SERVICE GROUP RECEIVES HIGH HONOR AT RECEPTION

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Staff Writer

The University of Dayton Habitat for Humanity chapter received a President's Volunteer Service Award at the Packard Museum downtown Thursday, Jan. 19.

The UD group received the honor at an annual ceremony organized by the Dayton Habitat for Humanity organization. The event recognizes volunteer groups who completed between 500 and 999 service hours in the past calendar year, according to a university press release.

The award was created by the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation to carry out its mission of recognizing service work by American citizens.

Habitat for Humanity is an international nonprofit service organization that aims to eliminate poverty housing by enabling groups of volunteers to build homes for families in need, according to its website.

Ben Borton, a sophomore civil and environmental engineering major, said he has had a positive experience as a member of UD’s Habitat for Humanity group.

“I really enjoy it and it is nice that we get to work alongside the families that we are building the houses for,” Borton said. “I plan on continuing to be involved with this program the rest of my time at UD.”

Last year, 165 UD students, faculty and staff volunteered a total of 781 hours with Dayton Habitat for Humanity, according to the press release.

Erin Roark, a junior biochemistry major, said UD’s Habitat chapter not only volunteers in the Dayton area, but also serves in other states.

She said she had her most rewarding UD Habitat experience at a Collegiate Challenge in Oakridge, Tenn., during the last week of winter break.

Collegiate Challenges provide individuals over the age of 16 the opportunity to spend a week working on Habitat for Humanity Projects in one of the 200 nationwide communities in which it operates.

Roark said she and other UD Habitat members helped an elderly lady who had lived in her house since the 1940s.

“Her husband passed, so it was just her and her dog,” Roark said. “In a week, we put the siding, trimming and patched up her windows. It was rewarding to be able to see how excited the homeowners get about us helping them with things they cannot do themselves.”

Roark said she hopes receiving the President’s Volunteer Service Award will attract more attention to UD’s Habitat for Humanity chapter.

“It is really nice to be recognized for all the work that we do, even though it is not being seen by a lot of people on campus,” she said. “Hopefully more people will get involved in our chapter so that we can continue to help more people in the city of Dayton.”

For more information about how to get involved with UD’s Habitat for Humanity chapter, visit habitat.udayton.edu.

Members of the University of Dayton Habitat for Humanity chapter pose with the Dayton Habitat for Humanity organization’s board of directors, Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Packard Museum downtown. EMILY WILHELM/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ATHLETES RETURN FOR FIFTH YEAR

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**VWK students displaced after fire sprinkler incident over break**

**CHRIS RIZER**  
News Editor

The Department of Housing and Residence Life has been working to repair 19 Virginia W. Kettering Hall suites after a heating malfunction set off a fire sprinkler in room 214 on Jan. 10.

The room’s sprinkler system was triggered when a valve in the heating pipes got stuck and caused the room to overheat, according to Joi Garrett Scales, operations manager for Housing and Residence Life. She said staff, along with other university residential properties staff, worked all night on Jan. 10 to respond to the situation.

The university has since hired an independent contractor to assess and repair the damages, Scales said. While 10 of the rooms had been repaired by Wednesday, Jan. 18, the contractor was scheduled to work on the remaining rooms starting Monday, Jan. 23, she said.

"The pressing question in students’ minds is ‘why is it taking so long?’" she said.

She said although carpeting absorbed most of the water, repairs are not complete because some of the drywall retained so much moisture that it must be removed. Scales said her biggest concern through the resolution of this issue has been keeping students informed. She said she decided to call every one of the over 70 residents whose rooms were affected by the incident because it was more personal than emailing them. She teamed up with other employees from Housing and Residence Life to make the calls starting Jan 12.

"That’s my main interest is to make sure that people are informed and have the opportunity to ask any questions that they may have," she said. "We’ve tried really hard to make sure that we’ve communicated what’s going on.”

Scales said eight residents of Virginia W. Kettering Hall are currently living in temporary housing because of the situation. The students are staying in housing designated for emergency housing situations such as this one, she said.

Jessie Minto, a sophomore criminal justice major, said the sprinkler was set off in the room she shares with Hanna Pepper, a sophomore criminal justice major.

Minto said she was told the sprinkler had run for less than 10 minutes during the Jan. 10 incident when she received a phone call from Housing and Residence Life.

She and her roommates, Pepper, Gina LaPlaca, a sophomore marketing major, and Mallory Martindale, a sophomore communication major, are living in two Marianneist Hall suites until their VWK room is fully repaired.

All their belongings were moved into a locked lounge on their floor in VWK until they returned from winter break, and the lounge is only being used for belongings from their suite, Minto said. Housing and Residence Life has also had all the linens affected by the incident laundered for free.

"Since it happened over break we were lucky because none of our computers or anything that's pertinent for class were damaged," she said.

Minto said she isn’t sure what the damages were to their property, but her roommate’s iHome still worked.

They originally could only retrieve their belongings from the lounge during restricted hours, but have since been given keys to access it 24 hours a day, she said.

Minto said it’s been a bit of a struggle having to go back and forth to the lounge to retrieve small things she and her roommates remember they need at the last minute, such as dress shoes for sorority recruiting events.

"[The situation is] just kind of an annoyance, I guess," she said.

"It’s just the little things that you don’t realize that you need.”

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**UD police refuse aid to off-campus house**

**SARA DORN**  
Chief News Writer

A recent University of Dayton graduate said she and her roommates waited over two hours for city of Dayton police to arrive on Tuesday, Jan. 17, after she called because of a suspected break-in at her East Stewart Street home.

