The University of Dayton and General Electric Co. Aviation Systems broke ground on a major development partnership on UD’s campus Thursday, April 14. Lorraine Bolsinger, president and CEO of GE Aviation, led the groundbreaking of the company’s $51 million Electrical Power Integrated Systems Research and Development Center. The center is located on River Park Drive, in between South Patterson Boulevard and South Main Street in Dayton, Ohio, according to a GE press release.

“A groundbreaking is both a celebration of [getting] to the point where you can start to see the visual progress, and embarking on something new,” said Dr. John Leland, director of the UD Research Institute.

The EPISCENTER will conduct research on aircraft electrical systems, and could possibly influence course curriculum and lead to more job opportunities for UD students, Leland said.

The GE statement said the 120,000 square foot facility, to be constructed by Dayton-based CityWide Development Corp., is expected to be operational by late 2012. GE is in the final stages of developing a long-term lease agreement with UD and CityWide.

The release said the center’s operations will be incorporated with the Ohio Aerospace Hub of Innovation and Opportunity, a state program dedicated to technological advancement and job creation.

The Ohio Aerospace Hub is located between UD and Dayton Tech Town, a growing research campus located...
Incoming SGA leaders hope to improve organization funding

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The newly elected University of Dayton Student Government Association leaders said they are planning to begin work immediately on financing student organizations.

Scott Bridwell, freshman mechanical engineering major, was elected Saturday April 9 as the organization’s third vice president for finance since September 2010.

Bridwell said the position’s turnover affected previous financial difficulties.

“A lot of organizations came to us and were not happy because we were struggling throughout the year,” Bridwell said. “Everyone worked hard, but it was because this position wasn’t filled and we had to make up for lost time.”

Jeff Schumacher, sophomore business economics major, was elected to the position in fall 2010, only to resign in January 2011. Patrick Maloney, junior finance and international business major, then was appointed to the position for the remainder of the semester.

SGA sets aside 25 percent of its budget for officially recognized student groups, according to its constitution. This change occurred via a student body vote in April 2010.

SGA’s budget is funded through the student activity fee, a charge to all full-time and three-quarters-time undergraduate students, according to finaid.udayton.edu. The website said that fee was $615 for the 2010-2011 school year, and will be $650 next year.

Christine Farmer, SGA’s incoming president, said the organization will select a finance committee at the beginning of next semester. She said candidates will be nominated by SGA officers or volunteer for the position. Then, two-thirds of the senate must vote to approve the final selections, she said.

SGA’s finance committee was created during the 2009-2010 school year to oversee the distribution of the money set aside for student organizations, Farmer said.

She said this year’s committee gave roughly $46,000 to student organizations this semester, and remaining funds will be used to distribute to the groups next year.

Maloney and Bridwell said the vice president of finance position is a stressful job.

“It a lot of small decisions on how to balance out giving organizations a fair amount of finances,” Bridwell said. “A lot of working with people to get these decisions made.”

Farmer said her goal for SGA is to begin reimbursing student organizations for events they held this semester and over the summer by the end of the first month of next school year. She said SGA will review requests for funds for future events at that time, and organizations approved for funding will be reimbursed for events after they are over.

SGA will continue to make changes to its fund allocation process over the summer, she said.

Farmer said she will meet with all university departments this summer to explain the funding procedure. SGA also will meet with student organizations to discuss fund dispersion at the beginning of next semester, she said.

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NEW UD BALLOON CLUB PROVIDES FUN, SERVICE

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A group of University of Dayton students recently formed a balloon club, and hope to bring their unique skills to the local community.

Hannah Reilly, sophomore entrepreneurship, marketing and leadership major, started the club this semester. She said she decided to create the club after being certified as a “professional balloon artist” in January 2011.

Reilly, the club’s president, said there are currently eight official members of the group, all of whom have a passion for the art of balloon making. She said balloon art is a fun and simple skill anyone can learn.

Balloon club meets 9 p.m. Sundays in Virginia W. Kettering Residence Hall’s dining room, where members learn to make at least one new balloon shape every gathering.

