Completion of Stuart Field renovations delayed until October

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News Editor

The University of Dayton Department of Campus Recreation cited unexpected rain as the leading cause of further delays to the Stuart Field renovation project.

Mark Hoying, assistant director for intramurals and sports clubs for Campus Recreation, said the department altered its fall intramural sports schedule as the campus waits an extra month to see the recreational field covered in AstroTurf. David Ostrander, UD’s associate director for Campus Recreation, said to Flyer News in November 2010 that the idea to revamp the field arose in fall 2009, and initially was expected to be finished by fall 2010. Hoying said UD then acquired sufficient funds to proceed with the $2.25 million project last year and scheduled construction to begin in April for targeted completion by Sept. 1. He said excessive rain delayed the beginning of construction until May.

The finish date then was pushed back to mid-to-late October when the field’s soil had to be switched out so it would settle evenly, he said. The soil consistency was insufficient for the endeavor because it was used for the construction of Marianist Hall in 2004 and the RecPlex in 2006, Hoying said.

“The weather has been the No. 1 key factor for all of this,” said Bryan Coulter, director of grounds for UD Facilities Management. “We ended up starting just a month after they wanted to break ground in the spring time.”

Coulter said once drainage and gravel installation is complete, another rain delay will not be a concern.

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Tangent laptop warranties expire
UDit notified students in July, still offers repair service

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Warranties for students who purchased Tangent Computer, Inc. laptops through the University of Dayton in 2007 and 2008 expired July 31, according to a mass email from UD Information Technologies.

UD previously required many incoming students to purchase Tangent computers through UDit until 2009, according to an August 2009 Flyer News article.

Thomas Skill, associate provost and chief information officer, said students who purchased Tangent computers in 2007 had a four-year warranty, while those who bought the computers in 2008 had a three-year warranty. He said the warranty was factored into computer pricing, and forgoing a fourth year warranty for the final fourth year.

“Additionally, a large number of students were purchasing computers after their third year and were not using the warranty for the final fourth year,” he said.

Senior Andy Kelly, a communication management major, said he was glad the computer requirement was lifted.

“The over-priced and under-performing computers will not be missed,” he said.

Kelly said he was required to purchase a Tangent laptop in 2008 and then never took advantage of the warranty before it expired. He said he has heard of other students who converted on the opportunity in a less-than-conventional manner known as “Tangent bash parties.” The phenomenon involves a group of students intentionally destroying their computers, later calling the damage accidental so they can receive a new computer despite the warranty expiring.

“The adjustment to a three-year warranty is just the normal warranty expiration you would see with any computer purchase,” Skill said. “Additionally, a large number of students were purchasing computers after their third year and were not using the warranty for the final fourth year.”

UDit still services Tangent computers despite the warranty expiration. The UDit helpdesk, located in Miriam Hall room 53, continues to provide all students with software help and network connection support at no cost for most services, Skill said.

Students who have a 2007 or 2008 Tangent computer still can receive repair services from the Tangent Computer Repair Center for a fee.

“The benefit of using UD support for those Tangent machines is that the Tangent technician will troubleshoot the problem and provide an estimate for the repair at no cost,” Skill said. “The repair center will do similar trouble-shooting on non-Tangent machines, but they will charge a $50 fee for that service.”

Details on the services can be found at the Information Technologies website at udit.udayton.edu.

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Crystal Sullivan, the University of Dayton’s new director of Campus Ministry, pioneers the position as both its first woman and layperson.

Sullivan was promoted from her previous position as associate director of Campus Ministry for the Department of Residence Life ministry and the graduate assistant program on July 1 after 17 years of working in the field and seven at UD. She replaces the Rev. Christopher Wittmann, who became director of novices for the Marianist Province of the United States, according to a university press release.

Since she is a layperson, Sullivan is the first director who is unable to perform Catholic sacramental duties typically accompanying the position, such as Mass or confession. The Rev. David McGuigan will oversee these duties in his new role as University chaplain, according to the press release.

“I think she has the gifts to really encourage the campus ministry team,” said the Rev. James Fitz, university rector. “I think she will bring a different perspective as a woman and as a layperson that will have a good effect on the Campus Ministry program.”

Campus Ministry is currently searching for someone to fill Sullivan’s previous position, according to Teri Dickson, Sullivan’s administrative assistant. She said the entire staff is collaborating to fulfill Sullivan’s past duties in the interim, except for the interactions with Residence Life, which are being performed by Bridget Ebbert, campus minister for South Quad and Founders Hall, she said.

“The whole team has come together to help cover [Sullivan’s former] duties,” Dickson said.

Sullivan said she fell in love with campus ministry when she landed a campus ministry job after graduating with biology and religious studies degrees from Kalamazoo College in Kalamazoo, Mich.

“I was grateful for the opportunity,” Sullivan said. “I really do believe campus ministry is important at UD and I feel called to be in this position. I am excited and I feel ready to serve.”

Sullivan manages the largest campus ministry program in the nation, according to an Aug. 1 university release citing rankings from the Princeton Review.