Lauren Cosby, who graduated in December 2011 with a bachelor’s in chemical engineering, said she called UD police around 8:45 p.m. She said she and her roommate, Kasandra Maxwell, who also graduated in December with a bachelor’s in electrical engineering, had just arrived home to find their door ajar. She said she recalls seeing Maxwell lock the door before they left for the evening.

"We didn’t want to go in the house without an officer present, because we were afraid someone would still be in there," Cosby said.

Cosby said she first called UD police and the dispatcher gave her the phone number for the City of Dayton Police Department. She said the officer told her that her home was outside UD police jurisdiction because it is not owned or controlled by UD.

"The UD police are responsible for the area “between Irving Avenue at the southern boundary, Wyoming Avenue at the north, Brown Street on the west and the [Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum] on the east side,” according to Lt. Joe Cairo, UD police’s head of patrol operations.

Cosby said she, Maxwell and their other roommate, senior chemistry major Danielle Hickman, sat in Cosby’s car down the street from their house while they waited for the city police to arrive.

After another call to city of Dayton police around 9:45 p.m., Cosby was told her first call hadn’t been put on the dispatch list because it wasn’t high priority.

Cosby said she then called UD police again and told the dispatcher about their wait.

A police officer finally arrived around 11 p.m., she said, and walked through the house to find nothing suspicious.

Cairo said UD police cannot respond to calls outside their jurisdiction unless they feel the incident is a safety issue or if Dayton police request their help. He said Dayton police ask UD police to respond to situations when they’re understaffed or have higher-priority calls to fulfill several times a month.

"We have no business there unless the police for that area say ‘hey, we need your help,’” Cairo said.

Cosby said the situation was frustrating because the UD police are so close to their house.

"I didn’t really feel concerned that anything had been taken or vandalized but I just became irritated waiting for so long," Cosby said. "UD is right down the street. We weren’t asking them to arrest anyone. We’re students, we pay tuition and it’s irritating we couldn’t get anyone to come out.”

Cairo said in a situation where students are left waiting by city police, they should call and ask the city to request the UD police respond.

"Living in the city of Dayton is different than living in a suburb where there’s quick police response," Cairo said. "If you choose to live outside the confines of the university, you’re choosing not to have university service, and police services is one of the things you’re not going to have.”

For non-emergency police requests, students can call the UD police at 937-229-2121 or the city of Dayton police at 937-333-COPS.
Leftover meal plan money funds Dining Services

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At the end of each school year, many University of Dayton students attempt to spend their meal plan money down to the very last dime. Yet in the case of leftover money, according to Dining Services, there are a number of places where it is distributed.

Paula Smith, executive director of Dining Services, said many students have remaining balances at the end of each year and this extra money assists the department’s overall operations.

“Dining Services is a $15-million business and a big expense is payroll,” Smith said. “Usually students do not spend all of their meal plan money, and [the extra money] just goes to the expense of running the department and after all of that is paid, it goes into a renewal and replacement fund.”

Smith said that this renewal and replacement fund allows the university to tackle large expenses like the recent renovations at Virginia W. Kettering Hall. Before money enters this fund, however, money is given to the education and general fund, which is used for various areas of the university.

“The meal plan is structured with the intent of generating a surplus that goes into this renewal and replacement fund,” Smith said.

Smith said UD would have been unable to remodel either VWK last year or Marycrest Complex a few years ago without this extra money. According to Smith, the renovations at Marycrest were completed without any debt.

“We have to intentionally save to do these remodels,” Smith said. “If we didn’t save money, then we would never have been able to propose a model as nice as VWK.”

Students who have extra money at the end of the spring do get some of it back the following fall semester. According to Smith, 50 percent of the leftover money, up to $50, is put back in the student’s account for the fall.

Sarah Yedlick, a sophomore English major, said she has had the silver meal plan, which costs $1,865, for the last two years. She said that she knew that some of her money would transfer over completely from year to year even if she move into a house.” Clafford said. “Then it should go on neighborhood or Flyer [Express].”

Smith said UD used to offer an option for students to donate a care package to the Society of St. Vincent DePaul instead of letting their money roll over.

Clafford said she thinks that option should be reinstated.

“I think that it is a good option to give my extra money to charity, especially if I can not get it all back for the next year,” Clafford said.

Smith said that this unused money, whether from a debit meal plan or a 15 or 21 meals a week plan, is vital and helps improve the dining experience.

“Without unused money, we would never generate a balanced budget,” Smith said. “My intent is to provide guest satisfaction, balance our budget and create a great dining experience. I also want to provide future students with nice new facilities. My goal is always to try and keep our meal plan prices as economical as I can. We think we’re on the right track.”
University breaks application record weeks before deadline

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Staff Writer

The University of Dayton estimates that it will receive a record 14,000 applications before its March 1 deadline, according to a Jan. 9 university press release. Among the 12,500 applications already received, applicants are from every U.S. state except North Dakota, and 65 countries, according to the press release. Stacy Burke, assistant director of admission and UD’s admission counselor for the Cincinnati area, said such a large number of applicants by this time is out of the ordinary.

“Although the numbers of applications we receive have increased each year, this year has been a little surprising,” Burke said. “At this point last year, the number of UD applications we received was just shy of 11,000.”

There were 12,314 total applicants last year, the most out of the past 10 years, according to the university’s fall 2011 fact book.

UD then enrolled a total of 2,051 first-year students last year, and that number will likely stay the same amid the flood of applicants, Burke said.

“Overall, I believe the university will admit about the same number of applicants as in the years past,” she said. “UD admits about 1,800 to 2,000 students each year, and the university tries to keep an acceptance rate just below 70%.”

Burke said the early application deadline was Dec. 15, 2011, although students did not have to apply for that date.

