CIP SETTLES INTO NEW HOME AT RIKE

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The University of Dayton Center for International Programs has been settling into its new facility in the Rike Center since early December.

The facility underwent a $3.7 million renovation to prepare to house the CIP, which formerly was located in Alumni Hall. The fine arts, art education and art history programs, previously located in the Rike Center, moved into the College Park Center, according to a Sept. 20 Flyer News article.

The facility now has six classrooms with up-to-date technology, new administrative and faculty offices, a kitchenette and an art gallery transformed into a student common area, called the World Exchange Lounge, according to Sally Raymont, programs director for education abroad.

The building includes a central reception area and advising office, and the Intensive English Program now has a larger and more centralized space, said Tina Manco, associate director of partnerships and exchanges.

Even though the program has moved in the Rike Center, administrators still feel like they are in the heart of the campus, Manco said.

Classrooms for the Intensive English Program, re-entry class for international studies majors and pre-departure classes for summer study abroad programs are located on both floors of the two-story building, Raymont said.

Students said they are enjoying the new space at the Rike Center.

“I think that it provides the opportunity for the CIP to serve students better;” said Sarah Edwards, a senior international studies and French major and CIP student-worker. “I like the new facility.”

With more space and a centralized location, the new CIP building will serve as a foundation to increase community involvement, said CIP student-worker David Parkes, a senior international studies and French major.

“Perhaps this is a good experience for an office that prepares students for intercultural experiences — to see our own UD ‘world’ from a new perspective,” Manco said.

Zahra Alwhaimed, a fine arts major with a concentration in photography who came to UD from Saudi Arabia in October, said she never took classes in Alumni Hall.

Alwhaimed said she has taken classes at UD’s River Campus, the facility located on River Park Drive that was acquired from NCR Corp. in 2010.

Alwhaimed, who is using the CIP facilities for the first time this semester for the Intensive English Program, said she prefers the River Park campus because it’s quieter.

“For me, I don’t like a building stuck with all students,” she said.

Bin Hu, an MBA student from China who came to UD in October, said he likes the Rike Center location more than Alumni Hall because he feels more comfortable there.

He said the different location does not make a difference to him, however.

Hamad Abu Jassom, an Intensive English Program student and electrical engineering major from Qatar who has been at UD since October, said he likes the building because of the larger classrooms.

As for the location, Abu Jassom said he likes the location because

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College Democrats prepare for 2012 elections

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The University of Dayton College Democrats say they feel students are better off now than they were four years ago.

Though the Republican presidential primary elections are in full swing, College Democrats want students to know what the Democratic Party has to offer them.

“Our goal with the College Democrats at UD is to raise awareness about what the president and Sen. [Sherrod] Brown [D-Ohio] has done for college students,” said Daniel Rajaiha, a junior civil and environmental engineering major and president of College Democrats.

Brent Veselik, a freshman civil engineering major and member, said the group hopes to pass out fact sheets on campus.

The group will focus on informing students about student loan reform, healthcare reform and increased Pell Grant funding, said Alia Sisson, a junior political science major.

“Now [students] can be covered till they are 26 under their parent’s health care, and that’s important with this job market,” Veselik said.

Under President Barack Obama’s new plans for loan repayment, people taking out student loans in 2014 will have a cap loan repayment at 10 percent of their income, Sisson said.

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Experts, recent graduates share insight on job market

As University of Dayton seniors prepare for graduation and life after college, they will look to combat the conditions of a down economy that might be on its way up according to campus experts.

The U.S. had an 8.5 percent unemployment rate in December 2011, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the past 12 months have seen protests about the economy on a global stage.

Recently, many Ohio students gathered in Columbus to create an Ohio Student Association protest about many different issues, according to a Sunday, Jan. 22, article in the Columbus Dispatch. Chief among their concerns were jobs and the struggles of recent college graduates in the workforce.

But Jason Eckert, director of UD’s Career Services, said other more proactive steps exist for students to track down jobs.

“I would much rather see a student dedicate that time and that effort into getting an internship rather than engaging in some sort of a protest because long-term, that internship is really going to be helpful in building that student’s resume and enabling them to get employment of their choice in a desired amount of time,” Eckert said.

Eckert said Career Services recently completed surveying for its latest Flyer First Destination report. He said the results, which are based on responses from May 2011 graduates, paint a different picture of the economy.

Using “success” as a measure of an individual not actively seeking work, Eckert said last year’s graduating class had a success rate of 95 percent. According to the survey, 86 percent of respondents started a new job or are enrolled at a full-time graduate school or professional program. He said these numbers were consistent across the various colleges at UD, and could grow for this year’s graduates.

Eckert said a recent report from the Collegiate Employment Research Institute at Michigan State University estimates total hiring across all degree levels to expand by 4 percent this year.

Richard Stock, director of the Business Research Center, said in an email to Flyer News that current unemployment for individuals ages 25 and up with a bachelor’s degree is 4 percent. He said other statistics for individuals ages 16-19 or 20-24 can be misleading because they include many current students.

