Doug Fine, a journalist, environmentalist and goat herder, will visit the University of Dayton Thursday, Feb. 24, to share his message of living sustainably in the modern world.

Fine is the author of “Farewell, My Subaru,” a story of his quest to live petroleum-free for a year without giving up contemporary comforts such as the Internet and his refrigerator. He also has worked as a freelance journalist for publications including the Washington Post, U.S. News and World Report, and National Public Radio, according to his website. Fine will be visiting classes, speaking with students and delivering a talk Thursday night.

“He has a very interesting past, and in terms of the sustainability front, he challenged himself to see if he could live sustainably without giving up the various modern day technologies and benefits,” said Amy Hruska, a senior environmental biology major and member of the planning committee for Fine’s visit. “‘Greening’ your life is currently a hot topic in our society, with a lot of uncertainty and skepticism. I think Doug Fine’s journey sheds a new light on how possible it can be and the sacrifices and awards that come with it.”

Fine’s visit will kick off with breakfast with students at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 19. Interested students can sign up to attend. See Fine on p. 5

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Education center promotes spiritual growth, development of Catholic schools nationwide

KAITLYN RIDEL
Staff Writer

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Center for Social Concern plans new plunge

RACHEL TOVINITTI
Staff Writer

The University of Dayton’s Center for Social Concern will host a Health Care Plunge for the first time on Saturday, Feb. 26.

Student participants will visit two free medical clinics in Dayton. The students will have a chance to hear from a Marianist brother who is a doctor working with people experiencing poverty in Cincinnati, and will meet with a local ER doctor who is involved in an international effort called “Program Congo” to help meet medical needs in Africa, according to Kelly Bohrer, the Center for Social Concern coordinator of community outreach.

“They will learn about how these non-profits meet the needs of folks in Dayton, will learn about the challenges of health care issues, especially for those who are uninsured and/or experiencing poverty and will learn about ways to help out,” Bohrer said.

Bernadette Madden, a senior biology major, is a student leader for the Health Care Plunge.

“We find importance in this particular pedagogy because not only do we believe that people learn best through real experiences and interactions with real people, but also that by becoming aware of the social issues around us ... we are in fact able to serve those afflicted by the plague of social injustice as we learn and retell their stories, further raising awareness and enticing others to join us in a newfound drive to change and ultimately eliminate situations of injustice in our communities,” Madden said.

Bohrer approached Madden a year and a half ago, and asked her if a health care plunge was something she would be interested in developing and leading. Madden said she was thrilled to add health care to the list of plunges. Other plunges the university has held in the past include immigration, urban, hunger and homelessness, criminal justice, environmental and rural plunges.

“Health care is an extremely important issue, and not only because of the headlines that recent reform and legislation have made in the last few years,” Madden said. “Basic health care is essential to human development and flourishing, and health care as a social issue may fall off the radar for many of us who do not face the harsh and threatening realities of being without the protection of basic health care.”

According to Madden, receiving adequate health care is an issue of human rights, and every American should be able to receive it.

“Health care becomes an issue of social justice when there are populations of people whose basic health needs are not being met,” Madden said. “When the poor and vulnerable slip through the cracks for one reason or another, it becomes the moral obligation of the greater community to remember them and to offer not only the generosity of quick-fix charity but the rightfulness of sustained justice as well.”

The Health Care Plunge is currently full, but students are encouraged to sign up for the Life Plunge, being held on Saturday, March 19.

Students can register in person in the Center for Social Concern office in Liberty Hall, Room 107, or online at udayton.edu/ministry/ccs/index.php. Both pluses cost $10 to attend.

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ERMA BOMBECK WRITER’S WORKSHOP RECEIVES ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Meredith Whelchel
Staff Writer

A sizable endowment was recently given to the University of Dayton Erma Bombeck Writer’s Workshop by the families of one of Bombeck’s professors, in order to continue her legacy at UD.

Bombeck, a UD alumna, made her name as an American humorist, writing newspaper columns about suburban life. Her career began when her English professor at the university, Bro. Tom Price, encouraged her talent for writing.

In addition to her newspaper column, Bombeck also published 15 books. In her honor, the Erma Bombeck Writer’s Workshop caters to human interest and humor writers across the country.

