There may be more, cheaper flight options coming soon for University of Dayton students leaving from the Dayton International Airport.

Southwest Airlines Inc. officially announced last week it will begin operating in Dayton after its May 2011 purchase of AirTran Holdings Inc. Southwest has begun to convert AirTran operations into Southwest operations in 22 cities, according to a Jan. 22 Dayton Daily News article.

Southwest’s arrival in Dayton could mean less expensive flights for students as well as more flight options for breaks, the article said. Mary Ashcraft, a sophomore communication major, said she lives in California and only goes home for Christmas and summer breaks because of flying expenses. When she does go home, she said she drives to Columbus to fly on Southwest flights because they offer lower costs.

“I usually fly Southwest and they only fly out of Columbus so I have to get my aunt and uncle to drive me there every time,” Ashcraft said. “Southwest being at the Dayton airport would be so much easier.”

Ashcraft said that flying home for breaks is especially hard because she has to haul all of her belongings home by plane, which costs a lot of money with baggage fees. Southwest allows customers to bring two bags at no cost, which Ashcraft said is a big help when she moves home for the summer.

Southwest currently serves 72 destinations in 37 states, according to its website. This flight coverage will help expand destinations leaving from the Dayton International Airport and will allow more students to fly home from Dayton, the article said.

Dan Casterline, a sophomore medicinal and pharmaceutical chemistry major, said he is from New Jersey and no longer flies home because it is too expensive. Casterline said he used to fly with Delta Air Lines Inc. but now just drives home because his flights last year were too expensive. He said he would consider using Southwest in the future if he found their fees were lower than what he used to pay to fly home.

“I did like flying,” Casterline said. See Southwest on p. 5
Democratic officials encourage involvement in political process

SARA DORN
Chief News Writer

Local Democratic officials spoke about the importance of student involvement in the political process at a College Democrats event on Wednesday, Jan. 25.

The 2012 presidential election and President Barack Obama’s student loan policies were the main conversation topics between nine elected officials and about 30 students in Kennedy Union room 331.

Jeffrey Mims, president of the Dayton Board of Education, said one issue students should make sure they understand before they hit the polls in November is taxation. He said the most publicized issues on the Republican campaign trail only affect a small number of Americans.

“Republicans run campaigns on three issues,” Mims said. “One is no new taxes. Two, same sex marriage, and three, abortion. Republicans use those issues that affect 2 percent of the nation to influence the whole nation.”

Mims also said he wants overall political involvement in college students — whether Republican or Democrat — to increase.

Karl Kieth, Montgomery County auditor, said jobs and the economy are at the forefront of voters’ minds for the upcoming presidential election.

President Obama has done a great job in a very difficult time and we have some major issues we need to deal with,” he said. “He has a vision for a better America.”

Mims said elected officials are vested with the responsibility of preserving the vigor young people bring to politics.

“Any time you have young people interested in politics, it’s your responsibility as an elected official to make sure we keep that enthusiasm moving,” he said. “Young people are more vibrant. You all have to set the tone and you stand in the threshold of creating the world you want your children to live in.”

Kieth also said he believes in the power of young people in politics.

“It’s important for students to get involved in politics,” he said. “I definitely want to see more involvement, but that’s true with any age group.”

He said students have interned at his office and participated in the local Democratic Party in the past.

Alia Sisson, a junior political science major and College Democrats secretary, said political involvement on campus, most of which is Republican, is low.

Sisson said Obama supports issues that save her money.

“The Affordable Care Act is important because it allows you to stay on your parents’ insurance until you’re 26,” Sisson said. “Obama was really instrumental in increasing Pell Grants.”

Pell Grants are given by the government to undergraduate students based on financial need, cost of education and various other factors.

Former Ohio state Sen. Fred Stra- horn said the Democrats “are fighting for our future.”

“We’ve let a lot of high-paying, low-skill jobs leave our country,” Strahorn said.

He said investment in college degrees is more important than ever now because workers need to be better educated in order to find jobs in a tough economy.

Nan Whaley, Dayton City Commissioner, a 1998 UD graduate and former president of the College Democrats, spoke briefly at the event. She said the elections leave “a lot at stake.”

“Obama will be attacked, but we have to defend him,” Whaley said.

“Sen. Sherrod Brown [D-Ohio] is up for reelection this year. … [Montgomery County] Treasurer Carolyn Rice is on the ballot.”

Whaley said students should contact the Ohio Montgomery Democratic Party if they want to get involved in the Obama 2012 presidential campaign.