“We take into consideration when a student applies early because in the end, we may have to defer students to be sure we don’t admit so many,” she said. But she said students applying for the March 1 deadline still have a shot at getting into UD.

“For students that still haven’t applied yet, don’t be scared because we encourage all students to apply,” she said. “However, a student applying early action will have a better chance of getting into UD.”

Campus visits have increased by 10 percent from 62 to 72 percent this year, according to the press release. The increase also has lead way to a high demand of tour guides to encourage prospective students to join the UD community.

“If I had to estimate, I would guess that during the school year I give about 100 tours to prospective students and their families,” said Heidi Goettemoeller, a junior Spanish and Italian major and campus tour guide.

According to Burke, UD will start to release acceptance letters the first week of February. For more information, contact the admission office at 1-800-837-7433.

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**Percussionists, Artist In Residence take UD stage**

**KELSEY BIGGAR**
Staff Writer

Sō Percussion, an electric-sounding quartet, according to member Jason Treuting, will play a few pieces and discuss its musical history at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, in Sears Recital Hall.

According to Eileen Carr, coordinator of the University of Dayton Arts Series, the event will be divided into three 20-minute sections of music, discussion and then an open Q-and-A with some reception time to meet the quartet.

A free film screening of Sō’s performance “It Is Time” will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, in Art-Street Studio B.

The event with Sō is a part of the UD Arts Series’ Career Conversations Series, Carr said.

“Career Conversations is an idea that has developed as a result of conversations between Sharon Grotto [chair of the department of music] and myself,” Carr said. “We talked about the great artists that we bring onto campus with each of our concerts and how cool it would be if we could have them talk about our concerts and how cool it would be if we could find our way into the world to make a living out of what you love to do, and these guys have found a way to do that,” Carr said.

“In 13 years it’s changed,” Treuting said. “We went from an academic setting to more of what we wanted to do. From Yale we moved to Brooklyn in 2003 and got into the New York and Brooklyn music scenes. Now we tour all over the U.S., Canada and Europe.”

Sō’s music incorporates a lot of different instruments, sounds and music styles that make it feel unique, he said.

“We play your standard drums like drum set, bongos, congas, but also we use laptops for electronic sounds, guitar pedals to make our instruments sound funky, an amplified cactus and a musical saw,” he said. “We do that a lot, but in a simple way. It’s anything from what you’d find in a music store to what you’d find in your grandmother’s basement.”

Senior music therapy major Jacklyn Neferos saw Sō Percussion last year when the group gave a short presentation for her ArtStreet class. She said she was really impressed by the members’ music and attitudes.

“They stretch music to its limits and redefine music and make people think,” Neferos said. “Their attitude as a group is not super professional, but they were really relatable and down to earth. The whole feel of the group was my favorite thing. They really loved what they were doing.”

According to Carr, this is the whole reason why the UD Arts Series is hosting Sō Percussion.

Sō Percussion, a percussion quartet whose members met at the Yale School of Music, is this semester’s Artist In Residence. The group will perform several numbers and discuss its musical origins at an event, Wednesday, Jan. 25. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY EILEEN CARR

“Career Conversations with So- is a part of the UD Arts Series’ Career Conversations Series, Carr said.

“You get a lot of career advice from different workshops, but ultimately when you’re thinking about where you want to go in life, I think your ultimate goal in life should be about how you find your way in the world to make a living out of what you love to do, and these guys have found a way to do that,” Carr said.

“That’s compelling.”

“Career Conversations with So Percussion: Following the Beat of a Different Drummer” is a free event open to anyone, she said.

Carr said she encourages anyone, musicians and non-musicians alike, to check out the event.

**Dayton Peace Museum honors Gandhi**

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A&E Lead Writer

The Dayton International Peace Museum, open since 2006 and located near the river downtown on 208 Monument Ave., is one of just two peace museums in the United States.

And now, a billboard on Ludlow and Fifth streets promotes the museum’s newest exhibit, “The Life and Ideals of Mohandas Gandhi,” with the leader’s familiar words “an eye for an eye leaves the whole world blind.”

The museum, known for its temporary, permanent and traveling displays, will feature panels on Gandhi’s spirituality and simple lifestyle through April. The exhibit also includes videos of interviews with the non-violent activist and a 1997 documentary on his ongoing legacy.

Bashir Ahmed, a member of the museum’s board of directors, has worked at there since its opening six years ago.

“The Gandhi exhibit is a sovereign example of our mission to create a culture of peace,” Ahmed said.

Any student interested in understanding peace or dabbling in the history of the Dayton Accords, a peace agreement signed in 1995, would do well to attend, Ahmed said.

In Ahmed’s eyes, Dayton was the right place for the accords.

Sophomore Mikaela Herrick, a philosophy and sociology major, said she studied Gandhi’s non-violent philosophy as a first-year student in the Core program.

“I have met some intellectuals who don’t agree with non-violence principles,” Herrick said. “But I believe violence should be the absolute last resort.”

Also citing an interest in international matters, Herrick said that hunger strikes in India reiterate the modern importance of Gandhi’s ongoing legacy.

Although Herrick said she has not yet visited the museum, she expressed interest, and said, “Gandhi’s method of protest is amazing.”

To arrange a tour of the exhibit, contact the museum at 937-227-3223. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

For more information, visit the museum’s website at www.daytonpeacemuseum.org.
CALE’S DAYGLOW TICKETS FLY

Dayglow is invading Wright State University’s Nutter Center to throw the “world’s largest paint party” for students on Feb. 18.

According to its Facebook page, Dayglow began in 2006 and “fuses high-energy music, art, dance, and PAINT into one mind blowing combin- nation.”

