Four staff members hand in letters of resignation

Assistant dean of students gives university two-week notice

Sarah Schoper, associate director of Leadership Development and assistant dean of students at the University of Dayton, announced she will be resigning from her position, effective Friday, Feb. 18.

Schoper said she is resigning in order to finish her dissertation to complete a doctorate in college student personnel at the University of Maryland, College Park by its deadline in May.

She said she finished all her coursework for her CSP doctorate before coming to UD, but still has to write approximately 250 out of a total of 300 to 400 pages by May to complete the program, and her current job doesn’t allow time for that. Schoper also said she is leaving to live with her husband in Rapid City, S.D.

Schoper has held her position since 2009. The position is part of the newly designed Office of Leadership Development, created in the dismantling of the former Student Involvement and Leadership Office, which divided its duties between the new offices of Leadership Development, and Student Life and Kennedy Union.

Kim Merrill, senior administrative secretary for the Office of Leadership Development, said the office became busier when she started working with Schoper because of Schoper’s involvement with students.

“I’m sure she had a lot of 12-hour showers,” Wittmann said. “I also look forward to a chance to develop a side of my Marianist life — more study in Marianist history, a deeper understanding of our charism and mission — which I have not really had a chance to focus on very much,” Wittmann said. “I also look forward to serving the Marianist brothers in a new way.”

At the Marianist Province, men who are joining the Society of Mary become accustomed to the essentials of the Marianist life, such as developing one’s prayer life, learning more about Marianist history, charism and mission, as well as how to live the vows of a religious life to determine whether it is their calling. The director and assistant director of novices lead these men through a two-year formation process, according to Wittmann.

“I will certainly miss working at UD,” Wittmann said. “I have enjoyed many things, especially working with exceptional students and colleagues whose faith and leadership inspire me. UD has a valuable mission, and it is wonderful to work at something which isn’t just a job, but which makes a difference in a lot of peoples’ lives and is so personally rewarding.”

Wittmann’s tenure at UD, the Campus Ministry staff achieved many accomplishments, some of which included the addition of a full-time Protestant campus minister, strengthening the UD retreat program, beginning the Immaculate Conception Chapel renovation and expansion process, the addition or renovation of three chapels in Marianist Hall, Marycrest Complex and Stuart Hall, and a quarterly “Perspective on Faith and Life” dinner discussion series with faculty, staff and students which received an outstanding award from the Catholic Campus Ministry Association.

Additionally, he is credited with fostering significant collaboration between Student Development and Campus Ministry, and with the writ

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Executive director of president’s office leaves UD

JACQUI BOYLE    Editor-in-Chief

Lynette Heard, the executive director of the Office of the President, resigned on Tuesday, Dec. 7, according to Joyce Carter, the University of Dayton’s vice president of human resources.

Heard oversaw the university’s Diversity Lecture Series, co-sponsored by the Offices of the President and Provost. The program’s speakers this year included Roxana Saberi, an American journalist who was falsely convicted of espionage and imprisoned in Iran, and Geoffrey Canada, president and CEO of the Harlem Children’s Zone.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, an author, filmmaker and basketball player, is slated to speak on Monday, March 14 at the Victoria Theatre.

On the Office of the President’s website, the executive director position is listed as “vacant,” as of Sunday, Feb. 13.

According to Jane Perrich, assistant to the president, the office is searching for applicants to fill

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School of Business Administration director of undergraduate program resigns

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John Shishoff, director of undergraduate programs for the School of Business Administration, resigned on Tuesday, Dec. 20, according to Joyce Carter, the University of Dayton’s vice president of human resources.

Shishoff’s main responsibility was overseeing the School of Business Administration’s first year experience courses, BAI 150 and BAI 151, according to Matthew Shank, dean of the School of Business Administration.

Shank said he could not comment on personnel matters, but that the school is in the process of developing a staffing strategy that will be most effective to provide a positive experience for first-year students.

According to Shank, the school’s Center for Academic Success includes advising, career and library services for students, and advisers that work for this program are currently fulfilling Shishoff’s former responsibilities as a short-term solution.

“We’re in the process right now of looking at the organizational structure and figuring out how we can serve students in the long term,” Shank said.

Shank said he wanted to stress that students are not being disadvantaged by this change.

“We’re looking at longer term plans so the first-year experience for business students is even stronger,” he said.

Flyer News was unable to contact Shishoff, as his university e-mail address and phone number are no longer active.

weather

(Source: www.weather.gov)
The weather will continue to warm up this week, trading out snow for rain on Thursday.

TODAY

Sunny.

Temperature: 45/36

WEDNESDAY

Partly sunny.

Temperature: 51/44

THURSDAY

Chance of showers.

Temperature: 57/50

SHOOTING FOR SUCCESS

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Unemployment rates in Dayton metro area below 10 percent for first time in two years

KAYLEIGH FLADUNG
Staff Writer

The unemployment rate in the Dayton metro area fell below 10 percent for the first time in two years this past December, according to a recent Dayton Daily News article.

The new rate is 9.5 percent and was announced Wednesday, Feb. 2, by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. December 2009 saw a rate of 10.6 percent, while November 2009’s rate was 10.1 percent.

Jason Eckert, director of Career Services at UD, said this drop in the unemployment rate is “a number for the first time in two years this past December, according to a recent Dayton Daily News article.

Eckert said some of Gardner’s findings include an estimated three percent increase in opportunities for the class of 2011 compared to the class of 2010.

“I believe the class of 2011 is going to have a slightly easier time finding employment compared to the last two classes,” Eckert said.

Students should still start early when it comes to searching for a job though, as studies show it can take up to six months to find employment, according to Eckert. He also said networking is an important part of this process.

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“I do think that Dayton is headed in a positive direction,” Eckert said. “It continues to struggle and recover from the recession, but over time is beginning to generate more and more opportunities.”

Another reason for a falling unemployment rate is that people sometimes take any job they can get, according to Eckert.

