's a wonderful idea to get developing countries involved in the World Cup, but it seems to me that Qatar needs to prove itself as worthy before it's chosen as a host. It's on my personal bucket list to go to a Cup at some point in my life, but I definitely won't be choosing 2022 to attend. Shelling out big bucks to sit in a brand new, modern stadium built by the hands of exploited men and women doesn't sit very well with me, and I hope it doesn't with you either.

OTHER STAFF OPINIONS ON FIFA'S DECISION

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WikiLeaks poses threat to U.S. national security, diplomacy

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Starting Sunday, Nov. 28, WikiLeaks began a slow release of 251,287 confidential documents, known as "cables," which have received international attention.

According to its website, WikiLeaks.org is "a non-profit media organization dedicated to bringing important news and information to the public."

The cables released span from December 1966 through February 2010 and have so far covered topics as sensitive as China's frustration with North Korea and aspects of the War in Iraq, according to CNN.

"In terms of diplomacy and American foreign policy, it (WikiLeaks) complicates things for the United States," said Dr. Jaro Bilocerkowycz, a political science professor at UD.

WikiLeaks has leaked documents that cover topics including wars, murders, government transparency, diplomacy and Internet filtering, among many other topics. Some documents released include Guantanamo Bay's main operations manual; U.S. embassy profiles on the Icelandic prime minister, foreign minister and ambassador; warnings

to the U.S. not to chase suspects into Iran; and reports on an insider trading program at JPMorgan & Chase Co.

This strain of leaks also includes 40,000 reports about operations in Iraq that were released in October and 70,000 reports on the war in Afghanistan that were released in July, according to CNN.

"[WikiLeaks] has let us see how deals are made or what is going on behind the public face of diplomacy," said Anthony Talbott, a political science professor. "It is very unprecedented. I can't think of another time when something of this magnitude has come out."

Bilocerkowycz said these cables are not positive for the U.S.' relationships with other countries because many of the documents that have been leaked contain comments about other world leaders.

"It has embarrassed the U.S.," Bilocerkowycz said. "There is a need for a certain amount of trust and candidness among diplomats."

WikiLeaks, founded by Australian Julian Assange, was created in 2006, but this latest leak of cables has been the most prolific.

Assange allegedly obtained the documents through Private Bradley Manning, an Army intelligence ana-

lyst currently stationed in Iraq, according to POLITICO, an American political journalism organization.

Manning was charged in July and awaits court proceedings for crimes that include "illegally disclosing classified information and illegally downloading more than 150,000 diplomatic cables," according to POLITICO.

"Assange is critiquing foreign policy by exposing these leaks, and this will complicate American foreign policy and diplomatic relations," Bilocerkowycz said. "The whole world is reading about it. It is so global, and now the U.S. is doing damage control."

It's expected that more leaks will continue to surface in the coming months. Countries around the world are looking at ways to protect their documents and prevent this kind of occurrence from ever happening again.

"It is a new world here," Bilocerkowycz said. "Everyone has to be more sensitive to cyber vulnerabilities. By publicizing [WikiLeaks], it makes it so that others are disinclined to speak with our government. It has hurt the communication channel."

Talbott said he plans to talk about WikiLeaks in his POL 101 Global

Politics class next semester. He said this situation will probably lead to diplomats and world leaders returning to safer, slower ways of communication.

"One of the biggest things it has done is shown people nothing is truly secret or hidden anymore," Talbott said. "Hopefully this will lead to more honesty and transparency."

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The library will be open 24 hours a day from now through Thursday, Dec. 16, in order to ensure students have plenty of time to study for exams.

HEALTHY COOKING DEMO

Students are invited to attend a healthy cooking demo presented by Community Wellness Services at 6 p.m. in the McGinnis Center. Community wellness interns will teach attendees about nutrition, and there will be a taste test portion of the event as well. It is free to attend, and the session will have a seasonal theme. Call (37-229-1233 for more information.

SGA passes budget legislation, plans to allocate funds to student organizations

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Chief News Writer

The University of Dayton Student Government Association Senate passed legislation defining the process for the allocation of funds to student organizations at its public meeting Sunday, Dec. 5.

The document, titled "The Student Government Association Financial Procedures," formalizes the course of action for student organizations to request funds from SGA, according to Kelly Nestor, junior and executive vice president of SGA.

"The finance committee makes its recommendations to Senate based on this document, and based on the senate vote, student organizations will be granted funding," Nestor said.

Under the legislation, registered student organizations will submit budget requests to the finance committee, and after review, final student organization budget decisions will be made by a Senate vote, said Jeff Schumacher, sophomore and SGA vice president of finance.

If the finance committee does not approve the student organization's requested funds, the student organization can schedule a hearing to ask for a different amount of money before the Senate votes to finalize its budget, Schumacher said.

Schumacher said SGA plans to distribute funds to student organizations in February, after all organizations' proposed budgets have passed through the Senate. The exact date has not been determined.

Schumacher said SGA will set aside money for student organizations to request additional funds beyond their regular approved budgets as well.

The SGA Senate's passage of this document adheres to its commitment to develop a process for dispersing funds to student organizations by Sunday, Dec. 5, as outlined in a resolution it passed along with its \$154,000 budget at the public meeting Sunday, Nov. 7.

SGA passed legislation in spring 2010 to give at least 25 percent of its budget to student organizations, according to Sarah Schoper, SGA adviser, assistant dean of students and associate director of leadership development.

SGA receives its budget every February from the \$12 student

activities fee that all full and three-quarter time undergraduate students pay each semester, according to Kerin Banfield, budget analyst for the Office of the Provost.

The financial procedures document passed on Sunday outlines the finance committee's powers over the process for the allocation of funds, conditions student organizations must meet to receive funds, what SGA will and will not fund, how much money it will give the organizations and other financial procedure requirements and standards pertaining to the process, Schumacher said.

According to the document, SGA will not give organizations their entire approved budget all at once.

After its budget has been approved, a student organization must submit a request of funds to Schumacher or an equivalent designated SGA representative for any desired budget spending.

"I think definitely that I'm most excited about communicating this to student organizations and letting them know that SGA is going to start giving them funds, which was one of Jim's and my goals from the get-go."

Kelly Nestor,
Executive vice president of SGA

These requests are due by 5 p.m. on Thursdays, and decisions will be made on Fridays.

Receipts from budget spending must be turned in within a week of when the organization acquires funds, according to the document. If an organization spends less money than it was delegated, it must return all excess funds to SGA, or a hold will be placed on the organization's request of future funds.