The workshop was created by the university in 2000 to foster the growth of both professional and amateur writers and attracts more than 300 attendees each year, according to its website. Donated by Price’s family on Tuesday, Feb. 15, the gift will help fund the annual workshop.

Cindy Price Hamberg and Ralph Hamberg began the endowment fund as an honor to Bombeck, one of their favorite writers. Cindy Hamberg was Tom Price’s cousin, according to a university press release. Their children, Doug and Tracy (Hamberg) Jones and Gregg and Cara (Hamberg) Holdener, added to the growing endowment of the already existing $100,000 donation.

Matt Dewald, director of the Erma Bombeck Writer’s Workshop, said he’s hopeful for the future of the event. While this is a successful operation, Dewald said a group effort is required to manage it.

“The workshop is truly a labor of love and a shoestring operation that’s not part of anyone’s formal job description,” Dewald said.

This “labor of love” depends entirely on funding provided by those who attend the workshops, scholarships and the endowments. With a larger endowment fund, more scholarships and affordable registration fees will be available for those interested in attending, Dewald said.

This year’s workshop will be held from Tuesday, April 19, through Thursday, April 21. To find out more about the Erma Bombeck Writer’s Workshop and available scholarships, go to http://www.humorwriters.org/.

MATT DEWALD, CONTRIBUTED TO THE 2010 Erma Bombeck Writer’s Workshop. The workshop attracts more than 300 attendees each year from across the country. Family members of one of Bombeck’s professors recently contributed a sizable endowment to continue the annual event. PHOTO BY SKIP PETERSON, CONTRIBUTED BY MATT DEWALD

Seniors required to register graduation parties, pay $100 fee per residence

Anna Beyerle
News Editor

All graduating seniors will be required to undergo a disciplinary check and pay a $100 per university-owned house fee in order to host a graduation party, according to an e-mail message sent by Bruce Bullman, director of Residential Properties, on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Bullman did not return an e-mail sent by Flyer News on Wednesday, Feb. 16, or a call and a message left with an employee in the Office of Residential Properties, who said Bullman would be the only person suited to speak on the matter, on Thursday, Feb. 17.

According to the e-mail sent by Bullman, one resident from each house that plans on hosting a graduation party must send a message with their address in the subject line to Facilities Management and Residential Properties at FMRP@udnotes.udayton.edu to request a registration form. All students planning on hosting a party must register their event, whether or not they live in a university house.

After the e-mail is sent, the department of Community Standards and Civility will review the disciplinary records of the students who live in the residence, according to Bullman’s e-mail. Students will not be approved to host a graduation party if they are on probation, have been suspended at any time while attending the university or have an unsettled disciplinary case.

If a residence is approved, the residents will be alerted via e-mail with a registration form, Bullman’s e-mail said. The form must be signed and given to the Offices of Facilities Management and Residential Properties in the College Park Center before Thursday, April 28.

Additionally, the residents must pay a collective $100 through the host’s Bursar account in order to host a party. The fee cannot be split up among individual residents, according to the e-mail.

Matt McNamara, a 2009 UD alumnus, said this fee, along with the disciplinary checks, were in place when he graduated two years ago.

According to McNamara, he contacted Residential Properties to inquire why the $100 charge was in place. They told him the fee would cover increased police patrol during the weekend, as well as the larger amount of cleanup that would be done by Facilities Management. Additionally, UD allows students to have kegs and tents in their yards during graduation weekend, so the charge covers the increased liability for the university, McNamara said.

McNamara said a few weeks after he graduated, he and other graduates received a $100 check in the mail from the university. From his understanding, this check was a “security deposit” that all students pay upon enrolling in UD, and undergraduates receive the money if and when they graduate.

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Gandhian expert to speak on nonviolence

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Editor-in-Chief

Dr. Sushil Mittal will speak at the University of Dayton this week on Mahatma Gandhi and his theory of nonviolence.

Mittal is the founding director of the Mahatma Gandhi Center for Global Nonviolence at James Madison University, and 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.”

According to Dr. Jason Pierce, chair of the Department of Political Science, Mittal will spend several days on campus as a scholar-in-residence, visiting classes and presenting at two public events: a “teach-in” today and a public lecture on Wednesday night. Mittal said the main message he hopes to convey through these events is that “nonviolence can work” and that education is key for teaching individuals the value of nonviolence.