“Say someone is looking for a full-time position in marketing, but instead takes a service position,” he said. “They are technically not unemployed, but their job is not one that is satisfying them.”

However, this recent drop in the unemployment rate does have something to do with new job opportunities, according to Eckert. He said there are two major fields that employ many people in the Dayton area — healthcare and defense.

“The Kettering Health Network and Premier Health Partners continue to expand, build facilities and hire employees,” Eckert said.

Kettering Health Network and Premier Health Partners are two networks of hospitals and other health care facilities in the Dayton area. According to Dayton Daily News, Kettering Health Network employs about 9,500 people, and Premier Health Partners about 14,000.

“Wright-Patterson Air Force Base also is hiring frequently because it has many positions available for contractors who do not operate on the actual base property but are still affiliated with Wright-Patterson,” Eckert said.

“Last year Wright-Patterson Air Force Base provided more than $1 billion to the Miami Valley region, up $700 million from the previous year;” said Bill Hancock, a member of the 88th Air Base Wing Office of Public Affairs. “With a total of 27,406 military, civilian and contract employees working for the base and a payroll of over $2 billion, Wright-Patterson’s contributions to local employment and economic viability are undeniable.”

While these fields continue to grow, manufacturing has taken a hit in the last five years, both nationally and in the Dayton area.

“If you look at the national map [for unemployment rates] the Dayton region is affected by the same struggles affecting Michigan and Ohio,” Eckert said. “This is because of the decline in the automotive and manufacturing industries.”

Dr. Phil Gardner, an economist from Michigan State University will address employment prospects for this year’s graduating class at UD on Thursday, Feb. 17.

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These organizations are large companies that are aggressively filling positions that have been occupied for a long period of time, or small companies that are creating new positions.

Whether a company is big or small, it is hiring based on talent, rather than major, according to the report.

Dr. Marc Poitras, UD professor of economics, said employment fluctuates with what is called the business cycle: unpredictable variation on the overall amount of economic activity. The business cycle has occurred for centuries, but the recent downturn was the deepest and most prolonged since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

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Gardner’s talk will address additional ways in which graduating students can become more competitive in the job market. His visit is sponsored by UD Career Services, Cedarville University Career Services and the Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education.

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Economist to speak on recession, strategies for future graduates

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SCHOPER
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days,” she said. “She accommodated her schedule to students’ schedules.”

Merrill said Schoper’s first move in her position was changing the of-
fice space from being blocked off by cubicles to being more open, with a
reception area where students met to talk and have lunch with her daily.

According to Schoper, when she saw the job posting at UD, she felt it
fit with her professional philosophy, because it valued inclusivity and ho-
listic development.

The first component of her work-
ing style is to validate the learner as
the knower, she said.

Schoper also said she has a three-
tiered philosophy for being a higher
education administrator by a “Learn-
ing Partnerships Model” she de-
signed when working on her College
Student Personnel Master of Science at
Miami University.

She said the philosophy of college administrators used to be that stu-
dents “don’t know anything,” and
an administrator’s job is to cast their
own knowledge upon the student.

Instead, she emphasizes a student’s
knowledge and experiences.

She also said it’s important to her
that all affected students’ voices are
heard in organization changes and
issues.

“We’re losing someone we know
we can trust, and it’s OK to go to for
help,” said Kelly Nestor, executive
vice president of UD’s Student Gov-
ernment Association.

Nestor said Schoper adapted to her
needs as SGA’s adviser and devel-
aped action steps to help her through
processes.

“She’ll show you the way you
should be going, and it’s up to you
to find the paths and how you want
to get there,” Nestor said. “She always
makes people learn things on their
own, which is so cool.”

Megan Christy, junior business
leadership and marketing major, as-
sumed the position as president of
UD’s chapter of the National Panhel-
lenic Council, another student orga-
nization Schoper advises, in January.

The National Panhellenic Council is
the 28 member governing body for
UD’s six values-based sororities, Christy said.

According to Christy, she and
Schoper worked to 2 and 2:30 a.m.
during recruitment week organizing
everything so it all ran smoothly.

Despite the long nights, she said Schop-
er always came into work with a posi-
tive attitude the next day.

“Sarah puts in so many hours
to make sure that the girls going
through recruitment are being
paired up with the right sororities
and everything’s being treated fair-
lv,” she said.

Jaye Temme, junior management
operations systems and entrepre-
neurship major, also entered his posi-
tion as president of UD’s Interfrater-
nal Council in January as an advisee
of Schoper.

Temme also is formal chair for
Sigma Chi, where he worked with
Schoper scheduling an event.

“She was definitely there through-
out the entire process and definite-
lly gave a lot of input on how she
thought things should transpire,” he
said. “She was always there
through the entire process for advice
or whatever was needed.”

Jerry Walsh, UD alumnus and
president of the Alpha Nu Omega
Alumni Association, said UD’s IFC
chapter has gained strength and re-
spect because of Schoper’s availabil-
ity to students and move to allow IFC
to make more of its own decisions.

Walsh said Schoper was easy to
work with because she gives straight
answers and communicates well
with students and alumni.

“I think UD is losing a very dedi-
cated person and passionate and
hard-working administrator, some-
one who would go out of their way for
students,” Nestor said. “She really
went out of her way for students, and
I can’t really say that about pretty
much any administrator I’ve worked
with.”

INFLUENTIAL COMMUNICATION PROFESSOR DIES AT 87

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Editor-in-Chief

Jack Rang, an influential commu-
nication educator, broadcaster and
longtime University of Dayton fac-
culty member, passed away Monday,
Feb. 7.

Rang, 87, served as a professor of
radio, television and oral interpreta-
tion for 15 years at UD. He then be-
came a professor emeritus, teaching
for many years after his retirement.

Rang also was the adviser for the
Flyer Radio and Flyer Television pro-
grams for almost 20 years.

Tom Skill, associate provost and
chief information officer for the uni-
versity, was one of Rang’s faculty col-
leagues.

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taught with him and socialized with
him ... continue to know what
he meant to the place ... The history
of the university, the history of any
organization, is filled with people like
that,” Lain said.