The document also says the finance committee can audit a student organization and put a hold on a request of funds at any time for any legitimate cause. SGA is required to notify the organization of the basis for its hold, and also must tell the organization how to appeal a hold, which it has 10 business days to do.

There also is a section in the

document stipulating that student organizations must have a UD Bursar account in order to be given SGA funding starting with the 2011-2012 academic year.

Schumacher said the Bursar account requirement was added to the legislation because not many student organizations have UD Bursar's accounts, and putting all the accounts in one place makes it easier for SGA to work with the university. It also will make funding a more transparent process. He said many student organizations currently have private bank accounts which may, for example, be in the name of the organization's adviser. This is problematic because an organization's adviser may change from one year to another.

"It's not uniform, and the university has no control over it or access to it, and we understand that's a difficult change to make in four months," Schumacher said. "The Bursar's Office and student organizations wouldn't necessarily be ready to make that change [this academic year]."

Schumacher said the finance committee knows that the funding process is new to all students, and SGA wants to work with student organizations so they understand it. He said SGA is compiling information explaining the process to give to Amy-Lopez Matthews, director of Student Life and Kennedy Union, to distribute to student organizations.

Jim Saywell, senior and SGA president, said SGA decided to take its time to formulate the document to ensure it developed an effective process to get money to student organizations for this year and years to come.

He said the extra time taken to prepare the document will ensure organizations fully understand it.

"We feel like this is the best way to utilize [funds set aside for student organizations], and Jeff has done a really good job with this, so it's a fair and equal process to student organizations," Nestor said.

Nestor said student organizations have been patient with SGA, as it has taken a long time to develop the financial process.

"I think definitely that I'm most excited about communicating this to student organizations and letting them know that SGA is going to start giving them funds, which was one of Jim's and my goals from the get-go," Nestor said.

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University of Dayton women's basketball head coach Jim Jabir earned his 120th win with the program at UD Arena on Sunday, Dec. 5. In celebration of passing Linda Makowski's previous program record of 119 wins, the team awarded Jabir with 120 balloons in the locker room after UD's 102-69 victory over the University of Toledo. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY KRYSTAL WARREN

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NEW DEAN CHOSEN FOR SCHOOL OF LAW

MEGAN HARRELL
Lead News Writer

The University of Dayton School of Law will have a new dean beginning in July 2011.

After serving for 10 years, Lisa Kloppenberg, the current dean of UD's law school, has decided to return to the UD faculty to pursue her scholarship and teaching, according to a university press release. The search for a new dean began about a year ago, and the process lasted for approximately eight months, the press release said.

"I have great admiration for the work that Dean Lisa Kloppenberg and the law school faculty have done to create the law school's innovative curriculum," McGreal said. "In addition, the law school has many produc-

tive faculty members who are writing exciting and thoughtful scholarship, and who are recognized as experts in their fields."

Throughout his interviewing process for the dean position, McGreal said one aspect of UD that appealed to him the most was its concept of community.

"At UD, I learned that community means a commitment to open intellectual inquiry, public service, respect and support for all members and educating the whole person," McGreal said.

Currently, McGreal teaches at the Southern Illinois University School of Law, where he has worked for five years. He also was a professor at South Texas College of Law for 10 years. In addition, McGreal has worked as an instructor in the executive master's



Paul McGreal will begin his position as the new dean of the UD School of Law in July 2011. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY UD MEDIA RELATIONS

of business administration program at the Mays Business School at Texas A&M University for the past 12 years.

According to Dennis Greene, pro-

fessor of law at UD, McGreal was brought to the university's attention by a search firm company, which has worked with the university on prior searches as well. Greene and other UD community members involved in the search thought McGreal particularly stood out from the other candidates.

"McGreal is an outstanding scholar with a great leadership vision for the University of Dayton School of Law," Greene said.

According to McGreal, all the UD students he has met with have shown a genuine enthusiasm for their law school and the Dayton community. He said he is excited to begin his time at UD in the summer of 2011.

"I am looking forward to working with such outstanding faculty, students and staff," he said.

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Participants of a past Santa Pub Crawl celebrate. This year's pub crawl will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Saturday in bars throughout downtown and the Oregon District. CONTRIBUTED BY KRISTEN WICKER/DOWNTOWN DAYTON PARTNERSHIP

JUSTIN GUINN
Staff Writer

If spreading Christmas cheer and drinking beer is your idea of a good time, then hop on board for the Oregon District's Santa Pub Crawl.

The sixth annual event will take place from 5:30 p.m. through 2:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11.

Ryann McCoy, a coordinator for the crawl, said the only requirements are to dress up and bring a \$10 unwrapped toy, or monetary donation.

"It is important to make it to the first

two stops in order to turn in the toys," McCoy said. "It will also be easier and cheaper to park the earlier you get there."

McCoy said the seven bars participating in the crawl – the Dublin Pub, Oregon Express, Blind Bob's, Tumbleweed Connection, Trolley Stop, Bar Tiki and Newcom's Tavern – are waiving their cover charges for people in costumes.

"The costumes get more and more creative every year," she said. "You will see anything from Buddy the Elf, to Santa and his reindeer, and even

people using Christmas lights as jewelry."

Several cab companies and at least two designated driving services will be available to drive crawl participants home for a fee. These means of transportation, available most evenings in the Oregon District, will be offered to help reduce the risk of drunk driving.

Additionally, downtown's Doubletree and Crowne Plaza hotels are offering special room rates for party-goers.

Those interested should call either hotel and ask for the "take the elevator

home" package, McCoy said.

Brian Young, founder of the Dayton crawl, said his previous hometown, Denver, had the biggest pub crawl in the world.

"When I got here [Dayton], I wanted to get some people together for a good time and a good cause," he said.

As time passed, the crawl expanded, Young said.

"It started out with 14 or 15 of us running around in Santa suits," Young said. "Now we're in our sixth year and expecting 300 participants."

Thanks to last year's event, 270 pres-

ents were donated to Toys for Tots, he said.

The crowds usually consist of 20 to 30 year olds, but according to Young and McCoy, all adults 21 and up are welcome.

"Every year there's a healthy amount of college students," Young said.

Kristen Wicker from the Downtown Dayton Partnership said the crawl gives participants a taste of bars in the Oregon District.

"It is a good way to experience what is uniquely Dayton," she said.



2010 SANTA PUB CRAWL

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Writer, stage star shares wit, insight

SARA GREEN
Asst. A&E Editor

Pat Hazell, the writer and star of “The Wonder Bread Years,” playing through Sunday, Dec. 19, at downtown’s Victoria Theatre, started his career doing magic tricks and juggling as a street performer.

