The University of Dayton recently spent $200 million to renovate Albert Emanuel Hall into a high-tech greeting space for prospective students, according to Molly Wilson, executive director for UD enrollment strategies and the renovation coordinator.

The admissions building is now highlighted by an interactive wall and presentation room, Wilson said.

Enrollment Management, Facilities Management and UD Information Technologies organized the project that began in October 2010 and debuted in July. Wilson said when prospective students and their families come to UD, their tour begins in Albert Emanuel Hall, she said.

“We like to have a high-tech, high-touch relationship with our students,” she said. “We want to recruit students who are going to get up, be interactive and reach out to the community. We want them to take an active part in their visit.”

Wilson said part of the reason for the renovations was to be proactive about upcoming changes in the region.

“Come 2015, the Midwest is going to go through a very sharp demographic shift where high school students are on the decline, and we’re preparing for that,” Wilson said. “We would like to have a large cushion of well-qualified students.”

The Midwest will lose 7.1 percent of public high school graduates and 22.4 percent of non-public school graduates by 2014, according to “Knocking at the College Door,” a study by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education think tank released in March 2008.

Wilson also said campus visits are an important part of attracting prospective students.

“Our yield on students who visit campus is over 20 percent higher than students who do not visit campus,” she said. “The campus visit is the selling point.”

UD worked with 160over90 to develop remodeling plans, Wilson said. 160over90 is a branding agency based in Philadelphia that represents Nike, Mercedes-Benz and Loyola University Maryland, according to its website.

The university has been working with the agency for the last decade, and most recently on the recent rebranding of its website, according to a Flyer News article published Sept. 16.

160over90 formulated the idea of the 36-foot “cross-functional board” in Albert Emanuel Hall that was custom-made for UD, Wilson said.

She said the wall features a video projection of moving cubes which dissolve into a video clip when people approach it. The wall then grows larger when more people stand in front of it, and Wilson said it is an example of a way to present UD’s community value non-verbally.

The wall features 19 different scenes highlighting the university’s strategic goals.

UD alumnus stabbed by local minor

The University of Dayton Department of Public Safety is currently investigating a campus assault involving the stabbing of a UD alumnus by a local 16-year-old.

The assault occurred around 1 a.m. Sept. 18, according to a safety advisory email sent that day by Teri Rizvi, vice president of communications. The incident involved four individuals including the alumnus, two UD students, and a 16-year-old juvenile from Centerville, Ohio, according to the email.

The assault occurred in an alley near the 200 block of Lowes Street, according to a Dayton Daily News article published Sept. 18.

Bruce Burt, chief of UD police and executive director of Public Safety, said officers were dispatched that night on the report of a stabbing. The individuals got into a fight that ended with the minor stabbing the alumnus in the back with a knife, according to Burt.

“It started as a verbal confrontation that led to a physical altercation.” Burt said. “We have identified all three individuals initially indicated as suspects. The 16-year-old was actually arrested and taken into custody that night.”

According to the Dayton Daily News article, the alumnus, a 23-year-old named Chad Roland, was treated at Miami Valley Hospital for a non-life threatening injury he sustained from the attack. The suspects are said to be three brothers, but at this time only the 16-year-old faces charges, according to the article.

Burt said this assault was in no way related to another incident that occurred on Sept. 4 involving seven Dayton Public School students.

The earlier incident included three random, unprovoked assaults on the 400 blocks of Lowes and Kiefaber streets, Burt said in a Dayton Daily News article published Sept. 16.

Weather

(Source: www.weather.gov) Rain will give way to sunny skies this week as mid-term break approaches.
The University of Dayton Industrial Assessment Center will receive $1.2 million from the U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy to continue providing free energy assessments for companies.

U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown announced that UD has been awarded the federal grant to train undergraduate and graduate students to conduct energy assessments at a broad range of manufacturing facilities, according to a university press release published Sept. 15.

Kelly Kissock, IAC director, said the money will go to fund the office, paying faculty and students, purchasing equipment, travel costs and other expenses.

“The IAC is making a significant contribution to reduce global warming, as well as helping companies be more competitive,” Kissock said.

Since 1981, the IAC has performed more than 800 free audits, resulting in an estimated half-billion dollars in savings for companies, according to the university press release.

Timothy Raffio, an IAC employee and a UD graduate student in the renewable and clean energy program, said the center is one of 24 industrial assessment centers established through the Department of Energy’s “Save Energy Now” program.

The program was started in the late 70s in response to the energy crisis, he said. “We provide no-cost energy assessments to mid-size manufacturers in Ohio, northern Kentucky and eastern Indiana.”

The goal of the assessments is to identify opportunities for the company to save energy and quantify how much energy, carbon dioxide emissions and money could be saved by implementing change, according to Raffio.

Unfortunately, many small and medium-sized industries lack the in-house expertise to identify and implement the latest energy efficiency, pollution prevention and productivity measures, according to the IAC website.