“Dayglow is a huge paint party,” said senior Katie Peck, a graphic de- sign major. “There’s tons of people, dance music and lots of colors.”

Senior Aaron Adams, a political sci- ence major, said one has to personally experience Dayglow to fully compre- hend how unique it is.

“If you’re a Tim’s rat and or Day- tona veteran, you should go to Day- glow,” Adams said.

Campus Activities Board sold tick- ets for the event at the Kennedy Union box office beginning Tuesday, Jan. 17. According to CAB’s concert and com- edy chair, Sean Montgomery, a senior fine arts major, it was a complete suc- cess.

“There was a line at the box office that morning and by Wednesday they were sold out,” Montgomery said.

Sophomore Mary Meg Gerbich, an economics major, said CAB’s ticket sale was advertised on Facebook the same day ticket sales began on the general public.

“This was a way for our students to get off campus and help us as a com- mittee to create a relationship with another local school [Wright State],” Montgomery said. “It seemed like a great way for the student body to show their interest in the concert scene.”

Senior Kyle White, a management information systems major, works for Wright State as an official promoter of Dayglow.

“My job is all about spreading the word and continuing the hype,” White said.

“I’m helping promote Dayglow be- cause I love these types of events and love to be involved in anyway possi- ble,” White said.

White said his favorite part of events like Dayglow is the atmosphere and energy of the crowd.

CAB travel and recreation represen- tative, Andrew Kuttiler, a senior biochemistry major, said CAB bought 170 tickets from Dayglow before they went on sale to the general public.

“We were able to provide discount- ed tickets since, as the Campus Ac- tivities Board, we are here to provide students with weekend entertainment and availability,” Montgomery said.

“In doing so, we covered some of the cost.”

CAB also eliminated the possible stress of finding rides, according to Kuttiler.

“The $30 ticket also includes bus transportation to and from the Nutter Center, so students don’t have to worry about getting there safely,” Kutt- tiler said.

Students had the opportunity to win free Dayglow tickets on Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Kennedy Union Pub’s trivia night. Each member of the winning teams received free admittance to the event.

“There will be a limited number of tickets that will be raffled off at other to-be-announced events,” Kuttler said.

Before choosing Dayton as a con- cert location, Kuttiler said Dayglow’s own advertisers started the Facebook group “Dayglow Invades Dayton.” A certain number people need to “like” the page before the tour would come, Kuttiler said.

As of Sunday, Jan. 22, there were 3,975 “likes” on the page. Although CAB’s tickets sold out last week, Montgomery said there may still be some tickets available at www.ticketmaster.com.

For more information about Day- glow, visit its Facebook page at www. facebook.com/dayglowevent.

EVAN SHAUB
Staff Writer

Taylor Gang tour kicks off at Tim’s


“We’re really excited to be coming to Dayton,” said DJ Scholar, Woods’ deejay formally known as Robert Ga- breil III. “I’ve always had great experi- ences in the past at Dayton, so it made sense for us to make it the first stop of the tour.”

Gabriel said his past experiences in Dayton include deejaying for Mike Ponner in January 2010, the St. Pat- rick’s Day bar crawl in 2011, and the Big Sean concert in March 2011 at Tim’s. This four-location tour also in- cludes stops in Toledo, Cleveland and Ann Arbor.

“We’ve been trying to help Chevy come up for a little bit and we think this tour is just the beginning,” Ga- breil said. “A number of other artists have performed at Tim’s before they got big and we have the same hope for Chevy.”

Gabriel said the show is a collabo- ration of 4.0 Entertainment LLC, a company he started, and Black Rose Entertainment.

“This show is really unique in that it was set up as a personal favor from Chevy’s manager,” said Tyson D, the promoter of the show, who requested that his full name not be printed. “He got in touch with me on Christmas Eve when I was at home, and said he wanted to make a show happen at UD to kick off the tour because Wiz Khalif- a and others had great experiences, so we got to work.”

University of Dayton sophomore Dave Zup, a Cleveland native, is open- ing for Woods.

“I think the concert’s going to be a great experience overall, the Tay- lor Gang culture and the Pittsburgh culture is something that has quickly become popular,” Gabriel said. “2011 was a good year for us, and we want to continue that into 2012.”

Woods, the headliner for the Tay- lor Gang tour, was born in Pittsburgh and was the hypeman, or promoter, for his friend and rap counterpart Wiz Khalifa, before starting to rap himself, according to Woods’ website. His most recent mixtape, “The Cookout,” was released Sept. 24, 2011, and has since accounted for over 100,000 downloads, according to Woods’ website.

Tyson, a 2004 UD graduate, stressed that the show was specifically for the students.

“We’ve worked hard to put this show together for the students,” Ty- son said. “We want UD students to come to this, so we made the ticket prices $10.”

Gabriel said he considers UD al- most like a second home, even though he went to college in Toledo.

“Tim’s gave me opportunities when I was just starting out, and I always had great experiences so I’m excited to come back,” Gabriel said. “We want as many people to come as possible.”

Doors open at 7 p.m. Thursday, and the show is open to anyone over the age of 18.

For tickets and more information on the concert, visit www.taylorgangtouc.com, or go to Timothy’s Pub and Grill.
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It gets real now.

Syllabus week – or silly bus as some of the Flyer News editors prefer, since we take it that seriously – is officially over. We’ve sat through teachers telling us about their classroom expectations – darn, we still can’t use our smart phones – and spend hours of instruction time informing us what they’ll be teaching … eventually.

Now that we’ve spent one-fourteenth of the $20,000-ish we pay per semester for a week of learning nothing, it’s time to settle in.