The “teach-in,” titled “Gandhi & Gandhian Ethics,” will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 22, in the Tommy Torrance Lounge. It will be an informal gathering that is open to the whole campus, according to Pierce.

“The idea is for students, faculty and staff to come and for them to ask whatever questions they might have about Gandhi, about nonviolent resistance, about Gandhian ethics, about nonviolence, as a mechanism for political change,” Pierce said.

Mittal also will present a lecture titled “Gandhi, Nonviolence & Global Transformation” at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 22, in Sears Recital Hall. At the lecture, Mittal will discuss how Gandhi’s theory of nonviolence can change politics and political systems, according to Pierce.

“Gandhi developed a theory for how political change could occur when there is asymmetrical power relations, in other words, where you have a political system with oppressors and the oppressed,” Pierce said.

Gandhi’s theory of how political change can occur is based on nonviolent resistance, or what is referred to as “satyagraha.” This theory is what inspired his work in the Indian independence movement, according to Pierce.

“I think it’s important for people to know its potential and also the limitations it might have,” Pierce said of Gandhi’s theory.

Pierce also said Gandhi’s ideas shaped Dr. Martin Luther King’s thinking about the Civil Rights Movement, and remain relevant today.

“If you have followed the protest movement in Egypt, Tunisia and in other countries in the Middle East, these protest movements are grounded in Gandhi’s theory of nonviolent resistance,” Pierce said. “And so it is an absolutely critical time and a perfect time for the University of Dayton as we see these events literally unfolding in real time in the Middle East, for us to pause and look at the man and his ideas that have informed much of what is taking place in the Middle East.”

Rev. David Fleming, a visiting professor this semester in the religious studies department and a Marianist priest, has taught full-time in the UD extension program in India since 2006 and has lived in India on and off for 13 years. According to Fleming, Mittal is “the premier Gandhian expert in America today” and continues to exert appeal because of his creative approach to social change.

“More and more, based on its heritage, our UD community rightly focuses on social change and transformation,” Fleming said. “We recognize that academic study should not be withdrawn into an ivory tower but concerned with making the world better — more peaceful, more just, more inclusive.”

Mittal said on Sept. 11, 1906, Gandhian launched his non-violent movement and eventually brought down the British empire.

“If Gandhi proved nonviolence can bring down the greatest empire the world has ever seen and that the world ever witness, than his Leonard is nothing. . . . My point is this: As a society, we have to choose what we want to follow. Is it the path of Sept. 11, 1906, or Sept. 11, 2001? I think that message is very important,” he said.

The funding for these events was made possible by the Binod and Shyam Kumar Nonviolence Endowment Fund, Pierce said. Dr. Binod Kumar, an engineering professor at the university, and his wife, gave this gift to the College of Arts & Sciences in order to bring experts in non-violence to campus, according to Pierce. Both events are sponsored by the Department of Political Science and are free and open to the UD community.

Crime Log

The following incidents were reported to the Department of Public Safety from Feb. 8 through Feb. 9. This log was compiled by Flyer News from actual police reports obtained from the Department of Public Safety.

Criminal Damaging
Feb. 8, 6:45 p.m.
Officer White was dispatched to GAN lot on a criminal damage complaint. The complainant stated that he parked his car at 9:50 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 7. Upon his return on Feb. 8, he saw that the driver’s side window had been broken out. There are no known suspects or witnesses at this time.

Theft
Feb. 8, 10:26 p.m.
Officer Pease was dispatched to Virginia W. Kethring Hall on a theft complaint. The complainant stated that at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 8, he went to the RecPlex and placed his pants in the cubbies outside of the main gym. At 8:30 he discovered that his wallet was missing from the pocket of his pants.

Criminal Damaging
Feb. 9, 6:10 p.m.
Officer Huffman was dispatched to PS lot on a criminal damage complaint. The complainant stated that her car had been damaged between 1:30 and 11 p.m. on Feb. 8. Officer Huffman noticed a boot print on the right quarter pane of the car. There are no known suspects or witnesses at this time.