A memorial service for Rang will
be held at Christ United Methodist
Church, 3440 Shroyer Rd., in Ketter-
ing, Ohio, on Saturday, Feb. 19. Visi-
tation will be at 1 p.m., followed by a
service at 2 p.m.

According to Skill, Rang worked
with Flyer Radio constantly to keep it
at the center of the curriculum and a
vibrant student organization.

“He was so very passionate about
it,” Skill said. “He practiced what he
taught. He was on the air; he wrote
about the craft of performing; he
coached students all the time. He
loved every minute of his time in the
classroom and behind the micro-
phone.”

Rang also was influential in shap-
ing the communication department’s
curriculum, and founded the depart-
ment’s summer study abroad pro-
gram in London.

Dr. Larry Lain, a communication
professor and a colleague of Rang’s,
described him as “the most thorough-
ly decent man I’ve ever known.”

“Jack was kind; he was helpful;
there was no meanness in him what-
soever,” Lain said. “I don’t ever re-
member seeing Jack in a bad mood.
... His interactions with others were
like what everybody should be like.”

According to Lain, Rang was both
a teacher and a practitioner, who
worked as general manager for
WVUD, a formerly university-owned
radio station, for a time until the sta-
tion was able to hire a new full time
manager.

“So in that way, institutionally, he
had a lot of influence,” Lain said.
“But I think a more lasting tribute to
Jack is what he meant to the students
that he came into contact with.”

Lain said Rang’s sense of humor
stood out to him.

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R.I.S.E.’s success over the years has allowed the event to attract corporate CEOs, Federal Reserve Bank presidents and Nobel Laureates. In 2008, R.I.S.E. hosted the first NASDAQ closing bell ceremony, the first to be held on a college campus.

UD students have a chance to attend opening day at the UD Arena at no cost. However, pre-registration is required.

To learn more about R.I.S.E. and how to pre-register, go to ud Dayton.edu/business/rise.

Crime Log

The following incidents were reported to the Department of Public Safety from Jan. 30 through Jan. 31. This log was compiled by Flyer News from actual police reports obtained from the Department of Public Safety.

Criminal Damaging
Jan. 30, 3:59 p.m.
Officer Cloyd was dispatched to the S-2 lot on a criminal damage complaint. The complainant parked her car on Jan. 27, around 9 p.m. Upon her return at 2:45 p.m. on Jan. 30, she said that the driver’s side mirror was broken. There are no known suspects or witnesses at this time.

Criminal Damaging
Jan. 30, 2:34 p.m.
Officer Parmenter was dispatched to the RP-5 parking lot on a criminal damage complaint. The complainant parked her car at 8 p.m. on Jan. 27. Upon her return at 12 p.m. on Jan. 30, the driver’s side mirror had been broken off. There are no known suspects or witnesses at this time.

Criminal Damaging
Jan. 31, 7:45 a.m.
Officer Cloyd was dispatched to Stonemill Road on a criminal damage complaint. The complainant stated that the driver’s side mirror of his 2004 Honda Civic was broken off. The car was not damaged on Jan. 29. There are no known suspects or witnesses at this time.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH JEOPARDY
Join the Office of Multicultural Affairs in celebrating Black History Month by testing your knowledge of black history. Come to Kennedy Union, Room 207 at 6 p.m. for Jeopardy.

FEB. 16  
THE BLACK EXPERIENCE
Come to the McGinnis Multicultural Room at 6:30 p.m. for a discussion on the complexities of what it really means to be Black in America. The lecture will be given by Corey Leftridge.

POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS: DR. SUSHIL MITTAL
Mittal will speak at UD on Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 4:30 p.m. in Torch Lounge and Wednesday Feb. 23, at 7:30 p.m. in Sears Recital Hall. Mittal is the founding director of the Mahatma Gandhi Center for Global Nonviolence at James Madison University. Trained in cultural anthropology, Mittal teaches Hinduism and Gandhian thought in JMU’s Department of Philosophy and Religion. His books include “The Living Hindu World” and “Studying Hinduism: Key Concepts and Methods.” For more information and to RSVP, contact Gea Scoumis at gea@udayton.edu.

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R.I.S.E.’s success over the years has allowed the event to attract corporate CEOs, Federal Reserve Bank presidents and Nobel Laureates. In 2008, R.I.S.E. hosted the first NASDAQ closing bell ceremony, the first to be held on a college campus.

UD students have a chance to attend opening day at the UD Arena at no cost. However, pre-registration is required.

To learn more about R.I.S.E. and how to pre-register, go to udayton.edu/business/rise.

Crime Log

The following incidents were reported to the Department of Public Safety from Jan. 30 through Jan. 31. This log was compiled by Flyer News from actual police reports obtained from the Department of Public Safety.

Criminal Damaging
Jan. 30, 3:59 p.m.
Officer Cloyd was dispatched to the S-2 lot on a criminal damage complaint. The complainant parked her car on Jan. 27, around 9 p.m. Upon her return at 2:45 p.m. on Jan. 30, she said that the driver’s side mirror was broken. There are no known suspects or witnesses at this time.

Criminal Damaging
Jan. 30, 2:34 p.m.
Officer Parmenter was dispatched to the RP-5 parking lot on a criminal damage complaint. The complainant parked her car at 8 p.m. on Jan. 27. Upon her return at 12 p.m. on Jan. 30, the driver’s side mirror had been broken off. There are no known suspects or witnesses at this time.

Criminal Damaging
Jan. 31, 7:45 a.m.
Officer Cloyd was dispatched to Stonemill Road on a criminal damage complaint. The complainant stated that the driver’s side mirror of his 2004 Honda Civic was broken off. The car was not damaged on Jan. 29. There are no known suspects or witnesses at this time.

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ing and integration of UD’s Commitment to Community — which is now a foundational expression of UD’s Catholic and Marianist mission, according to Crystal Sullivan, associate director of Campus Ministry at UD.  