As a student, I expect my teachers to tell me something. Yet most of the time this past week, our teachers just told us what we were going to learn. Meanwhile, I’m still wondering what the point is.

We at Flyer News feel your pain. Not only are midterm breaks and cold and bleak with little to look forward to, know you’re not alone.

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But have hope, Flyer Faithful, as this emptiness could be a blessing disguised in cold, boring days. Now’s the time to do everything you will soon be lamenting you don’t have time for. That club you always said you’d join is meeting this week, so check it out. Or what about that sweet intramural team name you came up with back in the day? Put it to use and finally get your people together on the field or on the court. Now’s the time to do the things that will be worth talking about when the weather’s nice enough to sit on our porches and sip our days away.

As a student, I expect my teachers to tell me something. Yet most of the time this past week, our teachers just told us what we were going to learn. Meanwhile, I’m still wondering what the point is.

We at Flyer News feel your pain. Not only are midterm breaks and cold and bleak with little to look forward to, know you’re not alone.

For seniors, it’s the beginning of the final push, and after the long winter nap of Christmas break, getting back to business can be rough. The excitement of being back with the campus friends and family we’ve missed has worn off and our frozen Tim’s feet have thawed just enough to be quite painful. If you feel the future is gray, know you’re not alone.

Word on the street...

Did you expect Dayton to beat Xavier in basketball on Saturday?

“Of course! I have faith in my Flyers.”

LAUREN GLASS
JUNIOR
JOURNALISM

“No, they’ve been playing up and down lately, but they came out strong against Xavier.”

MAUREEN BRADY
SENIOR
ENGLISH & ADOLESCENT TO YOUNG ADULT EDUCATION

"Yes, it’s clear that we’re a much better looking team [physically] than Xavier, which helped us in the long run."

JASON STEWART
FRESHMAN
OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

"You have four years to be irresponsible here. Relax. Work is for people with jobs.”

Thomas Earl Petty, American musician, born 1950

OPINIONS

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Obamacare rules out religious freedom

We can all agree that universal health care makes sense in that every American should be insured. That’s why I can understand a defense of President Barack Obama’s Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, commonly known as “Obamacare.” However, there are some shocking regulations that come with this reform which we should all be aware of, as they threaten one of our most basic human rights.

The details of the Obamacare act are being outlined under the Department of Health and Human Services. Under new provisions, which could take effect later this year, both public and private health care plans are required to cover preventative acts. This means surgical sterilization, all methods of contraception approved by the Food and Drug Administration, education and counseling must now be covered by health care, as mandated by the HHS.

This presents a problem. A number of these forms of contraceptives – including the “morning after” pill – may cause an already fertilized and implanted egg to die, thus destroying a human life as it begins its development into a child. Also included are surgical sterilizations, which make it impossible for pregnancies to occur in the first place.

So why are these new HHS rulings such a big deal? First of all, we will all be paying for them, either in the insurance policy we’ll have to buy or the taxes we’ll have to pay. We are required by law to be insured, so that means everyone will be forced to pay for these policies in one way or another.

This is where the HHS rulings violate an essential freedom. The Obama administration is mandating that Americans’ insurance plans cover specific practices. Unfortunately, those practices force people who respect the sanctity of human life to disobey their beliefs. There are few exemptions to these rulings, which will allow some religious employers, such as a Catholic parish, to qualify. But many Catholics will be forced to pay for these policies, organizations and schools will be faced with a tough choice: Either violate their principles in order to insure their employees, or face the consequences of breaking the law.

Another problem is that surgical sterilizations are being treated like necessary medical surgeries. We have to realize what we’re talking about here: Pregnancy is not a disease. Neither is fertility. Rather, they are normal, healthy states of being. Why are we covering and forcing Americans to cover procedures that typically aren’t necessary? Would you expect your boss to pay for your Botox injections?

These proposed changes by HHS are not in effect yet; if enough objections are brought up, their passage could be stalled. There are many Catholic organizations that will fight this, as will other religious organizations. But this grim future of squashed religious freedom will be our fate unless we do something about it.

An article published Friday, Jan. 20, on thinkprogress.org called these changes a “huge victory for women’s health.” But when the government is able to force us to ignore our personal and religious beliefs, I can’t see how anyone wins.
Spending time with family reveals stress, comforts of being home

Ben Folds taught me an important lesson: Learn to live with what you are. I’ve always been a sentimental guy, so I decided to write him a letter thanking him for the contribution he’s made to my time here at the University of Dayton.

Dear Mr. Folds,

I know that, really, you don’t know me, but I’ve always trusted your lyrics because I find your music to be selfless, cold and composed. A lot has happened since you’ve been gone from UD. In fact, many things are not the same. I’m sorry we spent so much time apart, but two years ago, when I saw you in concert, it was like watching someone in a battle of who could care less. I don’t know if you were upset, but the way you set the tone in the UD Arena that night made it feel like one angry dwarf and 200 solemn faces. The memory of that performance has been weighing down on me like a brick, and I guess that’s why I’ve stayed away for so long. But now I have many regrets about our separation.

I need your philosophy in my life right now more than ever. You see, lately I’ve been a mess, life right now more than ever. Unfortunately, I’ve been stopped for the best of reasons and I will still be freaking out if it is preventing me from getting to where I need to be: “A funeral procession?” I am really stopped for a funeral procession right now? Way to pick a good time to die: Burger King is running a buy one, get one chicken sandwich deal for a limited time only!”

Although I truly detest driving, I still do make the effort to go home every break. First off, I really do love my family and I look forward to time I get to spend with them. But ever since embarking off to college four years ago, I have found another reason to go home. I now feel this overwhelming obligation to go home in order to help my dad out. No, it’s not to help him with yard work or anything like that; it’s much more important.

