Flyers win A-10 title, head to big dance

The University of Dayton women’s basketball team celebrates moments after winning the program’s first Atlantic 10 Conference tournament championship, Monday, March 5, at Hagan Arena in Philadelphia. The Flyers clinched their third straight bid to the NCAA tournament with a 56-53 win over No. 22 St. Bonaventure University.

Photo contributed by Mitchell Leff

Fire investigations continue, campus responds with concern

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Three recent fires on campus continue to light up conversation among University of Dayton community members.

The three fires include a Feb. 19 couch fire on Chambers Street, a Feb. 26 dumpster fire in a parking lot behind College Park Drive, and a Feb. 26 bulletin board fire in Marianist Hall.

Environmental Health and Safety/Risk Management officials said they are worried about the recent incidents.

“Starting fires is not a joke,” said Robin Oldfield, director of EHS/RM, in a March 1 release sent to Flyer News. “We care about our students and their safety. Every year college students are killed by preventable fires, many of them are started deliberately.”

The Marianist Hall fire occurred on the building’s fourth floor when an individual lit a piece of paper on fire at a bulletin board, according to Bruce Burt, chief of UD police and executive director of Public Safety. A student then put out the fire promptly, and the university is continuing its investigation with help from that student.

Burt also said Public Safety is interviewing several persons of interest with respect to the Chambers Street fire, but has no current suspects. There are no current leads in the College Park Drive fire, which he said could have been accidental.

Burt said there is no likely connection between the three fires, and he believes there is no single arsonist responsible for them.

“The problem we have is that a prank or horseplay can lead to serious damage,” Burt said. “… It does concern me that we had three [fires] in a short period of time, but I seriously hope it’s not a trend of what’s to come.”

Public Safety, EHS/RM and Housing and Residence Life staff members met with Marianist Hall students Feb. 28 to discuss the incident.

Sean Englert, EHS/RM life safety and loss prevention specialist and local firefighter, compared the Marianist Hall incident to a similar Jan. 19, 2000, dormitory fire at Seton Hall University that killed three students and injured 54 others.

Burt and Englert both said UD takes fire safety very seriously, especially considering a Dec. 10, 2000, fire on Stonemill Road that killed senior football player Austin Cohen. The fire was set as a prank by his roommate, Paul Morgan, who was expelled.

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UD’s River Campus shaping up following NCR land purchase

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The former NCR Corp. world headquarters has become a sight for University of Dayton students to see since the company left Dayton for Georgia. UD purchased the land, now known as the River Campus, in 2009 and it included several components, according to Beth Keyes, vice president of Facilities Management. The River Campus features NCR’s former headquarters building – now called the 1700 South Patterson building – Old River Park, a parking lot and the remaining open 115 acres.

Keyes said the 2,000-spot parking lot will provide adequate parking for graduate courses, academic conferences and presentations.

In fall 2011, the President’s Emissaries were invited on a private tour of the 1700 South Patterson building and the grounds with President Daniel Curran, said Kelly Nestor, senior entrepreneurship and operations management major.

The President’s Emissaries is a group of sophomores, juniors and seniors who serve as liaisons between students and administrators.

Nestor said the building wasn’t open to the public during the group’s tour. Currently, the first floor of the building, including the lobby, Alumni Center and cafeteria, is open to the public, according to Keyes. The remaining floors are only accessible with keycard access, she said.

“It’s an awesome location,” said Ben Oren, senior entrepreneurship and operations management major and President’s Emissaries co-facilitator.

Fredrick Cox, senior sociology major and member of President’s Emissaries, said the building looks amazing.

The 1700 South Patterson building featuring features fully furnished offices, classrooms, an auditorium, multimedia room, a large outdoor patio and cafeteria, according to a 2009 university communications release about the NCR purchase.

“The building has lots of multifaceted rooms,” Oren said.

He and other President’s Emissaries also commented on the Alumni Center, which is housed in the 1700 South Patterson building.

According to the latest campus master plan, an interactive Alumni Center opened there in 2011. Features of the new Alumni Center – previously located at the Alumni House on L Street – include photographs showcasing UD’s past and present, a touch-screen video which depicts the university’s achievements, and a wall which acknowledges its donors.

An additional phase is in the works for the Alumni Center, according to the master plan. It includes adding space for gatherings and an auditorium.

Nestor said she hopes students will be able to rent out space at the 1700 South Patterson building in the future. She said it would be great to use for banquets, formal events and other student needs. Allowing this usage of the building would direct the money students spend renting out hotel banquet halls back into the college, she said.

Several President’s Emissaries also applauded the overall grounds surrounding the former headquarters building.

“The campus is just as big a deal as the building,” Oren said. “It’s a really large campus.”

Some of the River Campus highlights include athletic fields, Old River Park, outdoor stages and a surrounding moat, according to Oren.

Lisa Lin, senior international business and finance major and President’s Emissaries co-facilitator, said she likes the plans for Old River Park.