“Many people are cynical or believe they can’t make a difference, but I believe young people can make a difference,” Kieth said.
Construction under way for two campus additions

New home for international housing

GE research center to be ready for use in 2013

Workers continue building the Caldwell Street Apartments located on Brown Street. The complex will host a special interest housing group next school year. CAITLIN MURRAY/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

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The Global Learning Living Community at the University of Dayton will be housed next school year at the new Caldwell Street Apartments.

Formerly known as the International Learning Living Community, the GLLC is special interest housing that is open to both American and international students, said Theodora Bane, a senior philosophy and French major, and resident of the ILC currently in Garden Apartments on Stewart Street.

“Each apartment will house four students, and each bedroom gets its own bathroom,” she said.

The GLLC will host 34 apartments and 96 total students in the Caldwell Street Apartments, according to the UD housing website. Overall, the new facility will house 427 students, according to a Sept. 29, 2011, Flyer News article.

The Caldwell Street Apartments are still in the construction process and are scheduled to open in August 2012, said Beth Keyes, vice president for Facilities Management.

“The five apartment buildings are now topped out at three floors with roof trusses and decking being installed,” she said.

Though the roof work is complete, Keyes said the interiors of the buildings are still underway and due to open on time.

“Despite the mud and rain, the exteriors are beginning to receive a brick and stone skin with windows closed behind due for installation soon,” she said.

Though the apartments will open on time, plans for living there next year will not have the option of moving in early because construction will not be complete until August, Keyes said.

“There will be no early move-ins of any kind at the complex as it will not be ready before move-in day,” she said.

For students interested in applying to live in the GLLC at the Caldwell Street Apartments next year, the online application is due at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, according to the UD housing website.

Applications for the GLLC will be notified of their acceptance by March 2 so they may still participate in the general housing lottery if they are not accepted in the GLLC, according to the website.

Students who will be sophomores, juniors and seniors next year may apply to live in the GLLC. Individuals may apply as a single or in groups of two, three or four, according to the website.

All students living in the GLLC are expected to participate in a variety of international events.

Bane said she encourages everyone to live in an international community.

“Living with international students is one of the best experiences I have had at UD,” she said. “I would highly recommend people give it a try.”

For more information on the Caldwell Street Apartments’ Global Learning Living Community, visit bit.ly/CaldwellIGLLC.

CHRIS CRISANTII Staff Writer

Construction continues on the research center the University of Dayton is building with General Electric Co. Aviation Systems on River Park Drive.

“The facility, a $51-million Electrical Power Integrated Systems Research and Development Center, is expected to be operational by 2013, according to a Sept. 29, 2011, Flyer News article.

“The underground structural system has been installed, the end-bracing walls are up for the office building portion, the steel work has started and the tilt up walls will be starting soon,” said Beth Keyes, vice president for Facilities Management.

John Leland, director of the UD Research Institute, said the facility’s research may influence the University of Dayton’s engineering curriculum, according to a Nov. 22, 2010, Flyer News article.

“The [EPISCENTER] is coming along well and we anticipate the building to be completed [by] the first quarter of 2013,” Leland said.

Dan Fink, a senior mechanical engineering student, said he is excited about the partnership UD and GE Aviation Systems are forging with the facility.

“There are not many people that can say they have a company as big as GE on campus,” Fink said. “I think the most important aspect the GE building will offer students will be the many opportunities. Students will now apply what they’re learning and transform their skills to the workstations.”

Fink said engineering students who will still be at UD when the facility is complete should take advantage of the affiliation with GE.

“My advice to engineering students would be to use GE to operate and network because this is a chance to gain real world experience and reputation,” he said.

Some of the EPISCENTER’s goals are to provide UD’s student body with out-of-classroom experience and professional research technology, according to a Nov. 22, 2010, GE press release.

Leland said he thinks the facility will provide students with hands-on learning opportunities.

“Real-world experiences can amount to so much more in the classroom and I believe the new navigation facility will provide many co-op opportunities to our engineering students,” he said.

“The facility has the potential to put out engineers to work out smart electric utility grids and we plan to develop a curriculum to obtain an advantage seeking jobs in engineering.”

Adam Rey, a senior economics major, said he works at a GE office in West Chester, Ohio, 35 miles south of Dayton. He said he worked there full-time his spring semester junior year and now works there part-time.

Rey said he performs statistical analysis to forecast demand for GE-manufactured jet engines, and has enjoyed his experience working for the company.

“I think [GE’s] a great company, it’s really terrific to work for,” he said. “… If people could get job offers there, it’s a terrific place, it pays really well and everyone’s really nice. It’s a great place to work.”

Despite the positive time spent at GE over the last year, he said he has already signed a contract for a job with another company after graduation.

Rey said that the EPISCENTER facility likely will deal with more research and development engineering projects, while many of the current business operations will remain in the Greater Cincinnati area.