The IAC analyzes utility bills, facilities, equipment, manufacturing processes and waste streams. Companies receive a report illustrating current practices and recommending ways to save money within six weeks. This includes how companies can reduce energy, waste streams and improve manufacturing processes, the website said.

With the recent grant, UD graduate student employees will continue to receive relevant training to become the next generation of energy engineers, Kissock said.

“I have been able to go out into industry and directly apply the principles that I have spent learning over countless hours of lecture and homework,” Raffio said. “Every day at this job challenges me to look at things in a new way and when confronted with something completely new, to break it down to its fundamentals and handle it piece by piece.”

Pamela Stewart

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videos, according to Kevin Schultz, UD’s social media coordinator who manages the technology behind the wall. He said the cubes rarely act the same because they have 16 different behaviors, nine different color palettes and various degrees of patterns.

160over90 asked Rush Studios, Inc. a design and direction studio based in Brooklyn, N.Y., to create the design, video footage and overall visual aspects of the wall, he said.

“This is a glimpse into the community that gives you a view as if you’re actually in it,” Schultz said. “If you watch all the videos, they touch every area of student life.”

Kathy Winters, assistant campus visit coordinator, said the wall amazes students and their families. She said she sees visitors’ first reactions to the wall as she greets them for her job as the Albert Emanuel Hall receptionist.

“They’re in awe, it’s a new concept they’ve never seen before,” she said. “The alumni and students that are already here come by and are really impressed.”

GestureTek also created a motion-activated display that features facts about the university and a welcome video when people step on the floor, Wilson said. GestureTek is a company which creates “video gesture control technology,” according to its website.

UDit provided all the technology assets to GestureTek and the other companies involved in the renovations, she said.

Facilities Management also updated the interior of the building, according to Cathy Ford, senior workplace design consultant for facilities planning and construction management.

The department remodeled the furniture, finishes, bathrooms and installed wall graphics, she said.

Facilities Management also installed the space where up to 150 people at a time can watch a presentation covering meal plans, housing, tuition and academic offerings, Wilson said. The office also is creating a new admissions presentation which will be on display in October, she said.
Entrepreneurship program ranked 12th in nation
Chair cites addition of schools to The Princeton Review survey as reason for lower placement

AMANDA N. JONES
Staff Writer

The University of Dayton entrepreneurship program was ranked 12th on the list of the top 25 U.S. undergraduate programs by The Princeton Review, according to a UD press release published Tuesday, Sept. 20.

The program was ranked sixth last year, which marked its fifth straight year of earning a top 10 ranking, according to the entrepreneurship program’s website.

Dean McFarlin, chair of the management and marketing department, said the program’s loss in rank relates to changes in The Princeton Review’s rankings. The UD management and marketing department runs the entrepreneurship program, according to its website.

“You have to put it in perspective because what’s changed since 2006 is that the number of schools who have entrepreneurship programs and who are participating in the survey that The Princeton Review does has dramatically changed since the beginning,” McFarlin said.

The Princeton Review surveyed over 2,000 schools to decide on the annual ranking, according to the press release. The Princeton Review is an academic company which helps students with classroom and standardized test achievement and admissions, according to its website.

Sources from the UD School of Business Administration said the department’s opportunities for students and unique teaching style helps to style creates an effective learning environment.

Sophomore Tyler Joern, an entrepreneurship and marketing major, said he is currently working on his group project for the UD Business Plan Competition.

All sophomore entrepreneurship students work on seven-person teams to plan and implement “micro-companies” with the guidance of veteran entrepreneurs through UD’s Crotty Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership, according to the center website. The Crotty Center runs UD’s “multidisciplinary entrepreneurship major and program,” which supplies over $60,000 to fund the Business Plan Competition, the website said.

Each student group receives $5,000 to run its business and then eventually donate earnings to charity, according to the press release.

Joern said his professors are making sure students know the importance of planning out ideas and doing research to see if the ideas are viable before following through with a business plan. He said his professors haven’t even covered the business plan concept.

“What I have learned is that you have to do extensive research just to see if your product would even sell,” Joern said.

McFarlin said it’s important for students to have deep experiences inside and outside of the classroom.

The entrepreneurship program also provides students with these experiences through Flyer Enterprises, Flyer Consulting and Flyer Angels, according to the press release.

Flyer Enterprises is the fourth largest student-run business in the country and generates $1.4 million annually, according to the press release.

Flyer Angels allows students to invest in Ohio technology companies, according to its website.

Flyer Consulting operates under Flyer Enterprises as a “student-run organization that provides consulting services for non-profits in the Dayton area,” according to the Flyer Enterprises website.

McFarlin said these experiences help UD entrepreneurship students prepare for the real world.

“We want to give our students a world-class education and the definition of that keeps changing,” McFarlin said. “I think the days of having programs where everybody stands up and talks in front of a classroom for 15 weeks are over.”