But one 2011 UD graduate said she sent her resume out more than 500 times in a six-month period, and already left one frustrating internship experience. Gina Gerhart, who majored in journalism and English, said she then recently moved to Connecticut for a finance internship with Morgan Stanley.

Gerhart said she advises upcoming graduates to network and reach out to their connections.

“I really feel that you just have to put yourself out there,” she said. “Sending out a PDF file of your resume isn’t really setting yourself out from another kid. You really have to become involved, do extraordinary things on campus, but also make yourself seem extraordinary to the companies and people out there.”

Rob Starrett, a 2011 UD graduate in finance and entrepreneurship, said constant networking in college led him to a position that was not listed on any online search sites. He began his job as a portfolio analyst in June 2011 at The NPR Group LLC, a real estate developer in his hometown of Cleveland, Ohio.

But Starrett said many of his classmates struggled after college. To avoid this, Starrett said he recommends networking and being proactive.

“You know, the days of having a million job offers are no longer there,” he said. “You have to go out and actively search for opportunities and search more so than just the job boards or what Career Services has to offer.”

In that light, Starrett helped create the Epsilon Nu Tau entrepreneurship fraternity in 2008 at UD. He said the group is now at five different campuses, and could reach out to more Ohio schools soon.

“We tried to just help our members both grow professionally and give them opportunities whether it be networking, events or resume-builders or different things to help them grow and succeed after college, but also to help the internal network that you build in college,” he said.

Elizabeth Gustafson, an associate dean in the School of Business Administration and economics professor, said one bad economic year might have led to an ongoing accumulation of young job-seekers. She said the biggest advantage individuals can have is finishing a college degree.

“I think we’re in a situation right now where people have to have the education if they want any hope of furthering their career in a beneficial way,” Gustafson said. “…So it might be hard trying to find a job out of college, but just try doing it if you don’t go.”

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said. The remaining balance will be forgiven after 10 years for public workers and 20 years for everyone else, he said.

“I think this is a great incentive for people to go after the career they truly desire without having to worry about crippling debt for their future,” she said. “It gives them the chance to start fresh in their careers and have more income to stimulate the economy through consumer purchases.”

President Obama has doubled the amount of funds available for federal Pell Grants, which are given to college students from low-income families, Sisson said.

“This will ensure that students of all backgrounds will be adequately funded to receive a higher education, not only those who can afford $40,000 per year out of pocket,” she said.

In addition to informing students about current and upcoming legislation, the College Democrats will be working in downtown Dayton at the Obama Headquarters, Rajaijah said.

“Once a month we are going to volunteer for a phone bank for an hour,” he said. “We are going to be working hard for the senator [Brown] and the president on the statewide circuit.”

Though they will be working hard for the President Obama campaign, Veselik said a major goal is to teach students about the presidential election.

“First and foremost, we want to get more people involved in the political process,” he said.

College Democrats are planning on getting students to register to vote in order to get more students involved in the election process.

“Last semester we did voter registration in front of [Kennedy Union] and we plan on doing that,” Sisson said.

College is a place of higher learning and it is important to care about our civic duties, she said.

Veselik said all students should get involved in the upcoming election, no matter their chosen political party.

“Even if you don’t agree with my views, everyone should know their rights and know what they can do to get involved in their government,” he said.
UD religious studies professors write letter to GOP candidates

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More than 40 national theologians and Catholic leaders, including five University of Dayton religious studies professors, released a letter last week to Catholic GOP presidential candidates Newt Gingrich and Rick Santorum.

The letter, published on the Faith in Public Life website on Jan. 19, asked the candidates to “stop perpetuating ugly racial stereotypes on the campaign trail.”

Faith in Public Life is a nonprofit organization which works to promote the employment of the faith community as a mechanism to shape public debate, according to the website.

According to the letter, these Catholic leaders are not happy with recent comments made by Gingrich and Santorum regarding race and poverty in America.

William Portier, John Inglis, Anthony Smith, David O’Brien and Vincent Miller are the UD religious studies professors who signed the letter in order to respond to recent comments made by the candidates that they said do not follow Catholic social teaching.

“The big thing is that these candidates keep saying they are Catholics, but speaking this way seems inconsistent,” Portier said.

According to the letter, Gingrich has referred to Obama as a “food stamp president” and has suggested that some blacks would rather collect welfare than work to support themselves. The letter also states that Santorum has said that he does not want “to make black people’s lives better by giving them somebody else’s money.”

“Candidates who emphasize their Catholic faith and moral compass need to be called out when they use racial stereotypes to gain political points,” Miller said in an email.

The letter expresses concern about these statements because it says they stray from a Catholic tradition of “defending human life and dignity” and encouraging the funding of government programs to help struggling Americans.

“The Catholic community has a rich and varied tradition of systematic and careful reflection on how we should think about our own political responsibility and concern for the common good or public interest,” O’Brien said.