“They kind of want to tap into a lot of the science and engineering knowledge, especially because we’re respected for having really good engineering and a lot of the engineers have internships and contacts with the [Wright-Patterson] Air Force Base,” Rey said.

For more information on GE Aviation Systems, visit www.ge.com/aviation.
Campus cooks up Chinese New Year celebrations

The University of Dayton Bookstore and Dining Services held Chinese New Year celebration events last week to teach students about Chinese heritage.

The Chinese New Year is based on the lunar calendar and is observed with a 15-day celebration, according to Xiaoxu Niu, a Chinese material engineering graduate student. This year’s celebration began on Sunday, Jan. 22, he said. The holiday has many traditions, and many focus on relaxing with friends and family while getting a fresh start for a new year, he said.

He said it’s an extremely important holiday to many of those who celebrate it.

“It’s sort of like Christmas for [Americans],” he said. “It’s really a big deal for us.”

Kennedy Union and Marycrest Complex dining halls held special feasts on Monday, Jan. 23, in honor of the Chinese New Year, according to David Radkey, general manager of Kennedy Union dining hall. Handmade sauces and dumplings, Peking Duck pizza, and Shanghai Bokchoy with rice were just a few of the dishes the dining halls served, he said.

Radkey said the Chinese New Year events were a hit because of how the workers came together to plan, prepare and cook for the occasion.

“Initially, we asked them [Chinese students working at KU dining hall] to bring in recipes as an idea to make them feel more at home,” he said.

But the event grew with more collaboration by the dining hall’s entire staff, Radkey said.

“All of our people really enjoyed it as a multicultural experience,” he said.

He said the goal of the celebration was to make the students of different nationalities feel welcome.

The Bookstore was decorated for the holiday from Monday, Jan. 23, to Friday, Jan. 27, according to Katie Ma, a student supervisor in the Bookstore and a junior marketing major. Decorations included dragons and red lanterns, and on Monday, employees handed out traditional Chinese New Year-style lucky red envelopes, she said. Students found temporary tattoos of Chinese symbols inside the envelopes, she said.

Ma said she spearheaded the Bookstore’s celebration of Chinese New Year alongside Loretta Geiger, one of the bookstore’s managers. Ma, who is a first-generation American whose parents are both from China, said the celebration was her idea.

She said while some American calendars say this year’s Chinese New Year was on Monday, Jan. 23, the celebration started on Sunday, Jan. 22, Ma said. Much like the American new year celebration, the Chinese start celebrating the holiday on the eve of the first day of the year, she said.

“Chinese New Year is my favorite holiday, and they were looking for events to make the bookstore more encompassing of all students,” she said.

Ma said this was the event’s first year, and she thinks it will continue in years to come.

In addition to providing an opportunity to celebrate Chinese student heritage, other students said they learned a lot from the Bookstore and Dining Services events.

“It’s nice to do something different … I don’t know how many students know about Chinese New Year, and I think this kind of thing helps them learn more about other cultures,” said Alex Neal, a junior biology major.

Josh Rogerson, a senior history major, said the events were a good learning opportunity for non-Chinese students.

“I think it’s good to encourage people to learn about other cultures and learn about other country’s holidays, and I hope it makes some people look into it more to see how it really is,” he said.

Niu said the celebrations made him feel more welcome at UD.

“Anything that can relate to Chinese New Year, I’m happy to see it, it makes it feel a little more like home,” he said.

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Ashcraft said she is happy to hear Southwest will be offering flights at the Dayton International Airport because she may be able to go home more often now. “Having Southwest [in Dayton] might actually make my parents go home more often now. I would consider flying again if it was cheaper. Free baggage would be great too because I used to just bring a carry-on home which doesn’t really work if I am home for a whole month.”

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THE MEN OF 432 STONEMILL

KELSEY BIGGAR
Staff Writer

Flyer News: Describe a typical day at 432 Stonemill Road.
All: [Laughter]
Andrew Palermo: Well we’re all pretty lame. We’re engineers.
Eric Stein: We all wake up really early for some odd reason.
Mike McArtor: We all have a lot of coffee around here.
AP: We all kind of have cool jobs - we’re all doing research. I’m doing research with making jet fuel out of biomass.
ES: I’m working with satellites.
AP: He’s kind of a rocket scientist.
Henry Aldridge: I’m working with UDRI [University of Dayton Research Institute] with microbial fuel cells.
MM: I work at UDRI. I get paid to read Wikipedia.
RF: I work with algae biofuels.
Ryan Fitzpatrick: He works with algae biofuels.
AP: “Spider hands” is definitely our motto.
RF: Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country.
MM: I’m claustrophobic, so I would probably be the worst. 
AP: Why would the elevator be stuck? We’re engineers.