Campus Watch

TUESDAY BROWN BAG DISCUSSION: ‘THE IMMORTAL LIFE OF HENRIETTA LACKS’

Come to KU Room 222 at 12 p.m. for a discussion of this book. The event is sponsored by the Women’s Center and the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH DINNER

Join UD’s Dining Services in celebrating the history of soul food. The first 400 people will eat for free. Come to VWK, Marycrest and KU between 5 and 8 p.m. Menu items include: fried chicken, ribs, fish, turkey legs, fried okra, macaroni and cheese, sweet potatoes, and many other traditional soul food dishes.

WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF BLUE CREW?

Don’t miss your opportunity to be a 2011 Academic Engagement Ambassador or Blue Crew member for the New Student Orientation summer. The application deadline has been extended to Wednesday, March 2, 2011. Applications can be found at udayton.edu/studev/newstudent-programs/. Contact Emily Moroney at moronee@notes.udayton.edu with any questions.

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Can e-mail see@notes.udayton.edu in order to attend. Faculty and staff have a chance to eat lunch with Fine at 1:30 p.m., and can e-mail Kelly Bohrer at Kelly.Bohrer@notes.udayton.edu to attend.

Fine will present “Communicating Sustainability,” a discussion for students who depicts his journey in a very entertaining way.”

To find out more about Fine, go to dougfine.com. To view a full schedule of events, go to see@notes.udayton.edu.

According to Heckel, living more sustainably can help preserve the environment, but can also save money. Fine said on his website that he reduced his electric bill by 80 percent when he decided to live a more environmentally-friendly lifestyle.

“He’s easy for a diverse audience to relate to,” Hruska said. “[Fine] is a humorous and witty character who depicts his journey in a very entertaining way.”

Fino’s visit is presented by the Sustainability, Energy, Environment program, the Marianist Environmental Education Center, the College of Arts and Sciences, Dining Services and Facilities Management.

“Doug is going to be a great involving speaker,” Heckel said. “It’ll really turn people’s minds and attention to ‘modern sustainability’ and [how] it’s a cool thing to do.”

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HITTING THOSE HIGH NOTES

GINA GERHART
Staff Writer

Composer Sergei Prokofiev’s “Peter and the Wolf,” along with pieces by Wolfgang Mozart and Ludwig van Beethoven, will be performed by the University of Dayton’s University Orchestra at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, at the South Park Methodist Church, 140 Stonemill Rd.

The story “Peter and the Wolf” is a Russian/Slavic tale of a young boy who lives with his grandfather in the woods and captures the big bad wolf that has been terrorizing the forest.

Although traditionally performed for children, “Peter and the Wolf” is, according to orchestra conductor Patrick Reynolds, a timeless story. “The purpose of this performance is to bring people into the text, and it helps bring experiences of the music together,” he said. “The spoken word in the piece is the thread holding the orchestra together.”

Narrator Dr. Joseph Kozar, S.M., is both a rector and an associate professor for the religious studies department at the University of Dayton.

“It is interesting for people to experience the story in a nonverbal way,” Kozar said. “Music makes the words increase in significance.”

According to Kozar, the story’s commentary on youth, juxtaposed with a classical symphony, elevates its meaning. “Peter lives in paradise, and paradise is the world of the child,” he said. “We can all relate to Peter.”

Also on the evening’s program are Mozart’s overture to his opera “The Magic Flute” and Beethoven’s “Symphony No. 1.”

One of Mozart’s final operas, “The Magic Flute” was composed in 1791 and has been adapted for film and television by directors like Ingmar Bergman (“The Seventh Seal”) and Kenneth Branagh (“Hamlet”).

Beethoven’s “Symphony No. 1,” combined with his “Septet” (a piece written for seven musicians), and the “Piano Concerto No. 2,” helped introduce him to the Vienna music-going public.

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FS: Beating Joe with a yoga mat. Joe is like a bad puppy, and if you let him run around, he kind of gets into trouble and makes messes, so we decided to train him with our yoga mat.

JJ: The mat has since gone missing.

**FN:** Do you have any house traditions?

FS: Well, we own the “Glee” CD, because I like to wake up these people. I have to wake up at 5 a.m. every day for the Army, so I enjoy making them rise and shine bright and early as well.

**NJ:** Let’s be honest, Fletcher, you love Glee.

**FS:** Do you guys ever cook?

JJ: Fletcher cooks. And I cook. Fletcher is actually a pretty good cook. We had this chicken stew in the crock-pot the other week. And we didn’t have any noodles, so what we did was we mixed it with ramen noodles, and it worked!