When I left for school in 2008, I basically left my dad in an estrogen war zone. It’s just him, my mom and my two teenage sisters living at home now. He can do to keep his sanity is wage one battle after another with these women. I get calls from him every week, admittedly more during certain weeks of the month than others, where I can just hear the anguish in his voice. He tells me stories about low-cut tops, skirts that are too short and of the constant barrage of contradiction coming from these ladies that can only be described as psychological warfare. So I feel like I have a calling to go home and help him in these epic battles.

However, I will say my dad is much stronger than I am. After two weeks back home with my sisters, I can barely control the voices in my head telling me to run and never look back. I do try to create some camaraderie between us all. I guess it’s just my UD blood, but to do this I instinctively set up a flip cup tournament. It seldom works out though.

For one, I hate driving that four-hour trek from Dayton to Cleveland. I will admit it: I am an angry driver. You can ask anyone who has been in the car with me, I can be stopped for the best of reasons and I will still be freaking out if it is preventing me from getting to where I need to be: “A funeral procession?” I am really stopped for a funeral procession right now? Way to pick a good time to die: Burger King is running a buy one, get one chicken sandwich deal for a limited time only!”

I was waiting in line for the Raptor rollercoaster at Cedar Point one summer ago when my friend turned to me with an interesting theory.

His theory, which he called the “Line Theory,” stated that as people got closer and closer to the end of the line, the amount of space between each person got smaller. I thought about what he had proposed, and it made sense, but I wanted to see if it was actually true. As we got closer to hopping on the Raptor, sure enough, everyone in line was practically on top of each other. The effect was at its best when the rollercoaster train was in sight.

What is it about that last final stretch of line that we feel the need to squeeze in?

When I returned to campus a week ago for my last semester at the University of Dayton, my friend’s theory came to the forefront of my mind. My final days at UD are student dawdling and thinking about that brings a sense of urgency to squeeze every last bit of fun in before I graduate.

I think it is safe to say that every senior graduating in May shares this same sense of urgency. It’s not that we haven’t had the time of our lives since freshman year, but the last part of any chapter is always bittersweet.

Trying to embrace the final days on how they want their last semester to play out. When these pictures are altered, issues can arise. We have only been back on campus for one week, but I have already seen this debate unfold. Disagreements on where to go to dinner or what to do this weekend are common during college, but they seem to be of greater importance now that our days are numbered.

But are the decisions really the important part? Or is it how you choose to accept those choices and go along for the adventure?

Think back to some of your favorite memories here at Dayton. Were they planned out or were they spontaneous things you have killer stories to go along with?

Julie Strunk
Senior
Marketing & Entrepreneurship

My advice for the senior class of 2012 is to sit in the middle of the train and enjoy the ride – wherever it takes you. Everyone is sure to have a good time and when the ride comes to a stop, you all will wonder why you analyzed something as small as where to sit on the train.

Julie Strunk
Senior
Broadcaster applauds impressive start for Flyers

Beating Xavier University always feels good, but one should never sum up an entire season with one game. Who would have thought that after 19 games this season, the University of Dayton men's basketball team would be 14-5? And that's along with already having won an in-season tournament and now being ranked in the Ratings Percentage Index top 30. The team has completely changed all pre-season expectations for the year, and all of this is in the first nine months of having Archie Miller as head coach.

Broadcasting a good majority of games for WUDR this year, I have seen how this team has grown together into a contender for the Atlantic 10 Conference title. But by far, the best performance so far was the 87-72 win against the Xavier Musketeers on Saturday, Jan. 21.

Xavier came into the game hot – winners of four straight – and the team seemed to have put its midseason slide in the past. Senior guard Tu Holloway and company would have loved nothing more than to stick it to the upstart Flyers at Blackburn Court and continue their normal destruction of the A-10.

But what we saw instead was a statement by UD on national TV that this team is for real and ready to compete. With the fantastic performances by redshirt junior point guard Kevin Dillard (16 points, nine assists) and Junior center Matt Kavanaugh (20 points, nine rebounds), UD gets through the toughest five games of the season going 4-1 with a win over Xavier.

So Flyer fans, I write to you today to be happy where we stand, but I also remain cautiously optimistic for the rest of the season.

Beating a big rival brings momentum and energy to a team and its fan base; but it's important to remember that this is only one game, and the Flyers have 11 more to go. ESPN analyst Fran Fraschilla said that during his days of coaching in the middle of conference play, he would focus the mentality of his team on one-game winning streaks. He said that his players should learn from the previous game, but not bring all the emotion from a win or a loss.

This is the exact mindset that Miller needs to set in his locker room, and with the entire Flyer Faithful. Revel in the victories, especially after beating Xavier, but focus on what's next. This team has a lot of potential, and given its performances on the court, the sky seems to be the limit.

So stay positive yet level-headed my friends, because from where I see it, this is only the beginning. With a little bit of focus, this team could still be atop the A-10 standings in March.

Editor shares early story lines from fast-paced NBA season

The National Basketball Association locked itself out this summer. Wait, you say you didn’t miss it? I didn’t really miss it too much, either. I always have thought the league’s old 82-game season was too long, so this new 66-game schedule is refreshing and should be a test run for the future. Just next time, maybe stretch it out another month so games are not crammed down our throats.-

Of course, the 161-day lockout forced the league to produce the tighter schedule. Although this lockout was longer than the one by the National Football League, it did not seem to receive as much daily notoriety or scrutiny from fans waiting for a deal to get done.