McFarlin said he has great confidence in the program’s ability to stay on top with its students’ abilities to innovate, create and put their theories into practice.

He said the UD entrepreneurship program is successful because of these opportunities.

“We compete not because we spend a lot of money, but because we have innovative programs that not many schools can match,” he said.

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Alumna continues 12-year academic hazing protest

KAITLYN RIDEL
Asst. News Editor

Elizabeth Thompson, better known on the University of Dayton campus as the Hazing Lady, has spent 12 years trying to change what she said are unfair teaching practices at the university.

Thompson can often be seen on Wednesdays standing at the corner of Brown and Stewart streets protesting and carrying a sign that reads, “Hazing is Illegal, Stop the Harassment.”

Thompson is an associate professor of electrical engineering at Indiana University Purdue University – Fort Wayne, according to its website.

Thompson said she was hazed by the UD administration when she was a graduate student in UD’s electrical engineering program, from which she graduated with a Ph.D. in 1999.

She said Waleed Smari, who at the time was assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering, assigned her a grade lower than she earned to teach her to respect administration.

Thompson said she was hazed because the UD administration tried to intimidate her.

“Hazing is any act of initiation which causes or with the intent to cause mental, emotional or physical harm to a person,” she said.

Thompson said she has been protesting to have her grades changed for 12 years. She said she believed the “B” that Smari gave her during her last semester of graduate school, and other subsequent “B’s,” were premeditated.

She said she had a 4.0 GPA until that semester, and said she should have earned “A’s” for the quality of work she put into the classes.

“I want them to be held accountable, I don’t want them to feel that they are so big that they can get away with this kind of thing,” she said. “They are very corrupt and I do not intend to leave until they resolve it.”

John Hart, UD director of legal affairs and university counsel, spoke with Flyer News on behalf of the university about the case. Hart said he could not go into specific details about Thompson’s case or her academic transcripts because transcripts are confidential.

Thompson made a grade appeal in 1999 for the first “B” she received which she said was a result of administrative hazing, Hart said.

After Thompson filed complaints, the university asked for more information which she never provided, said Hart. She often abandoned the formal complaint process, though she continues to protest, he said.

UD academic transcripts cannot be changed, and no grade has ever been altered before, said Daniel Curran, UD president, in a statement to Dayton Daily News in an article published Nov. 15, 2007.

Hart said Thompson also filed a complaint with the Archbishop of Cincinnati in 2002 against UD, which ended with “unfavorable” results for her when the university was not penalized.

“She is one of our graduates and she was a part of our community, but she is troubled, and we care about that,” Hart said. “I’m hopeful she may be able to get some help.”

Many UD alumni have tried intervening by speaking with Thompson about her protesting, but after many attempts, there hasn’t been an acceptable resolution in her eyes, said Hart.

The university filed a trespassing order against Thompson last year because she was being disruptive to campus, he said. She was protesting near academic buildings and became a distracting presence, he said.

The trespassing order forbids Thompson from protesting on campus, according to Hart.

Thompson said she will still protest off campus until her grade is changed despite the trespassing order.

“You need to stand up against illegal, immoral and unethical behavior,” she said. “People are afraid to stand up against corruption and fraud and very illegal practices.”

But the university cannot do anything else with Thompson’s case unless she violates the trespassing order, said Hart.

Flyer News was unable to contact Smari, as he is no longer a university employee and contact information was unavailable. Don Moon, former chair of the electrical engineering department, also was unable to be reached for this article.

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Bowling group bonding teaches value of team, commitment

HALLE TRAPP  
Staff Writer

In an attempt to escape the agony of academics and the repetition of campus life, eight fifth-year students at the University of Dayton took up a ritualized male-bonding hobby than evolved into a committed team.

Poelking Lanes, located at 1403 Wilmington Ave., in Dayton, Ohio, holds “College Night” from 8 p.m. to midnight every Wednesday night, according to fifth-year senior Dave Malloy, an engineering major. The bowling alley charges $3 per person for three games and also has a $9 beer pitcher special.

Fifth-year students Dave Malloy, Brandon Lowery, Adam Fischer and Scott Martin team up against fellow roommates and fifth-year students Brendan Ward, Kyle Dobbins, Josh DiMauro and Logan O’Neal to bowl on Poelking Lanes’ College Nights.

The friends said they enjoy the atmosphere of the Wednesday nights.

“It’s not a ritzy kind of place, but the people who run it are really laid-back and nice,” Malloy said. “It’s a great way for college kids to get away from campus and have fun.”

Malloy said that the group always has a good time at College Night and looks forward to it every week. The men haven’t missed their Wednesday night bowling session since their first game almost eight weeks ago.

“Winning’s nice because you don’t have to buy the alcoholic beverages for the next time,” said Lowery, a fine arts major.

The men keep track of their record and Malloy said that his team is currently up four to three.