Old River Park is a 48-acre park created in 1939 for NCR employees and their families, according to UD’s master plan. The park is currently closed for repairs, including rebuilding a bridge to increase accessibility. The park can be used recreationally and also as an outdoor environmental laboratory. Completion of repairs and opening of the park depend on additional funding.

“The park will be a great place for students to go and relax,” Lin said. Oren said the park is worth checking out, and encouraged students to rent bikes from the RecPlex and ride them over to the River Campus.

“(Curran) has been very interested in the restoration of Old River Park,” Nestor said. “The park would be a refreshing change for students.”

Romney claims close Ohio victory on Super Tuesday

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The race to nominate a Republican presidential nominee continued with narrow margins on Super Tuesday.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney capped off the 10 primaries and caucuses on Tuesday, March 6, with a close 1 percent primary victory in Ohio over former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum.

Romney won six states overall Tuesday, while Santorum won North Dakota, Oklahoma and Tennessee, and former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich won his home state of Georgia.

According to CNN as of Wednesday, March 7, Romney led the nomination race with 429 overall delegates, and Santorum was in second place with 169 delegates. Gingrich followed with 118 delegates and Texas Rep. Ron Paul was in fourth place with 67.

According to Daniel Birdsong, a University of Dayton political science professor, the back-and-forth nature of the race is a result of some states deciding to change their delegates from “winner-take-all” to an allocated proportion of delegates based on votes. “This makes it unique for us to watch,” Birdsong said before Super Tuesday. “Also, it gives conservatives and Republicans in Ohio the opportunity to voice some real choices in the primary.”

Ohio’s delegates were awarded winner-take-all by voting district. According to CNN as of Wednesday, Romney had 35 delegates from Ohio while Santorum had 19. The state has 66 overall delegates. The allotted delegates will vote for their respective candidates at the Republican National Convention held from Aug. 27-30 in Tampa, Fla. “This convention is when the Republicans will officially nominate a candidate to represent the GOP for the Nov. 6 presidential election. Before Super Tuesday, Birdsong said he believed that the outcome of the Ohio primary would be hard to call, but that Santorum seemed to have a chance.

“I think that Santorum plays better with Ohio conservatives than Romney does,” Birdsong said. “I think Santorum could probably squeak out a victory, but it is going to be close. That kind of win could also give him some momentum.”

Nancy Miller, another political science professor, said she was not sure of who would win the primary. “I think it is too close to call,” Miller said before the election. “The unique thing is that there really hasn’t been a frontrunner that has done exceptionally well. It is still a pretty tight race. There is a good chance this all might linger on.”

Grant Neeley, a UD political science professor, said before Super Tuesday that the day would be important, and he encouraged students to pick a candidate that represents their interests. Neeley also said he believed Ohio’s primary would be “neck-and-neck between Santorum and Romney.”

Daniel Rajaiah, president of the College Democrats at UD and a junior civil and environmental engineering major, said that he and other students are frustrated between Santorum and Romney.”

Rajaiah said that regardless of who wins the Republican nomination, President Barack Obama is the best choice. Jamie Leaver, president of UD College Republicans and a junior political science and human rights major, said she does not particularly care for any of the Republican candidates, but Romney is her least favorite.

“I voted for Rick Santorum for the sole reason that he had the best chance of beating Mitt Romney,” Leaver said. “Ohio’s election results are usually very indicative of the country’s overall results. I think if Mitt Romney can win Ohio, he will get the nomination. If Rick Santorum wins, however, I think he’ll gain momentum and possibly win the nomination.”

Birdsong said regardless of party affiliation or favorite candidate, students should use the primaries and upcoming campaigning to decide which person best represents their beliefs on different issues.

“You have a great opportunity to get as much information about each candidate as possible,” Birdsong said. “It is important to look at candidates’ ideas and think about what they mean for you, for Ohio and for the rest of the U.S.”
Alexandra Budabin brings a diverse set of personal and professional experiences to the University of Dayton, where students say she teaches human rights courses with passion and energy.

Budabin started working at UD as a visiting professor of human rights in fall 2011. She said she is from New York City and attended Horace Mann School, an Ivy League prep school. Budabin then attended Harvard University where she studied art history and history.

Budabin said she recalls Harvard wanting to maintain a prestigious image for the many tourists that passed through its gates on a daily basis.

“They even had rules of what you could hang from your windows,” she said.

Budabin said there isn’t a major difference between Harvard and UD students, but the curriculum was structured differently.

“We either had large assembly classes or six students with a large emphasis on writing,” she said. “Those classes were invaluable.”

After graduating from Harvard, Budabin said she received her master’s in humanities from New York University, and finally, her Ph.D. in political science from The New School.

She taught three courses in the fall, and currently is teaching three courses: global politics, an interdisciplinary approach to Darfur, and the politics of mass genocide and mass atrocity.