Alas, after missing almost two months of basketball, the league kicked things off in grand style on Christmas Day.

That day saw the Chicago Bulls and its star player Derrick Rose beat the Los Angeles Lakers; the Los Angeles Clippers begin their run at a potential first-ever division title; and the defending champion Dallas Mavericks fall to the new title favorite, the Miami Heat.

When LeBron James made the infamous “Decision” in 2010 by devoting a one-hour national television program on his choice to join the Heat, I jokingly thought it was the reforming of the old professional wrestling stable, the New World Order. James’ promise of eight NBA championships to Miami fans when the new-look Heat were introduced before the start of the 2010-11 season matched the cocky attitude the New World Order used to display consistently for wrestling fans.

On Thursday, Jan. 19, the team even took a step toward the look of it by dawning jerseys only colored black-and-white, the former look of the wrestling stable.

On the court though, no team is scoring more points per game this season than the Heat, and as long as injuries stay away, the NBA Championship Larry O’Brien Trophy could be taking its talents to South Beach.

Here is a shout-out to the two “local” teams as well, the Indiana Pacers and Cleveland Cavaliers. The Pacers have quickly turned around their misfortunes since All-Star guard Reggie Miller retired in 2005 and appear to be well on their way toward their first winning record without Miller since the 1980-81 season.

The Cavaliers, meanwhile, may have the Rookie of the Year this season in their top pick of the 2011 NBA Draft, point guard Kyrie Irving. I do not see them making a miraculous run into the playoffs, but a year removed from James leaving the team and city of Cleveland behind, their fans can be pleased with the product seen.

Finally, no NBA column here now can go without mention of University of Dayton’s lone league representative. Congratulations to former forward Chris Wright, now a member of the Golden State Warriors and the first Flyer to appear in an NBA game since 1999.

He scored his first career field goal against the Heat and had the privilege of being asked to defend Lakers guard Kobe Bryant in a game, both in his recognizable No. 33 jersey.

Of course, this opportunity doesn’t happen for Wright if the lockout had not ended. So, I guess one reason has been found as to how the NBA could have been missed.
Football

Seniors decide to return for a fifth season, another title shot

CHRIS MOORMAN
Sports Editor

Even in the middle of January, University of Dayton head football coach Rick Chamberlin is busy.

Chamberlin gives the seniors on the team a deadline on whether they want to return for a fifth year. Players had until Jan. 16 to decide and, according to Chamberlin, 12 are coming back for a final season in a Dayton uniform.

“You always like that,” Chamberlin said of the players returning. “I think it says something about their experiences; that they’re enjoying it. Not just football, but the school itself, too. Sometimes I think of it as if they don’t want to go out in the real world yet. They want to hold onto one more semester of college life. But, there’s more to it than that, I’m sure.”

Among those returning are running back Taylor Harris, who’s season ended with a pulled hamstring, and Dan Jacobs; offensive linemen Bill Petraiuolo, Owen Elger and Dave Allen; and defensive linemen Kevin Kern, Phil DeBoer and Zach Weber.

Harris and Jacobs combined for 1,159 yards and nine touchdowns.

Senior forward Elle Queen said the defense against Fordham was part of UD’s three-headed rushing attack, but Chamberlin said Mack will not be returning for a fifth year because he has a job offer.

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RICK CHAMBERLIN
FOOTBALL HEAD COACH

Harris said he is pleased to have another season at UD. Last year, Harris was on his way to a 1,000-yard rushing season until he pulled his hamstring in the second-to-last game of the season against San Diego University on Nov. 5.

“I’m looking forward to it,” Harris said in a phone interview. “Last year was kind of a disappointing season team-wise going 6-6. So coming back we have a really good chance with fifth-years coming back and we have returning starters coming back. It’s really exciting to go at it one more year with guys I’ve been with the past four years.”

Dayton has 21 players graduating, and thus nine leaving, from last year’s team that finished an uncharacteristic 6-5. The NCAA allows athletes to fit four years of athletic eligibility within in a five-year window.

Chamberlin said the Flyers also are hot on the recruiting trail. Over the coming weeks, recruits will be touring the campus and deciding if Dayton is the place they want to play.

The fourth-year head coach said needs for this year’s recruiting class are offensive linemen and linebackers. Recruiting, though, is a process that involves looking at needs in the future and not just the immediate present, according to Chamberlin.

“In your recruiting process, you not only look just at the great players that you lose like [redshirt senior defensive end] Devon Langhorst,” Chamberlin said. “You can’t expect a freshman to come in and be a Devon Langhorst. What you look at is the total team picture of depth at your positions.”

Harris said the reason he came to UD from Highland High School near Centburg, Ohio – about 40 miles northeast of Columbus – was because of the sense of togetherness between members of the football team and students on campus.

“I know a lot of people say this, but [it was] the whole sense of community,” Harris said. “It was really nice. Everyone on the team is very hospitable; they care about each other. It’s really a great group of guys you want to put yourself around. Visiting and everything, you just find that feeling that this is the place that I need to be.”

Women’s Basketball

Dayton uses defensive focus to win big A-10 matchup on the road

STEVE MALONEY
Lead Sports Writer

The University of Dayton women’s basketball team put forth a 62-37 win over Fordham University Saturday, Jan. 21, in Bronx, N.Y.

The 37 points is the fewest points the Flyers have allowed this season.

UD head coach Jim Jabir said the team’s defense against Fordham was one of the better performances of the season.

“I thought we were pretty consistent throughout the game,” he said. “Our offense didn’t get going until later, but I thought defensively we did a great job. I think a lot of people are stepping up right now.”