“We add up all four of our scores at the end of every game,” said DiMauro, an electrical engineering major. “We play as a team.”

In preparation for their games, the men said they engage in an unofficial “roast session” beginning about an hour before each game. They said this involves making fun of each other and describing how the other team will feel after losing.

“We’re guys,” said Ward, a civil engineering major. “Giving each other a hard time is our way of making the game more fun and interesting.”

Some team members said they believe College Night takes the guilt out of procrastination.

“It’s a great excuse to blow off homework, girl problems, and our messy house for a few hours,” said Dobbins, a civil engineering major.

In trying to explain how much bowling bonding time means, Dobbins quoted actor Vince Vaughn in the 2007 romantic comedy “The Break Up”: “When a man makes a commitment to a team, he honors that commitment. He doesn’t let emotions or personal issues get in the way of victory. And I’ve made a commitment to this team.”

The men said they believe what began as a hobby has transformed into a team as a result of their determination and commitment to the competition.

“No one has yet to bail on bowling,” DiMauro said.

According to the Poelking Lanes website, no registration is required to bowl on College Night. Interested individuals may show up any Wednesday.

For more information about Poelking Lanes’ offerings and College Night, visit www.poelkingbowling.com/poelking.
Star Like Me: Molly

“Star Like Me” is a series of journals written by Molly Kearney, a theater major, who recently made her return to UD’s stage after a semester at The Second City Training Center in Chicago, where she received college credit through Columbia College Chicago.

Kearney performed at Thursday Night Live on Sept. 8, at ArtStreet, and will also be the master of ceremonies for ArtStreet’s Backtoberfest on Saturday, Oct. 1.

Being a comedian ... Where to begin ... No seriously, I have a severe case of A.D.D. and can’t remember the question.

Oh right, my feelings on returning to the University of Dayton and trying to make it as a comedian.

Let me start by saying I’m so excited to be back in Dayton, Ohio. I have a lot of great friends and supporters here at UD, and hope to gain more before returning to Second City in good ol’ Chilton. I guess the main reason I keep coming back is that I want to finish what I’ve started here and one day hang that UD degree on my wall -- or cardboard box, it could really go either way at this point.

A lot of people ask what it’s like to do shows and what my feelings are about them, and to be honest, it’s difficult to verbalize my answer. Obviously, every show I do makes me overwhelmed with excitement. But in those last few minutes before I go on, you’ll usually find me keeping to myself off in a corner somewhere, trying to focus on all of the material in my head. If it seems like I’m not paying attention to you in this time, it’s because I’m not. I do my best to pretend, but I’m definitely not listening. Sorry I’m not sorry about it.

Once I’m out there, on stage in my glory, it’s like I’m in a complete blackout. Trust me; I’ve spent three summers working at a bar on the boardwalk in Put-In-Bay, Ohio. I know what a blackout feels like. It’s those very first seconds of laughter that really get me going -- as long as there’s laughter, I’m on a roll.

Once the show is over, I feel like I’m in shock and I need a few minutes to take it all in and decomp. After that comes the part where I feel quite proud and give myself a nice pat on the back, maybe even a little pat on the butt and a “good game.” And then I remember people are going to want to talk to me.

Hearing people’s reactions actually makes me pretty nervous. When all is said and done, I look forward to the next show and try to prepare as much as possible. I take all of my experiences into consideration and try to learn from each one. I’m really looking forward to continuing with the Hangar Variety Show, which is at 10 p.m. every Wednesday, in Kennedy Union.

I also have to give a shout out to Annie Boone, head of Thursday Night Live at ArtStreet. She’s been a blast to work with. I’ll also be attempting a few open mics at Wiley’s Comedy Club downtown and Dayton’s Funny Bone. Don’t worry, I will forever carry my joke book in my back pocket -- ‘cause I rock – it and no, it’s not a men’s wallet.

And finally, just to clarify, I’m a 21-year-old Taurus -- like the Ford car, but different -- who enjoys long nights of cocktails, horseback riding and freckle burning on my front porch in the sunlight hours.

UD to host arts benefit event

SIMON MCCLUNG
Staff Writer

University of Dayton students, faculty and staff soon will have the opportunity to engage in a collaborative, creative project with the local community in a new campus event.

UD will hold its first annual Art-Off from 3 to 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, at the Central Mall.

The Art-Off is a competition between teams of approximately three or four students, faculty and staff, according to Kelly Bohrer, coordinator for community outreach at the Center for Social Concern. Teams will be given 30 minutes and a box of random materials to complete an art project, she said.

Registration is open until 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, and costs $150 per team, according to an email from Bohrer about the event.

A panel of judges comprised of faculty and staff from across campus will judge the projects. Those participating with a team of two or more faculty and staff members have yet to be announced.