The balloon club is open for all students to join, and non-members are welcome to attend events, Reilly said.

“[Students] just need to come with an open mind, and want to have fun and want to make balloon art,” said Martin Burns, undecided arts major, and balloon club vice president.

The meeting location attracts non-club members and makes the group popular with the dining room staff, Reilly said.

The balloon club is waiting to be approved as a student organization, she said. The group then plans to participate in campus events such as New Student Orientation, Christmas on Campus, and Up the Orgs.

Barbara John, a lecturer in the UD department of economics and finance, serves as the club’s advisor. She said she has limited experience with balloon art, and some experience with building piñatas and juggling.

She said UD needs to interact more with the Dayton community, especially area children, and the balloon club is a vehicle through which students can do this.

John said events like Christmas on Campus, for which UD students “adopt” children from local schools for an evening, are too short-term to have a lasting effect on the children.

Forging partnerships between the balloon club and local schools could allow UD students to engage with the community in a new way, she said.

The club’s founders said teaching balloon art is an effective tool for working with children because it is a “fun, relaxed and safe” activity.

“UD balloon club [was] established for the purpose of developing a unique and interesting skill which can be used to spread smiles through entertainment and service,” Reilly said.

GE Aviation Systems and University of Dayton representatives participated in a groundbreaking ceremony at the EPISCENTER Thursday, April 14. KEVIN LONGACRE/ASSISTANT PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

GE Aviation Systems and University of Dayton representatives participated in a groundbreaking ceremony at the EPISCENTER Thursday, April 14.

GE Aviation Systems unveiled November 2010, and was funded through an Ohio Third Frontier capital grant, the statement said.

GE Aviation Systems encompasses four large groups of businesses worth over $3 billion, according to the release. GE Aviation is a unit of GE that provides jet engines worldwide for commercial and military aircraft, according to GE’s announcement.

Leland is thrilled with the importance Bolsinger and GE are placing on the project and the partnership with UD.

“It is the start of a great vision for the university,” said Leland.

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**STANDER** (cont. from p. 1)

Stander, for undergraduate and graduate students to display their research, according to stander.udayton.edu.

Mickey McCabe, UD vice president for research, served as the discussion moderator. Panelists from Roesch Library, UD School of Law, UD Research Institute, and the department of sociology, anthropology and social work, shared their insights on the book.

Mary Ellen Dillon, half-time lecturer for the department of biology and half-time coordinator of UD’s Integrated Natural Science Sequence, said she uses the research generated from Henrietta Lacks to teach her biology courses.

Dillon said the cancer cells scientists harvested from Henrietta Lacks’ body were the first human cancer cells successfully cultivated “in vitro.” This means they were the first ones successfully grown in a lab, Dillon said. The cells played a key role in many medical developments, including the polio vaccine. The cells have continued growing to this day, even after Lacks’ death in 1951, Dillon said.

Fran Pestello, professor in the department of sociology, anthropology and social work, said scientists tried repeatedly to cultivate human cancer cells in vitro to no avail until they tried using Lacks’ cells.

The discovery was first termed “HeLa cells,” a title representing Lacks’ name. Scientists originally said the cells came from a lady named “Helen Lane,” Dillon said. Rebecca Skloot, author of “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks,” was the first to confirm that the cells came from Lacks’ body.

Lacks did not have to give consent for scientists to use her cancer cells for experimentation, Pestello said. She said she wonders whether cancer cells would ever have been harvested in vitro had Lacks been able to refuse. Nobody knows why the HeLa cells keep multiplying, but they continue to spur medical advances, such as the human papilloma virus vaccine, Pestello said.

Discussing Henrietta Lacks raises issues across a variety of subjects, from science to morals, Dillon said. “That’s what this university is about, the dialogue between disciplines,” Dillon said.

Pestello said the book teaches students to “ask good questions [and] stick with them.” This is important because scientists did not speculate about Lacks’ identity the way Skloot did, Pestello said.

Varnellia Randall, UD professor of law, discussed the racial issues of Skloot’s book and the U.S. health care system.