“I started writing stand-up comedy when I moved to California and decided to leave all the variety stuff behind,” he said.

Hazell wrote comedy with the intentions of performing on “The Tonight Show,” where many stars launched their careers.

“A lot of confidence started building while I was writing jokes for Jerry Seinfeld and Ellen DeGeneres,” he said. “When I saw [the jokes] were working and getting laughs, I thought I should just create the material for myself.”

“The Wonder Bread Years” is a collection of Hazell’s nostalgia-based material. When appearing on “The Tonight Show,” he wrote jokes about Halloween and Thanksgiving, holidays from which most people have a lot of memories.

“My voice is nostalgic, looking back on the things growing up,” Hazell said. “The product Wonder Bread sort of defined, a little bit, [was] the age of innocence with their marketing campaigns. I wanted [the audience] to understand immediately how important nostalgia was to the evening.”

Before writing for well-known comedians, Hazell was part of a comedy group that wrote short plays and skits.

“Once we [wrote] it and rehearsed it, we’d have to find a place where we could [perform] it,” he said.

Hazell and his friends performed in comedy clubs and bars, though they were not yet of legal age, he said.

“We were underage, and we would go to a bar, but they would have to take us in the back,” he said. “We weren’t allowed to go where they served the alcohol, and then they’d have to sneak us back out the back.”

All the sneaking around certainly paid off as Hazell’s newest adventure, “The Wonder Bread Years,” is making people laugh and bringing them together.

According to Hazell, “The Wonder Bread Years” is about the uni-

versally contagious feeling that comes when a group of people can relate, saying, “Oh, I had that,” or, “That happened to me.”

During the show, there are video slides and filmstrips that display old products in the hopes of triggering memories.

“That’s what makes it more than stand up comedy,” Hazell said about the slides and filmstrips.

According to Hazell, people tend to lose their sense of wonder. One of the goals of his show is to help the audience regain that feeling.

“We face the news every day,” he said. “We face war. We face terrorists. It kind of sucks the wonder out of our lives. There is a lot of cynicism, bitterness and disappointment. We need to be reminded of how much joy there is.”

Hazell said he hopes the audience will bond, sharing their memories and experiencing positive feelings.

“It doesn’t matter if they’re 65 or 25, there was still a time when they were 5,” he said. “I think that they’ll see it doesn’t really matter if milk money was a nickel or 50 cents; they’ll still have that memory.”

Along with jokes, “The Wonder Bread Years” contains anecdotes from Hazell’s own childhood.

“I had a Mr. Potato Head that got run over by a lawn mower,” he said. “We called it Mr. Hash Browns for a few years. Then there’s the evaporated milk; I always wondered why the can wasn’t empty when you opened it up.”

Constantly writing material is important when pursuing a comedy career, Hazell said.

“The most demanding role is the writer and producer,” he said. “You can’t skip the process of creating it and editing it. You must archive as much material as often as you can, creating a stockpile of content for when you get the opportunity.”

Hazell said he wants to encourage students and Dayton residents to go see “The Wonder Bread Years.”

“I think that if people are ready to take a gamble on an original funny thing, they should come out and see it,” Hazell said about his show. “They always say laughter is the best medicine, and this is a double dose – it’s the maximum amount of laughter you can have in two hours.”

FOR MORE ON ‘THE WONDER BREAD YEARS’ PLAY AND WHAT TO EXPECT

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Pat Hazell is the writer and star of “The Wonder Bread Years,” a nostalgic theatrical production playing through Sunday, Dec. 19, at downtown Dayton’s Victoria Theatre. PHOTO BY ED KRIEGER; CONTRIBUTED BY DIANE SCHOEFLER-WARREN/VICTORIA

Past and present: the best Christmas music of all time



A&E Editor Frank Stanko shares his choices for a perfect yuletide playlist.

“The First Noel,” by Nat King Cole: This is, without a doubt, the gold standard recording of my favorite carol. Even the generic choir can’t lessen the song’s entertainment value.

“Joy to the World,” by Whitney Houston: A so-bad-it’s-good classic, this nearly five minute performance, featuring the Georgia Mass Choir, is Whitney at her overwrought best. After three minutes, we think it’s going to end. But wait, she regenerates!

“Do You Hear What I Hear,” by Bing Crosby: As nice as Crosby’s renditions of “White Christmas” and “Little Drummer Boy” – with David Bowie – are, his stirring and silky-voiced bellowing of what can easily be a monotonous song gives this recording top honors from me.

“Last Christmas,” by Taylor Swift: Swift gives a nicely underplayed rendition of Wham’s ballad about a fickle lover, also covered by Lea Michelle and Cory Monteith on last Tuesday’s “Glee.” In fact, it sounded to me like they were covering Swift’s version instead of Wham’s.

“Here Comes Santa Claus,” by

Gene Autry: As I realized one afternoon, this is one of the few songs to attempt bridging the religious and non-religious aspects of Christmas. That’s admirable by itself, and the song is helped immensely by Autry sounding like everybody’s grandfather.

“Feliz Navidad,” by Jose Feliciano: Bilingual bliss, it’s a pick me up, the old fashioned way to teach infants Spanish and more intentionally enjoyable than Celine Dion’s version.

“Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer,” by Dean Martin: This recording reaches a dangerous level of suave, but only when Dean’s singing. His German-Vegas accent as Santa is a comic delight.

“All I Want for Christmas is You,” by Mariah Carey: Some love it, some hate it – it usually depends on whether or not they’ve seen “Love Actually” – but for my money, this song is a modern classic, so relentlessly cheerful and immense. And the music video’s not too bad, either.

“Santa Claus is Coming to Town,” by Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band: It’s always a nice sign when the singer sounds like he’s having more fun recording a song than you are singing along with it. The teasing of the audience – and saxophonist Clarence Clemons – never fails to make me giggle.

Disagree with Frank? Want to share your favorite Christmas music? Leave a comment at his blog, “Talking Theater,” at flyernews.com.

PREVIEW OF ‘CHRISTMAS BELLES’

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“AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT,” the final Friday Night Film of 2010, will show tonight at ArtStreet Studio B at 9 p.m. The film features sketches from the British TV comedy, “Monty Python’s Flying Circus.”