**FN:** What’s up with the chandelier in the game room?

**JJ:** The summer after my freshman year, I was actually looking for beer signs at garage sales with my dad, because I’m in to collecting that kind of stuff. And we saw this 40 to 50 pound gothic, brass chandelier, and I was like, let’s put black lights in it, and let’s put it in, well at that point in time (I was heading for VWR, but now it’s in the fraternity house. Of course, I had to order some black light posters too.

**JJ:** We put it up there, and we had black lights over the doorpost. It looked so good at the beginning of the year with all the black lights and everything.

**FN:** What’s the biggest perk about living here?

**JJ:** The location.

**FN:** Yes, and the yard.

**FS:** Our couch is the most comfortable couch on campus. We’ve had many people pass out here just because it is better than most beds.

**FN:** Any downsides to living here?

**FS:** Our couch is the most comfortable on campus, and people pass out here all the time.

**JJ:** Yeah, and it’s a fraternity house, so we have people walking through, and there are certain things we can’t have in here that other houses would be allowed to. We kind of have to keep the place clean, because some of the walk-ins are unannounced.

**FN:** Do you have nicknames for each other?

**JJ:** “JB” for John Barnes. Everyone calls him “JB.”

**JS:** We call Fletcher “Fletch.”

**JS:** Or “Don’t catch the Fletch.”

**FS:** We call just Joe “Jex.”

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Justification needed for outrageous grad party fee

Like any journalist, I wanted to get my facts before I began to write. Facilities Management, however, was unwilling to help. Bruce Bullman did not respond to my e-mail or call. Furthermore, he has not responded to the e-mail or calls from news editor Anna Beyerle. When Anna called the office of Facilities Management hoping to get connected to Bullman, they told her the best they could do was write down her name and number and try to give it to him the next time they saw him. Additionally, three of my friends e-mailed Facilities Management and did not get a response.

This isn’t the first time the university has refused to communicate with the student body. I am still waiting to hear the official reason why the basements are locked or the true reason behind Sister Annette Schmeling’s departure. There may very well be a good reason for this fee, but if there is they aren’t telling us. How are we supposed to accept this ambiguous charge if the administration cannot back it up?

Oh, wait. UD, you have provided me with a liberal arts education rich in the humanities. My professors have done an excellent job of teaching me how to analyze and assess situations, which is why I am struggling to understand the e-mail Bruce Bullman, director of Facilities Management, sent to the senior class this week.

For those who were spared the e-mail, here is the skinny: Any house planning on having a graduation party this May must pre-qualify, register and get approved by Facilities Management. Furthermore, the students’ records will be examined by the Department of Community Standards and Civility.

Oh, and there is that little $100 fee that the house will be charged.

I have a number of problems with this situation.

First, what constitutes a party? Does it require alcohol or a tent? Is it merely hosting guests who are not UD students? This May will be the last time that my five roommates and I will be together for a very long time. Over the years, I have grown to know their parents well, and if all of our families happen to be in the house at the same time, are we expected to pay a fee?

The vagueness of the e-mail is only the beginning of this sketchiness. But the government is expected to rack up $12 trillion over the same amount of time. Add the likely failure of Obama’s tax increases, and the outcome looks a little worse. The budget lays out other ideas for increasing tax revenue that could help curb deficits. One promising proposal is to lower corporate taxes and eliminate tax loopholes that have allowed many companies to cheat the system for years. However, much of Obama’s suggestions require bipartisan action from a Congress that has been largely split along party lines for his presidential term. With the House controlled by Republicans and the Senate by Democrats, it is difficult to see much getting done.

But perhaps most disappointing about Obama’s proposal is that it ignores two of the government’s biggest expenditures: entitlements such as Social Security and defense spending. Social Security and defense make up 40 percent of the government’s expenditures, while discretionary spending, where all of Obama’s cuts are made, make up only 19 percent. Obama is not the only one guilty of ignoring entitlements and defense; both parties are wary of taking on the burden of entitlements and defense. But the tendency to see these programs as sacrosanct is hurting America’s fiscal health. Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid are the biggest offenders of long term deficit growth and defense spending in America currently tops out at 45 percent of all military spending worldwide.