The use of Lacks’ cells without consent is just another example of the fact that blacks’ bodies are statistically used for research more often than whites’, Randall said.

“This book represents an example of institutional racism, not individual racism, of the 1950s that continues today in the use of black bodies [for medical research],” Randall said.

Dillon said it is ethically questionable that scientists used Lacks’ cells for research without consent, and that her name was kept secret for years. “Here, the scientific advancement was totally divorced from the person who made it possible,” Dillon said. “You need this [distance from the subject] when doing research, but with a discovery of this magnitude, you need [to recognize] the person, too.”

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STANDER

Fifth Third Bank congratulates the following University of Dayton students on their acceptance to the Leadership Programs of 2011!

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Students from Dr. Anthony Talbott’s class on human trafficking danced to Twisted Sister’s “We’re Not Gonna Take It” during UD’s Human Trafficking Awareness Week at 12:55 p.m. Monday, April 11, outside Kennedy Union. MICKEY SHUEY/LEAD PHOTOGRAPHER
RECEPTION RETROSPECT: FINAL EXHIBIT IN RIKEemarked by hopes for future

The University of Dayton community gathered for the Rike Center’s final Celebration of the Arts’ Closing Visual Arts Exhibition and Reception Wednesday, April 13.

The Department of Visual Arts will move to the College Park Center at 1529 Brown St. this summer, joining Studio 238 – the photography and visual communication design space – on the second floor.

The reception served as the closing ceremony to the University’s annual Stander Symposium and Celebration of the Arts. The evening’s festivities included the annual Horvath Exhibition, a juried student art show on display Tuesday, March 15, through Wednesday, April 27, featuring original works from students across the Department of Visual Arts. First held in 1975, the exhibition honors Bela Horvath, a Hungarian realist painter and refugee who taught private classes in sculpture, painting and engineering.

The event is a favorite among UD students, faculty, staff and alumni, according to Joel Whitaker, former chair of the visual arts department.

“It’s always a strong year,” he said. “The look of the show really changes each year, and a lot of that is based on the juror.”

Each year, the department selects an esteemed artist to jury the exhibition. Willis “Bing” Davis, president of the Board of Directors of the National Conference of Artists and Dayton, Ohio, native, was this year’s juror.

Out of the 100 works submitted – including paintings, photography, sculpture and mixed media – Davis said he selected 54 pieces that spoke to him.

“You examine how the individual artist has manipulated the medium, how they have dealt with the basic language of composition, design and color, and then you go from there,” Davis said. “You try to see if it merits being in the show.”

The students who participate do not learn who the juror will be until after submitting their work.Junior fine arts major Brandon Lowery’s mixed media pieces, entitled, “No Joke” and “Gassed Up,” generated a buzz amongst viewers.

“I just really wanted to make a strong statement of how I felt,” said Lowery about his past creations. “My work is just really in your face, but I kind of wanted that shock value.”

Later Wednesday evening, Davis presented the student awards.

Senior Zachary Goetz received both best-in-show and the faculty award for his mixed media piece entitled, “Icarus.” This piece challenges his past relationships and difficulties faced while growing up.

The Horvath Award for Realism went to freshman Chloe McEldowney for her charcoal drawing, “Cloak.” Sophomores Jaimie Kasper and Darlin Blanco-Lozano were awarded second and third place, respectively.

Juniors Rebecca Roman, Sean Montgomery, and Lauren Gabel, “It became almost a social experiment.”

The seven artists worked over eight hours the night before the closing reception.

“We had no set plan,” said junior fine arts major Breann Albain all received honorable mentions.

Students who did not submit work to Horvath still had the opportunity to showcase their work in various studios throughout the Rike Center.

Seven students collaborated on a large-scale mixed media installation, “Wild Cause I’m Young.”

Senior visual communication design major David Allison came up with the idea, although he knew it wouldn’t have been possible without a group effort.

“We’ve all basically touched this piece everywhere,” said Kelly Cramblit, a junior visual communication design major and contributor to the project. “We’ve each put a bit of ourselves into it.”