“The Nutcracker” is back again, performed by the Dayton Ballet now through Sunday, Dec. 19, at the Schuster Center. The ballet, which will feature more than 100 local children, follows the story of Virginia and her nutcracker. Student discounts are available, and with student ID, all tickets are half-off 30 minutes before curtain time. Call 937-222-3630 for show times and more information.

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON: “Handel’s Messiah: The Composer’s Cut” will be presented at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, by the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra and a chamber choir at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Wilkinson St. The full version of “Messiah,” a three part operatic piece that depicts the life and resurrection of Christ, will be performed. Students tickets are \$14. To learn more, call 937-224-45402.

forum

“Christmas isn’t just a day, you know, it’s a frame of mind.”

George Seaton, American playwright, 1911-1979

fneditorial

BREAK:

INTERSESSION ALLOWS TIME FOR RELAXATION, GROWTH

Christmas on Campus is over. The tree in Humanities Plaza will still stand, and for a couple more days, lights and decorations will decorate Ghetto houses. If preparations for exam week haven’t begun for you, it’s probably best they should. If making arrangements for getting home haven’t begun, it’s really best they should.

“And then what?” you may ask. “I’m home for a flipping month, and I haven’t a clue what to do once the Christmas and New Year’s high wears off.”

Well, as strange as it sounds, we at Flyer News want you to work. As much fun as sleeping in every morning and using your Netflix accounts to watch every episode of “The Big Bang Theory” – or, for the really bored, “The Simpsons” – there’s so much more that can be done.

Want to polish your resume, or take an admissions test for law school, your masters, etc.? Do it! Want to write a novel or build new bookshelves for your bedroom? Who’s stopping you? Want to get better at hockey? Make sure the pond’s safe, and get the puck out there!

Now, we know what you’re thinking: “Great, Flyer News wants to take our vacation away.” You are wrong.

We’re not asking everyone to become Superman, spending all day and night on a course of self-improvement. You can get a lot out of relaxation, but it’s foolish to make your relaxation vacation an excuse for sloth, not when there’s so much potential for activities that can benefit your career, education – in and out of the classroom – health and wellbeing, and even family life. Because, let’s be honest, how many little brothers and sisters aren’t going to want to join in on the bookshelf-making/hockey playing/“Big Bang” watching”? Or, at least be underfoot during your writing and studying?

The university gave us one month away from one another. Wouldn’t it be a wonderful surprise if we came back with our minds sharper than before, ready to take on the spring 2011 semester and all it has to offer?

“THAT SENDS MORE SHIVERS DOWN MY SPINE THAN A SCANTILY CLAD MEGAN FOX”: READ ONE STUDENT’S DEFENSE OF AMERICAN CARS. >> www.flyernews.com

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Merry Christmas:

Holiday greeting not offensive or incorrect; expression of season of cheer, faith



DAN CLEVELAND ASST. OPINIONS EDITOR

We are now in the joyful season of Christmas: a season of excitement for the celebration of Christ’s birth, for gathering of family and for the beauty of falling snow and twinkling lights. However, increasing diversity in our country means it is also a season that in recent years has given rise to a debate over which greeting is appropriate for this time of year: “Merry Christmas” or “Happy Holidays.”

The politically correct brigade will tell you “Merry Christmas” is no longer acceptable, as it does not express a religiously neutral perspective and therefore is not inclusive of all people. Businesses and schools worry about offending parents or potential customers. So what happens?

“Christmas” is taken out of the equation and made politically correct to the point that it becomes universal. “Christmas” trees and wreaths that have been adopted as part of Christian tradition for cen-

turies are sold today as “Holiday” or “Seasonal” instead.

Many Christians have no issue with using the joyful phrase “Happy Holidays.” But there is a problem when that phrase becomes a replacement for “Merry Christmas.”

Many people today — including Christians — seem to be uncomfortable with saying “Merry Christmas.” It’s seen as awkward if you happen to say it to someone who doesn’t celebrate that day. On the other hand, some hard-core Christians will tell you to be militant about this and ensure that every person receives a “Merry Christmas,” regardless of their beliefs. I disagree with both of these extremes.

The phrase should not be shoved in others’ faces or forced upon them. But it also shouldn’t be something that a Christian needs to feel guilty about saying. If Christians want to express cheer and good wishes in this happy time of year by saying, “Merry Christmas,” then by all means, they should!

If we as a country have taken a mania for political correctness and diversity to such an excess that Christians cannot use the term “Merry Christmas,” then we’re missing the whole point. Inclusion of all faiths

and backgrounds means that everyone is entitled to their voice and opinion.

So if you choose to say “Happy Holidays,” that’s fine, and I don’t think Christians should have a problem with it. You’re not taking away a Christian’s beliefs by saying that to them. However, if it gets to a point that we are so obsessed with this political correctness that we let the words “Christmas” and “Merry Christmas” be deleted from our vocabulary, then we’re not truly diverse at all, as we’re not valuing all opinions.

You wouldn’t call a menorah a “holiday candle holder” or a dreidel a “holiday spinning top,” as that might offend Jews. However, this happens every year for Christmas. Heaven forbid we use a word with the prefix “Christ” in it to describe anything related to the holidays.

I’m not asking that we all chug some Hater-Ade and unleash a fury on anyone who opts to say “Happy Holidays.” All I’m saying is that people should not take “Merry Christmas” offensively, just as people should not take “Happy Holidays” offensively.

And with that, I’d like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Word on the street...

What are your thoughts on the long winter break?



“[We’re] really excited about that because it’s a whole month with no work. It’s a nice time to have; Thanksgiving Break was a tease.”

KRISTEN RECKER, PSYCHOLOGY
LAUREN BANFIELD, VCD
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“It’ll be kinda weird to get back into school. But it’ll be nice to have more than just two weeks.”

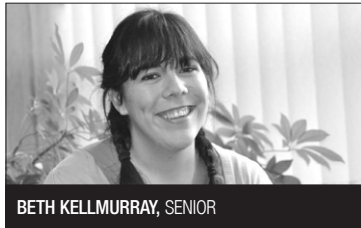
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“[We] feel it should not be a whole month so we could have a full week for spring break. [We] feel like [we’re] gonna get sick of being home.”

ERIC PIJUAN, SENIOR, ACCOUNTING
EMILY CLEGG, JUNIOR, EDUCATION

Top 40 irrelevant measure of musical quality



BETH KELLMURRAY, SENIOR

There is nothing wrong with the fact that whenever someone calls me, the Glee version of Darren Criss singing Katy Perry's "Teenage Dream" rings out. I find complete comfort and joy in my ringtone. It is for this reason, amongst others, I find freshman Andrew Wade's Web exclusive editorial criticizing Top 40 music so disheartening.