Susan Byrnes, director of ArtStreet, and Shawn Cassiman and Simanti Dasgupta from the department of sociology, anthropology and social work, organized the Art-Off event along with Bohrer as part of a fundraising campaign for the K12 Gallery for Young People. The K12 Gallery is a nonprofit arts organization located on East Third Street in downtown Dayton.

“When I first heard about the idea, it seemed like a fun way to challenge members of the UD community to demonstrate their creativity,” Byrnes said.

The K12 Gallery, founded by UD alumna Jerri Stanard, offers classes for children from kindergarten through grade 12 and hosts 16 exhibitions per year, according to its website. Bohrer said many students volunteer and intern at the gallery.

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“PURPLE HAZE” Director Lee Zellers premieres his film, “Purple Haze,” at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at The Neon theater on East Fifth Street downtown. The film tells the story of Dannysh, a Haitian musician who dreamed of coming to America and becoming famous. For ticket information, call 937-222-8452.

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Thomas Edison, American inventor and scientist, 1847-1931

STUDENTS SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EDUCATIONAL SPEECHES

University of Dayton students probably think they realize the importance of the many speakers that frequently come to campus.

Most recently, Michael Mann, a Pennsylvania State University professor, spoke about global warming and climate change Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Kennedy Union ballroom. Mann, the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize winner and lead author of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, discussed his new book “Dire Predictions for Global Warming.”

Many were in attendance to learn from a leading expert about one of the biggest questions and crises facing not only the United States, but the entire world. The majority of students, however, were most likely there as a requirement to receive extra credit points for a class.

The university promotes its motto of “Learn, Lead, Serve,” but Flyer News wonders how many students really understand the motto in conjunction to these events.

Meredith attending a lecture for extra credit likely is not what university officials have had in mind when inviting speakers to come to campus. Students should be taking advantage of these opportunities to meet and learn from some of the world’s greatest experts.

Many people talk about the “UD bubble,” but Flyer News wants to know what campus would be like if students responded to the speakers’ advice.

UD students should be paying more attention to these lectures, as opposed to simply attending as a requirement for class. Flyer News believes the level of student activism on campus is quite low, especially despite the calls to action from all of these speakers and the existence of over 200 registered student organizations.

Next time an expert speaks at a campus event, Flyer News thinks students should actually follow through on their pitches and ideas. Otherwise, the university might just be wasting its money on bringing them in.

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, a man named Troy Davis was executed in Georgia for the 1989 murder of an off-duty police officer. Justice prevails in America, right? Normally this would be the case, except for the fact that Davis never was fully proven guilty. The judges had reasonable doubt, but no proof, and did not produce a murder weapon. Yet they were confident enough to execute him.

Even worse — according to an ABC News video published Wednesday, Sept. 21 — seven of the witnesses who accused Davis said they lied and were pressured by police.

What’s going on with our country’s justice system?

I feel bad for the immediate family and relatives of the murdered police officer, Mark MacPhail. I really do. They deserve a peace of mind that can only come from real justice being applied to their relative’s killer. But how can we put a man to death without being absolutely certain of his guilt? We don’t believe MacPhail’s family got that peace of mind, even after Davis’ death. Members of the MacPhail family said they were absolutely certain of Davis’ guilt, even up until his execution. But since then, MacPhail’s mother said in an interview with The Associated Press that she still hadn’t felt those feelings of peace and justice yet. She said that they were coming later. It would seem as though she wasn’t as certain of Davis’ guilt as she previously thought.

But isn’t that what our justice system is for? Can we trust our justice system to be absolutely correct when situations like this occur? Before the execution, many people around the country rallied in support of Davis. Multiple politicians and leaders even spoke out against the execution sentence, including Pope Benedict XVI and former President Jimmy Carter. Wasn’t this enough to make the judges reconsider the sentence, or at least to make them find more evidence before taking this man’s life away from him?

I’m not saying Davis was innocent. I’m just wondering how we can claim his right to live before knowing with complete certainty that he is guilty. At this point now, if he were somehow found to be truly guilty, it wouldn’t even matter. The sentence was carried out before that was certain. And now, it would just be absolutely sickening to learn of Davis’ innocence. One thing is for sure: This upsetting display of injustice gives us more reason to appreciate our Marianist values of social justice and peace at the University of Dayton. I hope God blesses the souls of both MacPhail and Davis, and that real justice finally does come to this case.

Word on the street...

Do you think hazing is a problem on campus?

“No, not at all. I’m in Delta Sigma Pi and we have a zero-tolerance policy on hazing.”

LAUREN EPNER
SENIOR
MARKETING

“It’s not as bad on our campus, but it’s a problem on other campuses.”

ANDREW WADE
SOPHOMORE
COMMUNICATIONS

“No, I haven’t heard of any [problems] at all.”