“He touched many in the UD community with his thoughtful and challenging preaching,” Sullivan said.  

“He believes in and cares about the impact Campus Ministry can have in the lives of students and challenged us to develop programs that had a strong impact — that invited people into the love of God and inspired them to lives of faithful followers of Christ.”  

A Dayton native, Wittmann attended UD, earning his bachelor’s degree in psychology and a master’s degree in theology. He made his first vows in 1987, final vows in 1990 and was ordained a priest in 1994.  

Prior to joining the UD Campus Ministry, Wittmann taught high school in Kalamazoo, Mich., theological studies in Toronto, Canada, and ministry at Chaminade-Julienne High School in Dayton. He also directed the Dayton Marianist LIFE retreat, a summer retreat for local high school students, and was Campus Ministry director at Chaminade-Julienne High School in downtown Dayton. He became director of Campus Ministry at UD in 2002.  

“The Marianist family is growing, even as the number of Marianist sisters, brothers and priests is declining,” Wittmann said. “One hope I have is that UD faculty, staff and students recognize the value of Marianist religious life, and encourage one another to think about the life of a Marianist sister or brother. We need good men and women to become Marianist brothers and Marianist sisters if the Marianist family is going to continue to thrive and grow and be what we are called to be.”
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**MUSICAL CASTING LIST, ONE ACT PLAYS ANNOUNCED**

SARA GREEN
Assoc. A&E Editor

Thursday, Feb. 10, was a busy day for University of Dayton ac- tors and directors, with Boll The- atre’s next show announcing its casting and a directing class de- ciding which plays to present for its upcoming festival.

For casting “Smoke on the Mountain,” a musical about the Sanders family singers perform- ing at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Mount Pleasant, N.C., was announced first. Directed by Gina Kleeastel (“The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee”), “Smoke on the Mountain” will run from Friday, April 1, through Sunday, April 3, returning for a second weekend of performances from Thursday, April 7, through Saturday, April 9.

The cast of “Smoke on the Mountain” includes first-year ensemble of junior Emily Smith, first-years Anna Betsch and Alicia Norris, and senior Frank Stanko.

“I’m ecstatic about being cast in the show, and I’m excited about being able to work with such a talented cast, and director,” said Benze, also directed by Kleeastel in “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” and “Bat Boy.”

Chilton, who played a leading role in last fall’s “The Diviners,” said he is excited to be cast in his first Boll Theatre musical.

“It will present an excellent op- portunity to play a part that really lives up the crowd and demands tremendous energy and effort for every performance,” he said.

“Smoke on the Mountain” is also McClain’s UD musical debut.

“My only other musical experi- ence was in high school, so I am very excited for the opportunity to be a part of this one,” he said.

Huey, also making his UD mu- sical debut, said he is finding “Smoke on the Mountain” to be a way of adjusting to UD.

“Being cast in the show was for me a very rewarding experi- ence even before we begin work- ing,” he said. “This is my second semester at UD — I transferred from Oberlin at the beginning of last semester — and I have been slowly finding my place here, and getting to be a part of ‘Smoke on the Mountain’ will most certainly help me to feel I’m a part of the UD community.”

Mykytka, who also was in “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” and had never heard of “Smoke on the Mountain” before this school year, said the little she knew about the show didn’t sound exciting to her at first.

But then realized Gina was the director, and I went into audi- tions sure that if I got cast I’d have a good time,” she said. “Though I didn’t go in with a desire for any particular character, I think I’m going to have a lot of fun as Denise Sanders, especially working with the last Gina’s put together.”

Arezina said she was happy to be cast in “Smoke on the Moun- tain.”

“Musicals are such a differ- ent experience than other kinds of shows, and I’m glad to get a chance to be in one last musical before graduation,” she said. “I was not familiar with the show, and was nervous about signing onto a show I’d never heard of, but given the great cast we have, it’s going to be a great experience for both the cast and the audience, even if they have never heard of ‘Smoke on the Mountain.”

To read more about “Smoke on the Mountain,” and about the di- recting class members’ selection of their one act plays they’ll helm for their final projects, go to flyernews.com.

**ROMANCING THE METAL**: David Brand and Sandra Picciano- Brand will feature their sterling silver and bronze art-jewelry and vessels now through Wednesday, March 2, at the Cannery Art and Design Center at 434 E. Third St. To learn more, go to www.canneryarts.com.

**JAZZ AND DISCRIMINATION:** The UD Jazz Ensemble will perform the work of several African-American musicians at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, in the Kennedy Union Ballroom. A history of jazz performers’ struggles with racism will follow. For more infor- mation, call (937) 229-3936.

**FALLING UP?** A stop-action short film by Dayton native Djuna Wadih, following the life of a man’s inner child sitting through the norms of “growing up,” will play now through Thursday, Feb. 17, at 3 and 7:30 p.m. at The Neon Movies. For more information, go to www.neonmovies.com.

**DON’T FORGET YOUR DANCIN’ SHOES!** Every Thursday from 7 to 8.30 p.m., the Miami Valley Folk Dancers are holding folk dance lessons at the Michael Solomon Pavilion at 2917 Berkeley St. No partner or experience is necessary. The first lesson is free. To learn more, call (937) 212-8487.

**FRANK STANKO A&E EDITOR**

A&E Editor Frank Stanko shares what he and several friends consider to be totally swoonworthy.

1 Harry to Sally, “When Harry Met Sally” “I love that you get cold when it’s 71 degrees out. I love that it takes you an hour and a half to order a sandwich. I love that you get a little crinkle above your nose when you’re looking at me like I’m nuts. I love that after I spend the day with you, I can still smell your perfume on my clothes. And I love that you are the last person I want to talk to before I go to sleep at night. And it’s not because I’m lonely, and it’s not because it’s New Year’s Eve. I came here tonight because when you re- alize you want to spend the rest of your life with somebody, you want the rest of your life to start as soon as possible.”

2 Noah to Allie, “The Note- book” “So it’s not gonna be easy. It’s gonna be really hard. We’re gonna have to work at this every day, but I want to do that because I want you. I want all of you, forever, you and me, every day.”