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A new bronze statue is greeting campus this fall in front of Kettering Laboratories, paying homage to the University of Dayton’s Marianist roots.

Featuring St. Joseph carrying Jesus on his shoulders, the sculpture was unveiled to the community during a dedication ceremony June 11, during the university’s reunion weekend.

Tony Saliba, dean of the School of Engineering, said in a copy of his transcript of his dedication ceremony remarks that the choice of St. Joseph was a fitting approach with Kettering Labs.

“Like one 10-year [old] said, ‘what is cool about St. Joseph is he did not perform any miracles,’” Tony Saliba said in the transcript sent to Flyer News. “He just stayed home and worked.’ So do engineers. They do not get the accolades, they do not get the limelight, they just design and work for the betterment of human kind.”

Brother Joe Aspell, a UD alumnus and Marianist, designed the sculpture made possible by a commission from Tim Beach, another UD graduate, and his wife Karen, according to a university press release.

Tony Saliba said the statue was a “gift of historical resonance” for the campus.

“When the majority of our students left campus in May, this statue was not here,” Tony Saliba said. “When they return in late August, fresh from family, work, and fun, we can just imagine their surprise and delight.”

The statue is part of a yearlong celebration of the school of engineering’s 100th anniversary, according to the press release. But the idea for this particular project began several years ago.

Tony Saliba said his brother Joseph Saliba, dean of the School at the time and current university provost, initially presented the idea to President Daniel Curran. Cathy Ford, senior workplace design consultant for the Department of Facilities Management who served as the facilities contact for this project, said it had been in the works since 2008.

Ford said Aspell completed the sculpture in May and it then was shipped from California to campus. She said the UD installation then took place in June complete with a concrete base and lighting, designed by contracted engineers.

Ford said Facilities Management and the School are currently working on the text for a sign next to the statue in front of Kettering Labs. Campus reception to the statue has been positive thus far, she said.

“I’ve heard good things,” Ford said. “I haven’t heard a lot, but from what I have heard, everyone seems to really enjoy it so that’s exciting.”

Overall, Tony Saliba said the sculpture is a positive reinforcement of UD’s basic principles.

“Christianity is a story with its principal players and their important roles,” he said. “Here in this statue, we honor two of them, Joseph and his earthly son Jesus, who from this day forward will aid us, in furthering the core mission and vision of our Catholic and Marianist University.”

A new statue in front of Kettering Laboratories depicts St. Joseph carrying Jesus was unveiled during reunion weekend in June. The sculpture is part of a yearlong celebration of the School of Engineering’s 100th anniversary. [MICKEY SHUEY/LEAD PHOTOGRAPHER]
Three freshman students participate in a New Student Orientation event Sunday, Aug. 21, at the RecPlex.
Seniors find adventure, fun during final UD summer

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Staff Writer

As University of Dayton seniors prepare for the final crunch in their college careers, many are still reveling in the joys of adventurous experiences during their last summer as undergraduates.

Brian Focareto, a political science and criminal justice major, said he spent his summer flying Black Hawk Helicopters in Hawaii. As a highly ranked student in U DoD’s Army ROTC program, he said he was selected for the opportunity to complete Cadet Troop Leader Training, a program that allowed him to fly to many Hawaiian Islands, including Maui, Molokai, Oahu and Kauai.

“The water was so clear,” Focareto said. “I saw a shark from the helicopter.”

Focareto said he operated as officer-in-charge of a physical training day on Ford Island, in the middle of Pearl Harbor. He said he designed a workout plan and led members of his group through historical and educational sites around the area.

Whenever he wasn’t working, Focareto said he spent his time cliff diving, snorkeling and spear-fishing at North Shore, a popular vacation area in Oahu.

In a move she said her friends described as “brave and independent,” Katie Peck, a visual communication design major, left her home state of Ohio to intern as a graphic designer for the DaNK Haus German American Cultural Center.

She said she constructed advertising designs for events in the coming year, including DANKrobertfest, New Year’s Eve and an ongoing art exhibit.

While researching to create materials for these events, Peck said she learned about the spectrum of Chicago festivities and began to get involved.

She said she attended Music in the Park at downtown’s Millennium Park on Mondays and watched Wednesday and Saturday fireworks at Navy Pier. Then she satisfied her taste buds at Taste of Chicago, a five-day event when Columbus Street closed and vendors from many Chicago restaurants brought some of their famous specialties, she said.

Peck said she also jazzed it up at Jazzin’ at the Shedd, a weekly, summer long event at which viewers can explore the aquarium’s many exhibits while listening to jazz music and watching fireworks over the Chicago skyline.

Leslie Barron, a marketing major, said she got electronically “jiggy with it” during the four-day Dance.Here.Now Festival from July 1 through July 4, in Governor’s Island, N.Y.

“It was just one huge, long concert,” Barron said.

Barron said the entire experience could be described as “a mosh pit.” She said there were plenty of glow sticks and neon colors involved each day from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.

“I would recommend the New York electronic scene to anyone who likes upbeat music, dancing and a good time,” she said.

Instead of letting the final songs mark the end of her nights, she said she stayed out until 7 a.m. to find other electronic adventures in the city.