Budabin said she is thrilled to be at UD. She recently was hired for a tenure-track position and plans to stay. She said she wants to help students decide what they want to do after college and help UD’s human rights program grow by including real-world experience.

“I want to expose students to serious issues, grave human rights violations, and I want to help students figure out an action step to help advocate human rights,” she said.

Budabin said she already has been involved with a number of UD human rights events including a campus protest and the yearly Human Rights Week.

Budabin said her interest in human rights stems from her Jewish heritage and her examination of the Holocaust in high school. She said she wrote her undergraduate thesis on Holocaust memorials and worked as a museum educator at the Holocaust Museum in New York City during her first year after graduating from Harvard.

She said her interests broadened then to human rights, which catalyzed her own research and writing about what the public can do about human rights issues today.

“[Human rights have] always been about the public and what the public’s role and their awareness is,” Budabin said. “Their ability to make an impact really brought me to think about what the public can do about mass atrocities.”

Rob Bennett, who graduated in December 2011 with a bachelor’s in political science, said he observed Budabin’s passion for helping others when he took her media and human rights course in the fall.

“Her class was full of interaction,” he said. “It really made the students think and it constantly forced us to think about real-world examples of what she taught.”

Carly Cenedella, a senior political science and human rights studies major who also took the course, said in an email to Flyer News that she liked that Budabin treated her students as adults.

“She treated us as peers,” Cenedella said. “Her class was full of discussion and never was dull.”

Cenedella said Budabin seemed to fit in very well at UD, and she was glad to see her at Christmas on campus last December.

“I learned a great deal from Dr. Budabin: specifically how strong, concise writing techniques are critical in the advocacy world and how influential media can be,” Cenedella said.

The following incidents were reported to the Department of Public Safety from Feb. 20, through Feb. 26. This log was compiled by Flyer News from actual police reports obtained from the Department of Public Safety.

**Theft**

Feb. 20, 5:52 p.m.

Officers Huffman and French were dispatched on a theft report to a university-owned residence. The complainant said her bicycle was stolen. The bicycle is black with some red and had a base basket holder with no basket. The estimated value of the tire is $30. There are no known suspects or suspects.

Feb. 26, 4:02 p.m.

Officer Durian was dispatched on a criminal damaging report to Lowes Street. The complainant said he parked his vehicle, a Mitsubishi Galant, on the roadway Feb. 24. When he returned to the vehicle, he noticed damage to his passenger side mirror. It had been damaged and was hanging by the control wires. There are no known suspects or witnesses.
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UD Monologues ‘good for the soul,’ director says

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The student-produced comedic and dramatic performances of the University of Dayton Monologues debut this weekend.

Shows will take place at 8 p.m. Friday, March 9, and Saturday, March 10, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 11, in the Black Box Theatre in the Music and Theatre Building.

According to senior marketing and French major Natalie Adler, director and performer, the UD Monologues focus on gender issues.

“Gender issues can really mean anything, so it’s basically UD students writing about their life experiences,” Adler said. “Topics range from relationships to body image to family. Every year has a little bit of everything.”

Adler said while the cast never sets a specific theme for the monologues, one usually arises.

According to sophomore English and American studies major Josh Chamberlain, attending the UD Monologues can be an intense experience.

“Expect to laugh,” Chamberlain said. “Expect to cry. Expect to think about things you hadn’t before. This show is about as brutal and honest as possible. We don’t hold anything back.”

Chamberlain said some of the topics can be heavy, such as rape, and others are light-hearted and humorous, such as buying condoms or purchasing underwear for a girlfriend.

Adler said the UD Monologues can be an eye-opener to serious issues like emotional and physical abuse, as well as day-to-day issues like crushes or family arguments.

“I truly believe coming to see UD Mons is good for the soul,” she said.

Adler said she got involved with UD Monologues during her freshman year because the show sounded meaningful.

“Over the last four years, this thing has become my baby,” Adler said. “I started helping direct the show from sophomore year on. I was hooked. Mons is such a thought-provoking experience to be a part of, it makes both audience and actors think of things in a new way.”

Chamberlain said he encourages students to see the UD Monologues because they are completely based on experiences of UD students.

“These monologues are the mouthpiece for people to express who they really are and what they’re really thinking,” Chamberlain said.

At the end of the performances, the audience has the opportunity to ask the performers questions and add their own input, he said.

“It’s truly a refreshing and powerful thing to witness,” Chamberlain said.

New Disney film marries classic comics, CGI, Taylor Kitsch’s abs

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Flyer News had the opportunity Feb. 21 to sit in on a press conference call with the film’s director, Andrew Stanton, and the film’s star, Taylor Kitsch.

The film is about a civil war veteran who finds himself on Mars and must engage in a war between extraterrestrial beings to save a princess from danger, according to imdb.com.

Stanton said he pitched the idea to Disney to do a film based on Burroughs’ “A Princess of Mars,” published in 1911.