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PARODY OF BROADWAY CLASSICS TO TAKE VICTORIA THEATRE STAGE

BRADY ASHE
Chief A&E Writer

No Broadway show of the past 30 years is safe when the quartet starring in “Forbidden Broadway: Dances with the Stars” takes the Victoria Theatre stage at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19.

The two-hour performance is a satirical parody taking aim at over 30 Broadway classics including “Wicked,” “The Phantom of the Opera” and “Annie.” The show will feature outrageous costumes, several songs spoofs and comical impressions of some legendary Broadway characters.

Ticket prices for the show range between $28 and $47.50 and are available at the door or at the Victoria Theatre website (www.victoriatheatre.com).

The theater, located at 138 N. Main St., will host a student rush at the door. Students must arrive one hour prior to the show to receive half-off ticket prices.

Diane Schoeffler-Warren, the Victoria Theatre’s public relations manager, said ticket prices for this performance are much lower than the Broadway shows the theater often puts on because it is a more casual event.

“It’s a laid-back experience geared toward young professionals,” she said. “People will get the chance to see great singers, actors and dancers for a very reasonable price.”

The Victoria Theatre uses surveys to ask Dayton community members what performances appeal most to them. “Forbidden Broadway: Dances with the Stars” is a perfect performance to satisfy the Dayton public, which responded highly to comedies in the surveys, according to Schoeffler-Warren.

“I think it is a good fit for Dayton,” she said. “It’s a parody, and it is extremely funny. It makes fun of ‘The Lion King,’ ‘Grease,’ everything. No stone is left unturned.”

The Victoria Theatre, with its 1,200 seats and status as one of Dayton’s most intimate performance venues, gives audience members a rare chance to create a strong bond with each other, as well as the performers, Schoeffler-Warren said.

To learn about the open to the public cast party being held after “Forbidden Broadway,” go to flyernews.com.
**forum**

**One year later:**
Student reflects on lessons learned from life, love, personal ads

One year ago a very desperate female wrote a column in this fine newspaper about how desperate she truly was. That female was me.

In an effort to ease the pain of Valentine’s Day, I published a personal ad, revealing the deepest depths of my soul, hoping that some poor guy would pity me and make my Valentine’s Day just a little less lonesome.

As the anniversary of this event approaches, I want to take a moment to reflect back upon it, as well as the love lessons I have learned this year.

First, if you’re going to publish a personal ad in a newspaper with a readership in the thousands, be ready for some interesting responses. I received a lot of support, both written and verbal, from the University of Dayton community. It’s always nice to know that when you’re suffering, so are millions of other people.

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**fneditorial**

**LABOR OF LOVE:**
TWO DAYS A WEEK SMALL PRICE TO PAY TO INFORM UD COMMUNITY

It’s 1 p.m. on a Sunday afternoon: Do you know where your Flyer News editors are?

If the FN staff were your average University of Dayton students, the answer would probably be enjoying a lazy afternoon, or maybe working on homework while catching up on some TV shows from the week before. But from the late morning until the wee hours of the night on Sundays and Wednesdays, members of Flyer News definitely aren’t typical students. We’re a group of newspaper professionals slaving over a hot press in Kennedy Union, Room 232.

News doesn’t stop for snow days, and we didn’t either. When UD was closed on Wednesday, Feb. 2, Flyer News continued to operate. We trudged through the ice to work in an empty KU all day so the students, faculty and staff would still be able to pick up a new Flyer News when coming on campus that Friday morning. And as much as we all grumbled about having to come in on our day off, it was undoubtedly worth sacrificing it when we heard compliments on the front page picture of the ice storm, or the “UD, You Got Ice” headline.

It isn’t uncommon to hear staff members complain about having two less days each week to work on homework or hang out with our friends. But in addition to being students, we’re writers passionate about the job we do. We wouldn’t give up two days a week, including part of our weekends, to work on something we didn’t think was important.

Keeping students informed about all corners of campus life, from arts to athletics, opinions to events, is what we do. Today as we finish stories about the lasting impacts of athletes and faculty past and present, we realize we’re responsible for reporting the present and chronicling the past.

Though we might moan and groan our way through deadline days, being able to see our peers reading the product of our work around campus a couple days later will keep us sending quality issues to the press every time.

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**Word on the street...**
Are you happy with your Dayton hotel assignment?

**Ben Siefring**
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**Marketing & Leadership**

“No, I’m actually a little sad right now. But it could have been worse.”

**Mary Ashcraft**
**Freshman**
**Accounting**

“I’m not going to Daytona. Why would I when I’m from California?”

**Kevin Bukvic**
**Senior**
**Sports Management**

“I’d say no, because I’m in the Conch for the third straight year ... though, consistency is key.”

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**One life lesson every day:**

"Early in life I learned that if you want something, you had better make some noise."

Malcolm X, civil rights leader, 1965

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letters to the editor

CAMPUS GENDER ROLES UNHEALTHY

Every weekday we see our classmates wearing their comfiest sweats and oldest T-shirts to class. Every weekend we see girls wearing next to nothing in the bitter cold — and guys donning pretty much the same thing they wore last Tuesday. Is it just me, or does this seem ridiculous?

Pop culture spouts all kinds of really odd contradictions these days. Girls still hear the same “you have to be skinny to be pretty” message that has killed the self-esteem of generations of young women over the last few decades. Guys still hear the same “muscle up — go big or go home” mantra mumbo-jumbo. But we both hear the occasional “Don’t change for anybody; we love you the way you are!” exclamation, too. So which is it? Obviously that last option is the best, right? But the first two are so ingrained into our lifestyles that we don’t even realize we’re listening anymore.

Networks like MTV run ads about staying “above the influence” and keeping yourself healthy — emotionally and physically — above all else. But they also air shows like “Skims,” which glorify dangerous, reckless choices as being the only path to really “living” and being “cool.” So which of those do we listen to? Maybe we’ll recognize the first campaign and appreciate having heard it. But our peers inundate online message boards and daily conversation with tales from the latter, and we love indulging in that guilty pleasure.