While the jet-setting seniors didn’t allow for the traditional summer of relaxation so many students enjoy, all three said they were ultimately pleased with the jam-packed months of their last summer as Flyers.

ArtStreet debuts ‘Slippage’

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Tokyo-born artist Migiwa Orimo explores the concept of disjunction in her installation, “Slippage: 2010-2011” on display now through Friday, Sept. 23 in ArtStreet Studio D Gallery.

The artist will offer remarks and reflections on the exhibit at the artist reception from 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 1.

Orimo said her installation work reflects on the “realm of disjunction,” or the points at which the continuity of space and time is disrupted.

“The origin of the title, ‘Slippage,’ comes from Migiwa’s ongoing concern with the slippage or failure in communication,” said Susan Byrnes, director of ArtStreet. “We know when we are successful communicating things. But what happens when there are questions in our communications with each other?”

Byrnes said Orimo examines that question through her artwork. Byrnes said it connects to the idea of trying to communicate with people in Japan during the March 2011 earthquake, tsunami and resulting incident at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant.

Orimo said this latter idea includes lapses in one-on-one communications, such as phone calls, versus “many-to-many” communications through large scale social networking.

“The larger theme is the discontinuity of everyday life,” Orimo said.

Some pieces, including “Ocean by Numbers,” were created last year, when she said she first began to explore the idea of what slips out in the process of trying to communicate.

“We communicate through Facebook, Twitter, email, text messages,” Orimo said. “We’re sort of blind when there is convenience and speed. We have a tool, but how do we communicate with each other?”

Byrnes said she invited Orimo to create an exhibition at the University of Dayton after seeing part of the exhibit—a telephone booth on a street corner—in Yellow Springs, Ohio, where Orimo lives.

The telephone booth serves as one of several interactive, multimedia components in the installation.

Viewers can enter the booth and physically pick up the phone to experience “Ocean by Numbers,” an assemblage of recorded sounds. A video camera positioned outside the booth plays the activity of passers-by on a small screen inside.

The artist said the accompanying painting by the same name began as a photograph of crashing ocean waves, then broke down into groups of 10 shades of grey to form a pattern.

“It’s not like looking at individual pieces, like a picture on the wall, but making connections from wall to wall,” Orimo said. “It’s not just the appreciation of the objects. Each piece is like a stanza, or a unit. After viewing each unit, I would like students to step back and think about the relationships between these units, how these units connect or disconnect.”

Orimo said that while the individual pieces are all seemingly unrelated, viewers can make a connection through the parts.

“The shattered mirror glass table is a really interesting piece,” said Mary Toyoda, a senior premedicine major and second-generation Japanese-American. “I think the mirror literally signifies the splitting of the ground, but you can also look down at the glass and see a reflection of everything around you. People can interpret these pieces in so many different ways.”

“Cicada Wall 7.16.2011” employs several elements: text, images of insects, a video monitor and a collection of tweets Orimo chose by arbitrarily choosing the date and searching for the word “cicada,” she said.

Orimo said she originally intended for the exhibit’s yellow swings to be lower to the ground so viewers could have a physical experience as well, providing a metronome-like movement for viewing the work. But even without the swings, she said students can find various ways to involve themselves with the art.

“I hope students participate in the exhibit,” Byrnes said. “They can go into the phone booth, pick up the phone and listen. They should look closely at the video monitors. They should read the Twitter feed. All of that will inform what they take away from the exhibit.”

For more information about the exhibition, call (937) 229-5101 or visit artstreet.udayton.edu. Photos of Orimo’s work are available at flickr.com/migiwaorimo.
Past MTV Video Music Award performances set bar for absurdity

1. Britney and Madonna smooch, 2003
At the time of Britney Spears, Madonna and Christina Aguilera’s 2003 VMA performance, Spears still had a squeaky clean image. But when the “...Baby One More Time” singer locked lips with the “Material Girl,” that image transformed instantaneously.

Viewers were so entranced by bomb blondies’ planting one on each other that Madonna’s kiss with the Aguilera immediately afterward was largely overlooked.

While Aguilera has enjoyed a fruitful performing career, Spears’ has evolved into a roller coaster of crazy, bald, shoeless bathroom visits, mixed with a few rants with the paparazzi.

Spears and Madonna’s kiss was named the “best famous kiss of the last decade” in a 2010 poll by Digital Spy, a British entertainment and media news website.

Writer suggests simple savory treats for residence hall eats

Welcome back, everyone. In keeping with the traditions passed on for years, it is time to eat, drink and be merry in this promised land known as the University of Dayton.

As much as the average Flyer enjoys a little merriment, there is nothing better than filling up a plate and chowing down.

While upperclassmen in apartments and houses may be enjoying a reprieve from dining hall food, first-years might find it difficult to adjust to the cafeteria food that UD offers.

For those who are getting tired of the not-so-fresh fruit in Kennedy Union or the monotonous Mongolian grill in Marycrest, have no fear.