“There is a public dialogue that goes on and I think a lot of different groups try to get active not just in influencing politics, but also informing the public of what is at stake.”

The letter encourages the candidates to reflect on the teachings of Catholicism and refrain from saying these offensive things and influencing racial division.

“We’re trying to speak with Catholic candidates and voters,” Inglis said. “It’s kind of a persuasion aimed at both.”

Most of the UD professors that signed the letter said they have been involved in similar efforts in the past. They said an important part of the political process is writing letters and letting politicians know how the public feels about what they are saying.

“The letter keeps with a long tradition of Catholic social teaching and Catholic social thought,” Smith said. “It raises awareness and concern for the poor; To be attacking the poor is not productive and it is not appropriate and conducive to the kind of public life that we need right now.”

There has not been any reported response from Gingrich or Santorum, but the letter states that their previous comments are not acceptable according to the Catholic Church.

“I think that it’s part of the media back-and-forth, give-and-take,” Portier said. “It might not persuade them but even if we get a bit of airtime, it might persuade people that Catholics should not act this way.”

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Kumarasamy attracts national attention for admissions innovation

SARA DORN
Chief News Writer

The Chronicle of Higher Education recently dubbed University of Dayton vice president of enrollment management Sundar Kumarasamy as “one of the admissions profession’s most daring innovators.”

Since Kumarasamy was hired in 2007, applications have increased by almost 4,000. Kumarasamy also hired 160 new staff and started a digital marketing team based in Philadelphia, to help implement new marketing strategies like a revamped website, a new interactive media wall in Albert Emmanuel Hall and a new brand guide.

“In the last five years we have done some really incredible things,” said Teri Rizev, associate vice president of communications. “One of the first things we did when [Kumarasamy] was hired was revamp the viewbook, it’s probably the only one in the country with Lindsay Lohan in it – they all have beautiful scenes and sunny landscape.”

Rizev said the viewbook is believed to be the first in the United States available in an iPad application. Viewbooks are sent to potential undergraduate students, she said. The viewbook is a tool the university uses to attract students to UD by providing information about the university’s academics and student life, according to the enrollment management website.

The interactive media wall in Albert Emmanuel Hall also impresses prospective students and their families, according to Collin Schrier, a junior communication major and admissions tour guide.

Kumarasamy said he executes his strategies based on the maxim of the founder of UD’s Marianist faith, William Joseph Chaminade: “New times demand new thought.”

Schultz said he has worked with Kumarasamy on a number of different projects, like the social media box on the homepage of UD’s website. Schultz said neither would have been possible if [Kumarasamy] didn’t create the environment where it was OK to take a risk.

Another of Kumarasamy’s goals is to increase diversity on campus. He said 10 percent of current students are international. In five years, he hopes that number reaches about 15 percent.

“It’s very simple … any religion fundamentally is about the human condition, human love and that one-ness we all strive for;” he said. “Fundamentally, it connects us all through faith.”

Kevin Schultz, assistant director of university marketing and digital innovation, said he enjoys Kumarasamy’s work.

“As a young professional, former student and UD employee, I’ve encountered few other leaders who are as inspirational and empowering,” Schultz said. “I’m convinced people like Sundar are few and far between, and I feel very lucky to have the opportunity to work with and learn from him.”

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“I think if we look at how the demographic is changing within Ohio and in the U.S., we’re becoming a global community and we need to have multiple cultures on campus,” Kumarasamy said.
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Vinyl party kicks it ‘old school’

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Prior to iTunes and MP3s, vinyl records were the only way to listen to music. A piece of plastic was placed on a player, and with a needle set into the grooves, music played through speakers.

Music fans will have the opportunity to pay homage to this “old school” style of listening to music at a party from 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, in ArtStreet Studio D.

Attendees of “For the Record... This is a Vinyl Party” can bring their own records or make requests from the selection of host Kaschak, a second-year graduate student in teacher education.

Kaschak is known on campus as the lead guitarist and songwriter for a rock group composed of several University of Dayton graduates, The Jaywalkers. The Jaywalkers opened for Guster in 2009 at the first-ever Charity Concert Committee event at UD Arena.

Kaschak said he discussed with friends last semester the idea of having a low-key vinyl party at UD. He worked on the idea with friends, Bobby Trick, a sixth-year senior general studies major, and Ronnie Pinnell, a senior electronic media major, the co-presidents of Street Sounds Recording Studio on campus.

Kaschak said he will bring his personal collection of vinyl records to the event. During the party, attendees will be able to access his collection of approximately 150 records through a website. This will allow students or other guests to see a wide variety of records and make requests.

Kaschak said he believes songs are put in a specific order on an album in order to tell a story or have a general flow for the album.

“That is the way vinyl records are meant to be listened to,” he said.

He said the goal of the vinyl party at UD is for attendees to appreciate music in the way it was intended to be played, all the way from start to finish.