Roommates: Fifth-year seniors Ryan Fitzpatrick, Henry Aldridge, Andrew Palermo, Mike McArtor, Eric Stein, Eileen the goose and sometimes Grant Turek (not pictured). CAITLIN MURRAY/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

House Specs: Two bathrooms both with showers, three bedrooms, washer and dryer, dishwasher, no ghosts, three coffee makers, “Why doesn’t my daddy look like me.” spray painted on the porch.

GT: Are the lights on or off?
MM: No comment.
ES: We’re all pretty laidback, nice, easygoing people.
AP: We’re all pretty good to live with because we’ve known each other for five years.
MM: I’m claustrophobic, so I would probably be the worst.
AP: Why would the elevator be stuck? We’re engineers.

FN: If your house were a family, who would be the mom, dad, annoying younger sibling or the dog?
HA: Mike would be the dad. He keeps order.
ES: Who would be the mom?
All except ES: Eric!
GT: Great... OK. Apparently I’m the mother figure of the house. They vote me. I don’t know why.
GT: He’s just so kind and caring.
ES: Oh yeah that’s it.
GT: He’s a very nurturing fellow.
FN: Any house mottos, inside jokes or sayings?
AP: “Spider hands” is definitely one.
HA: No it’s not.
AP: This is war!
ES: There’s a lot of Nerf gunfights, and it gets a little heated.
ES: Probably a good motto would be us just staring at a piece of paper and saying, “F this.”
AP: I’ve been staring at the same paper and saying, “F this.”

AP: Why would the elevator be stuck? We’re engineers.

FN: If you have a go-to store, what is it and what do you buy there?
ES: Only you say that though. That’s not a house motto.
AP: Where’s the hot water?
All: Yes!

FN: Are there any house mascots or non-roommates that hang around?
ES: That goose [on the table]. We have a lot of honorary roommates. They’re the dogs of the family.
RF: We gave them a free meal, and then they just kept coming back.
MM: So I got that goose at a white elephant gift exchange. It used to be a partner, and it was stolen from my house last year.
ES: We assumed it was just a prank.
MM: And we never got it back.
ES: It’s kind of an odd thing to steal. Wait, did we name the goose?
MM: Its name is Eileen for some odd reason.

FN: What’s your favorite part about this house?
All: Location! We’re all engineers.
ES: I actually leave for class at different times based on which floor of KL [Kettering Labs] I need to go to.
MM: If it’s 10 minutes before class, I’ll sit down and watch TV because that’s too early to leave.
AP: We had a great view of freshman move-in. We played a game called “Freshman Bingo.” We made a Bingo board and had different squares say: “Have a cop bust a party.” “Freshman running from the cops.” “High heels in the Ghetto.” “Sunglasses at night.” “Popped collars.” “Wearing a lanyard around your neck.”
ES: We just had to see it throughout the night and cross it off on the Bingo board. We had a lot of approval from people walking by. It was a really fun night.
AP: Then we made a hopscotch court.
ES: Yeah if people finished it, they got a beverage. It was nearly impossible to do on the first try. Then we had obscure signs that parents could see when they were moving their kids in.
AP: They were either appalled or laughing.

FN: What’s the most embarrassing movie that you own or watch together?
AP: “Twilight.”
ES: We watched about 20 minutes and couldn’t watch it anymore.
AP: Edward has been in high school for at least 600 years. He should at least have a stock portfolio.
ES: We’re fans of “Black Dynamite.”
AP: Our Christmas movie is “Die Hard.”
RF: “Water for Elephants.” That was kind of a chick flick.

FN: Any last words?
AP: The Catalina Wine Mixer! POW!
ES: If you want this house, you’re going to have to become a fifth-year.
AP: Don’t kick beer cases on the sidewalk.
HA: We’re a good group. We’re all unique and different even though we’re all engineers.
AP: Engineers do have a social life.
ES: A very, very tiny one. Also, we have a lot of first-world problems that we complain about.
MM: Every time we have a first-world problem, we share it.
AP: I hate it when I have too much laundry for one load, but not enough for two loads.
ES: I have too many chips for my dip but if I bought more dip, I wouldn’t have enough chips for my dip.

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UD, Dayton collaborate in video arts festival

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An upcoming festival aimed at showcasing cutting-edge video artwork demonstrates the collaboration of the University of Dayton and local arts organization Blue Sky Project.

The inaugural New Media Festival will be presented 1-4 p.m. Feb. 18, in ArtStreet Studio B. This event will feature video screenings created by artists that have been active in the Blue Sky Project’s summer artist-in-residence program.