Most of these basic ingredients can be found in the many campus dining halls and convenience stores, though a range of nearby groceries are no further than a shuttle ride away. With a reasonable budget and an adventurous palate, students can discover some suave, delicious snacks that are easy to make in the dorms and pleasing to the tummy after a late night – of any kind!

In the words of “Iron Chef America,” “let the battle begin.”

Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Oatmeal
For those who have yet to find a guilty pleasure, today’s first course may easily become a new favorite meal. This breakfast entree is a dish sure to cause flavor euphoria. Drum roll, please ... enter Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Oatmeal. Imagine walking up to a breakfast dish so delicious that it brings the saddest Sally’s happiness level to an 11 on a 10-point scale.

Ingredients
- Oatmeal
- 1 teaspoon butter (for a richer taste)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla (the wonderful flavor in all cookies)
- Chocolate chips

By adding these flavors to a healthy bowl of morning oats, breakfast transforms instantly. This meal costs roughly $4. A majority of these ingredients can be found throughout UD’s various dining halls or packages in convenience stores like the Emporium and Stuart’s Landing.

Red-Hot Bruschetta
This next course is for all the Italian-food lovers out there. Get ready for a lip-smacking afternoon snack that takes less than five minutes to put together, and less than $10 to create. Brace yourself for some Red-Hot Bruschetta.

Ingredients
- 2 cloves garlic, sliced thin
- 1 baby or cherry tomatoes, diced
- 1 large roasted red pepper, sliced thin
- Handful of fresh basil, chopped
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- Dash of ground black pepper and salt
- Baguette, sliced

The instructions are so easy that anyone can throw this masterpiece together. Toast the bread in a dining hall toaster or pop it in a microwave. For the latter option, place the bread in a cup of water to keep the bread moist. Next, chop all the other ingredients and combine in a bowl. Place a tablespoon of the mixture over each slice of bread. Enjoy!

Pretzel Nutella Ice Cream Bites
On tonight’s dessert menu, here’s an original Scholten specialty for all the Nutella lovers on campus - Pretzel Nutella Ice Cream Bites. A moment of silence please...

These quick and easy bites take minutes to make and the total cost of ingredients is, again, below $10.

Ingredients
- Snyder’s Butter Snaps Pretzels, or a pretzel with a similar shape
- Nutella, ... Or peanut butter! (Or both!)

Senior Holly Scholten suggests her Red-Hot Bruschetta to hungry UD students in the residence halls. HOLLY SCHOLTEN/STAFF WRITER
**Editorial**

Transition:

**CHANGES TO CAMPUS, NEWSPAPER SIGNAL A BRIGHT FUTURE**

The University of Dayton is in a major transitional stage this fall semester, Flyer News included.

All across campus, changes are happening on a nearly daily basis. Some of the most notable differences include the continued construction at Stuart Field and at Virginia W. Kettering Residence Hall’s dining room. Both are expected to be completed by the end of October.

Additionally, within the next 12 months, our Dayton, Ohio, community will see a new apartment complex at the corner of Brown and Caldwell streets, the new Cronin Athletics Center at the Athletic Practice Facility and the completion of upgrades at Albert Emmanuel Hall.

Meanwhile, Campus Ministry hired its first-ever layperson and Tangents hardly even exist at all anymore.

Altogether, it’s likely this year’s class of seniors might have trouble recognizing a revitalized UD within just five years time.

The Flyer News staff understands the feeling. From a tremendous redesign of the print edition three years ago along with constant improvements in writing guidelines, the Flyer News of today looks dramatically different than that of 2006. But the changes are far from over.

FN videos, blogs, national advertisements, Facebook and Twitter presences are constantly improving, and that’s just the start. Web – over.

FN looks forward to the changes taking place on campus and believes the best is still yet to come. As a staff, we’re looking to add new members and welcome everyone to join in on the fun, too.

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**Opinion**

Housing lottery dropout finds happiness

It happened at the end of last school year. Desperate for a committed roommate, frustrated with the university’s housing system and tired of wasting my weekend on a computer, I accepted my friend’s proposal. I dropped out of the lottery to pursue an easier living solution: renting a landlord apartment. Sure, it seemed like the easy way out. But my better judgment warned me. Had I stayed in the system, there would have been a great probability for failure, one with which I simply could not cope.

So I went with my gut feeling, got in the car with my friend and drove off to sign my life away in a new housing contract. The residence in question had an address ending in “1/2,” I could not resist; I needed that address. I signed and walked away, feeling temporarily satisfied.

Classes ended and I went home, promising multiple visits to my new roommates, who would be occupying this “1/2” apartment for the summer. My first visit happened two weeks later. I walked in with my head held high and my eyes full of hope, but that hope was shattered. When we first toured the place, the female residents maintained a clean apartment that was blanketed in soft, colorful rugs. The stairs may have creaked, and some doors didn’t even close all the way, but at the time, it was clean. This was no longer the case.

I climbed the dusty staircase of The Half after squeezing past a pile of trash bags. Upon entering the living room, my sandals got stuck. I looked down to find them sunk deeply into a disgusting matter that greatly resembled the greasy, cobweb-infested underside of a Long John Silver’s deep-frying machine. The rich, golden brown wood floors that previously underpinned the living room furniture had been blackened by a thick film that appeared to be composed of tar, cigarette ash and beer. I howled in utter frustration.