“When was the last time you sat down and listened to a record from start to finish?” he said.

The event will have a live radio show feel to it with turntables, relaxation and “old school” vinyl music. Kaschak said there is also the possibility of a free drawing to win a vinyl record.

Pinnell, who is providing the turntables for the event, said he hopes attendees will gain a greater respect for the art of music.

“I feel like today some of what makes music so wonderful has been lost to corporate structures and money,” Pinnell said. “Vinyl is such an amazing form of media that I have just recently gotten involved in.”

Kaschak said if the event is successful, then there is the possibility of having more events like this in the future where attendees can listen to a full album and have a discussion. He said there will also have been conversations of forming a club based on listening to vinyl records in the future.

The Jaywalkers will not be performing at the event, but other band members and UD alumni such as Andrew Fisher, Drew Morrison and Katie Sunday may show up to support the event.

Sophomore Dan Eyre, an electronic media major, said the party sounds like an enjoyable evening for all music lovers.

“The event is a wonderful idea for people who love listening to music, especially on a vinyl,” Eyre said. “I think it is special to listen and to find a vinyl record these days of your favorite artists.”

For those interested in browsing music stores or other places that sell vinyl records, Kaschak recommended visiting places such as Andrew Fisher, Drew Morrison and Katie Sunday may show up to support the event, Kaschak said.

New statue outside KU celebrates Marianist founder’s values

HAYLEY DOUGLAS
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A new addition to the University of Dayton landscape will be revealed in the beginning of February.

According to Cathy Ford, senior workplace design consultant for Facilities Management, the construction site outside Kennedy Union will soon feature a statue of Blessed William Joseph Chaminade.

Ford said a UD alumnus and Marianist, Brother Joe Aspell, created the sculpture.

Aspell is also the artist of the new sculpture in front of Kettering Laboratories, featuring St. Joseph carrying a child, Jesus, on his shoulders. Ford said there are similarities between this statue and the new statue that will be added to campus in the coming weeks.

“The [new] 11-foot bronze sculpture is very beautiful and I’ve only seen pictures so far,” Ford said. “Chaminade is extending his arm out with a book in hand.”

According to the Office of the Rector’s website, Chaminade attended the College of Mussidan near Bordeaux, France, for 20 years as a student, teacher, steward and chaplain, until the turmoil of the French Revolution forced him to leave.

“Chaminade gathered together a number of young men and women [to form] a ‘community’ of mutual support and Christian outreach,” in years later, the website says.

This explanation of Chaminade’s purpose and work to create the “Marianist Family” may also shed light on the meaning of the statue and the message it aims to convey.

Chaminade’s community aimed to instill “a deep sense of the equality of all Christians, regardless of state of life; by an energizing spirit of interdependence; by effective concern for individual spiritual growth,” the website says.

Ford said she is enthusiastic about the unveiling of the sculpture because it will have reached its final home when it arrives to the university.

“The sculpture has a long journey from California [the artist’s home] to the heart of our campus,” she said.

The unveiling of the statue also coincides with the university’s yearlong celebration of the 250th anniversary of Chaminade’s birth.

Freshman Lynn Rydzewski, an early childhood education major, said she was unexpectedly excited to learn about the statue.

“I think the statue of Chaminade will provide the student body with a daily reminder of what it is that we are here for, besides getting a diploma,” Rydzewski said. “It’s important for the university to have a sense of what Chaminade wanted to instill in the Marianist tradition: a community of acceptance.”
Campus artwork should showcase student talents, not ‘Curvus’

As a former visual communication design major, I’ve always appreciated the fact that the University of Dayton is so strong in its commitment to the arts and providing opportunities for students to showcase their creative expression.

You want to see some student art? We’ve got it by the boatload – in the Roesch Library stairs, in the lounges at Marycrest Complex, and the other day on my way out of Kennedy Union I saw some installation in the stairwell. It’s everywhere, man. And I, for one, love it.

Know what I don’t love? That atrocity in the courtyard of Gardens on Stewart Street called “Curvus.” It looks like a robot dropped a deuce between the apartments.

In truth, I really mean no disrespect to the artist who created it. Perhaps I just don’t see his or her vision, but I’ve been randomly polling people since I lived there sophomore year and the general consensus is “Curvus” sucks.

Then we’ve got big butt John F. Kennedy posted up outside the union. A fellow editor once said it looks like it got struck by lightning. And don’t get me started on that red and blue metal thing between Stonemill Road and Kettering Labs. Every time I walk by I want to play on it. Like, are you a jungle gym or a sculpture? What is your purpose? I’m too short to climb onto it, but I dream.

This week in A&E, we have an article about the new statue outside KU that soon will be revealed. As I edited the writer’s draft I found myself thinking, “Hey, this actually sounds really interesting and relevant.”

I won’t step on Hayley Douglass’ toes, but I do believe the new statue of Blessed William Joseph Chaminade will powerfully and beautifully demonstrate the Mari-
Religion has always been a tricky subject in the public sphere. When combined with a presidential campaign however, religious debate can become even more divisive.