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“We had no set plan,” said junior fine arts major Breann Gabel, “It became almost a social experiment.”

Dr. Judith Huacuja, named the new chair of the visual arts department during the Horvath Awards, said she was astounded by the cohesiveness of these seven artists.

“It just shows the intensity of their commitment to their arts,” Huacuja said.

While this year’s Horvath was marked by goodbyes, Bing Davis said he looks forward to the relocation of the department.

“It may take a while to take that same spirit into the new space that I feel in the Rike Center,” Davis said. “But it’s going to be a wonderful next couple of years making that transition.”
A feast fit for Flyers

Writer weighs in on best options for grad party catering

chicken. The menu even comes equipped with a full list of vegetarian options – brownie points, anyone? Their prices are a little higher at roughly $15 a person, but their fare, menu options and fun Spanish style sold me.

Now that food is taken care of, the next most important issue must be addressed: drinks. No UD graduation party would be complete without choice beverages, and one Brown Street business never fails to satisfy. Just imagine a silver fountain featuring UD’s favorite deli: Walls from Timothy’s Bar and Grille.

For those of you wondering if that’s even possible, the answer is, yes! It has even been done before, even at a UD wedding. After all, what could be a better occasion than to have the infamous Walls gushing from a fountain? Students can call Tim’s for more information on catering services.

While all of the above companies provide tasty options, Julie Brill, administrative assistant in Student Services at Kettering Laboratories gave some outstanding advice. She has hosted UD graduation parties for both of her children and has an alternative idea for catering: Do it yourself!

“For our children’s graduation parties, we got together with other families and purchased chicken breasts, hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, the works,” Brill said. “It was great having everyone pitch in and we all enjoyed the cook-out atmosphere. It was definitely a great decision.”

Congratulations to all seniors graduating this spring. May your graduation party be fully equipped with family, friends, delicious food and of course, ever-flowing Walls from a silver fountain!

WEB EXCLUSIVE ARTICLE

Read about the Groove for the Gulf event, organized by Street Sounds Recording Studio and ArtStreet café.

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Maximize:

Students can achieve ideal summer through hard work, creativity, adventure and how many times does that actually happen? I am just as guilty of wasting summer as the next person, but there's a better way to spend it. What we need to do is set goals, and plan out our summers. Sure, some of us have jobs and trips already figured out, but usually there's still a good amount of free time waiting to be tapped into. And if we are not careful, there's a good chance that summer will become no more than sleep, Facebook, and sitting in the sun. Instead, why not get ahead? I'm just talking about school; I'm talking about life in general.

So, don't just listen to music, pick up an instrument and learn to play something, or go to one of the many great summer music festivals in the Midwest. Don't simply drive to buy ice cream, get on the Internet and find out how to make it yourself. Don't just watch a movie, get outside and go camping under the stars, even if it's only in your backyard. We usually spend the cold, miserable winter dreaming of the warm summer sun, so why not get out and enjoy it? Get on a bike and find a local bike trail. Get in a car with some friends and take a road trip to the first state you can think of. Take some art classes at your local community college or start a new hobby. Volunteer your time, even if it's only organizing family photos for mom. Read a book - even if that's not your thing - and try to enjoy yourself. Is this beginning to sound like the all too familiar advice of our parents? They suggest these things for a reason. It's not overachieving; it's being smart and making the most of life. Think of it as free time to diversify your interests, get ahead and make the next few months worth talking about for years to come. Because if you think about it, what a waste of our time it would be if we truly did nothing productive with our summers. Do we really want to return from our summer vacations with nothing more than a tan and a bigger beer gut to be proud of?

Word on the street...

What are your plans for the summer?

TAYLOR PAIR

CHEMISTRY

“I’m working here for a month and a half, and then studying abroad in Leipzig, Germany.”

JOE JEZIOROWSKI

JUNIOR

POLITICAL SCIENCE & PHILOSOPHY

“I’m playing Pokemon and drinking.”