I'm truly sorry that Wade has listened to Katy Perry and Taylor Swift and found "nothing special,"

but that does not mean it reflects poorly on the character of those that enjoy fist pumping at Tim's to such songs.

I will give Wade credit, in that, yes, perhaps the music industry is flawed. It is difficult for new bands to be discovered among the masses begging to be heard. But it's hardly impossible. I think music producers in their so-called "smoke-filled rooms" are struggling more than Wade realizes.

Napster paved the way. Websites like YouTube, Pandora and now on top of that, sites converting YouTube videos into MP3s, keep the struggle alive. If anything, the Internet exposes the public to so much music that perhaps it is what is standing in the way of budding, unknown musicians.

Wade is implying that artists on the Top 40 do not put self-expression or emotion into their songs. You're telling me Taylor Swift didn't actually have teardrops on her guitar, Jay-Z doesn't have 99 problems, and that this isn't really the soundtrack to Kid Cudi's life, just because they are deemed "mainstream"? Well, then I am left heartbroken.

What makes music good, passionate, or an even larger question: What makes it art? Wade seems to be insinuating the answer to this is the number of people — or lack thereof — listening to a song, or as long as it's "seven minutes" long. So it has nothing to do with the content? The rhythm and melody? The lyrics? I have to disagree.

And newsflash: Justin Vernon

of Bon Iver is featured on Kanye West's new album, "My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy," which is currently No. 2 on iTunes. Perhaps Bon Iver, and I'm willing to guess other, lesser known artists Wade is suggesting, are more mainstream than he would care to admit.

To suggest that a person is a "coward" for enjoying Top 40 music is ridiculous. Perhaps it is a form of conformity to listen to the Top 40, but I would argue that refusing to listen to the Top 40 is also a form of conformity. So please, let's not start that endless cycle. Similar to chivalry and Latin, anti-conformity is dead.

I'm sorry your roommate criticized you for listening to "Konstantine" on repeat, but my roommate makes fun of me for listening

to Phil Collins, following it by Lil' Wayne, and finally jamming to the European pop hit, "Stereo Love." I am OK with that. I embrace my diverse taste in music.

I just wish Wade and the others sharing his viewpoint would accept those choices. I listen to music, not because everyone else is listening to it, but because I'm not afraid to listen to whatever I want to.

In conclusion, I don't give a crap about George Clooney or Straylight Run. I am not settling. I can listen to The Dirty Projectors and still enjoy Justin Bieber. I get the best of both worlds. So just because you're still experiencing the existentialism from your senior prom night, don't take it out on me.

LIFE LESSONS OF 2 ADELE



SEETHA SANKARANARAYAN JUNIOR

The holidays are here! A time to give thanks for life's many blessings and honor the traditions old and new. In the spirit of the season, my first year floor mates recently got together to revive the Christmas party we held in the 2 Adele lounge two years ago.

As we retold the stories of flooding showers, falling up the hill and serenading our RA, I got to thinking about the real lessons I learned in the many hours we spent together in that lounge, trying to figure out what this college thing was all about.

While we had the requisite list of community standards hanging there from the first week, we unanimously decided to add three items later on. Though they were meant in jest at the time, the simple statements have proved to be some of the most important takeaways of the past two and a half years.

In the spirit of the holidays and the women who made my transition into the real world much more bearable, I present to you the rules of 2 Adele:

Rule number 1: Don't judge.

It can be difficult to separate yourself from a first impression. But this year, I've befriended women who I previously ruled out as "sluts" or "bitches," based solely off of their appearance or less than a minute of interaction. And as it turns out,

the student I dismissed earlier in the semester as a racist bigot read my article and apologized to me in what proved to be a valuable lesson in communication for us both. This is kindergarten stuff, but you really can't even begin to fathom someone else's story until you take the time to hear it.

Rule number 2: No self-doubt.

Around this time for the past four semesters, my parents have received the dreaded "2 a.m. phone call." Ring ring, it's your daughter sobbing about how she is going to fail every single final exam and contribute nothing to society. In college, we have so many pressures to figure everything out as soon as possible. But how can you route the map to the rest of your life when you aren't even legally old enough to rent a car?

This year, it's refreshing to see my peers so self-assured. Sometimes all it takes to change your outlook is to change your major. You don't need a deadline for when you figure "it" out, just the affirmation that as long as you love what you're doing and devote yourself to it wholeheartedly, you can't lose.

Rule number 3: Stay classy.

It's maintaining a level head and learning to solve your own problems. It's getting it done no matter what it takes, instead of crying to your professor about whatever family problem or injury excuse you can make up to get out of it. It's accepting consequences gracefully and learning from your experiences.

And if you learn how to not be "that girl" in the process, that's great, too.

letter to the editor

Presidential salary reflective of responsibilities

I found the letter to the editor entitled, "'Show me the money': greater fiscal transparency necessary" quite difficult to read for a variety of reasons.

The author rightly states that the median family income for Dayton, Ohio, in 2008 was \$37,204. He claims to give this number as a frame of reference, and then goes on to state that Dr. Daniel Curran is paid more than 14.5 times the "average" family in Dayton. I would like to point out that average and median are completely different, and thus the 14.5 times figure is just incorrect. If you are going to accuse Dr. Curran of making too much money, at least properly construe your reasoning.

Also look at that abbreviation in front of Curran: "Dr." Does the median family in Dayton have a Ph.D in it? Or for that matter, does the median Dayton family have the skill to run an educational institution with an over \$300 million endowment? Would you pick a random Dayton citizen to run UD? I would not. Clearly this is an extremely challenging position that requires high levels of intelligence, charisma and dedication amongst a

whole host of other qualifications.

Dayton Daily News also published another interesting figure: "Presidents at private research universities had a median pay of \$627,750, an increase of 15.5 percent," (figures for the fiscal year 2008). So Dr. Curran's total compensation of \$543,286 is \$84,464 below the median for presidents of private research universities.

Even setting this aside, how does a high salary for Dr. Curran mean that UD is gouging students? The CEO for Wal-Mart makes about \$6 million; does that mean that Wal-Mart is engaging in price gouging? Maybe his salary is high because he is doing a good job. Furthermore, how does Dr. Curran making a high salary mean that UD should allow students more access to its finances?

Also, why is the fact that your Philly cheese steak at Kennedy Union is the same price as one on Brown Street proof that UD is gouging students? Wouldn't charging more than other restaurants be gouging? If UD were to charge less than the food actually cost them, they would have to make up that lost revenue some-

where else, and this would likely spell even higher tuition.