NIKKI MAZZA
FRESHMAN
BUSINESS
Increased campus crime calls for priority changes

What kind of university spends their finite time and logic on matters of bed sheet placement, back lawn cleanliness and event registrations, yet can’t provide the protection to its students and alumni on campus? My 2009-2010 academic year was spent on the 200 block of Lowes Street and I am not surprised to hear of the Sept. 18 stabbing of an alumnus. Here, the locals and students mix with people parking, going to bars and popular landlord house parties. I have seen many fights with locals, students challenged by people and nearly hit by cars. The fact there are such threats isn’t a new revelation to students or the police.

But how can the University of Dayton enforce non-problematic policies, yet can’t throw its full weight behind this year’s violence problems? I want to make two things very clear: I am not suggesting the campus and local police are not doing their jobs, and I am also not suggesting that all UD policies are not in place for student protection. What I’m saying is the university and its offices should have one priority: make sure students on campus are safe from immediate threats. When the immediate wellbeing of students is threatened, enforcement of other policies needs to take a back seat to the threat at hand.

Banner placement, off-site event registration, third-party alcohol providers, trash can placement, lawn cleanliness, basement patrols, or whatever; these are secondary right now to off-campus violence coming onto campus. Funds need to be spent on additional policing at known hot spots. UD needs to work with off-site locations to spot and prevent problems, and students also need to do their part to stay alert and report problems.

I hope Student Life and Kennedy Union, Student Development, and Public Safety step up and announce public plans to improve student safety in the neighborhoods. Additional and easily accessible policing is a start, while student awareness and responsibility is another step. Band together a Student Neighborhood Watch organization. Make student safety a No. 1 priority. Give alumni and students transparency beyond morning-after emails.

As an alumnus, I am starting to wonder if I’ll be safe staying at alumni housing in October, and I worry every weekend about my friends still on campus. I’m wondering where my donations will go. And I wonder if future students will avoid UD and go to universities with greater safety, whether it is perceived or factual. My greatest fear is to wake up for work and see a safety advisory about another life-threatening mugging, or God forbid, a murder.

Roesch reveals its quirks

As a senior and an individual who spends entirely too much time at the library, I feel compelled to discuss a few topics that are housed in the seven-story mammoth known as Roesch Library. It is the source of both our woe and our academic success. However, it is truly the only uniting factor on a campus that enables all aspects of college life, and serves as the permanent reminder of our sole obligation as college students.

No, I am not referring to the endless stacks of books that I am too familiar with. I am referring to some of the new — as well as the old — aspects of our beloved library that force me to ask questions. I ask such questions as, what is that music playing in the hallways? Or, Jesse, why are these elevators always broken? Or even, why does someone insist on screaming announcements into a loud speaker? All these questions make one wonder; what exactly is going on in Roesch Library?

It could be the florescent lighting, or perhaps there’s something in The Blend, but Roesch is a quite peculiar place. The new artwork and accompanying music have spiced up the once dreary stairwell and have done so with an acrylic and geometric flare. This is good news because with the frequency of elevator repairs, the stairwell should display some interesting art work. The amount of resentment I have acquired towards the Willy Wonka-like elevators is reaffirmed each time they stop six inches above or below the desired floor, or when they eerily open to the deserted third.

But no matter how many times the elevators break, I don’t think anyone can fully prepare for the overhead announcements that begin bellowing down upon unsuspecting students at 9 o’clock and continue into the night. All I can say is this: You have our attention. We are in a library, and now I think I’ve developed advanced hearing loss.

There are some redeeming qualities to be said for Roesch; such as its ability to drastically differ in temperature, its impressive doll collection on the sixth floor, and even its friendly night-time staff that is guaranteed to have some interesting stories. What may be more notable, however, is Roesch’s ability to possess some sort of indescribable force that washes over all who enter its doors. This aura which emanates from its off-white walls is very much an equalizer among the UD student population.

Whether you prefer the casual atmosphere of the second floor, the ‘Facebooking’ and gossip of the fourth or the engineer nerd cubbies of the sixth, we all consider Roesch as our only real world reality. Because once you scale the rock climbing wall in the RecPlex, play sand volleyball on Lowes Street and get a pitcher with friends in the fabulous Kennedy Union Pub, you begin to forget that this is college, not a camp.

So when you think about it, if the “real world” Roesch Library is the worst thing about being in college, then why are we graduating?

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Flyers hopeful for wins, conference season fast approaching

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Wins have been scarce for the University of Dayton men’s soccer team, but after two losses this weekend, the team said there is hope entering the conference schedule.

The Flyers fell 2-1 against the University of Illinois at Chicago, Friday, Sept. 23, at Baujan Field. “The team then dropped to 1-4-0 on the season with a 2-0 loss at Oakland University, Sunday, Sept. 25, in Rochester, Mich.

UD senior forward and midfielder Eric Frazier netted the first goal Friday in the 35th minute. Dayton sophomore midfielder and forward Andres Acevedo tied the game with his first goal of the season in the 51st minute. Senior defender Jack Pearson was credited with the assist on Acevedo’s goal.