Attempting to clean myself, I tiptoed to the hot, cramped bathroom. A green frog-shaped bathtub on the floor had been similarly blackened. Looking down at the toilet, my eyes were met by a nauseating black and rust colored ring. The shower had the same stain permanently etched on its wall. The shower had the same smell that was prevalent throughout the apartment. A green frog-shaped bathtub on the floor had been similarly blackened. Looking down at the toilet, I was shocked.

Suddenly, the intensity of the summer heat and the lack of ventilation seemed to hit me all at once, and I began to sweat profusely. I hurried to the bedroom where the only air conditioner was located. As I stepped in, I looked at the floor, and again I was shocked. Hundreds of ants freely roamed around in the large cracks between the floorboards. Was this really where my roommates slept? I felt lost and alone in this dark place, a germaphobe’s nightmare.

Months passed and I visited more. It seemed that every visit was further desensitizing me to the apartment’s sickness, which was also starting to disappear as we cleaned to prepare for the school year. Something else was happening, too – I was beginning to enjoy the place.

But why did I stay? Many have questioned the motivation behind my refusal to search for a better residence. The truth is I fell in love with the place. Once the gross film was peeled off and the wood floors became visible again, the apartment’s character started to show. The place really felt like home.

Sure, it’s still incredibly hot, a little dirty and it has guitar amps for coffee tables. But I developed a feeling of ownership in this unique location, a bond that I have never before felt with any dorm, apartment or house.

The Half is my own, and I will not leave it. God save The Half.

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Word on the street...

What was your favorite bedsheet sign from opening weekend?

“But seriously, best decision ever.”

MIKE VESELIK

SENIOR

POLITICAL SCIENCE & HUMAN RIGHTS

“The map of the Ghetto was a pretty good one.”

ALISA VIDULIAH

JUNIOR

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

“5 years, 4 guys, 3 bachelors.”

JOSH CONNER

FRESHMAN

DISCOVER BUSINESS
Relaxation key to curing job market stress

As school begins, it’s important to remember that attending college is a privilege. Books and schoolwork should be the No. 1 priority in everyone’s head. Without an education there is no hope to have a successful future... blah blah blah.

But who are we kidding? According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, as of July, the unemployment rate is 9.1 percent and it’s not getting any better. The job market for kids graduating from college looks as good as Rosie O’Donnell without makeup – or with it to be honest. No amount of studying nor A’s in classes is going to change the fact that companies aren’t hiring.

Try not to worry about it so much. For all intents and purposes, cracking open a frosty libation and enjoying time with friends is doing just as much good for the prospect of finding a job as pulling hair out over an English paper that has to be “perfect.” College is the only opportunity you have in life to be around thousands of people of the same age who are just as frisky, so why waste it?

Yes, it’s universally understood that without a college degree, job opportunities are significantly limited. However, that doesn’t mean everyone must be miserable in the pursuit of higher education. For God’s sake, have a drink, sit out on the porch and take a break from schoolwork a couple times this year. It’s sad, but this part of life will not last forever, so it might as well be enjoyed.

So as school kicks off, keep a few things in mind while shuffling between Miriam Hall and Kennedy Union: the job market is horrible and the time spent in college is limited. Make sure to find a balance between work and play that will still get a degree, but not overshadow the most carefree moments of life. College is a time for hard work but it’s also a lot of fun. Don’t let the moment get away.

Proper parking pays off

University of Dayton students are all too familiar with parking problems. The frustrations range from the seemingly outrageous $170 fee for a parking pass, to parking enforcement attendants trolling lots for their next victim and to the lack of parking on the side streets. Many be irritated with the situation, but wait no longer; the key to success is just around the corner.

Parking in the student neighborhood is sometimes one of the more tedious parts of a drive. There always seems to be that impatient 10-minute drive around Kiefaber Street or Stonemill Road hoping someone will leave, opening up a spot.

If that’s not enough, then there also is the awkwardness of parallel parking with a porch full of people watching how many times it takes to line up just right.

Here’s an idea: park our cars closer together. This may sound like a foreign idea, but there is little need for cars to be parked five feet apart. Those gaps between bumpers add up. If all of the drivers on a block parked a few feet closer, more people could fit.

According to the Dayton Municipal Code, vehicles need to stay five feet away from driveways, 10 feet from fire hydrants, 20 feet from crosswalks and 30 feet from stop signs.

Student pained by act of gluttony

This summer my friend Luke created a masterpiece; a sandwich containing two fried eggs, American cheese and buttered toast. Living on campus meant there wasn’t much food to spare, but nevertheless, I foolishly tried to one-up him. This terrifying post-consumption account, a tale of too much of a good thing, is my cautionary tale.

I was blinded by my delusions of grandeur. What Luke had made this summer was perfect. There was no need to make that bastardized monstrosity. It was such an innocent idea to have: this cheesy egg sandwich was delicious, and more of it would be better. How foolish was I? I let myself become consumed with my cautionary tale.