Recently, more than 40 Catholic scholars, including five University of Dayton religious studies professors, called upon two GOP presidential candidates to conduct their campaigns in a manner befitting the faith they profess.

The scholars wrote an open letter to Catholics Newt Gingrich and Rick Santorum, and asked them to “refrain from offensive rhetoric.”

The letter was published on the non-profit organization Faith in Public Life's website last week, and requested the candidates to “stop perpetuating ugly racial stereotypes on the campaign trail.”

As a religiously diverse staff, we don’t all subscribe to the Catholic principles of compassion, forgiveness and love.

We, the Flyer News editors, couldn’t help but take notice of this demand.

As a religiously diverse staff, we don’t all subscribe to the Catholic tradition. But we do all support campaigning that is respectful, honest and focuses on the issues, without inflammatory racial language.

We applaud these UD faculty members for standing up both for the values of their faith and our democracy.

The next four years present difficult challenges for whoever wins the election in November. As a country, we will watch many, many debates and view scores of attack commercials over the next nine and a half months, but this doesn’t mean any candidate should discriminate against any demographic or faith.

We hope all presidential candidates will follow the advice of our religious studies faculty in advancing a more respectful dialogue.

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In September 2010, I wrote a column about the benefits of driving a car with a manual transmission. At the time, I had driven many manual cars, but had never actually owned one myself.

Still, my feelings for stick shift were strong.

I saw the manual transmission as a kind of hero of the automotive option world – the original, the only option that allowed for “pure” driving – but also the underdog that never got picked. I went to Spain last summer and witnessed firsthand how popular stick shifts were. There, automatics have less popularity than manuals have in the United States. This fueled my boyhood desire to own and drive a stick shift.

Parallel parking, which had been seemingly harmless before, now had me wetting my pants as I imagined the difficulties of adding shifting operations to an already complex process.

I had driven manuals before, and none of these things ever bothered me. Why was this becoming an issue now? I thought back to the car I learned on – dad’s 1969 GMC pickup, with its clunky three-speed manual gearbox – and remembered how much fun it was to run through the gears on a dusty Wisconsin back road, with Hurst brand T-bar shifter in hand. Then, it came to me: Had I only enjoyed driving stick shift for short, spirited and even reckless drives? Were my sentiments going to change the moment I had to personally shift on a daily basis?

But I was about to return to college and needed a better car. So, I ignored the comments in my head and followed my gut to purchase a car with a manual gearbox.

It’s been about a month since I’ve had a daily-driver stick shift, and I haven’t regretted my decision for a second. I’ve driven around town and on the highway, at speeds well over the limit and even crawling through downtown Chicago during rush hour. I’ve parked in crowded parking lots, quiet suburb streets and, yes, even parallel-parked in the city. Despite what they say, manuals are fun all the time. Nothing had about driving a manual is actually worth getting an automatic. In fact, I’ve found myself driving with better habits, keeping safer distances and putting less wear on the car than I used to.

All in all, I’m incredibly pleased with my stick shift. I talk about it all the time and can hardly ever wait to get back behind the wheel. I’ve even given a lesson or two to some motivated friends – anything to bring more stick drivers into this world.

Maybe it’s the lack of a permanent “car talk” section within the pages of Flyer News making me so enthusiastic, but my feelings are stronger than ever: Manuals are the way to go!
Republican quarrels make Obama election favorite

Today the Republican Party rests on a cracked foundation. Anyone who has been following the primaries knows Republicans seem to be unable to decide on their next leader. As President Barack Obama’s first term nears its end, most expect the GOP to rally around one candidate for a solid victory in November. Instead, the party is taking a “flavor of the week” approach.

Remember when everyone thought Herman “Hermanator” Cain would win the nomination? Texas Gov. Rick Perry rode the waves of enthusiasm for a few weeks, but his “Lone Star” quickly faded following his debate gaffes. And the Iowa caucuses, New Hampshire primary and South Carolina primary each have yielded a different winner – Rick Santorum, Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich, respectively. Are there just too many good conservative candidates to choose from? Sadly for the GOP, I think it is quite the opposite.

No clear leader has emerged from the pack of presidential hopefuls. Though each certainly has strong points, all of them seem to have an Achilles heel. Romney just can’t shake the stereotype of being a robotic, out-of-touch, Ivy League millionaire. Romney just can’t shake the stereotype of being a robotic, out-of-touch, Ivy League millionaire. Santorum seems like a nice foil to morally deficient Newt – until you read his quotes calling climate change a leftist “hoax,” denying evolution, and comparing gay marriage to incest and adultery. As each presidential hopeful competes to be the “real” conservative, they move the party farther away from center, thus compromising possible victory in 2012.