Senior guard Patrice Lalor led the way with 13 points, while senior forward Justine Raterman and freshman guard Andrea Hoover added 11 and 10 points, respectively. Hoover also had a career-high eight rebounds.

The Flyers (11-5, 3-1 Atlantic 10 Conference) opened the game with an early lead, building a 10-2 advantage and holding Fordham to just one field goal in the first five minutes. The Rams came back to cut the lead to two with four minutes left in the first half, but UD closed the half with a 12-0 run and never looked back.

Senior forward Elle Queen said the team is really focusing on defense in order to open up offense opportunities.

“If we’re not getting stops, then we can’t run,” she said. “These past couple weeks we have worked on defense, trying to pressure people a lot to take them out of what they want to do. When we are able to play great defense and get stops, I think that really wears down opposing teams both mentally and physically.”

Like Queen, Lalor said the defense allowed the offense to really get working, especially in the second half.

“We can always get better on defense and good defense is what makes this offense run,” she said.

“ar the team as a whole has really stepped up this season, whether it’s on offense or defense.”

While she said the team always has room to improve, Queen said the Flyers are playing well together, especially these past two games.

“I think we have gotten a balanced effort from everybody,” she said. “Everybody is contributing and ultimately that’s the goal because it makes us that much harder to defend when the opponent has to worry about all five people on the court. Putting 40 minutes together every night is something we can improve on. We can’t afford to come out and only play one good half, especially against some of the better teams.”

The Flyers will play the University of Richmond at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, at UD Arena.

For more football updates, visit flyernews.com

Returning Fifth-years

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Steve Maloney drives to the basket for a layup in a 61-57 loss to Temple University, Jan. 15 at UD Arena. Dayton defeated Fordham University 62-37 on Saturday, Jan. 21, in Bronx, N.Y. MICKEY SHILEY/LEAD PHOTOGRAPHER

Leadership Sports Writer

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Flyers control tempo in blow out of rival Xavier

By Chris Moor
Sports Editor

The University of Dayton men’s basketball team trailed for only 29 seconds against archrival Xavier University Saturday, Jan. 21, at UD Arena.

Dayton (14-5, 4-1 Atlantic 10 Conference) won 87-72 in a thorough drubbing of the Musketeers. Junior center Matt Kavanaugh led the Flyers with 20 points and nine assists in the winning effort. Dillard was named by the media as the Blackburn-McCafferty MVP of the game.

Dayton’s first-year head coach Archie Miller said after the game it was the team’s biggest win of the season.

“From our program’s standpoint, there’s no bigger game than Xavier,” he said. “That’s what I knew before I got here. That’s what I know now that I am here. We respect it a lot.”

Xavier freshman forward Dezmine Wells opened up the scoring with a three at the 18:48 mark of the first half. Dayton senior guard Paul Williams responded with a three of his own.

With 16:53 to go in the half, Kavanaugh added two free throws and Dayton never trailed again to the enjoyment of the 13,435 UD fans inside UD Arena.

In fact, the Flyers’ lead was never really in doubt.

Dayton went on a 12-8 run over the next 4:22 to take a 17-11 lead. Xavier (13-6, 4-2) never got within three points during the rest of the half after a three with 8:46 to go by senior guard Tu Holloway, who led all scorers with 21 points. The Flyers closed the half on a 20-10 run to go into halftime with a 46-33 lead.

Kavanaugh and the Flyers outrebounded Xavier 40-28 in the game. The Centerville, Ohio, native said UD’s success on the glass was a key factor in the win.

“Defensively, Kavanaugh stopped multiple Xavier big men, including seven-foot senior center Kenny Frease,” Miller said.

The Flyers outrebounded Xavier 40-28 in the game. The Centerville, Ohio, native said UD’s success on the glass helped spark Dayton.

“He’s had as two good of games as I’ve seen a guy have in terms of what he’s doing,” Miller said. “I can’t tell you how hard I am on him every day in practice. At some point in time, he’s probably going to club me. He’s far, far, far, long away from where he started the season.”

Offensively, Williams said Kavanaugh is an integral cog in Miller’s new motion offense.

“The season-ticket holders. But he’s a self-made player and has done an amazing job in understanding his role, playing to his strengths.”

Miller also gave praise to his 6-foot-9-inch center.

“Winners.”

In the second half, Dayton’s lead never dropped below 11 points. Williams said the team had problems with Xavier coming back in years past and did not want a repeat performance.

Dayton shot 53.1 percent from the field in the first half and 50 percent for the game. The Flyers also shot 22-for-28 from the free-throw line. Xavier made 12-of-24 free throws during the game.

Kavanaugh and Dillard played off one another to create offensive opportunities. Xavier coach Chris Mack called Dillard “crafty” with the ball and after the game did something unusual when he said he was proud of Kavanaugh.

“As crazy as this sounds as an opposing coach, I’m really proud of Matt,” Mack said. “It’s crazy to say that, but we didn’t recruit him — not that we probably could’ve gotten him. His parents are [UD] season-ticket holders. But he’s a self-made player and has done an amazing job in understanding his role, playing to his strengths.”

Dayton played with intensity from the opening tip to until the final seconds, according to Mack.

Xavier did not.

Mack was straightforward in his assessment of his team’s performance after the game.

“One team was ready to play,” he said. “One team was not. It doesn’t take a rocket scientist to figure out which one it was. I’m really disappointed. Our team thought the game started at 2 p.m. rather than 1 p.m.”

After the game, Dillard was asked if Xavier players were gangsters – referring to an infamous postgame remark from Holloway earlier this season – then what Saturday’s game made Dayton. In one word Dillard, who Miller and Mack called the most important player in the A-10, replied: “Winners.”