After multiple UD scoring opportunities, Frazier scored his second goal of the game in the 89th minute to seal the game for the Flames.

Despite the loss, UD head coach Dennis Currier said he was satisfied with his team’s performance.

“The reason why it’s so tough is that I thought we played really well tonight,” he said. “We had some great moments in terms of possessing the ball and I feel that with their [XU’s] only two good chances, they were able to score.”

UD improved to 5-1-2 and held a 15-12 shot advantage over UD. The Flyers, though, took more corner kicks than UIC: 5-3.

With the late defeat, Pearson said the first thing the team needs to work on is maturity.

“We need to get older, quick,” Pearson said. “It’s a bit frustrating, but we need to just plan ahead because the second part of the season is more important than the first.”

Currier said he agrees with Pearson and realizes many of his players are somewhat inexperienced at the collegiate level.

“Offensively we have a lot of creative players, we just need to get on the same page,” Currier said. “We’re playing a lot of young guys. In the maturity aspect, we lose focus at certain moments. If you look back at the two goals [UIC] scored in this game, it was just a lack of focus. We’ve got a lot of talent, we just have to put it together and understand that we can turn this around in conference play.”

Pearson said the team’s main objective now it to get a couple of wins before the Atlantic 10 Conference season begins. He said the team is confident that it can get to the A-10 tournament after missing it last year.

“Although the results haven’t gone the way we wanted, we’ve played well the last two or three weeks, and everyone’s attitudes are great on and off the field, so we’ve got some positives to build from,” he said. “We just have to get into the conference tournament and if we do that, we’ve achieved our goal this season.”

Pearson also said the early losses have not ended the Flyers’ season already.

Dayton next plays at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, at Baujan Field against Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. The Flyers then open up A-10 play against La Salle University at 7 p.m. Oct. 7, at Baujan Field.

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In Issue 7, published Friday, Sept. 23, a photo for the Sports story about men’s soccer titled “Flyers return home, look to get back on track,” was incorrectly attributed. Mickey Shuey, Lead Photographer, took that photo.

Garcia’s golden goal bests rival Xavier in A-10 opener

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The University of Dayton women’s soccer team competed in its rivals’ third consecutive double overtime game, but was able to succeed unlike the previous two.

Junior midfielder and forward Alexis Garcia scored a golden goal in the 102nd minute in the second overtime as the Flyers defeated Xavier University 2-1 in its Atlantic 10 Conference opener Friday, Sept. 23 at Baujan Field. UD then beat Oakland University 2-1 Sunday, Sept. 25, at Baujan Field.

After kicking off to begin the second overtime Friday, the Flyers immediately applied pressure on the Musketeers defense. A cross into the penalty box from sophomore midfielder and forward Juliana Liberti started the game-winning possession, and junior forward Colleen Williams passed the ball toward the net. Garcia then scored on a shot toward the post just two minutes into the second overtime period.

“At first I thought I wasn’t sure whether to let the ball go or not,” Garcia said. “My foot was there so I just trapped it and then turned and shot. It just kind of worked out.”

Xavier, 5-4 overall and 0-1 in the conference, opened the scoring with its only shot of the first half. In the 19th minute, junior midfielder Leslie Boersma scored off a counter-attack, giving the Musketeers a 1-0 lead.

Flyers head coach Mike Tucker said he thought his team’s first half effort was lacking.

“It was kind of a mediocore effort where we just went through the motions,” Tucker said. “We let the game slow down to a snail’s pace which is what they [Xavier] wanted.”

The Flyers, 10-1 overall and 1-0 in the conference, went on the attack in the second half with a flurry of shots on Xavier freshman goalkeeper Katie Markesbery. She ended the game with 14 saves, 11 of which came during the second half.

In the 68th minute, junior defender Alysha Mallon found the net off passes by Williams and senior forward Josie Grant to make it a 1-1 game.

“I saw it go through Josie’s legs and I was like, I guess I’ll kick it,” Mallon said.

In the 79th minute, Musketeers senior forward Jessica Brooks made a run that was broken up by Flyers senior midfielder and defender Emily Kenyon, preventing a breakaway attempt on junior goalkeeper Katherine Boone.

The Flyers continued the pressure on Markesbery throughout the rest of the game, and Tucker commended her for her play.

“She [Markesbery] was good,” Tucker said. “We had some balls that a lot of keepers would have given up rebounds on and she didn’t give up many. She did everything in her power to keep it close.”

Williams said she agreed with her coaches’ sentiments about the Xavier goalie.

“She played awesome,” Williams said. “We had 30 some shots and she had a great game. She was sticking everything.”

The Musketeers continued its attempt to counter-attack against the Flyers offensive pressure throughout overtime, but Garcia’s goal ended its bid for an upset over the National Soccer Coaches Association of America’s No. 18 team.

“That’s how Alexis drew it up,” Tucker said. “If you get yourself in a good position to finish and [Alexis] did, you can put the balls away and she did. I love to see the back of the net move at that point.”