The times are changing, and it’s time for these programs, reflect that. Baby boomers are aging and will soon be collecting their Social Security checks en masse. America’s biggest generation will have to be paid, and with people living longer lives, normally into their 80s, they will have to be paid for a long time. Although the money amassed in Social Security should not run out for some 28 years, the sooner the government initiates reform, the longer the program can benefit from these changes and increase the sums in its coffers. Some simple changes Congress should consider are raising the retirement age from 67 to 70 and raising the payroll tax ceiling to include incomes above $106,800 a year.

Defense, long protected by the right, is also in need of some belt tightening. Many expenditures are still geared toward the conventional arms build that was a hallmark of the Cold War. Now the U.S.’s biggest threats are from non-state actors that require a different approach than conventional war against other states. Canceling billion dollar contracts for brand new fighter jets and other war machines would shave figures off of the deficit, and America would still be safe; last year’s models should hold up for the next decade or so. These changes will not be easy with a divided Congress, especially since entitlements and defense are so controversial. But now is the best chance to take steps toward fiscal sustainability while the fervor to reign in the national deficit and wasteful spending is high. They should not waste it.
FLYERS JUMP TO OUTRIGHT A-10 TITLE

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The University of Dayton women’s track and field team skipped out on tying for a title this year, winning the 2011 Atlantic 10 Conference Indoor Championships outright.

On the strength of six first-place finishes — out of 20 total events — the Flyers secured 161 points to claim the championship on Saturday, Feb. 19, at the University of Rhode Island. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, the team that split the title last season, finished just two points behind UD.

Senior distance runner Maura Bulgrin was involved in three of the Dayton wins. She set a meet record in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 9:42.87, and also won the 5,000-meter run in 16:52.44.

Bulgrin then anchored the Distance Medley Relay a half hour after the 5,000-meter, and helped her team earn first place with another meet record. She was named the A-10’s Most Outstanding Track Performer.

“The atmosphere at A-10’s is always insane,” said Bulgrin after the meet. “Really it’s just a great atmosphere, and it inspires people to do their best. It was a great way to finish my senior year of indoor to win the indoor championships.”

Senior thrower Mallory Barnes was honored as the A-10’s Most Outstanding Field Performer, bringing both possible awards to UD. Barnes won the weight throw with a toss of 68-2 1/4, and placed second in the shot put.

“It means so much; it’s hard for me to explain how happy I was,” Barnes said. “Last year we were happy but it was a tie; we couldn’t really say were the best team in the conference. Now we can.”

For Barnes, the victory was a culmination of the effort the team has put in ever since she got to UD at right about the same time head coach Adam Steinwachs did.

“I remember coming in my freshman year, and we were happy to get fourth, cause the year before I think they had gotten seventh,” Barnes said. “So every year to improve and then win in my senior year outright, it’s a blessing.”

UD also finished first in the pole vault with senior Courtney Siebenaller’s vault of 12-1 1/2, and in the high jump, in which freshman Brittan Reid cleared five feet, seven inches to win.

Barnes said Dayton jumped out to a big lead on Friday, Feb. 18, at the start of the two-day meet. She said the team expected to have a chance to win, and then grew anxious as people crunched numbers to analyze what UD needed to do in order to hold off Charlotte’s charge.

It wasn’t until she heard about an eighth place finish in the 4X400 meter relay that Barnes and others knew of the championship news.

Bulgrin said that made the meet special since many of the team’s events could have gone one way or another. But time and again, she said the UD runners, jumpers and throwers stepped up in the clutch.

“We were so excited to tie [Charlotte] last year, it was a big thing,” she said. “So for us to get out there and beat them is a phenomenal effort. The thing is every event was a swing event for us, so it was amazing. To be a senior and win in my senior year is a great feeling.”
Men’s Basketball

First Four system likely to assist mid-major teams like UD

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This season’s March Madness will be even more enjoyable for college basketball fans across the nation.

The NCAA announced in September 2010 that the University of Dayton Arena will host the new First Four set of games for the Division I Men’s Basketball Tournament. This adds three new participants to the usual 65-team bracket format, expanding upon the single opening round “play-in” game that UD Arena has hosted since 2001.

This added twist should entice fans to follow along until the regular season’s final minute, with 68 teams now participating in one of the most watched events of the sports year.