“I’ve read the books my whole life,” Stanton said. “So, I didn’t want it screwed up.”

Kitsch, most known for his role as Tim Riggins in TV’s “Friday Night Lights,” said he was excited to play a character that has been around for more than 100 years.

“It’s very flattering to be a part of it,” Kitsch said. “And I think to breathe life into Stanton, who directed it, his childhood dream, I think that’s a pretty amazing thing to be a part of.”

Stanton directed “Finding Nemo” and “WALL-E,” and said his experience with computer-generated imagery in those films helped him prepare for “John Carter.”

“I mean making ‘John Carter’ was basically making two movies,” he said. “One was the live action side that took almost a year to do and then the computer graphic side.”

In addition to the action and special effects in the film, there is quite an emotional aspect people can relate to, Stanton said.

“My interest was the timeless human aspect about the character and the story that will always speak to me, no matter what’s going on in the world,” he said.

Kitsch said he agreed that the emotional depth is what drew him to the film.

“You know, it’s that arc of who I got to play, of the guy that’s lost his cause completely,” Kitsch said. “If it didn’t have that emotional arc, I wouldn’t have done it.”

Everyone can relate to the message of the film, Stanton said.

“Having a person that discovers that they think their purpose in life is over and was misguided to begin with, suddenly find where they really do fit in, I think that’s what all of us are searching to do,” he said.

“John Carter” will be in theaters everywhere Friday, March 9. For more information, visit imdb.to/FN_JohnCarter.

“FRIEND” A CAREER: Did you know social media like Facebook and Twitter can be more than just time-wasters? Let Career Services’s social networking and job search workshop show you how to use social media to advance your career, from 3-4 p.m. Monday, March 12, at the Alumni House at 208 L St. For more information, contact Career Services at 937-229-2045.

STOP SLAVERY: Come to the River Campus for Consciousness Rising, an event to raise awareness of human trafficking from 12-5 p.m. Saturday, March 10. Admission is a $5 donation. The event includes different stations that educate attendees on human trafficking and what they can do to help. For more information, contact the political science department at 937-229-3626.
Elsa’s Cantina
1227 Wilmington Ave.
Dayton, OH 45420
Rating: ★★★★★☆

Mexican Restaurant & Cantina is our new favorite hotspot in the Dayton area.

Immediately upon being seated in this Mexican spirited/sports bar-themed joint, we were served complimentary chips and tangy salsa and given the recommendation to try the infamous house margarita, the “bad Juan.” Half on the rocks, half frozen raspberry, 100 percent potent dose of tequila—talk about a girly drink hanging out at the boys club. We used to go to the establishment formerly known as Los 3 Amigos for ethnic dining and oversized margaritas, but after a few sweet-and-sour sips, we think Elsa’s is where people need to go for a quality margarita. You know a drink is bold when the owners set a three-drink limit per person.

To accompany our chips and salsa, we had a small order of quesadillas that had a kick of heat with a moderate dose of jalapeno. Hot, spicy, creamy goodness blanketing thin and crunchy tortilla chips was the perfect appetizer for us as we awaited our signature meal and appreciated our speedy service.

Our server said she has worked in the Elsa’s chain for nine years and loves everything that the family-owned restaurants have to offer. She said Elsa’s started as just a taco place, but eventually grew and started serving more authentic Mexican fare.

For one entrée, we had enormous chorizo and cheese enchiladas served with a side of black beans and Spanish rice. The enchiladas were hot, comfortably coated with cheese, and a bit spicy from the chorizo—perfection. The rice and beans on the side were a nice way to calm the spice level when needed, but it was never too overwhelming.

The other entrée we ordered was the chicken fajita quesadillas and a hard shell chicken taco on the side. The side taco was a complete disaster. After one bite, it was very apparent that something was not right with the chicken. It was so bad that there was no other choice but to spit it out in a napkin. This “chicken” had a distinct ranchy taste and was absolutely repulsive. After we asked if the taco accidentally was cooked with pork, our server told us that chicken is a mixture of both dark and white meat, combined with bay leaves.

She then told us that she does not care for Elsa’s chicken tacos, but said she didn’t want to bring it up when we ordered our meal. Wait, what?

Elsa’s is a wonderful restaurant with a magnificent atmosphere, but in the eyes of food critics, servers should never refrain from telling a customer that they don’t prefer what he or she ordered. Our server easily could have made a different suggestion for us, but instead she said nothing. Thankfully she took the taco off our bill, but she did nothing else to make up for the disastrous taco … nothing. We were very surprised that the chef, or even our server, did not bring out a complimentary dish, a gesture we’ve come to appreciate and expect from restaurants we review. It’s the little things that truly make a big difference.