“Blue Sky Project is an 8-week summer experience that empowers professional artists and local high school students to collaborate and build community through the creation of ambitious works of contemporary art and performance,” according to www.blueskydayton.org.

The New Media Festival is a result of the timely efforts of English professor and avant-garde artist Andrew Slade, in partnership with the founder and executive director of Blue Sky Project, Peter Benkendorf.

“It all happened very quickly,” Slade said. “We began planning in November for it to take place in February, which is lightning fast for an event like this.”

At the event, the artists will showcase and speak about their work, then pieces from artists around the country who do innovative work with Blue Sky Project will be presented. A panel discussion about the artwork and new media will follow. The panel consists of local artists Jud Yalkut, Tess Cortes, Rodney Veal and Michael Casselli, as well as Slade and art history professor Judith Huaqua.

“This will serve as an opportunity for artists to answer questions that student may have about new media and video as art,” Cortes said.

To close, a “really fantastic video created by Rory Golden,” a New York-based artist, will be showed, Slade said.

Slade said the festival will be informative and interactive.

“If people come to this, they will see things that they have never seen before, and they will learn how to look at [the art],” Slade said.

Cortes said the panelists have already viewed some of the videos that will be shown.

“There is an interesting mix of visual and conceptual work that will be a suitable introduction to video as an art form,” Cortes said.

Freshman Katelyn Rendulic, a history major, said she is looking forward to the event because she visited museums often in her hometown of Pittsburgh.

“It’s nice to be able to have art like this so readily available to students that encourages dialogue and helps us to think outside of the ‘UD bubble,’” Rendulic said, “and this festival seems like a cool opportunity to embrace that.”

The artists from Blue Sky Project are phenomenal, Slade said.

“They make me uncomfortable in a good way. They always make me question what I know … art shows us who we are, and makes us question who we are. Art tells us about how we are human.”

For more information about ArtStreet events, call 937-229-5101 or visit artstreet.udayton.edu.

The inaugural New Media Festival

FEB. SATURDAY 18
1-4 p.m., ArtStreet Studio B
Viewing of new media artwork by Blue Sky Project’s summer artist in residence program.
Panel discussion with local artists and UD professors.

‘Eleemosynary’ takes UD stage in February

STAFF REPORT

The story of a family of three women who span three generations is explored in the bittersweet comedy “Eleemosynary,” the next production of the University of Dayton theatre program.

The play is written by Lee Blessing and directed by Tony Dallas, who has directed UD productions in the past. The play examines the relationships between a young girl, her mother and grandmother, and demonstrates the love of family that influences their lives, according to the theater department website.

According to Dallas, in a Flyer News article published Sept. 2, 2011, the play’s unexpected order of events, artful language and intelligent characters are staples in the play’s depth and entertainment.

The next and final production of the 2011-2012 theater season is Tony-award winning play “Urinetown,” directed by Gina Klaesselt.

“Eleemosynary” shows at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, and Saturday, Feb. 4; at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5; and at 8 p.m. Feb. 9-11 in Kennedy Union Boll Theatre. Student tickets are $7 and can be purchased at the Kennedy Union box office.

For more information, visit the event’s Facebook page at on.fb.me/udseniorBlock.

FRIDAY FILMS: “The Help,” a 2011 Oscar-nominated movie about the 1960s, will be the latest feature at the ArtStreet Friday Film Series at 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3. The movie is directed by Tate Taylor and deals with unlikely bonds between three Mississippi women. For more information, call ArtStreet at 937-229-5101.

CULTURAL DEJEUNER: Kick off Black History Month by joining the Office of Multicultural Affairs for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, in Gorger Hall room 131. OMA Days help build community throughout the year in celebration of special holidays. For more information, call OMA at 937-229-3654.
Homeless bring life into perspective

Last week, on a bright yet chilly morning, I stood on my front porch on Rubicon Street. I was sipping on my coffee, taking in the morning sun, when I noticed a boy no older than 13 years old on a beat-up BMX bike. Now, there is nothing out of the ordinary with seeing kids on the Parade, but he caught my interest. Instead of riding around the neighborhood, enjoying his time, he was stopped, digging through one of the trashcans in the alley. I continued to watch this boy occasionally throw an aluminum can into a black trash bag — which only added to the boy’s walking toward the kid on the bike. It seemed they were a family, a homeless family.

Now, every student on the University of Dayton’s campus has that one story involving them and the homeless. Until last week, mine had always involved my roommates and I, a basketball and an odd proposition for sexual favors. I had always found that story funny — to an extent it still is — but I will admit I never really took the time or the interest to think deeper about the issue of homelessness. Why would it?