The Flyers continue conference play against La Salle University at 7 p.m. Oct. 7, in Philadelphia.

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International athlete spices up UD water ski club

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The only thing missing from the University of Dayton club water ski team was some “South American zazz,” according to sophomore club co-captain George Cressey, an accounting and finance major.

This “zazz” and much more came in the form of Michael Woodman, a transfer student and a new water skier from Peru. Woodman said he is a business and operations management major between his freshman and sophomore year at UD.

He said he competed with the Peru National Team for six years starting when he was 9 years old. He participated in regional water ski tournaments such as the biennial Pan-American Championship and the annual Latin Championship.

Both events are open to water sport athletes from all over South America, according to Woodman.

“It was a pretty cool experience,” Woodman said. “I met a lot of people from all over the world. The lake was only one hour from my home. I became a much better skier.”

Cressey said Woodman has brought his personality and skill to the UD squad.

“Michael has brought a much-needed Peruvian sense of humor to the team,” Cressey said. “Most notably, however, Michael has brought us raw skiing talent. He is really good.”

Woodman said he had not heard of the club water ski team, like many students at UD.

“When I arrived here I did not know either,” Woodman said. “I figured it out at the fair.”

Woodman said he has credited his success and easy transition to the co-captains of the squad, Cressey and senior Jesse Harrigan, a math education major.

“They are both very encouraging people and very helpful,” Woodman said. “They are all about the team and are always organizing everything.”

Woodman said he began water skiing at a young age and has always had a passion for the sport.

“I lived by a lake and my family influenced me to begin,” Woodman said. “I started water skiing at the age of 5. ... I had to stop for a few years due to a back injury, but now I feel good.”

The UD water ski club practices twice a week at a nearby lake – Sunsite Lake just outside Dayton, Ohio – and competes in various weekend tournaments all over the Midwest, according to Harrigan.

“To me, the best part is the tournaments,” Woodman said. “We stay overnight and camp around the lake. We get to meet people from many different schools, which is very cool.”

Woodman and Cressey said one element that stands out about the water ski club is the team aspect and the camaraderie of the competitors.

“It is a very good team,” Woodman said. “We are all very close knit. There are many interesting and different people. They are very kind and friendly ... and lots of fun.”

Woodman said he has always had a passion for waterskiing and Cressey said the UD club team could not be happier with their new addition. The squad competed in a tournament with over 20 teams from Friday, Sept. 23, through Sept. 25, at Pleasant Shores in Van Wert, Ohio. Harrigan said. This tournament counts for passing through to the regional tournament.

Volleyball

UD clinics combine volleyball fun, life lessons for local youth

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The University of Dayton volleyball team hosted an open volleyball clinic for young girls in the local community Saturday, Sept. 24.

Girls, anywhere from the third-to-eighth grade, took to the court at the Frericks Center to learn the skills and tricks of the sport from the Flyers. It was the first of three such clinics UD will host throughout the rest of the season for young girls wanting to learn to play volleyball, according to a Dayton athletics press release.

Head coach Kelly Sheffield said the clinics are great for all involved.

“Both the players and the kids have a lot of fun,” Sheffield said. “I think the young women on this team really see this as an opportunity to give back to the community and give back to the sport they love so much.”

The popularity of the youth clinics has grown with the years, said Sheffield.

“This is our third year doing this program,” Sheffield said. “We love it and the young girls love it too. I think that is shown in attendance. We started the first year with about 20 girls and as each year passes, numbers grow. We have had up to 80 youths at our clinics.”

Along with the youth clinics, Dayton also extended a helping hand in taking a stand against bullying.

The team recently held a charity event called “Spike out Bullying,” on Sept. 9 at UD Arena, prior to a match against Pepperdine University. The charity event was composed of both the volleyball team and over 1,400 kids, according to director of volleyball operations Jessica Yanz.

“We had each one of the girls on the team wear T-shirts during warm-ups,” said Yanz, a former UD volleyball player who graduated last year. “Each girl had a word on her shirt in which she had once been called by a bully. One of our players wore a shirt that read ‘NERD’ on the back because she was once bullied by this name. She is now an engineering major and laughs at the fact that she used to be called a nerd.”

In addition to taking a stand against the harsh tactics of bullying, the team also allowed kids to take part in group stations before the match.

“The kids participated in team-building activities and were allowed to stay for the game,” Yanz said. “It was a good thing they did, because they got really loud for us during the match.”

Sheffield said he feels it is vital to hold clinics and charity events like this in order to add to the tight-knit, one-of-a-kind community at UD.

“People here at UD really stress community, but they also back it up with actions,” he said. “It is not just a word. It is the philosophy of the university. You walk around campus and you see a bunch of smiling faces. That can be credited to the stress put on community. It isn’t only the volleyball team that reaches out, but also many other teams and clubs at the university, and that is what is so great.”

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