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I should have realized it was too much sandwich for one man during its spawning. How was I going to make sure the bread toasted in the right intervals? And the delivery - which included three pieces of toast and two toaster slots - was a flaw so gaping it could have destroyed the integrity of the entire sandwich. Then there were the auxiliary items: I needed to monitor the eggs and toast while simultaneously maintaining butter ratios and unwrapping the cheese. The biggest oversight of them all: having only one pan and four eggs? Madness. That was my undoing. If only I had another person there with me. But then again, we just would have made more of that tainted demon. This was truly the largest misstep in my Frankenstein sandwich’s birth.

When I started to assemble the sandwich, things got worse. Only being able to bear the load of two eggs made the supporting pieces of bread wallow in the butter too long, making them a soaked-through tragedy. It barely held together.

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I felt myself sinking deeper and deeper into its dark, cheesy comforting arms. My stomach was wrapped up in its buttery embrace. But then things began to go south fast. I don’t remember when it happened. At some point I was full, but I could not stop. I wanted to set the sandwich down and walk away, but it just wanted me to feast. I knew this was just from the weight in my chest and the desire to curl up and sleep for days that was altering my memory, but I swear the sandwich changed. The eggs became rancid, the cheese spoiled and mold sprouted on the bread. Something had to have happened to cause this rapid feeling coursing throughout my body. I finished the sandwich without an ounce of pride in my accomplishment. All I could hope was that no one would ever again attempt this sickening feat.

I was full, but my soul was empty.

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Men’s Basketball

Flyers’ European trip a success on, off the court

CHRIS MOORMAN
Sports Editor

The University of Dayton men’s basketball team toured the Netherlands, Belgium, and France for 11 days this summer, competing in four games against various European pro teams and the under-23 Netherlands national team.

But winning all their games was not the biggest takeaway for players and coaches as they stepped off the charter bus smiling in front of the Freiricks Center Thursday, Aug. 18. The chance to experience playing European-style basketball as well as French cuisine was appreciated by all, and so too was the chance to get some rest.

When asked if he was tired, head coach Archie Miller said with weary eyes, “Yeah!”

“What happens is when you get over there, that time change going from here to there makes it difficult,” Miller said about Europe and his struggles with sleep. “You’re also traveling on buses and playing games. You’re not sleeping a whole lot.”

Dayton won all four of its games, including two after trailing at halftime to “upper-level competition,” including two after trailing at half-time. You’re not sleeping a whole lot. Miller said.

Redshirt senior point guard Josh Parker ended the trip averaging 11.5 points a game and the two guards were the only Flyers to score in double-digits all four games.

Senior forward Chris Johnson averaged 11.8 points per contest while in Europe.

“I feel like every game the team came out and played well,” Parker said. “We really came together and just learned different things. During the games coach emphasized winning each quarter and not worrying about the score, not worrying about the other team, worry about ourselves.”

The trip was much more than just basketball, though.

Miller said his favorite stop was Paris, especially since the team got to visit the Eiffel Tower while it was lit up at night.

Parker said he couldn’t decide whether he preferred visiting the Anne Frank house in Amsterdam or the beaches of Normandy in France. He said visiting the Dutch house where a group of people hid in a room the “size of a closet” for two years was as soul-stirring as Normandy.

“The Normandy beaches were just amazing,” Parker said. “To see how the soldiers fought for us and fought for freedom [and] to see the soldiers’ gravestones, it was just an awesome experience.”

The UD players and coaches watched the movie “Saving Private Ryan” on their way to the beaches. They were also assigned to read the diary of Anne Frank before the trip.

Miller shared similar thoughts with Parker about Normandy.

“It’s a long trip getting over there, but once you get there you could feel how important that place is,” he said.

While playing at North Carolina State University a decade ago, Miller had a comparable opportunity to tour Italy. He said a big difference between the “first-rate” trip for Dayton and the one from his college days was the food.

“As a player, I got the chance to go to Italy,” Miller said. “I was craving McDonald’s for the first time. So the food this time was good.”

But apparently times have changed. Now the players, such as senior guard Paul Williams, preferred other types of fast food upon their return to the country.

“Chipotle,” Williams said to the Dayton Daily News. “I’m going over there in about 20 minutes.”

Pro Football

NFL lockout resolution warms hearts of sports fan

If March 11 was the day the Earth stood still, then July 25 was when you could hear a collective gasp from the sports world.

The National Football League is operational for the 2011 season after the league’s longest work stoppage in its history ended after 130 days.

New faces in new places will be seeing the Philadelphia Eagles because of the high number of notable names it rapidly gobbled up from the free agent and trade markets, including All-Pro cornerback Nnamdi Asomugha.

These media members may be right, but the so-called “Dream Team” should wait before proclaiming themselves as champions. The New England Patriots and New York Jets join the Green Bay Packers as teams that also look to have an early edge over the competition.

Where there is a top, there is also a bottom. No team appears more grounded than the Cincinnati Bengals with quarterback Carson Palmer “retiring” and rookie Andy Dalton being thrown to the wolves at the position. Coach couple this along with a pass defense that has mostly been of the old variety in two weeks of the preseason and Cincinnati looks to be as good as stale cookies. The watch is on already along the Ohio River for top 2012 NFL quarterback prospect Andrew Luck.