I think “guilty” is the perfect word for it. Now, pleasure? Not so much.

There are girls on this campus who are comfortable with who they are. But there are others who are so thin that I can’t help but cringe and worry at the way their size 0 clothes hang loosely off their bodies. There are guys who are genuine and sweet, like real gentlemen. But there are others whose crude comments and derogatory treatment of female passersby make me want to slap them.

Every time a weekend rolls around, all this sexual tension and angst gobs together into a big ball of insecurity and unreason. Some girls try to impress the guys by leaving very little to the imagination, and they can put themselves into dangerous positions with untrustworthy, under-the-influence jerks. Meanwhile, some guys try to impress the girls with prehistoric displays of masculinity, drinking themselves sick and being cool to the point that they lose their authentic selves. Honestly consider this. What are the odds that this kind of setting will yield you a sincere, worthwhile relationship?

Girls, the guys worth your time don’t want you to put on a show or stand out as the hottest (read: skankiest) girl in the room. And guys, most girls really love the sensitivity you and your bros try so hard to hide.

You don’t have anyone to impress. What an awesome world we could live in if we were genuinely ourselves, 24/7. That’s a place I’d love to be.

SAMMY KIESZKOWSKI  
JUNIOR  
ENGLISH

Traditional models of marriage should endure

As a family development minor and as a student taking Christian Marriage, I want to comment on themes from the letter to the editor “Society redefines institution of marriage” in issue 25. Contrary to what some might think, the pope is not lurking around every corner, condemning all who aren’t wearing a ring.

In fact, the Second Vatican Council and Pope John Paul II proposed a more positive meaning of sexuality and marriage for everyone. The Catholic Church sees marriage as a sacred covenant, ensuring a loving partnership between two people.

Still, nobody wants to judge you, even if you don’t believe in the same ideals for yourself and marriage isn’t for you.

I also have a few things to say about the history of marriage. The idea of the “sanctity of marriage” is a relatively new development in human history. If you take out your history books, you’ll find that in the past, most people had children out of wedlock. Marriage was not the holy union that it is today. It was a social construct used mainly for economic purposes.

Only recently has the idea of love come into the picture. I personally think that marriage is going in a more positive direction now, since we can freely choose our own partners, though it’s true that overall today, 50 percent of marriages end in divorce. However, nearly two-thirds of first marriages don’t. That statistic shows that it’s clearly working for a lot of people.

Still, I’d say Catholicism is a point after all these years. Families are healthy places for kids. Children like having a male and female role model that interact in a loving, stable environment.

KRISTEN HAMMAKER  
SENIOR  
PSYCHOLOGY, SPANISH

Valentine’s Day full of love, even for singles

It’s that time of the year again. It’s time for me to hear all my friends, single or attached, grumble about how much they hate Valentine’s Day, about how sick they are of its commercialization and the various crappy cards, candies and commercials they’ve endured.

I’ve heard stories about dates from hell, “non-dates” and dates that are completely predictable and boring. “Old married ladies” I know tell me they don’t celebrate it with their husbands. I’ve watched friends who go on dates 50 out of 52 weeks fret about being alone, and perpetually single friends shrug their shoulders when I ask if they get any enjoyment out of the holiday.

Well, I do get enjoyment out of Valentine’s Day. A lot of enjoyment. Despite being single. For many years.

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Women’s Basketball

GAINEY LEADS UD SQUAD FROM THE BENCH
Senior guard assists Flyers despite career-ending medical condition

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Imagine being recruited to be a part of the University of Dayton basketball team and receiving a full scholarship, but never being able to play a single minute.

For UD women’s basketball senior Ebony Gainey, this is a reality.

Gainey was a two-time All-Ohio basketball selection from Meadowdale High School in Dayton, Ohio, and averaged 11.6 points, 10.5 rebounds, 7.7 assists and 4.5 blocks per game as a senior. She also was the salutatorian of her graduating class and a member of the National Honor Society, and UD seemed like the ideal fit right at home.

But tragedy struck the Gainey family during the summer after her high school graduation.

Her older sister Kenyattia passed away on July 7, 2007, from a heart-related complication. The loss hit Ebony and her family hard, and the basketball court served as an escape for the UD-bound youngest of three girls. But that didn’t last long.

During a practice prior to the start of her freshman season, Gainey began having breathing problems. She took a number of medical tests and passed them all until the final one, in which mild abnormalities were discovered. She was diagnosed with a heart condition called cardiomyopathy, consequently ending her basketball career before it began.

“I was kind of upset and lost at the same time,” Gainey said. “But then again, I had the support of my family, friends and teammates, and that kind of helped me get through it.”

Though Gainey cannot play, she has maintained her scholarship and remains an integral part of the team. Head coach Jim Jabir has been there every step of the way through her difficult journey, and after recruiting her four years ago, knows the talent she possesses. He said he has continually seen her dedication to the team despite not being able to contribute on the court.

“For someone who was a really good basketball player her whole life, under scholarship and just getting ready to start a college career, and then you get it all pulled away,” Jabir said. “... And then for her to be around it every day, to come to practice, to come to meals, to watch film, travel but never get to put on a uniform, it’s terrible. But her support is amazing, and she’s always there for the team every day.”

One meaningful team tradition has evolved as a result of these circumstances. The team has a green jersey called the “heart award” with Gainey’s name and No. 13 on the back. She awards it after every game to the player who showed the most heart, and the recipient wears the jersey during practices up until the next contest when another player earns the honor.

“Everyone feels really honored when we get it [the jersey], and we all know how much Ebony wishes she could be out there with us,” senior guard Kristin Daugherty said.

During the games, the team said Gainey is just as important as any player on the court or coach on the sideline. She sits toward the end of the bench, and her teammates said she is a constant motivator and an alternate source for advice and encouragement.