I think the shifting allegiance of the Republican Party indicates a lack of leadership and vision for America’s future. Rather than proposing practical solutions to the pressing issues of unemployment, national debt and the shrinking middle class, the GOP portrays itself as merely the opposite of President Obama. The fact that Republicans are running a mostly negative campaign, with indictments rather than problem-solving innovations, may explain the lack of enthusiasm for any one candidate. The Republicans’ “flip-flopping” approach to the election really gives the impression that no one is the clear leader.

The GOP remains divided because its members are divided as well. The conservative gambit – from huge corporations to the moral “value voters” – must come to a consensus if it expects to win this November. But I think this is close to impossible. One who advocates for the corporate one percent may embody the opposite of the Christian values that other voters deem necessary. The Republican Party cannot decide who or what it wants, and this is why I believe that President Obama will win reelection in 2012.

In 2008, Obama preached “change,” and he has delivered. He helps people like us by forgivable student-loan debt and allowing students to remain on their parents’ health care plan until age 26. Obama has a progressive vision for the future. Rather than accepting the status quo as inevitable, he has the leadership ability and the know-how to get things done. He will move this country forward by promoting job growth, protecting consumers and continuing to help the middle class. The Democratic Party is committed to shared prosperity, equal rights and making sure America remains the greatest country in the world. As University of Dayton students, we have the energy and optimism to help change the world for the better. Let’s start by reelecting President Obama in 2012.

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AmeriCorps leads recent grad down a better path

A year ago today, I was in the same position that many of you find yourself in. I was about to graduate and I had no idea what I would be doing after they called my name and I walked across the stage. To say I was concerned about my future would have been the understatement of the century. Frankly, I was terrified and wondered if I would ever be able to do what I wanted to do. But now I’m here to tell you that everything will work out, even if it’s not what you expected.

Throughout my career at the University of Dayton, I was involved in various service experiences, including Semester of Service. Doing service work led me to where I am today and it’s an option I think some of you should consider. A great place to start is AmeriCorps. AmeriCorps is a secular, government-sponsored service opportunity. There are thousands of different AmeriCorps organizations deal with a myriad of non-profit and social service organizations. From environmental clean-up across all 50 states and major cities. Most AmeriCorps positions last between 10-12 months and on what city you are serving in, and receive an educational award at the end of your service term. AmeriCorps gives you the chance to explore a variety of facets within our society from a perspective that you may not have seen otherwise.

I am currently serving as an AmeriCorps member with City Year Columbus. City Year is an organization that provides literacy, math and behavior tutoring to students in impoverished areas in hopes of lowering the alarmingly high drop-out rate in those cities. I provide class support, group literacy tutoring and group behavior tutoring, and I run an after-school program for third- and fourth-graders. Though this has been the most challenging year of my life, it has also been the most rewarding. I have grown and learned more in the past six months than I have in the past four years combined. It may not be everything I pictured, but it is the best thing I could have ever done.

Before you have a panic attack about not having a job offer – maybe because you’re graduating with a liberal arts degree like I did – sit back and think. Consider doing a year of service, because not only will you be changing other people’s lives for the better, but you’ll also be changing your own.

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Club Volleyball

UD club volleyball rises to nation’s top ranking

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The University of Dayton women’s club volleyball team is the No. 1 team in the nation after their top-five finish last April at the Collegiate Club Volleyball National Tournament in Houston.

The National Club Volleyball Federation ranked Dayton No. 1 in its Mizuno women’s rankings on Jan. 17. With six seniors on the team this year, senior middle blocker and team president Calli Roberts said communication and teamwork are what separates the UD squad from everyone else.

“I think that the camaraderie we have on the court is incomparable to any other team,” said Roberts, a public relations and marketing major. “Half of our team is seniors and we only have one freshman on the team, so we are an experienced group.”

That one freshman is setter Ali McKenna, a pre-physical therapy major. McKenna said she was nervous coming in as the youngest player and wanted to prove herself. She said the older players accepted her right away.

“I definitely try to do what they do,” McKenna said. “I especially watch [starting senior setter] Meghan [Cugliarli] because I want to have her job in two years. Everyone was very welcoming to me when I came in so that helped a lot.”

The Flyers are 16-0 so far this season with four tournament championships. Roberts said UD normally plays in about three to four tournaments every semester, including a Flyer Invitational every semester. This spring, the home tournament takes place Feb. 4.

The team has tournaments at home, at Ohio State University and at Marquette University lined up for this semester.

UD head coach Andy Hill, a senior entrepreneurship major, said that he has seen the team become a cohesive unit throughout this year, but that there is always room to get better.

“The team has definitely ‘gelled’ more because they’ve had a year of experience together already under their belt, and we really switched up our offense and how we go about our defensive schematics,” said Hill, who is in his first year coaching the A-team after coaching the B-team last year. “We have a really good mix of height and speed, and when that’s mixed with personality, it’s fun to watch and coach them.”

According to libero Stephanie Demos, a senior marketing major, the team participates in fundraisers to pay for their tournament fees, and a lot of the players are friends off and on the court.