I was extremely hurt by the assertion that UD offers so little in return for how much it charges. To say that UD offers little to its students is just blatantly untrue. From little things such as Mom's Limo to major things such as the University of Dayton Research Institute, UD offers a lot in return for its tuition. At any other school, can you live in one of 700 university-owned houses in extremely close proximity to your classmates? I could argue this point forever, but I firmly believe UD offers lots of opportunities for its students.

UD does not have the same obligation to its students as a company does to its stockholders. You are not investing in the university. You are paying for a service, namely education. If you think the price is so outrageous, you can walk away at any time. You are totally free to think that UD is overcharging and transfer to a lower priced school.

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Men's Basketball

Defense, rebounding key to improving Flyers team

Head coach Gregory focuses on early consistency, season's continued development

NATE WAGGENSPACK

Assistant Sports Editor

The University of Dayton men's basketball team is nine games into its season, and according to head coach Brian Gregory, its members have played to their potential only once.

That lone performance was Dayton's last game, a 70-58 victory against Miami University at UD Arena on Saturday, Dec. 4. Gregory said the reason for this inconsistency is that the Flyers are still in the middle of a process of improvement and are looking to take steps forward.

"It's a daily process, and we did make another step," Gregory said. "That really doesn't mean anything unless you continue to [take more steps]."

While there is still plenty of work to be done, the Flyers exhibited improved efforts in terms of both defense and defensive rebounding against Miami. These two aspects were especially important to the win, and Gregory said they are a huge part of Dayton's game.

"We're best offensively when we're in the open court, when we push the ball and play at a pace over a 40 minute time span that other teams aren't accustomed to," he said. "In order to do that, you have to get defensive stops and control the defensive glass. You can't keep taking the ball out of the basket. Those two are so key to how we play that it really sets the tone."

Senior forward Chris Wright, who

led UD with 18 points and 11 rebounds Saturday, said defense and rebounding are all about effort and desire.

"It just shows how hard you're playing," Wright said. "If it's important to you, then you're going to do those things, you're going to defend, you're going to rebound. Those are just areas like making the hustle plays where you show who's playing the hardest. You've got to win those areas to win the game."

Along with Wright's impressive offensive numbers in the win, he also contributed on the defensive side. He switched to guarding Miami junior center Julian Mavunga in the second half, and limited him to just five points after he had already scored 153 in the first 20 minutes.

Improvements can always be made on defense and rebounding, but UD took a step forward in those departments.

Wright said the next step for the team is on the offensive end with improved ball movement.

"We're all capable scorers, but it is best if you share the ball," he said. "The more you get everyone involved, the easier it is offensively."

Gregory said he believes ball movement is also important for his team. He added that a little more consistent effort from game to game is something he would like to see, too.

"I think there's a lot more steps we need to take," he said. "The next one may be: Can you come back and play with that same type of pressure that we played with? Can we continue



Senior forward Devin Searcy battles for a rebound against Miami University at UD Arena on Saturday, Dec. 4. The Flyers won 70-58 over the Redhawks, and now have won two straight games. ETHAN KLOSTERMAN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

offensively to keep the ball moving? Sometimes when you have better offensive players, that ball can become stagnant, [but] we're not as good that way, we're better when [the] ball is moving."

Another bright spot for the Flyers recently has been the development of several young players.

With junior forward Chris Johnson in foul trouble against Miami in the first half, freshman guard Brandon Spearman and freshman forward Devin Oliver stepped in and gave UD solid minutes.

Gregory took notice, and was excited about the prospect of having a deeper bench as the season goes on.

"I liked the way the young guys played in the game against Miami," he said. "In a game of that intensity, I felt comfortable playing those guys. Every day they're getting a little bit better, which gives everybody, including themselves, more confidence, which is so important this time of the year."

Track and Field

UD begins highly anticipated season with championship expectations

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The University of Dayton's track and field team and its star All-American began the 2010-2011 season with a successful start at the Oiler Opener in Findlay, Ohio on Friday, Dec. 3.

The Flyers, led by the first-ever All-American in the history of the UD program in senior Mallory Barnes, had six athletes finish in the top three of their respective events at the open.

Head coach Adam Steinwachs said he was impressed by the efforts of his young squad at the competition hosted by the University of Findlay.

"I thought we did a good job of being competitive in our first meet of the year," he said in a UD athletics press

release. "We entered a limited number of events, but the ones we entered in, I thought we did a good job with."

Barnes paced the field yet again in her weight throw event, surpassing 66 feet with her best attempt. Senior Kerry Allen set a new personal best in that event finishing in second place, but was still nearly four feet behind Barnes.

Another first-place finisher for Dayton at the season-opening competition was junior Courtney Siebenaller in pole vault. Junior Kelly Johnston (800 meter race), sophomore Katie Nageotte (pole vault) and senior Johnna Zaccari (shot put) also finished among the top three finalists.

Those kinds of results are ones that Barnes said she hopes to see out of her teammates all year.

"This year I have high expectations

for the season," she said. "I expect for every person to exceed their own expectations, as well as what others expect from them. There are a number of people on the team that have the ability to compete at the national level [for] both indoor and outdoor [competition]."

Based on last year's success, the impressive finishes were no surprise for the Flyers. In the 2009-2010 campaign, three members of the team qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Championships, the most in the history of the program. UD was the Atlantic 10 Conference co-champion during the indoor season and then finished second in outdoor.

Steinwachs said the team's strongest events this year will likely remain the pole vault, shot put and weight throw, with Barnes leading the way in

the throwing events.

But there are plenty of other star athletes for the track and field Flyers.

Allen finished second in the conference behind Barnes last season and narrowly missed qualifying for the NCAA's. Cattran did qualify for nationals last year and will lead the sprinters in the middle distance running events, while seniors Liz Coorey and Maureen Bulgrin will highlight the distance events.

Steinwachs said the team is full of individuals in all areas that are capable of posting good results. He said a majority of last year's top performers graduated, however, so a lot of underclassmen will be expected to step in and perform right away.

"I think first and foremost, we want to try and build on the success we've had every year, and so far in the

three years that I've been here, we've been able to do that," Steinwachs said. "We've been able to get a little bit better every year. That's one of the goals is to get better, to get more people to nationals, to take a run at winning conference again, and we'll see how it goes. But I think we'll certainly be in position. We have the talent to be able to make a run at it, and to get better."