Every year there are rule changes by the NFL rules committee, the majority of which go unnoticed. One for this season will be hard to miss, though. Kickoffs have been moved up from the 30-yard line to the 35-yard line, giving reason to believe the kickoff play and return specialists are being taken out of the game. The vote was passed by a count of 26 teams to six, and by no surprise Chicago, Philadelphia, and Cleveland — three teams with above-average kick returners — were among the six who opposed.

So far in preseason games, there have been numerous instances of runback attempts from deep within end zones for teams to test the feasibility of a dangerous return game. I think we will get a good look at teams’ true plans as the regular season draws nearer. In the meantime, Bears kick returner extraordinaire Devin Hester is eagerly awaiting his true fantasy status update for his next contract negotiation.

There was another rule change that will be seen on a weekly basis, but will look the same from years past. A so-called “Boise State University” rule was passed, in honor of the Broncos’ blue playing turf, keeping all playing fields green in color. My apologies to those of you who could not wait for the Minnesota Vikings to mimic the University of Central Arkansas’ purple plunger or the Arizona Cardinals to use the same design as Eastern Washington University’s blood-red field.

Oh, and my Super Bowl XLVI prediction? Simply that a lot of people around the country will watch it again on television.

Now, as you’ve undoubtedly seen the NFL ads telling you already, it’s
Men’s Soccer

Youth movement brings hope for upcoming season

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A disappointing end to the 2010 campaign gives way to a fresh start in 2011 for the University of Dayton men’s soccer team. The Flyers ended last season with a 7-8-3 overall record and a 3-4-2 mark in the Atlantic 10 Conference. The team missed out on the conference tournament after dropping its final three contests. A successful summer exhibition schedule has set the table for a return to the level of success reached previously in 2008 and 2009, when the team played for the A-10 Championship both years, including a 2008 title and earning a bid to the NCAA Division I Men’s Soccer Championship.

The Flyers were picked to finish seventh out of 14 teams in this year’s preseason A-10 coaches’ poll. Head coach Dennis Currier said he has the bar set high on what the team wants to accomplish.

“Our ultimate goal is to get back in the A-10 Tournament this year and finish with a winning record,” Currier said in an email to Flyer News.

The task will not be an easy one for such a young team as 19 of the 28 players on roster are freshmen or sophomores. Currier said competition for playing time has increased this season as a result.

“There is a higher level of focus this year,” Currier said in his email. “Last year, we had to spend a large amount of time getting the freshmen to understand our system and our philosophy.”

Senior defender Jack Pearson was selected to the preseason A-10 All-Conference Team, and midfielder/defender David Abidor and forward Max Odgaard were named to the preseason All-Rookie Team.

Pearson also is one of 30 candidates for the 2011 Lowe’s Senior CLASS Award, an honor celebrating athletes’ four-year commitments to their schools along with achievements in their community and in competition, according to the award’s website. Pearson said winning a conference championship is one of his goals this year, and he said he knows the importance of his teammates.

“It (is) always nice to get a mention for awards, but I have to give all my thanks to my coaches and to my teammates,” Pearson said in an email to Flyer News. “Everything I’ve done here has been as a team and they have helped me be successful on and off the field, so I have to give a lot of the credit to them.”

The Flyers’ 2011 schedule includes nine home contests at Baujan Field, including four straight to open conference play. Early non-conference tests against 2010 NCAA Tournament squads Indiana University – ranked No. 17 in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America preseason poll – and No. 12 University of Notre Dame will provide a benchmark of how the team comes together.

It is a formula Currier said he is familiar with in the past five years.

“We sat down last year and really looked at what made us so successful in 2008 and 2009,” Currier said in his email. “One critical moment for those teams happened two years prior [2006] when we faced two nationally ranked opponents in the New Mexico tournament. It is critical that a young team experiences the best competition early on in their careers so they understand what level we are trying to attain.”

The Flyers begin the season at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, against the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Ky. The home opener is at 8 p.m. Sept. 9, against Houston Baptist University.

Women’s Soccer

Offense dominates in opening wins

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There haven’t been many dull moments for the University of Dayton women’s soccer team through the first two games of the 2011 campaign.

The Flyers traveled to Murfreesboro, Tenn., to begin the season against Middle Tennessee State University Friday, Aug. 19. Despite defensive breakdowns at the beginning of each half, UD showcased explosive offense, including a hat trick by senior forward Josie Grant for a 7-2 victory.

Head coach Mike Tucker said he was impressed with the team’s offense - which also scored a 3-1 victory over California Polytechnic State University Sunday, Aug. 21 - but noted that the mental errors are not acceptable. However, Tucker said the MTSU game was a positive indication of the team’s potential.

“It helps when you’re putting up those kinds of numbers, it makes life a little bit simpler,” he said. “But we don’t feel like we’ve played great yet at all, and we know we’ve got plenty of room for improvement.”