The fajita quesadillas were a bit deceiving; as there was no fajita aspect in the dish. Instead, the quesadillas were prepared with just chicken and cheese and the usual tomato, lettuce, guacamole and sour cream on the side. It was a bit of a disappointment to receive a quesadilla, mimus the fajita aspect which we were most looking forward to, but the quesadillas were still decent tasting. The tortilla shell was crunchy with the inside still warm and gooey with melted cheese and chicken strips.

Open for nearly 32 years, Elsa’s now has four successful locations in the Dayton area, and even one new destination near Tampa, Fla. If this doesn’t prove a successful history with customers, then maybe the premixed Elsa’s margaritas found at Kroger, Arrow Wine & Spirits and other liquor locations will sell you on the fact that this local franchise knows what it’s doing.

It’s Friday, and we want to share our love affair with flavorful food with all of you. As food fanatics, we not only hold a passion for quality food, but we also strive to discover the mystery behind the menu. What makes a dish unique? What methods of flavor are chefs Strategically using to differentiate their specialties? In order to piece together our palate puzzle, we are going behind the scenes of some familiar, and some not so familiar, dining spots in the Dayton area.

Every town needs that one go-to Mexican restaurant to satisfy a craving for eccentric flavors, melted cheese and chorizo, or a potent margarita that will surely seduce your senses, Elsa’s infamous “bad Juan” margaritas are available premixed at Kroger and Arrow Wine & Spirits, among other alcohol distributors.

Star Like Me: Jonathan

“Star Like Me” is a series of monologues written by University of Dayton actors. This issue’s writer is Sophomore Jonathan Golab, a sport management major, who will perform in this year’s presentation of the UD Monologues. Shows take place at 8 p.m. Friday, March 9, and Saturday, March 10, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 11, in the Black Box in the Music and Theatre Building. Admission is free.

I first got my start in acting here at UD with One Acts last year, my freshman year. Since then I’ve gained a lot of things: the name I go by (JG), many of my closest friends, a passion, a possible minor in theater, and some of the most memorable experiences in my life. And a big part of that is the UD Monologues.

This is my first year in UD Monos, but hopefully not my last. Everything about the experience is exciting. The basic premise is that the performers write these monologues based on gender issues, and then perform one monologue of their own and one that someone else wrote.

Now you’re probably thinking to yourself, “what exactly IS a gender issue?” And if you weren’t, well, you are now. And the answer is, almost anything. It relates to gender, it is a gender issue. We are covering all sorts of topics from comedic takes on nudity, defining relationships and guys buying underwear for girls, to more serious ones about sibling relationships, trust issues and even the need for less blunt wording when talking about rape.

I wrote a monologue this year about being frustrated by constantly being the nice guy that girls lean on to be the friend and nothing else. It is something that I have experienced firsthand more times than I would have wished, but I have a feeling I am not alone on that one. And that is one of the other awesome things about the show. All these monologues express incidents or feelings that actually have happened.

Another interesting aspect of UD Monos is that our rehearsal process goes differently than a normal show. Instead of getting the whole cast together, the cast splits up each week to run the monologues and give each other suggestions on performance, blocking or something else. It helps the cast bond, as when these monologues are performed, we not only see the work of the person on stage, but also we see the suggestions we may have made, as well as the emotions and work of the writer. We also get numerous outside submissions, as people have found that writing a monologue is a great way to safely externalize feelings you may be keeping inside. The cast gets to bond through these “pods,” as we call them, by having to walk in someone else’s shoes. It helps us see his or her perspective on life and makes for a better show atmosphere overall.

Maybe you are interested in seeing the UD Monologues to see what it is like, to see if you want to write or perform next year, or because you know someone in it. If any of these reasons appeal to you, or if you have one I didn’t list, save one of the dates above. If you are not sure whether to attend, ask me or anyone who has ever seen it before. This show is one you don’t want to miss.
Little Sibs Weekend gets PG-12 rating

In November, I wrote a column about how impressed I was to see avid participation in Christmas on Campus. Similarly, I was happy to hear that 250 siblings were registered for Little Sibs Weekend events.

It’s great to know that Flyers are planning to engage in constructive and safe activities with their siblings at these events. It shows that students are willing to spend their free time taking on a more mature role in helping younger siblings feel welcome where they’d normally be out of place. And the young siblings really love it, too. Any chance to hang out with an older cousin is fascinating, to them it’s the coolest thing since sugar.

However, there was also a new change to Little Sibs Weekend this year that requires registered participants to be between the ages of 12-17. Members of Student Life and Kennedy Union said the change was partly related to drinking in the neighbor-hoods. If you’ve been around Little Sibs Weekend before, you’ve probably witnessed underage kids experimenting with alcohol, some even for the first time. While I’m sure the under-12 crowd never has been involved in any issues related to drinking, administrators said the changes were meant to keep them safe without the presence of their parents. I understand these changes were made with the best intentions in mind. And yet, I can’t help feeling like this has become a waste of a weekend.