I am a 22-year-old white University of Dayton student that comes from a middle-class family. I can’t even pretend to have empathy for those who hang around United Dairy Farmers and Speedway asking for change. My sympathy has never really extended to the man or woman asking you for change. But, I am writing to ask for students to take some time to think about that man or woman asking you for change. Don’t immediately write them off as a decrepit or a drunk; instead try to put yourself in their position and think about how you’d feel. If you’re like me, it will really touch your heart and give you a completely different perspective regarding this disenfranchised population.

Word on the street...
What is the best word you’ve played in Words With Friends?

“’Qi’ is a good filler word at the end of the game.”

BILLY PERRINE
SOPHOMORE
EDUCATION

“I used ‘Spartacus’ once in Scrabble.”

KARA COLEY
FRESHMAN
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS & MARKETING

“’Xyst,’ it’s a noun. It’s some term in Greek and Roman architecture.”

MICHAEL MILLER
JUNIOR
SPANISH & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
Citizens’ active voice will improve political process

Sports fan knows mile times, not stats

Overlooked UD sculpture exhibits engineering feat
Football

Michael Roche
Staff Writer

The University of Dayton football team has a knack for setting records. The 2011 team recently set another one.

The football team had 72 players named to the Pioneer Football League academic honor roll, the most ever in school history, when it was announced Tuesday, Jan. 24. The previous record was 69, set in 2010. Dayton head coach Rick Chamberlin said the football program never looks to settle, especially with academics.

“We always want to keep raising that bar, we don’t want to get to get satisfied with where we are at,” he said.

Chamberlin said the coaches lay out 10 goals for the team at the beginning of each season, one of which is having the most players on the PFL honor roll.

This year, UD finished ahead of Butler University (69 academic honor roll members), Davidson College (64) and Drake University (61).

It is the 17th time in the 19-year history of the PFL that the Flyers have had the most players on the honor roll.

In addition, UD also had eight players named Academic All-PFL, tied with the University of San Diego and Butler for most in the league.

Chamberlin said the academic success of the team “reinforces the idea about Dayton wanting to be the best in the PFL, not just on the football field but also in the classroom too.”

Redshirt freshman wide receiver Branden Johnson, an early childhood education major, said it was a great accomplishment to be named to the honor roll.

“It can be hard to keep academics and football in balance, but it’s good to know that all the hard work paid off,” Johnson said.

He said it’s a rewarding moment to know he’s grouped with players from other institutions with high-standing academic reputations.

“There are very smart schools, prestigious schools in our conference like Davidson and Butler and to know that I’m up there with them is a very humbling experience,” he said.

Johnson credited the coaching staff in helping the players succeed in classroom. He said the coaches’ goals help keep the players honest, and that the team atmosphere helps the athletes stay dedicated on the field and in the classroom.

Chamberlin was quick to credit the academic support staff that works with team, helping the players adjust to being a college student-athlete.

“Study habits, testing, time management; it’s a big adjustment,” he said. “We have people who help our players get through that adjustment. That’s a big part of it, our academic support team here.”

Chamberlin said that the academic reputation of UD draws smart players.

“The university and its academic reputation attracts bright individuals, they know the reputation of UD and what they can get out of their time spent here for future careers,” he said. “When we go out and recruit, more importantly than talent, we want to find quality young men that take their academics seriously.”

Johnson said that on the team, academics are always stressed to the players.

“We’re student-athletes,” he said. “Student always comes first.”

Life Behind the Whistle: UD refs share funny on-court moments

The work of sports officiating can sometimes be an odd and humorous profession. No matter the age level, or often time skill level, things happen that can only seem to be explained through paranormal means.

I’ve only been a licensed basketball referee for two years, so my experiences are few and far between compared to some officials I’ve worked with who have 20 or 25 years of stories.

The strangest play to happen to me in my career wearing the black-and-white stripes happened in a junior high girl’s basketball game.

The home team was getting blown out and its point guard had apparently had enough.

She got the ball at the top of the key and established her left foot as her pivot foot. Now, this is an important thing for a basketball referee to notice, only in this case it didn’t really matter for the end result.

As I was watching the hands of the defender guarding her, the point guard went left-right-left-right without dribbling.

An easy travel call.

I blew my whistle and signaled travel, much to her dismay. It was the call that broke the proverbial camel’s back. The girl broke down into tears right there on the court and as other players went up the floor, she shuffled off with her head held low.

No amount of training can teach you how to deal with a basketball player who cries.

Ricky Richardson is a senior at the University of Dayton studying management. He is also a student-athlete and a member of the Flyers basketball team.

As a basketball player, Richardson has had his fair share of crying. He said he’s had shy players, some who have been emotional and some who have been unmoved.

The Flyers, however, have a different approach.

Richardson said that on the team, academics are always stressed to the players.

“We’re student-athletes,” he said. “Student always comes first.”