BRITTAN STEGEMILLER

SOPHOMORE

ACCOUNTING & FINANCE

“I’m working at an auto shop in Indianapolis.”

Everybody is entitled to their own opinions, but not their own facts.

Daniel Patrick Moynihan, former U.S. senator, 1989

In addition, recognition as an official organization gives students access to opportunities and privileges they may not otherwise have. They can register events and advertise them on the university calendar, receive awards and funding, and use campus facilities. Access to these services makes the difference between a group of friends who like to jam on the weekends, and a classic rock club that could rent university vans for a day trip to Cleveland’s Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Museum.

Being part of a student organization can seem like a lot of work at times. But, as leaders of an established organization will tell you, being able to turn a personal interest into a visible activity that everyone can get involved in is one of the most rewarding aspects of the university experience. And who knows, maybe it can help you change the world along the way.
Refereeing intramural sports on the University of Dayton’s campus is great. The Department of Campus Recreation provides new referees with a whistle, which comes in handy more often than one might think. One tweet on that baby and the creepy figure in the alley near Fieldhouse wants nothing to do with you! Also provided is a pair of referee stripes that, if worn properly on the weekends, can be real lady killers.

Of course, being an intramural referee is not all about cool whistles and fashionable stripes; there can be some downsides to the job. For example, working on Thursday nights when all your roommates are having “game” night at Bagos and Flanny’s is a real drag. That’s not the hardest part though.

The worst part of refereeing intramural games would have to be the players. Don’t get me wrong: By no means am I talking about everybody who plays intramural sports. The majority of students on campus show great sportsmanship, and nothing makes a referee’s shift better than being complimented for the job they do.

Nevertheless, a small minority of students on campus don’t seem to understand that this is not high school anymore and we, as intramural referees, are not professionally trained. In fact, we are students like you, just trying to make some cash for our weekend festivities. To be perfectly honest, referees don’t care if players “know” that a pass interference call or charging foul have been missed. No amount of high school varsity letters or color coordinated Under Armour gear will make up for the fact that referees don’t get paid enough to be berated by a fellow student and told, “you suck.” That being said, if anyone who plays intramurals is looking for professional refereeing, I encourage them to go play in the NCAA. Chances are, though, that boat has already sailed. Scratch that, I promise that boat is long gone. Ohio State’s Jim Tressel isn’t waiting until a student’s junior year of college to offer him a full-ride scholarship.

This means that intramurals are one of the only places available to play organized sports. So I beg students to understand that intramurals are supposed to provide the campus with fun, healthy competition, that the rules aren’t the same ones used in high school and that the referees aren’t there to babysit 20-something-year-olds on the court.

The University of Dayton placed No. 8 on Princeton Review’s list of “Everybody Plays Intramural Sports.” There is a reason for that: our intramural sports are enjoyable. So please, when playing intramurals don’t ruin it for everyone else involved in the game and just have some fun.
Senior Track and Field

Senior Thrower Leaving UD as Success Story

STEVEN WRIGHT
Assistant Sports Editor

To be an All-American is as great an accomplishment any athlete can achieve. To achieve it twice is almost a dream.

For University of Dayton senior track and field thrower Mallory Barnes, she’s living the dream.

At the 2010 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, Mallory Barnes became the first track and field All-American in UD history with a sixth place finish in the weight throw.

On Friday, March 11, she repeated as a first-team All-American selection at the 2011 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships. Her throw of 66’8 3/4’ feet in the weight throw was good enough for another sixth place finish at the national championships, but was five inches farther than her mark the previous year.

A walk-on originally recruited by the University of Cincinnati, Mallory Barnes arrived at Dayton without visiting the school. Track and field head coach Adam Steinwachs was the only person Mallory Barnes met with before deciding to come to UD.

Mallory Barnes said Steinwachs loves to tell the story of that first encounter.

“In that meeting, I couldn’t figure out if Mallory Barnes really wanted to be on the team or not due to her ‘lack of interest’ that I perceived from her,” Steinwachs said. “It’s funny to look back on it now.”