“We have team events and pasta parties before our tournaments, stuff like that really helps us bond as a team,” she said.

While the team is very competitive, the players also have fun playing, according to outside hitter Alysa Birdsall, an sophomore international studies major.

She said in high school, volleyball became more of a job than a game, but on the club team, it’s still fun, competitive, and a great environment.

Cugliarli, an early childhood education major, said that the enjoyable atmosphere doesn’t detract the team from achieving its goals.

“From our first practice, we’ve had one goal: To win the national championship,” Cugliarli said. “That really allowed us to keep a structure within the team in order to maintain intensity to get that goal, and we can keep it fun at the same time.”

The Flyers have never been ranked higher than 10th place before the national tournament, which takes place April 5-7 this year in Kansas City, Mo.

Writer reflects on passing of Penn State coaching great Joe Paterno

Former Pennsylvania State University head football coach Joe Paterno lost his two-month battle to lung cancer at the age of 85 on Sunday, Jan. 22.

But not everyone is convinced that Paterno’s cancer was his ultimate source of death. Many believe he died of a broken heart.

After coaching at Penn State for 46 years, Paterno was fired on Nov. 9 by the university’s board of trustees for his role in the child sex abuse scandal involving former defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky.

In 2002, Mike McQueary, a former Penn State graduate assistant and the receivers coach for the Nittany Lions this past season, told Paterno he saw Sandusky perform sexual acts on a young boy in the school’s locker room. Paterno then waited two days to tell the president of the university, but chose not to tell authorities, according to the grand jury investigation.

The Jerry Sandusky scandal was voted by Yahoo! Sports as the story of the year, and captivated the attention of millions of people around the world. Many feel as if the media were too harsh on Paterno, and that the way the university went about letting him go was unfair and unjust.

Paterno’s motto for himself and his program was “Success with Honor,” and he had quite a successful career. “JoePa” had the most wins in Division I college football history at 409. He won two national championships and led the Nittany Lions to 37 bowl games.

He also was heavily involved with the university academically. The school has a library named after him, there is an ice cream flavor named in his honor at local dessert staple The Creamery, and a there is a bronze statue that was considered being taken down during the heat of the Sandusky scandal.

The citizens of Happy Valley adored his thick-rimmed glasses and the fact that he walked to and from the home games, taking the time to chat with fans and supporters of the team.

With the exception of the Sandusky scandal, JoePa’s life of the ideal college football coach. He was a class act whose teams were well-respected and disciplined.

To many, Paterno always will be remembered as the face of not only Penn State football, but the university as well.

Most people will celebrate his legacy in a positive light. Yet others, specifically the victims and their families who have been affected by the Sandusky scandal, will not.

Some find it unsettling and rather unforgivable that the most powerful man at Penn State, in college football and perhaps college athletics chose not to report the story he was told about Sandusky performing anal intercourse with a young boy to the police. This omission might have allowed many more disgusting and inhumane acts from Sandusky to occur.

Those victims and their families may never be able to forget Paterno for what he did not do.

Two months ago, many believed that his role in the Sandusky scandal would have a huge damper on his legacy as a coach. But now that he has passed, it seems as if those people almost feel guilty for even supporting the idea of firing Paterno, and feel as if the media were too harsh on him.

So, there are two ways by which one can remember Joe Paterno. The first is for being an honorable football coach with integrity and pride. The second is for being a coward and someone who allowed a grown man to rape young boys on his facilities for 15 years.

A famous quote from the film, “The Sandlot,” states “Heroes get remembered, but legends never die.” It would not be fair to call Paterno a hero by any means, but it would also not be fair to deny him from being known as a football legend.
Club Baseball

Club baseball team reinstated after fall hazing incident

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Sports Editor

The University of Dayton baseball club is no longer under suspension after a university investigation and fulfilling certain requirements for reinstatement, according to Debra Monk, assistant dean of students and director of Community Standards and Civility.

The club was suspended in early October 2011 for hazing incidents during a party that occurred in a non-university-owned house in the Ghetto on Sept. 17. Bill Fischer, vice president of the Division of Student Development, emailed Flyer News on Oct. 4 saying that the club baseball team had been suspended until an investigation was completed.

“Under suspension, the 25-person team cannot practice, compete or hold meetings while the University’s investigation and disciplinary process is under way,” said the email statement from Fischer.

Fischer was unavailable for comment and Flyer News was referred to Monk.

Monk said the team was on a “conditional suspension” as opposed to a “term suspension.” A conditional suspension lasts until conditions are met. Term suspensions last until a certain date.

The club was required to meet two stipulations, according to Monk. First, none of the members on the team at the time of the incident were allowed to participate in club sports again. The other condition was the club must “create, propose, have approval for and facilitate” an educational meeting for all other club sports on the issue of hazing.

Monk said the main reason for the conditional suspension and stipulations was due to the difference in membership between club teams and organizations as opposed to fraternities and sororities.