In past years, you’d see 5-year-olds running around campus, engaging in age-appropriate activities. This year, not only will a large number of siblings be excluded, but some events previously designed for younger children will now only be experienced by the 12-17 age crowd. Honestly, how many 17-year-olds do you know who want to spend time on a college campus tie-dying and doing arts and crafts? I don’t mean to discredit these events or say that Student Life and Kennedy Union along with Campus Activities Board should have offered more mature activities. But clearly, some of the events this weekend would be more appropriate for a younger age group, especially those under the age of 12.

So after hearing about these changes, I had one question in my mind: Are we as students ultimately to blame? Sure, we didn’t intend for the younger siblings to be excluded. But as I mentioned before, how many times have you seen a little sibling – maybe even your own – joining in the “festivities” in the Ghetto, when they were obviously underage? It’s hard to draw a line when colleges, in general, are commonplace for underage drinking, but it’s also pretty easy to spot a high school student in the Ghetto.

A Flyer News staff editorial from March 24, 2011, suggested the dos and don’ts for participants of last year’s Little Sibs Weekend. It offered some great advice of things to do with siblings – like participating in UD traditions or simply introducing them to your friends – and things not to do with siblings – like getting them drunk or pawning them off on your friends. Why not apply the same advice this year? Let’s show the event coordinators that we can handle having younger crowds on campus. Let’s show them we can be mature and responsible around younger kids, and maybe they’ll reconsider the age limitations. Maybe in the future, all ages again will be able to participate in this enjoyable weekend.

Because if the actual “little” siblings are unable to participate, is it truly a Little Sibs Weekend?


Sociology department urges dialogue on race

Examing the racial interactions on this campus, particularly the University of Dayton Meme Facebook page, makes us concerned about how equipped UD students are to live in a diverse world. We are outraged at the ignorant and hostile comments directed to diverse students in our community. We are failing to educate many of our UD students in understanding and practicing the Catholic and Marianist traditions of social justice.

Let us be clear: This is not about one website. This is about a pattern of behavior at our university that reveals ignorance about contemporary and historical racial interactions. Conversations with many students, faculty and staff of color—not one or two isolated individuals—reveal that we are in desperate need of developing a critical and meaningful dialogue regarding the racial climate here at UD. Most of the behaviors stem from ignorance, not hatred, and many seem to never reach the attention of administrators. Many of our white students have never had to critically examine how race impacts their daily lives, so to them, some...
Flyers knock off GW, advance to face archrival Xavier

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Sports Editor

The University of Dayton men’s basketball team survived a late second-half charge by George Washington University to advance to the quarterfinals of the Atlantic 10 Conference men’s basketball championship.

Sixth-seeded Dayton (20-10, 10-7 A-10) defeated No. 11-seed George Washington 67-50 Tuesday, March 6, at UD Arena after beating the same GW team 75-59 Saturday, March 3, at home. UD sophomore forward Devin Oliver led all scorers with 19 points and gathered eight rebounds. GW junior forward David Pellom led the Colonials with an 18-point, 10-rebound double-double.

George Washington managed only 17 points in the first half, the lowest single-half scoring output for an A-10 team against UD all season. Dayton first-year head coach Archie Miller said defense was a key after seeing some mistakes in the matchup three days prior.

“We addressed our team after we played George Washington the first time,” he said. “A lot of the mistakes we made, I felt, were masked by an outstanding shooting performance from three. And we talked a lot about our team: ‘Let’s not have fool’s gold. You can’t bank on 10 three’s going down on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. You can’t bank on 10 three’s going down on Tuesday,’ and lo and behold, we needed you use more energy when you’re trying to dunk.”

Dayton went into halftime leading 31-17 after shooting 50 percent from the field and holding GW to a sporadic 29.2 percent.

The Colonials weren’t done fighting for their tournament lives though, as GW opened the second half on a 13-4 run. At the 15:18 mark, Dayton held a 35-30 lead, its slimmest lead since the game’s opening minutes. That’s when Oliver took over.

The 6-foot-7-inch sophomore cued a 13-7 run with a dunk and proceeded to score seven of UD’s points during the run. Miller said after the game that Oliver is becoming an impact player for UD.

“I thought Devin Oliver continues to rise to the occasion,” Miller said. “His confidence has grown. We don’t win the game without him.”

Senior guard Paul Williams punctuated the run with his first dunk as a Flyer to give Dayton a 48-37 lead with 8:42 to go. Williams said teammate Josh Benson, a red-shirt sophomore forward who has been out since Dec. 30, had been bothering him all season to dunk.

Williams said despite dunking often in high school, he didn’t find much need to rattle the rim in college.

“I realized two points is two points, and four points are four points,” said Williams, who finished the game with 10 points. “And you use more energy when you’re trying to dunk.”

With an 11-point lead, it appeared Dayton had all but sealed its trip to Atlantic City, N.J., where the rest of the A-10 tournament is held. Josh Parker scored eight of Dayton’s final 19 points to put away the Flyers problems, but a couple successful possessions allowed Dayton to survive it.