Steinwachs said he realized early that Mallory Barnes was a competitive athlete. He said she was the only thrower who didn’t have an obvious case of nerves at the indoor conference meet that her freshman year.

“Mallory has a quiet confidence about her and she’s intensely competitive,” he said. “It takes Mallory time to get to know people, and she has a tough persona, but once you get to know her, she’s a very loyal, caring person.”

According to Steinwachs, she has improved her self-confidence the most since arriving on campus. This can be seen in her back-to-back recognition as the Atlantic 10 Conference’s Most Outstanding Field Performer.

Athletics make up Mallory Barnes’ background. Her mother Margaret Barnes was a dancer, and her father Michael Barnes “played like every sport alive,” Mallory said. Her brother Stephen Barnes, 24, is currently serving in the Marines and is stationed in Hawaii. Her sister Kristin Barnes, 23, currently is pursuing a Master’s degree in English at Xavier University, and was a multi-sport athlete.

Mallory Barnes said she first took up the shot put purely out of recreation, and not because of her family’s athletic history. She said she first threw shot put, as well as discus, in eighth grade before attending Winton Woods High School in Cincinnati.

“The only reason I did [shot put and discus] was because everyone else did it and I had nothing else to do,” she said.

In high school, Mallory Barnes said she only competed in the shot put. She said her specialization in the sport allowed for greater success. She initially declined to compete in the hammer throw or the weight throw because it seemed too difficult, she said. At UD, however, she was required to participate, and she said discovered she had been wrong.

By the time she was a junior, participating in multiple events had earned Mallory Barnes her first All-American title.

She said she just wanted to be able to beat at least one other competitor while competing at the 2010 Championships in the weight throw. After what she described as a “blur,” her name stood sixth, propelling her to All-American status for the first time.

However, she said she only realized what it means to be an All-American when a random fan approached her in a restaurant. She said that is her favorite memory.

“This guy was like, ‘Are you the All-American who?”’ Mallory Barnes said. “And I was like, yeah that’s me. It was like the weirdest thing ever. It was the first time I realized, I’m sixth in the nation and that’s a pretty big deal.”

She said she doesn’t know exactly what she will do after she graduates. By keeping her options open, she said she believes her track and field career could continue.

“It’s just because I feel like there’s a lot more that I could do post-collegiately because I started so late compared to other people who are already as good as I am, but have been doing it for longer than me,” she said. “So I feel like I haven’t even really reached my peak.”

For me to compete post-collegiate would be awesome.”

Being on the track and field team has taught Mallory Barnes a lot of life lessons, she said.

Whether it’s the bonds formed, being more of a team player, or being able to remain a bit of a jokester with everyone, she said she would do anything for her teammates. For her, it’s the culmination of how putting in the time and effort can lead to great success.

“Anything can happen if you work hard and put your mind to it,” Mallory Barnes said. “Anything can happen, and I want to be the example of that.”

Senior track and field thrower Mallory Barnes (left) became a two-time All-American this year.

DID YOU KNOW?

SUPER EIGHT

The University of Dayton women’s rowing Varsity 8 boat won the Atlantic 10 Conference Championship Grand Final for the first time in program history Saturday, April 16, in Pennsauken, N.J. The Flyers also set the conference record for margin of victory in the event in beating second place by 12.25 seconds.

HIGH HEAT

UD baseball junior starting pitcher Cameron Hobson now holds the program’s career strikeout record after a five-strikeout performance against the University of Richmond Friday, April 15. The left-hander eclipsed the previous school mark by one, and leads the Atlantic 10 Conference with 68 strikeouts this year.

COACH “JET”

Former Dayton men’s basketball guard London Warren has joined the Georgia Institute of Technology coaching staff as a graduate assistant under former Flyers head coach Brian Gregory.
Softball
POWER SURGE A PLUS IN TOUGH SEASON

BRADY ASHE
Chief Sports Writer

The University of Dayton softball team has broken records and produced personal bests all season despite a slow start in the standings.

In the second game of a doubleheader against Morehead State University Wednesday, April 13, freshman catcher Kasi Vasquez hit a solo home run in the fifth inning. The home run marked the team’s 31st homer this year, breaking the single-season record of 30 set in 2000.