“I kind of look at her like a coach honestly,” redshirt senior guard Aundrea Lindsey said. “When I come out of the game, she’s honestly one of the first people I talk to because you walk down to the end of the bench, and she slaps everybody’s hand. ... I think it’s good to have her around; it keeps everybody humble and to make sure we are all playing hard, and we can’t take it for granted.”

Although she has come a long way since the summer of 2007, she said she still struggles with her desire to return to the court and assist her fellow Flyers.

“It’s definitely hard because, you know, you see something happen, and of course you think I could have probably done that. I could’ve helped out here or helped out there, but you know you can’t,” she said. “So you kind of go in just hoping your teammates can pull it out and maybe a little something rubbed off on them that you may have told them.”

Gainey said she now has embraced her role on the sideline and with helping the coaches in the office.

With her unique perspective, she has been able to pass down wisdom gained from her struggles to help guide her teammates and others throughout their own difficult times.

“There’s always a plan for your life, so don’t get discouraged,” she said. “Keep your head up, stay focused and things will work out your way. Just because one thing didn’t work out doesn’t mean other things won’t work out; just always stay encouraged. A blessing will always come to you if you continue to work at it.”

Respected by her teammates, and applauded for her continuous support, many regard her as a valuable member of the Flyers program to this day.

“Ebony is a great person just to be around, and she has handled her situation with such poise and class,” Daugherty said. “She has been such a great teammate over the last four years, and I feel so fortunate to have gotten to know her.”

Kristin Daugherty, senior guard, on fellow senior Ebony Gainey
Flyers fall to Temple, desperate for rapid A-10 recovery

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Another conference loss this weekend highlighted what has been a difficult few weeks for the University of Dayton men’s basketball team.

Following a 75-63 loss to No. 24 Temple University on Saturday, Feb. 12, at UD Arena, the Flyers now stand at a disappointing 17-9 on the season with a 5-4 record in Atlantic 10 Conference play. The team began the A-10 schedule with wins in two of the first three games, but has struggled since as evidenced in the wire-to-wire loss against the Owls.

Despite a sprained ankle injury that caused First-Team All-Conference senior forward Lavoy Allen to miss the entire game, Temple still dominated throughout.

“You never want to lose, and you always want to win every game you play,” said senior forward Chris Wright, who paced UD with 15 points and 14 rebounds.

“Obviously it was disappointing because we didn’t get the win, they executed well and they executed better with one of their best guys out in Lavoy Allen.”

Dayton led 10-7 over the Owls just eight minutes into the contest, but fell apart quickly in the first half. Temple responded by extending its advantage to five points within the next five minutes, and held UD to only 25 percent field goal shooting en route to 21 points scored in that half.

Temple junior guard Ramone Moore finished with a game-high 26 points and nine rebounds to help fend off any possible hope of a home team rally for the remainder of the contest. Head coach Brian Gregory cited that early letdown as a crucial reason for his team’s loss, its third by at least 12 points in just the past two weeks.

“I think we started off the game with the type of energy, and the flow and the pace that we’d want to keep it up, but we were just not able to sustain that,” he said.

Gregory also pointed out the usual set of mistakes that have hampered the Flyers all season: poor perimeter defense, an inability to convert easy field goals near the basket and inconsistent contributions from the cast of supporting stars behind Wright.

He said the A-10 schedule is always a significant upgrade in difficulty for his team, and that the Flyers have not responded adequately to the challenge recently.

Moving forward, the Flyers will hope to end this current two-game losing streak with a road date at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte on Wednesday, Feb. 16. The season then will conclude with three of four contests at home, including matchups against current A-10 leaders and perennial rivals Xavier University and Duquesne University.

Overall, team members said they are looking up to the challenge to prepare for the final stretch of the season.

“They need just to keep taking steps forward,” said junior forward Luke Fabrizius, who scored a season-high 10 points against Temple. “It’s got to be little steps a day at a time; [we] can’t make a huge jump, and can’t change obviously what’s happened in the past, just got to get focused on what we have ahead.”

The current mood for the Flyers team seemed to be one of desperation and rediscovery after this most recent heartbreak. With any chance of postseason play – either in the NCAA Tournament or National Invitation Tournament for a second straight season – slowly fading away, the team members said how important it is to improve as quickly as possible.

“We have to [get better], with this season there is still a lot of basketball left to play, and we just have to keep fighting,” Wright said. “You know, especially as a team and as a program, we aren’t going to give up; we are going to keep fighting all the time, so we got to find a way.”

Intramural basketball sparks record spring turnout at RecPlex

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Second semester intramural sports are under way, and never before has the RecPlex housed so many intramural basketball players.

Intramural basketball is on pace to have one of the best turnouts in recent memory, according to Mark Hoying, assistant director for intramurals and sport clubs in Campus Recreation.

Hoying said there are currently 1,215 individuals signed up for intramural basketball on more than 220 teams, and that the total number of students is expected to be at least 1,400 by the playoffs. He said beyond just the participants however, there is incredible support from UD students behind the scenes.

“Roughly 105 to 110 intramural basketball games will be played per week,” he said. “Sixty-five student officials, scorekeepers and supervisors play a critical role in facilitating our intramural basketball program.”

Overall, Hoying said he was pleased with the expected totals this season, and said it is a positive sign for the university.

“These numbers are up significantly from the spring 2010 season when we had roughly 185 teams that entered the season,” he said. “When compared with other collegians and universities in Ohio, this is an impressive rate of participation from our students.”

According to Hoying’s calculations, one in seven UD students play on some sort of team in the various leagues within intramural basketball. According to the campus recreation scheduling website www.ml leagues.com, there are seven different types of leagues: coed recreational, fraternities, six-foot and under, and men’s and women’s competitive and recreational.

As far as game play, including special rules and clockwork specific to UD intramurals, the sources who know the most information are the UD student workers that serve as referees. These refs trained for seven days over a period of two weeks in order to hone their skills as well as possible to accurately judge games.

Freshman civil engineering major Joe Tomek and freshman business major Mike Corcoran both work as referees this basketball season, and said they enjoy the experience overall. Most of the leagues feature the exact same set of rules, except for one outlier, according to the referees.