No matter what though, the success of the Flyers will begin with Barnes, and she said she has set high goals of achievement for the squad.

"As a captain, my goal for the team is to win the A-10 championship title both indoor and outdoor, in addition to having more people compete at the national level," Barnes said. "I have full confidence that with the talent that we have on the team this year, these goals are very attainable."

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Senior middle blocker Lindsay Fletemier was named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association All-Northeast Region team for the third consecutive season.

6.6

Freshman guard Juwan Staten, the reigning A-10 Co-Rookie of the Week, leads all NCAA freshmen (and ranks No. 13 overall) with an average of 6.6 assists per game.

63

UD's women's basketball team scored 63 points in a two-point loss to the University of Louisville on Sunday, Nov. 15, 2009. The Flyers hope to avenge last year's loss with a game at Louisville on Saturday, Dec. 11.

121

Senior forward Chris Wright now has 121 blocks in his UD career, three away from Roosevelt Chapman in second place, and 18 behind Sean Finn's record of 139.

DID YOU KNOW?

CAPTAIN AMERICA

Dayton sophomore women's soccer forward Colleen Williams was named to the second team of the 2010 NSCAA/Performance Subaru Women's Soccer NCAA Division I All-America Team. The A-10 Offensive Player of the Year, she ranked second in the nation in points (48) and fourth in goals (18).

THREE'S COMPANY

Coaches from three Flyers sports teams have won honors recently. Volleyball head coach Kelly Sheffield was named the 2010 American Volleyball Coaches Association Northeast Region Coach of the Year on Tuesday, Dec. 7. Women's soccer head coach Mike Tucker and football's Rick Chamberlin were named Coach of the Year last month in their respective conferences.

SWEETEN YOUR BREAK WITH WINTER SPORTS



BRENDAN HADER, CHIEF SPORTS WRITER

While away from the University of Dayton enjoying four weeks of no schoolwork, you should be aware of some of the marquee matchups taking place over break in the sports world.

So while passing around presents, enjoying holiday feasts and welcoming in the New Year, don't stray too far from your couch and remote control.

Here are some games you won't want to miss:

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

New Orleans Saints at Atlanta Falcons, Monday, Dec. 27 – Dayton alumnus and former NFL head coach Jon Gruden will be giddy as always for this Monday Night Football showdown between two of the National Football Conference's elite teams. The Falcons have narrowly escaped defeats en route to their 10-2 record, but how long will this stretch continue?

Chicago Bears at Green Bay Packers, Sunday, Jan. 2 – This game may very well determine the winner of the NFC North division, a huge factor in the playoff picture. Bears quarterback Jay Cutler has been uncharacteristically not self-

destructive lately, while his Green Bay counterpart Aaron Rodgers has helped his team look like the contender it was expected to be.

If you are looking for some comic relief, my Cincinnati Bengals will have three more games to play over break in which they are expected to continue inventing new ways of losing. Maybe even our mascot, Who Dey, will get arrested for throwing snowballs — shout out to the University of Cincinnati Bearcat!

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Miami Heat at Los Angeles Lakers, Saturday, Dec. 25 – Take a break from the 24-hour "A Christmas Story" marathon and your obnoxious relatives to check out the defending champion Lakers host everyone's favorite Miami Heat. LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers carved up Los Angeles on Christmas Day last year, so Kobe Bryant and the Lakers, certainly tired of all the Miami talk, will look to exact revenge. And stay tuned prior to this game, as the Boston Celtics travel to the Orlando Magic.

Oklahoma City Thunder at Dallas Mavericks, Thursday, Jan. 6 – Watch one of the game's best and most exciting tandems, as the Thunder's Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook head to Dallas to take on one of the game's best players and teams in Dirk Nowitzki and the Mavericks.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

No. 9 Michigan State University

vs. No. 16 University of Alabama, Capital One Bowl, Saturday, Jan. 1 – While this is not a Bowl Championship Series game, these are two very good teams that could produce one of the better bowls games of the season.

No. 4 Stanford University vs. No. 13 Virginia Tech University, Orange Bowl, Monday, Jan. 3 – Take a look at next year's potential No. 1 NFL draft pick, as quarterback Stanford's Andrew Luck faces the Hokies.

No. 6 Ohio State University vs. No. 8 University of Arkansas, Sugar Bowl, Tuesday, Jan. 4 – I'm looking forward to one quarterback clearly outplaying the other. ... And I'm referring to Arkansas' Ryan Mallett over Ohio State's Terrell Pryor.

No. 1 Auburn University vs. No. 2 Oregon University, BCS National Championship, Monday, Jan. 10 – I'm sure you didn't need to be told to watch this, but this should be a fantastic game with a lot of points scored.

Like the BCS system or not, but at least the two best teams with two of the best players in Auburn's Cameron Newton and Oregon's LaMichael James made it this year.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

No. 6 University of Connecticut at No. 3 University of Pittsburgh, Monday, Dec. 27 – This is the first of many Big East Conference slugfests of the season. Enjoy.

Xavier University at Cincinnati, Thursday, Jan. 6 – Being from Cin-

cinnati and loving the Bearcats and Cincinnati chili, talking about the Skyline Crosstown Shootout might be a biased choice, but oh well. This is one of the most physical and unpredictable games each year between schools two miles apart that loathe each other. Not to mention, it's another opportunity to root against Xavier.

Dayton at Xavier, Saturday, Jan. 15 – If you are associated with UD, this game shouldn't need much explaining.

We don't like them, and they don't like us. With both teams not playing as well as they hoped at this point, winning at Xavier for the first time since 1981 could be a great springboard for the rest of the season.

Martin Luther King Day, Monday, Jan. 17 – Make your way back to campus, and enjoy your last day of break with four games featuring eight teams currently ranked in the top 12. That is not a typo.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Washington Capitals at Pittsburgh Penguins, Saturday, Jan. 1 – I felt the need to give hockey some love, and this game should actually be good. The fourth-ever Winter Classic will be played outside at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh where the Steelers play. Also, you'll get the chance to see two of the sport's best players in Alex Ovechkin for Washington and Sidney Crosby for Pittsburgh. Come on, give it a chance.

Fall club sports teams complement UD's athletic success

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With the recent success of the University of Dayton's fall varsity sports programs, the performances of UD's club sports often are overlooked.

Many of the clubs are finished with their competition for the semester, and several represented that same varsity success at their own particular sports.

The club golf team capped off one of its most successful seasons ever with a trip to National Collegiate Club Golf Association Fall Championship in North Carolina.