As far as the crying goes, Richardson said it’s a part of the game.

“Everyone cries at some point,” he said. “It’s a part of the game.”
Rhode Island tops Dayton with late run

Steven Wright
Aub. Sports Editor

In first place all alone after a win against archrival Xavier University on Jan. 21 two games ago, the University of Dayton men’s basketball team now sits in a tie for sixth following back-to-back losses.

Rhode Island University picked up its first Atlantic 10 Conference win this season Saturday. Jan. 28, with an 86-81 victory at UD Arena.

A key theme for Dayton (14-1, 4-3 in the A-10) in its conference pitfalls has been the high amount of points the team has allowed defensively. After permitting only 63 points per game in non-conference play, this number has risen to 77 points against A-10 foes.

First-year Dayton head coach Archie Miller said it is troubling to watch his team’s defense break down.

“When you look at the date and how many games we’ve played, it’s an alarming statistic that if we don’t get corrected, we’re going to have a hard time winning every game because you can’t score 85 every single time you play,” he said.

Playing at UD Arena for the first time since the 87-72 win over Xavier, UD’s first 25 points all came from shots either at the three-point line or under the basket for a layup or dunk.

The Rams opened the game with an 8-0 run, as UD failed to score on its first five possessions.

“[I] thought they [URI] got off to some great starts each half, which really set the tone for the game,” Miller said. “They ran their stuff, they got good shots. I thought their kids played extremely well."

Rhode Island (4-18, 1-5 A-10) shot 50 percent from the field in the first half, but trailed 36-33 going into halftime.

Sophomore guard Billy Baron, son of URI head coach Jim Baron, was a key component to the visiting team’s second-half success. He led all scorers with 25 points for the game, 16 of which came after halftime.

“I thought Billy Baron was outstanding when you can get 25 on the road, and to me, he just neutralized the whole second half,” Miller said.”

With Dayton leading 68-67 with 5:22 remaining in the game, Rhode Island senior forward Orion Outerbridge received a technical foul after arguing a foul call, fouling out of the game. UD hit three of the ensuing four free throws to push its lead to four points. But URI outscored the Flyers 10-4 over the next four minutes to take the lead for good with 1:32 left in the game.

Senior forward Chris Johnson led the Flyers with a 20-point, 12-rebound double-double.

Senior forward Luke Fabrizius finished with 17 points, connecting on 5-of-9 three point attempts. Despite the good offensive numbers, he said defense is where the team needs to continue to improve.

“Obviously if you let a team in your building come in and score 86 points, it’s going to be tough to beat them,” he said. “Obviously that’s something we’ve got to work on. We’ve got to get better defensively.”

Trailing by six with 32 seconds left, Fabrizius hit a three to make it an 81-78 deficit. After Rhode Island made one of two free throws, Fabrizius hit another three to bring Dayton within one.

With 15 seconds left, the Flyers had one final chance to tie the game at 84. Redshirt junior guard Kevin Dillard found Johnson in the right corner, but his shot was off target. URI then corralled the rebound and hit two free throws with a second remaining to seal the win.

Dillard, who finished with 12 points and 13 assists, said the final play did not go as planned, but he made the best of the situation.

“I was supposed to draw someone to me but a lot of people stayed home,” Dillard said. “I didn’t get in the lane to drive so I went to CJ and put it in his hands to make the big shot. I got a lot of confidence in him and I’ll go to him next time too.”

The Flyers next play at UD Arena at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1 against Duquesne University.

1 Number of career dunks by junior center Matt Kavanaugh. The Centerville, Ohio native played against Salisbury University on Saturday, Jan. 28, at UD Arena. He is now tied with former Flyers big man Kurt Huelserman in career dunks.

4 Number of times the University of Dayton men’s basketball team has led at halftime and lost the game. The Flyers have dropped back-to-back games after leading at the half, including Saturday’s 86-81 loss to Rhode Island.

17 Number of points senior forward Luke Fabrizius scored against Rhode Island Saturday night. It matched his career high, which he set his freshman year against Duquesne University on March 7, 2009.

22 Career-high point total for University of Dayton women’s basketball freshman guard Andrea Hoover against George Washington University on Saturday, Jan. 28.

36 UD women’s basketball record for points scored in a game by a freshman. The record is held by all-time leading scorer Ann Meyers, who put in 36 points against Salisbury University on March 23, 1977.
Women’s Basketball

Flyers blow out Colonials on the road; prepare for X

MICKEY SHUEY
Lead Photographer

The University of Dayton women’s basketball team won its fourth straight game with a 74-56 win over George Washington University on Sunday, Jan. 28.