“We don’t win the game without Devin Oliver,” Oliver said of the GW press. “It was more of us executing and getting into our press break offense. I think more of it was on us than the press being so extensive.”

Dayton then regained control of the game as redshirt senior guard Josh Parker scored eight of Dayton’s final 19 points to put away the game.

The Flyers will look to keep their momentum going in the postseason. When asked how he felt about a 20-win season, Miller joked:

“I feel good,” he said. “We got 20. I hope we get 21.”

Dayton next plays Xavier University in the A-10 quarterfinals at 9 p.m. Friday, March 9, in Atlantic City.
Sixth-year senior winning battle with leukemia, ready to graduate

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In a matter of weeks, one of the University of Dayton’s most experienced undergraduates will receive her diploma.

On that day, Krystal Byrne – a 26-year-old senior visual communication design major – will walk toward the stage at UD Arena in a bedazzled cap and gown to accept a diploma eight years in the making.

Krystal Byrne came to UD after graduating from Ottoville High School in the small town of Ottoville, Ohio, in 2004. At Ottoville, she was a soccer standout who played for three years on the boys’ team. Her brother Josh Byrne, who is two years older, said in high school he never heard of any of the guys say anything about his sister playing with the boys.

“I never heard one person complaining that there was a girl on the team, if that’s what you mean,” he said. “She wasn’t afraid to show anybody up. Anything the guys could do, she could do.”

For her senior season, Krystal Byrne was named captain of the first girls’ soccer team in school history.

Her decision to come to UD was based on multiple reasons. First, Dayton had the major for the girl who still carries a box of crayons around with her. More importantly, she said UD was a better fit than her other choice Kent State University.

According to Josh Byrne, her sister became the University of Dayton’s No. 1 fan on the day she stepped on campus as an enrolled student.

Krystal Byrne had the full Dayton spirit when she tried out to be a walk-on for the UD women’s soccer team. Dayton head coach Mike Tucker said she still remembers Byrne’s enthusiasm during the tryouts.

“She came from an area that’s not a real heavily recruited area,” he said. “... So in tryouts, you look for kids that are enthusiastic. And that was her.”

Unfortunately, Krystal Byrne didn’t make the cut, and then received some troubling news during Easter break of that freshman year.

She had gone back home to work as a waitress at the Dew Drop Inn. While at work one day, she started feeling ill and was soon taken to get a blood test at her local family doctor’s office. After a series of tests, she was sent back home.

The next morning while watching cartoons, the phone rang and as Krystal Byrne said:

“When the doctor asks to talk to your mom, it’s probably not a good thing.”

She said the feeling she had when she heard the news was debilitating.

“You feel like you want to scream, cry and throw up all at the same time,” she said.

She had myeloid and lymphoid leukemia and would have to start chemotherapy immediately. Thus began month after month of an extended stay in the hospital as Krystal Byrne fought for her life.

The entire town of Ottoville rallied around its sick resident and held a blood marrow donor drive that brought in over 1,000 people, according to Jayne Byrne, Krystal’s mother. The town also held a fundraiser for the medical bills.

Krystal Byrne said after the support she received from her neighbors, she’d help them out no matter what.

After 4 1/2 years, she said she regained her health to a point where she could go back to UD. That’s when her kidney and heart failed.

She received multiple transplants including a kidney transplant and a stem cell transplant.

Once again, she fought back from the brink and only thought about maintaining her streak of all A’s at UD, according to Josh Byrne.

Jayne Byrne said Krystal has been in-and-out of the hospital for lengthy stretches, but UD professors have worked with her to get her caught up when she returned.

“There have been a few times when she had to drop out and a few more times when we thought she was going to have to drop out, but we talked to the professors and they were like, ‘No, you just get better and we will help you get caught up’,” Jayne Byrne said.

“They don’t know how much that means.”

About three years ago, Tucker said it was decided that Krystal Byrne should be named an honor- ary captain on the team. Her fight was inspiring to him and the team.

“She’s a pretty amazing person, really,” he said. “... Everything that she’s been through and to still approach life and our team and UD and the love for soccer the way she did is kind of the way we ask of our players to live every minute and love what they’re doing.”

In 2009, when the men’s basketball team last made the NCAA tournament, former head coach Brian Gregory had the team sign a ball for Krystal Byrne. Jayne Byrne said the ball and one signed by the women’s soccer team are prominently displayed in the Byrne home.

Krystal Byrne doesn’t get to many UD games, but when she does, she takes advantage of her renewed opportunity to cheer on the Flyers.

She said she got to sit in the front of the student section during Dayton’s 87-72 win over Xavier University on Jan. 21. And when Dayton made the trip to Cincinnati, so did Byrne in her modified Dayton Flyer mobile with a paint scheme matching her painted up red-and-blue face.