Senior defender Kathleen Beljan is a Lowe’s Senior CLASS Award nominee, joining a list of 30 players for the honor that celebrates a senior’s commitment to the community and the classroom, along with competitive success.

“The freshmen have meshed with the team very well and they have made big contributions in the games and practice. The team chemistry is superb right now.”

The upcoming schedule includes a two-game weekend Friday, Aug. 26, and Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Northwestern Tournament in Evanston, Ill.

The Flyers will take on Loyola University Chicago Friday and Northwestern University Saturday. The team then returns home for a match Friday, Sept. 2, against the University of Wisconsin. Tucker said he knows that victories this weekend would look nice at the end of the season.

“The tournament this weekend gives us an opportunity to see if we’re getting better, and two wins would be great looking back, now we just have to go out and do it,” Tucker said. “It’s easy to talk about doing it, but now the hard part is going out and actually playing the games.”

Beljan said she knows that the Northwestern tournament is a prime opportunity to continue the momentum from last year’s successful season.

“We have high expectations and that starts with this upcoming weekend,” she said. “We’re looking to continue our tradition this season by scoring a lot of goals, but now we have to work on getting those shutouts. This weekend will be a good test for us.”

Redshirt junior midfielder John Sobey looks upfield in an exhibition game against Bradley University Thursday, Aug. 18, at Baujan Field. MICCY SHUEY/LEAD PHOTOGRAPHER
Volleyball

Nationally ranked Flyers set for start of season

Chris Moor Man
Sports Editor

The echoes of squeaking sneakers sprinting across the Frericks Center gym floor can only mean the University of Dayton volleyball team is working vigorously to prepare for the 2011 season.

Dayton enters the campaign ranked No. 19 in the American Volleyball Coaches Association preseason poll. Last season, the team was ranked No. 21 in the preseason poll and stayed in the top 25 for the entire year. The Atlantic 10 Conference coaches’ preseason poll also picked the Flyers to repeat as conference champions after an undefeated 15-0 record in league play in 2010.

This is a new year though, and head coach Kelly Sheffield said he isn’t necessarily buying the preseason hype just yet.

“Do I think we’re a great team right now?” Sheffield asked when asked how he felt about the preseason ranking. “No, we’ve got a long way to go. But, I think we’ll be pretty darn good when the second half of the season rolls around.”

During the week of preseason before the annual Red-Blue scrimmage Friday, Aug. 19, Sheffield said he had the opportunity to evaluate his new roster after losing All-American middle blocker Lindsay Fletemier and five other underclassmen, but Sheffield said inexperience is not a weak point for the Flyers. He said problems that could arise would fall more under the simple lack of familiarity among teammates on the court.

Then there’s helping the freshmen learn not just the game of volleyball at a new level, but college life itself, he said.

“Well, we’re teaching them how to walk, how to dress themselves,” Sheffield said. “Fork goes on the left, spoon goes on the right. There’s a lot to learn. To play at the level we want to play at, there’s a lot to learn. There will be ups and downs just like with any other team.”

Sheffield said redshirt senior outside hitter Yvonne Marten, the lone senior on the team, is Dayton’s go-to leader. Marten said she sometimes forgets she happens to be the only senior on roster. Even though she’s been named a team captain for each of past three seasons, the 6-foot-2-inch pre-dental major also said she doesn’t see herself as the only leader on the squad.

“I think of the upperclassmen as a whole [as leaders] just because half the team are freshmen almost,” Marten said. “I think everyone together is learning together because we lost a lot of seniors last year. We’re just working on learning, being on the court together [and] getting that system back in place.”

The Flyers will be on the road playing against perennial powerhouse schools during the first two weekends of the season. This includes matches against No. 8 University of Illinois and No. 24 University of Tennessee at the Illini Classic Friday, Sept. 2, and Saturday, Sept. 3, in Champaign, Ill.

Sheffield said the tougher competition will allow him to properly assess his team’s abilities.

“I’m not one of these coaches that [gets] too concerned with just stacking up a whole bunch of wins and feeling good about ourselves,” Sheffield said. “We want to be one of these programs year in and year out that is amongst the best in the country. We try to recruit competitors and make them better competitors while they are here. If they want to play someone soft, we’ll be more than happy to find them a program with that type of philosophy.”

Dayton’s first home games will be during the annual Dayton Flyers Classic Sept. 9, and Sept. 10.

Friday’s first two matches of the tournament – UD versus Pepperdine University at 11 a.m. and Florida State University versus co-No. 24 University of Michigan at 3 p.m. – will be at UD Arena. The Flyers then will play the Seminoles at 7 p.m. in the traditional home of UD volleyball, the Frericks Center.

For Marten, the Frericks Center will always have a meaningful spot in her heart.

“Everybody says, ‘Relish these last few matches ... your last matches in Frericks,’” she said. “And like, I already know that. I love playing in Frericks. I can’t think of a better scenario than playing volleyball in Frericks. That’s kind of like perfect.”

The Flyers’ Red and Blue teams shake hands prior to the annual Red-Blue scrimmage Friday, Aug. 19 at the Frericks Center. Mickey Shiey/Lead Photographer

Volleyball Schedule

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