Behind a career-high 22 points and eight rebounds from freshman guard Andrea Hoover and a double-double from senior forward Justine Raterman, the Flyers (14-5, 6-1) improved to 3-0 in Atlantic 10 Conference road games this season.

“She’s kind of fearless,” Dayton head coach Jim Jabir said of Hoover. “She just plays so well in so many ways. She can hurt [our opponents] in so many ways. ... She’s just a tough kid.”

Dayton opened the game on a 16-4 run in the game’s first six minutes. Hoover had eight of her points in that stretch, highlighted by a three-point play driving to the basket for a layup.

“My shot has not been falling lately, so I was just being really aggressive in getting to the free-throw line,” said Hoover, who scored eight of her 22 points from the free-throw line.

Raterman’s double-double marked the 21st of her career and her 15-point second half was her best second-half scoring output in A-10 play this year.

Dayton shot 38.7 percent from the field while holding George Washington to a 9-for-31 shooting performance in the first half. The Colonials fought to cut the deficit to four at 26-22 with 2:38 left before halftime. Dayton then closed the half on a 6-0 run.

The Flyers proceeded to shoot 50 percent from the floor in the second half, finishing at 44 percent from the field for the game. UD also out-rebounded the Colonials 45-33.

George Washington never came within 10 points for the rest of the game.

Next up for the Flyers is a weekend trip to Cincinnati to face rival Xavier University (4-15, 1-5) at 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, in a nationally televised game on ESPNU. UD’s only other national TV game this season resulted in a 61-57 loss to Temple University at home on Jan. 15 and was broadcasted on ESPN2.

“It’s great for our program to be on [that stage] again,” Jabir said. “I think when we lost to Temple and played as poorly as we did, we lost an opportunity to impress recruits.”

When the seniors, including Raterman, take the court against the Musketeers on Sunday they will hope to earn the program’s first win at Xavier since the 2007-08 season.

Jabir said that for Justine “it’s just another game” and his team as a whole will be ready to play.

“I think we feel great,” redshirt senior forward Elle Queen said after the George Washington victory. “We think we have a lot to be proud of and we’re excited to take on Xavier next Sunday.”

Women’s Basketball

Raterman named top 10 finalist for Lowe’s Senior CLASS Award

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Staff Writer

Community, classroom, character and competition.

Those four characteristics make up the criteria for the Lowe’s Senior CLASS Award. And Justine Raterman, a senior forward on the University of Dayton women’s basketball team, just received national recognition for her commitment to those values in being named a finalist for the award on Wednesday, Jan. 25.

According to the award’s website, www.seniorclassaward.com, it is given annually to the most complete student-athlete for every Division I sport. It recognizes student-athletes not only for what they do during the game, but also what they do away from it.

The 30 nominees are narrowed down to 10 finalists, which is why Raterman said it was “a huge honor” just to be nominated.

“As an athlete I get a lot of recognition, and to be nominated for an award that combines all of my body of work is something special,” she said.

From a young age, Raterman said she was taught the values that helped her toward the nomination. She said she learned important lessons from the community atmosphere of her small hometown of Versailles, Ohio.

“The mind-set of helping out was instilled in me early on and that carried over to my time at Dayton,” she said.

These characteristics that Raterman possess are being carried onto the court, according to Dayton head coach Jim Jabir.

“She is a great leader, she’s responsible and she follows through on direction,” Jabir said. “She’s someone you can count on and that’s what makes her such a complete and great individual.”

Senior point guard Patrice Lalor, Raterman’s roommate, agreed with her coach on what Raterman can bring to the table.

“She has great leadership both on and off the court, and is someone you can count on at all times,” Lalor said. “She is very loyal.”

With her nomination, Raterman became only the second UD basketball player — man or woman — to be a finalist for the award. Former Dayton men’s basketball guard Brian Roberts was a finalist for the award in 2008.

Raterman also is just the third UD basketball player to receive a nomination for the award. Former men’s basketball forward Chris Wright was nominated last year.

Raterman was excited to hear those facts and said she is happy to see the program getting national recognition.

“It shows a lot where the program is going,” she said.

Jabir said it was a great honor to him as a coach to have one of his players nationally recognized.

“We put a lot into recruiting and coaching to try and get the best out of the players, and to see one of ours get this national recognition makes me feel gratified as a coach,” he said.

With this award and being fifth on the all-time scoring list, second on the all-time three-pointers list, as well as numerous other top 10 stats; Raterman could go down as one of the best basketball players in UD history.

When asked where this award nomination ranks on her list of career basketball accomplishments, she said that it ranks “near the top.”

To vote for the finalists, go to www.seniorclassaward.com. Voting ends March 18, and the winners will be announced during the NCAA women’s basketball Final Four between April 1-3.