Morehead State swept UD in the doubleheader, however, which marked the beginning of the Flyers’ six-game homestand. Junior first baseman Lauren Nacke said the team can’t afford to be swept at home, where the wins should come a little easier.

“Home games are just easier to win because the atmosphere is more comfortable and everyone is more relaxed,” she said. “We control a lot of aspects of the game and we have more fans there so we need to win at home.”

Nacke, who has a .388 batting average, hit her 13th homer of the season in the first game of a doubleheader against the University of Rhode Island Sunday, April 17. Her two-run blast in the fourth inning marked her 30th career home run.

“It’s a pretty amazing feeling to hold the record,” she said. “We have a lot of talented freshman with big bats, though. Maybe one of them will break it one day.”

The Flyers have a 15-22 record, and are particularly young this season, with seven freshmen among the 18 players on the active roster. Leading the freshman class is left-handed pitcher Alysha Isaacson from Chula Vista, Calif.

Isaacson has a 9-9 record with a 3.63 ERA and a .333 batting average, as of Sunday. She earned Atlantic 10 Conference Rookie of the Week honors after winning in a complete game, one-hitter against Rhode Island Sunday.

“That leaves just four current seniors,” he said. “... [W]e started off well, but we fell into a little rut in the middle of the season. We’re finally getting out of it and playing our best baseball now.”

Isaacson is left-handed pitcher Alysha Isaacson winds up against Morehead State University on Wednesday, April 13, at the UD Softball Stadium. MICKEY SHUEY/LEAD PHOTOGRAPHER

Women’s Tennis
UD concludes spring season, unveils new courts

JACOB ROSEN
Editor-In-Chief

The University of Dayton women’s tennis program already has its sights on the future after concluding its spring season.

The Flyers finished in ninth place during the Atlantic 10 Conference Championships, held Friday, April 8, through Saturday, April 9, at the Boar’s Head Sports Club in Charlottesville, Va.

UD lost against No. 8 seed University of North Carolina at Charlotte in Friday’s opening round. The young Flyers then held their seed with a 4-2 season-ending victory in Saturday’s consolation meeting against 10th-ranked Fordham University.

Second-year head coach Eric Mahone said it was “great” the program was able to end the spring on a positive note.

“So we improved two spots from last year when we only finished 11th,” he said. “... It was nice to see the seniors got to finish their careers with a win.”

Four team members participated in their final collegiate event at this year’s A-10 Tournament. Seniors Chelsea Gankler, Kelly O’Connell and Laina Grole all will graduate in May, as will junior Loni Dickerhoof, who is ahead of the pace academically, Mahone said.

That leaves just four current freshmen scheduled to return to the Dayton women’s tennis roster. First-years Claire Dreyer, Claire McNulty, Erin Filbrandt and Maureen Stevens all earned playing time last weekend, and Mahone said that should lead to more success next school year.

“It looks good for the future, without a doubt,” he said.

Additionally, the returning athletes will have something new to look forward to upon the beginning of the fall schedule. The Flyers will make their debut next semester at the brand new Graul Tennis Complex, which officially opened earlier this month.

The complex, located on Caldwell Street near the College Park Center, is the first of many anticipated projects on the land purchased from the National Cash Register Corporation, according to an athletics press release.

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Men's Soccer

Sherman becomes latest freshman to leave UD

CHRIS MOORMAN
Sports Editor

Freshman forward and defenseman Badir Sherman is leaving the University of Dayton men's soccer team, citing differences with coaches regarding the style of play.

Sherman, a sport management major, played in 12 games this past season after being named to the Atlantic 10 Conference preseason All-Rookie team. He had zero goals as a Flyer, but did have four shots on goal out of his seven shots this season.

"Coming to this university, I thought we were going to play a different style of soccer that I'm used to from the couple of various club teams that I've played for, and I didn't really see that," Sherman said. "There were a few things within the soccer program that didn't really suit my style, as a person and as a soccer player. It'd be best for me to try to go to another school that has what I need."