“Because different from a fraternity or something like that, they don’t have a national membership,” Monk said.

“You can form a club baseball team today, all those players leave, and you can have a club baseball team tomorrow with different people. As opposed to my sorority, who you can’t tell the people they’re not members anymore and bring in new people. Club sports are a little different that way.”

Adam Valko, a sophomore sport management major, is the new club baseball president and was partly responsible for the reforming of the club. He said he and two friends decided to start the club team up again after hearing the team had been suspended.

Valko said he and his friends sat down with Mark Hoving, assistant director of Campus Recreation in charge of intramurals and club sports, to see the requirements for starting a new club baseball team.

There are 20 members on the team this year, according to Valko. Eleven, not including Valko, made the team in the first tryout. The team then held an additional tryout and added eight more players to the roster.

The UD club baseball is still a member of the National Club Baseball Association Great Lakes East Division, Valko said.

“We’re excited,” Valko said. “Some are getting antsy. We just started our indoor workouts and we’re looking to get outside and play. A lot of people think we’ll probably be pretty bad since we’re just starting, but we want to prove that we can be just as good as last year’s team.”

On the road again, Flyers look to shut down opponents

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The University of Dayton women’s basketball team continues Atlantic 10 Conference play this weekend in a familiar setting: on the road.

The game against George Washington University in Washington D.C., at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, will be the Flyers’ seventh true road game and the 13th it has played away from home, including games at neutral locations.

Thus far, Dayton has compiled an 8-4 record away from UD Arena, which includes six wins in its last seven outings.

“I think we have a good rhythm and we have been traveling pretty well,” head coach Jim Jabir said. “I think that’s a good thing about having a non-conference schedule where we don’t have a lot of home games. We’re used to playing on the road.”

The Flyers (13-5, 5-1 in Atlantic 10 Conference play) are coming off an 81-78 overtime win against the University of Richmond on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at UD Arena. The team is lead by 5-foot-3-inch junior guard Danni Jackson, who is averaging 12.8 points per game.

Dayton has won the previous three matchups against GW in the last two seasons after never having previously defeated the Colonials.

“They’ve got some really good scorers and being on the road, it will be a battle since last year in the [A-10] tournament it was a really close game,” Queen said.

After only playing six home games thus far out of the first 18 on the schedule, the Flyers will play four of their final six at UD Arena to finish A-10 play. However, another trip away from home to Xavier University lies on the schedule after GW.

Jabir said it is all part of trying to win a league championship.

“In order to win the league, you have to play equal numbers home and away,” Jabir said. “To control your own destiny, you just have to try and win out as many as you can.”

The Flyers’ next home game is against the University of North Carolina at Charlotte at 11 a.m. Feb. 8 at UD Arena.
Men’s Basketball

Flyers face Rams, look to avoid another setback

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Sports Editor

Now tied for first place, the University of Dayton men’s basketball team can’t suffer a letdown, according to first-year Dayton head coach Archie Miller.

In the weekly Atlantic 10 Conference teleconference Monday, Jan. 23, Miller said the Flyers’ 87-72 win over rival Xavier University was another big win that potentially could be followed by a bigger loss. He also said this early in the conference season, one loss can drop a team down in the standings quickly.

“Our focus hasn’t been very good after big wins,” Miller said during the teleconference. “Whether we won Old Spice and then get smashed by Buffalo and Murray State. Whether we’ve beat Alabama and we were able to come and try get another one with Seton Hall, but were unable to do that.”

Miller then talked about similar moments in A-10 play. Dayton beat Temple University 87-77 on the road in Philadelphia on Jan. 7. Four days later on Jan. 11, the Flyers lost focus, according to Miller, and fell 81-73 to Saint Bonaventure University, albeit Dayton was without senior forward Chris Johnson who was suffering from concussion-like symptoms.

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“We haven’t responded very well in this situation and it’s a concern, and it will be a very, very hot topic for our team about maturity, humility, understanding that there’s a lifetime left in this season,” he said. “We’re not that good. We’re kind of in the middle somewhere. We just need to keep doing what we’re doing to be successful and doing it our way.”

Dayton next plays the University of Rhode Island at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at UD Arena. Dayton (14-6, 4-2 A-10) is coming off a sold-out UD Arena.

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The Rams also have the reigning A-10 Rookie of the Week in Jonathan Holston. Holston, a freshman forward from Miami, is averaging 10.4 points and 7.9 rebounds a game this season.

Miller said despite Rhode Island’s 3-18 record, the Rams still create matchup problems for the Flyers.

In an interview before the Xavier game, senior guard Paul Williams said a good win against Xavier wouldn’t mean much if UD should happen to lose to one of the conference’s lower teams like Rhode Island.

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Miller said he hasn’t followed URI’s opponents.

“They may be down a little bit right now,” Miller said. “They usually play a very up-tempo style and we’re going to have to be able to handle a lot of different defenses, some pressure defenses.”

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