Jerry Palm, founder of www.CollegeRPI.com and a contributor to www.CBSSports.com, said this will make it easier for teams like UD to advance to the Big Dance.

“Certainly it lowers the standards if you are putting three [more] teams in,” he said. “Then those three teams don’t have to be quite as good as when they were going with a 34-team at-large pool. You know, now there are 37 [at-large teams] so the standards are lower.

Every season, a university that wins its postseason conference tournament receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. This includes all six powerhouse Bowl Championship Series leagues known as the “major” conferences, and the remaining 25 “mid-majors.”

In order to determine the field’s remaining entrants, and order all of the teams with respective seeds, the NCAA uses a selection committee composed of athletic directors and conference commissioners. This group utilizes national rankings and formulas such as the Ratings Percentage Index, to assist this process.

“To give you an idea, it’s not a very scientific measure,” Palm said. “I think it helps them sort of categorize the teams — nobody gets into the tournament on RPI alone, and nobody gets left out on RPI alone.”

Warren Nolan, creator of www.WarrenNolan.com, uses a formula to recreate the RPI and other rating systems for men’s and women’s college basketball, and said his site is used by colleges and media outlets nationally.

Nolan said the RPI formula is fairly straightforward, and is directly related to a team’s winning percentage and overall strength of schedule. Over the years, slight changes have been made to add more weight to road victories and less weight to home wins, something he said can benefit teams like the Dayton Flyers.

“With the mid-major teams, the majority of their non-conference schedules are already on the road anyway, so [RPI] helps if they actually win those games,” he said.

Nolan said the selection committee generally looks at the RPI, along with overall records, strength of schedule, record against top 25 teams and more, to determine how to shape the tournament bracket.

In Palm’s latest bracket from Tuesday, Feb. 15, he estimates seven mid-major teams will receive at-large bids in this year’s NCAA Tournament. This includes three teams from the Atlantic 10 Conference — none being the Flyers — and a potential record 11 squads from the Big East Conference.

Palm said the selection committee never uses any distinction between majors and non-majors. He said 2011 has just been a downswing of sorts for usual mid-major powerhouse, as the recipe for tournament entry always has remained the same.

“In short, you have to play teams that are going to do well, you have to have quality wins, and you have to prove that you can play tournament-quality basketball, ideally away from home,” Palm said. “... The more consistent you can be, the more good wins you can pile up, the better your chances of making the field.”

Although the bracket projections are not too favorable to the Flyers just yet, time remains for one final comeback. The excitement over the brackets is just beginning, and the new First Four should add to it for fans of teams like UD.

Men's Soccer

INCOMING RECRUITS CRUCIAL FOR IMPROVED 2011 OFFENSE

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While the 2011 University of Dayton men’s soccer season is months away, the team is preparing for what looks to be a promising season.

This past fall, the Flyers finished just below .500 with a 7-8-3 record and a 3-4-2 mark in the Atlantic 10 Conference, not advancing to the postseason tournament. UD’s roster was one of the youngest in years, fielding just three seniors.

There will only be two seniors among 22 returning players this season, but the team hopes to be in better shape after the youngsters received significant playing time in 2010.

“This year we wanted the team to learn how to compete, and I believe we accomplished this goal,” head coach Dennis Currier said.

“Lack of experience cannot be used as an excuse anymore. In 2011, we need to teach them how to start winning on a consistent basis. Many of our players earned valuable playing time, and we feel that will pay off this season.”

Currier then emphasized the importance of current redshirt junior goalkeeper Tyler Picard and current junior defender Jack Pearson. They will be the lone seniors next season and the expected leaders of the Flyers. Currier said “they will need to lead the way” for the continued development of the program.

Picard and Pearson were both named to the A-10 All-Conference Second Team after the conclusion of last season. Picard recognizes the club’s youth, but like Currier, he doesn’t think it should serve as an excuse for any more losing seasons.

“The game experience along with the spring training we endure is going to help us out a lot,” Picard said. “We have the talent; we just need to get a little more focus and toughness both mentally and physically.”

Picard said it always helps to have two quality players keeping teams away from scoring, but recruiting offensive talent was priority for Currier and UD this offseason. The coaches feel that they addressed that area of need with the incoming stars this year.