“The only different rule is in coed rec league,” Corcoran said. “Men cannot reach inside or step into the lane at any point or for any reason during the game.”

Corcoran shared the different rules common between all leagues that aren’t a typical part of official basketball games. He said games feature two 20-minute halves with a running clock that only stops for dead balls in the final 30 seconds of the first half, and last two minutes of the second half.

Each team receives one timeout for the first half and two for the second half, and finally, if one team is winning by 20 points or more with just two minutes remaining, that marks the end of the game.

Despite having to memorize numerous rules for all the different intramural leagues, Tomek said officiating intramural sports is something he has liked being involved in on campus.

“It’s difficult to see everything ... but at the same time, it’s a lot of fun to ref your friends,” Tomek said. “Some games it’s quite the workout, depending on which league I am working, so it keeps me in shape as well.”

Intramural basketball is played in the RecPlex Sunday through Thursday between 5 p.m. and 1 a.m. That system enables each team in each league to play at least once per week, and equates to a four or five-game regular season.

Every team qualifies for the eventual playoffs as long as they do not forfeit any of their regular season games, and maintain a sufficient sportsmanship rating.

Playoffs begin Sunday, March 13, and conclude on the Thursday, March 24, with the championship games. The championship game is the most important game of the intramural season, as the winner receives the highly-coveted championship T-shirt, according to sophomore biology major Will Kmetz.

“I want that T-shirt,” Kmetz said. “I haven’t won one yet in playing a couple seasons of intramurals, and it’s important because the T-shirt represents that your intramural team was the best for that season.”
Men's Basketball

UD REMEMBERS CHRIS DANIELS TRAGEDY

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“Pain is inevitable. Suffering is an option.”

This was one of Alice Daniels’ voicemail recordings as she dealt with the tragic events that unfolded at the University of Dayton this week 15 years ago.

Her son, Chris Daniels, a star redshirt senior center on the men’s basketball team, passed away from cardiac arrhythmia on Feb. 8, 1996. The morning before a Flyers home game against La Salle University, Chris Daniels collapsed in his campus house and was pronounced dead at 5:31 a.m. at Miami Valley Hospital.

The shocking news reverberated from Dayton’s campus to the Daniels’ home in Columbus, Ohio, and made national news. To this day, the experience remains heavy on the hearts of those who knew him best.

“The memorial service was here on campus at the chapel, and the funeral over in Columbus, they were all just gut-wrenching,” said Doug Hansgen, the sports information director for Dayton athletics. “You know, like I said, I can’t believe it’s been 15 years.”

But to really understand the story behind Chris Daniels, it is necessary to know his fitting path to UD success. During his first four years as a Flyer — he took a redshirt season after tearing his ACL — the popular 6-foot-10-inch Chris Daniels was mostly an under-achieving bench player. A product of St. Francis DeSales High School, he was averaging less than three points per game, and his window of opportunity was slowly fading away.

Joe Owens, a current associate athletic director for Dayton who then served as a strength coach for men’s basketball, recalled that then head coach Oliver Purnell challenged the mild-mannered Daniels to either graduate, or return to the team with more strength and passion.

After a weekend of reflection at home, Owens said Chris Daniels re-focused his path toward his dream of professional basketball. Owens, who remains in contact with Chris Daniels, said he “just tore up” the former-ly soft player, and helped him grow in strength and determination for a successful redshirt senior campaign.

At the time of his passing, Chris Daniels ranked second on the team with 12.9 points per game, placed third in rebounds, and led the nation with a 60.8 field goal shooting percentage.

“He just made the decision one day to be great, and he was great,” said Owens about the transition. “It stays with us in just about everything all of us do,” Alice Daniels said.

Larry Hansgen, a morning show host and the “Voice of the Flyers” on News Talk Radio WHO, said the most memorable event in his 28-year affiliation with UD was coming to grips with the Chris Daniels tragedy.

“I’m sad to say that’s it,” he said. “It supersedes even some of the greatest victories, and ... it is without a doubt the greatest loss.”

It was the UD community that responded with flowing support to the Daniels family as they dealt with the tragedy. Owens recalled the comfort he felt instantly on campus.

“I always tell parents and recruits, you know, like celebrating things at UD, but if I have to go through some-thing horrible ... there’s no place you’d rather be than right here,” Owens said. “This place just really opens up its heart and just swallows you up.”

And for many, it was about taking strength in the dedicated humility of Chris Daniels that helped them cope with the tragedy.

“To celebrate Chris’ life is not to celebrate somebody who did great things for a great cause, but somebody who daily gave himself to others and to something he believed in,” said Father Gene Contadino, the team’s chaplain at the time, in the memorial service on Feb. 27, 1996. “Chris was a man who gave what he had selflessly.”

Chris Daniels is remembered to this day by the Atlantic 10 Conference and the Dayton men’s basketball team, which award annually the Chris Daniels Most Improved Player honor. There also is a Chris Daniels plaque outside of the administrative offices of the Don Donoher Basketball Center in the southwest corner of UD Arena. Located next to a Mari-anist logo, it is a fitting example of his remaining legacy on campus.

“Blessed with a huge smile, Chris Daniels was a beloved figure on the UD campus and will be long remem-bered for his contributions both on and off the court,” the sign says.

Additionally, both St. Francis DeSales and Dayton began Chris Daniels Minority Memorial Scholarships through the outpouring of support. Alice Daniels said family members, friends and other supporters were “very, very giving,” and enabled both of these opportunities to continue his memory today.

The tragedy of Chris Daniels lives on in the daily actions of many people around both the Dayton and Colum-bus communities. As many in the area said, Chris Daniels’ life provided a new meaning to their lives, and sparked an appreciation for valuing everything they hold close.

“Everybody is put in their life for a reason, and sometimes people have a giant exclamation mark after [their] name, and you really do them a huge disservice if you don’t learn the le-son they were put in your life to teach you,” Owens said.