The squad qualified after ending in third place at the two regional tournaments at Purdue University and the University of Illinois, and the golfers continued that stretch in North Carolina.

"[We] finished ninth out of 12 teams competing against the best

colleges in the country," said Matt Weinberger, sophomore club golf president.

Weinberger led all UD golfers with scores of 79 and 75, placing 16th overall of the total 93 players who competed. Fellow sophomore Jeremy Schwob finished second on the team with scores of 82 and 79, while freshman Kyle Geist took third with rounds of 85 and 75.

On the lacrosse field, the men's club team also had an impressive season, finishing with an unblemished 8-0 record.

The Flyers' schedule consisted of other Division I club teams, as well as varsity teams from Division II and Division III schools, and included a marquee win over Michigan State University.

The Spartans finished second in the Central Collegiate Lacrosse Association conference a season ago to the reigning back-to-back champions, the Univer-

sity of Michigan.

"Our offense was anchored by our attack-men, [junior] Christian Furbay, [junior] John Morrow, and [sophomore] Will McCormick," said Alex Reynolds, senior club lacrosse president. "All three put up huge numbers that contributed to our undefeated record."

One of UD's lesser-known club teams, the women's rugby squad, also had a 2-3 record in its fall season.

In its season opener, the Flyers pounded Eastern Kentucky University 38-0 for their biggest win of the year.

In the other victory, a conversion kicked by sophomore Colleen Feist in the final seconds gave UD a 7-5 nod over Marshall.

"This fall we had a relatively young team that consisted primarily of sophomores, but despite our youth, we still managed to improve on our record

from last season," said Liz Ranz, junior rugby president. "Every single member of our team strove to improve their skills and make positive contributions in every game, and I have high hopes for both our upcoming spring season, as well as our league season next fall."

The women's club lacrosse team also turned in a winning season, while the women's club soccer team finished with an 8-1-1 record with only a 2-1 loss to Marquette as the only exception.

The soccer team qualified for the regional tournament, but fell just short of going to nationals for the second straight year.

With this success in hand, another group of club teams, including men's hockey, wrestling and water polo, will have an opportunity to continue Dayton's recent sporting excellence in the winter.

Women's Basketball

DAYTON BEGINS WINTER ROAD TRIP

Flyers to face stiff competition in tough three-week schedule

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Playing on the road for three weeks might be a problem for some squads, but not for the University of Dayton women's basketball team.

The Flyers begin their cross-country road trip away from comfortable UD Arena on Saturday, Dec. 11, with a contest against the University of Louisville Cardinals.

Following exam week, the team will then play at the Women of Troy tournament in Los Angeles, competing first against San Diego State University on Saturday, Dec. 18, and then against University of Southern California or the University of Colorado at Boulder the next day.

Staying in California for two extra rest days, the Flyers will conclude their road trip with a match against California State University Bakersfield on Wednesday, Dec. 22. Dayton will then finally play another game in Ohio after Christmas, hosting Harvard University on Thursday, Dec. 30.

The biggest current concern for some of the Flyers is not the road trip, but rather the upcoming finals.

Junior forward Justine Raterman said travelling in the past has increased the stress on her and her teammates because of rearranged exams. Raterman acknowledged this as one of the harder aspects of being a student-athlete, and said she, like most other students, can't wait for finals to be over.

"It will be nice to go out to the west coast and not have to worry about school," she said. "On past trips, we were using any spare moment we had to work on some homework and to study, but it will be nice to not have to bring our books with us this time."

Last season, the Flyers posted a 12-3 road record during the regular season en route to the second round of the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history. This year's team has an early 3-1 record away from home, and Raterman said winning on the road isn't as easy as the Flyers made it last year.

"First and foremost, you really have to stay focused on the reason that we're going, especially on a trip like this," she said. "We have a tough schedule out there, and we're playing a couple of really good teams, and we need to keep that as our first priority."

Four of the five teams Dayton could play on the road over the coming weeks are in the top 100 of the Ratings Pending Index, according to college-rpi.com. The RPI is a system that uses



Junior guard Kayla Moses jumps into a Penn State University defender for a difficult shot attempt at UD Arena on Friday, Nov. 12. The Flyers are currently 5-3 and will be on the road for five games over the next three weeks. JARED SZECHY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

game results, home, road and neutral court records, strength of schedule, and opponent strength of schedule to rank all of the NCAA teams.

Head coach Jim Jabir said it's the little things off the court that will help the Flyers win while on this trip.

"We just need to make sure we're hydrated out there [on the road], well-rested and well-prepared," Jabir said. "Doing those things will really help us."

The improving Flyers play over the past three games also will help the team succeed. UD has beaten its last three opponents by a combined total of 74 points, and senior guard Kristin Daugherty said defense has been important to the recent turnaround.

"We come into every game pretty much, knowing all the plays the other team runs, and we talk about it in practice about how we're going to defend each play," Daugherty said. "I think because we're watching and so focused on that, we're taking [it] and

translating it into the game."

The offense can't be overlooked, though, as the team's victory against the University of Toledo on Sunday, Dec. 5, marked the second triple-digit scoring effort in UD's first eight games. Raterman, the team's leading scorer with 17.1 points per game, said the reason is the new Flyer offense.

"This year we put in a new offensive system, and we're really running the ball up and down the court," she said. "We're taking the first quick shot we can and then crashing the boards with everything we've got."

For the Flyers, these next few games are expected to be competitive points in their hopes of returning to the NCAA Tournament. And that's what Jabir said his team hoped for this season.

"We have a lot of work to do to get where we want," he said. "I think we can do it, and these next few games can help us get better. This is what we wanted."

WINTER BREAK SCHEDULE

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Sat., Dec. 11	at Old Dominion	4 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 18	Western Carolina	7 p.m.
Mon, Dec. 20	Winthrop	7 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 22	at Seton Hall	7 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 29	George Mason	7 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 1	New Mexico	2 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 5	at St. Louis	8 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 9	at Massachusetts	2 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 12	St. Joseph's	7 p.m.
SAT., JAN. 15	AT XAVIER	7 P.M.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Sat., Dec. 11	at Louisville	5 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 18	at San Diego State	10 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 19	TBA at USC Tournament	
Wed., Dec. 22	at CSU-Bakersfield	10 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 30	Harvard	7 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 3	at Boston College	7 p.m.
SUN., JAN. 09	AT XAVIER	3 P.M.
Wed., Jan. 12	at St. Louis	8 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 15	Duquesne	2 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD

Sat., Jan. 15 BGSU Team Challenge

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