Forward Max Odgaard of Indianapolis, Ind., is the leader of the pack after being named by College Soccer News — a leading soccer publication — as a top 150 recruit in the nation. He tallied 30 goals and four assists in his senior season while leading his team to the state championship match.

David Abidor, Ryan Peterson and Greg Enstone all have the potential to play midfield or forward next season after varying degrees of success in the club ranks, high school level and in England, respectively.

Finally, forward Amoh Kwaku is a transfer from Ghana, who attended the same university as former UD star and current professional soccer player Isaac Kissi.

With all this talent on the way, Currier is excited about the potential of these new contributors.

“Enstone and Abidor have excellent leadership qualities for our future,” Currier said. “Odgaard and Amoh will improve our attack right away. Peterson is the dark horse of the group, and they tend to surprise you the most.”

Currier said the team returned to training on Monday, Feb. 21, with the maximum 20 hours of team activity per week permitted by the NCAA. The Flyers will play five exhibition matches in April, and then begin the 2011 season against the University of Notre Dame and Indiana University.

The Flyers said there is a lot of work still to be done this offseason, but Picard knows that with the talent this team has, a good work ethic will elevate it to the next level.

“You know, I told the boys earlier this semester, if we get our heads down and work, there is no reason we don’t win the A-10 Championship next year,” he said. “And that is where we are aimed. We have the technical ability. Just need to get a little more mentality.”

Current junior defender Jack Pearson (No. 28) and freshman midfielder Alex Wenrich celebrate a goal against Canisius University on Oct. 3, 2010, at Baujan Field. The Flyers are hoping for more exciting offense with five new recruits for 2011.
“We’re not gonna take it” was the theme of this hard-fought University of Dayton men’s basketball victory.

As the student section sang along to the Twisted Sister classic late in the second half, the Flyers rallied to a 64-63 victory over Duquesne University on Saturday, Feb. 19, at UD Arena.

The fans were tired of losing close battles in the Atlantic 10 Conference, and the players took heed of the song’s message. Senior forward Chris Wright intercepted a final Duquesne inbound pass as the last play of the game, finally securing a tight conference victory at home for UD.

The star of the contest for the Flyers was senior center Devin Searcy, who contributed 14 points and 11 rebounds in setting the stage for Dayton’s emotional comeback.

“I’m very happy for Devin Searcy,” said head coach Brian Gregory after the game. “His activity level never stopped even if he wasn’t able to finish a play. In the past if he didn’t finish something, he would let it affect him. Today he just moved on from that.”

In a game that was competitive throughout, Duquesne freshman guard Mike Talley nearly was the late hero for the road team. He secured two steals in a series of three possessions that led to a 58-52 advantage for the Dukes with just under five minutes left in the contest.

Red Scare then erupted in song at that moment, as it appeared like UD was headed toward what would have been its fifth loss in eight contests. And serendipitously, the Flyers immediately responded by dominating the glass, and shutting the door defensively thanks to a new lineup switch.

Gregory opted to use freshman forward Devin Oliver in a smaller rotation than normal down the stretch, and it worked to perfection. Dayton proceeded to score the next 10 points in a row after Talley’s crucial steals, and made several key free throws to hold on.

Gregory said it felt like a good matchup worth taking advantage of, and Oliver had been playing well enough to earn the opportunity.

“We switched everything defensively,” Gregory said. “Sometimes you can get away with [a small lineup] against some of the teams in this league. And to be honest, Devin has been playing better for us.”

Oliver, who has averaged just 9.1 minutes per game this season, delivered some of his most crucial playing time of the year down the stretch, according to his coach.

“At the beginning of the game, I turned it over, and when I came out, [Gregory] said to me, ‘Just keep playing,’” Oliver said. “He trusted me to get the job done, and I went in there and didn’t force anything. It went pretty well.”

With the pivotal win, the Flyers improved to 19-9 on the season and 7-6 in the conference, including Duquesne, who is now 9-3 in A-10 play after losses in three of its past four games.

While the win was important for the team, Wright said the focus remains on the upcoming practices and next week’s rivalry contest against Xavier University on Sunday, Feb. 27, at UD Arena.

“This win just means that we got better today, and we’re going to keep on working off that,” Wright said.

Dayton holds on for last-minute comeback
Searcy’s performance leads to late run in narrow 64-63 victory over Duquesne