As the captain of his high school men's soccer team in Pelham Manor, N.Y. for two years, Sherman scored 17 goals and had 18 assists for 50 career points. Before arriving in Dayton, Sherman was also an invitee of the 2009 Adidas Elite Soccer Program — a summer training camp for some of the country's best high school players — as well as a part of a top-2010 recruiting class for UD, according to several soccer websites such as CollegeSoccerNews.com.

The 5-foot-9-inch freshman said he sat down with head coach Dennis Currier and the rest of the coaching staff to discuss his transfer on Friday, April 1. Sherman declined to comment on how that meeting went.

"Seth Iannes, the director of communications for the men's soccer team confirmed on Friday, April 8, that Sherman had met with coaches, but that the transfer was still unofficial. According to the NCAA, transfers can only be confirmed through the school.

Sherman, though, said he thought it was official. He said he was given his release papers less than a week after that April 1 meeting with coaches.

Sherman said he has been thinking about transferring "a little bit less than a month ago." He said he wanted his departure to be a reflection on what he thinks is best for him and not a snub against the coaches or the team.

"I was just thinking soccer wise ... is this the right place for me," Sherman said. "I'm not trying to say anything about the soccer program, it's a great program. Coach Currier is a great coach and [assistant] coach Kiki [Lara] is a great coach as well."

In an interview on Thursday, April 8, Sherman said there is an ongoing drinking violation involving members of the men's soccer team. Sherman said his reason for leaving had nothing to do with the violation, and was purely based on soccer. When asked, Iannes said he had not heard of any violation and said it was not policy to discuss team matters. Attempts to reach Currier were unsuccessful.

Separate calls were made to the UD Department of Public Safety regarding any incidents involving either Sherman or the men's soccer team. Each time Public Safety said it was unable to comment.

"That's an ongoing investigation and I will not comment on involved parties," said Maj. Larry Dickey, director of police operations for Public Safety.

Sherman said he was not being investigated by Public Safety or the University for any additional indiscretions.

He said he doesn't know where he will play next season, but is thankful for the opportunity to step foot on UD's campus.

"I love this school," he said. "They have my major and everything I need. This is probably the best college I'll go to in my time."

As I pondered what to write about for my final Flyer News column, many ideas ran through my head. I wanted to capture what I love most about sports, and narrowing it down to sports — as well as a part of a top-2010 recruiting class for UD, according to several soccer websites such as CollegeSoccerNews.com.

The only highlight ever shown on ESPN. All these conflicts are a part of each sport, and have the sports world buzzing each time they occur.

Then there's that Tiger Woods guy. He was the world's top sports icon after Michael Jordan retired. He was on a fast-track to shattering Jack Nicklaus' Major Championship golf record before having his car window shattered by his wife with a 9-iron in late 2009. This unveiled what would turn out to be one of the biggest scandals and stories in the history of sports, and led to his ongoing golf slump.

So we found out recently that Artest used to drink Hennessy cognac. This would be OK, except he used to drink Hennessy at halftime of his games from bottles he stored in his locker as a member of the Chicago Bulls.

Meanwhile, the wife of Utah Jazz forward Andrei Kirilenko allows her husband to sleep with one other woman a year. I'm not making this up. Since athletes are often tempted while on the road, she figured why not give him one free pass annually.

Brian Wilson, the closer for the San Francisco Giants, is one of the most fascinating athletes today. I would have no problem dedicating an entire column to him, but I'll just provide a quick snippet of what he's all about. Immediately after winning the World Series last fall, Wilson was asked by a reporter on the field how he was feeling.

"I'm feelin' ... I'm feelin' like I want to rage," he said in his response to ESPN. "Right now."

Many UD students can appreciate this response, including me. Rather than provide some crafted answer, the man spoke his mind. He was ready to rage, and who are we to fault him?

These examples are the smallest sample of what sports provide us. The element of surprise is prevalent in the sporting world and keeps us wanting more. I love sports because I always know what to expect: the unexpected.