In a couple of months, one of UD’s best fans will be graduating and she’s really thankful to have more than the chance to walk at graduation, but to be alive.

Baseball

Dayton falters again in early-season road matchups

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The University of Dayton baseball team lost a three-game series against Tennessee Tech University last weekend at Bush Stadium in Cookeville, Tenn.

Dayton lost two of the three games Saturday, March 3, and Sunday, March 4, and was led by senior outfielder Bobby Glover’s six RBIs in the series.

In the first game, the Flyers struck early on a first inning RBI base hit from freshman infielder A.J. Ryan. However, a three-run second inning from the Golden Eagles proved to be the difference in a 5-2 Tennessee Tech victory.

Also contributing to the Flyers offense was senior infielder C.J. Gillman, who hit his first home run of the season in the sixth inning.

On the defensive side, senior right-handed pitcher Mike Hauschild threw a complete game, finishing with three strikeouts in eight innings, but was credited with the loss.

In Game two, senior right-handed pitcher Burny Mitchem came into the game in relief, but the appearance proved to be a historic day for him and the program. In six strong innings, Mitchem finished with a career-high 14 strikeouts. The effort gave him the program record for career strikeouts at 269, and put him past former Flyer pitcher Cameron Hobson, who had 256.

Mitchem praised his catchers for his success throughout the years, and said he was humbled to have been able to achieve the milestone.

“It feels good and I passed a really good pitcher in Cam Hobson, but my main goal is to give our team a chance to win every time I take the mound,” Mitchem said.

Dayton jumped out to an early 6-2 lead, aided by the solid pitching of UD senior right-handed starter Tim Bury. The Golden Eagles stormed back into the game, though, in scoring seven runs in the fifth inning to take a 9-6 lead. After UD sacrificed the lead, Mitchem entered the game in his first relief appearance of the season, and pitched six scoreless innings to give the Flyers the chance to get back into the game.

Down to their last out, the Flyers scored the tying run after a single from Ryan and two errors from Tennessee Tech, and sent the game into extra innings.

After a scoreless 10th inning, Dayton scored four runs in the top of the 11th inning to take the lead. Mitchem then struck out the side to end the game and cap off a Dayton victory.

The third game saw the Golden Eagles jump out to a quick 6-1 lead in the first inning, after junior right-handed pitcher Kyle Coenen gave up six runs to the eight batters he faced.

Although Dayton tied the game in the eighth inning, led by a two-run home run by Glover, Dayton gave up the lead in the bottom half of the eighth to lose 9-8.

Associate head coach Todd Linklater said he saw significant improvement offensively, and was pleased with Mitchem’s performance on the mound.

“Our offense played at a much higher level this weekend, and I’m happy with their progress,” Linklater said.

Although Glover was disappointed with the series loss, he said he saw a lot of positive things.

“After the first game, we really started swinging the bats well and that was something we hadn’t done all year as a whole team,” he said. “It seemed like we were a play away in each of our losses from winning the game.”

Linklater attributed the close losses to the team’s ability to perform in pressure situations. He said the players have to “prepare meticulously for these types of situations,” and their ability to execute under pressure will determine the outcome of close games.

Glover says the team needs to get better both offensively and defensively to have success.

“We just need to keep having good at-bats,” he said. “We had a lot of good at-bats this past weekend and it showed with the offensive numbers we put up in those last two games. With good at-bats and team offense, I think we will continue to put up good offensive numbers and get even better from here.”

UD (2-6) then lost 8-5 to Butler University Tuesday, March 6, in Indianapolis.

Dayton next plays in the Riverview Inn Challenge from Friday, March 9, through Sunday, March 11, in Clarksville, Tenn.
Women’s Basketball

Flyers earn NCAA bid with first A-10 tournament title

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The University of Dayton women’s basketball team clinched its first Atlantic 10 Conference tournament championship in program history in defeating Saint Bonaventure University 66-63 Monday, March 3, in Philadelphia.

The Flyers did not let the title opportunity slip away after falling to then-No. 5 Xavier University 67-60 in the 2011 A-10 title game. Dayton clinched an automatic bid to its third consecutive NCAA tournament.

“IT feels great,” said senior forward Elle Queen. “Especially going into the championship game, knowing how it feels to be there before, so close to winning that title and not winning. That was a big part of our motivation. When the buzzer sounded, it was unbelievable.”

The Flyers beat Saint Louis University 69-63 before capturing the tournament crown against No. 22 St. Bonaventure, who finished the regular season with a record of 20-3.

UD (23-6, 12-2 A-10) was led by senior forward Justine Raterman. Named the most outstanding player of the tournament, Raterman led the Flyers with 13 points and eight rebounds in the championship game.

“It was a really great tournament overall,” she said. “We had to beat three really tough teams to get to the place we wanted to be, and I think we came in really focused, had a common goal, played with a sense of urgency, and got it done.”

Senior guard Patrice Lalor, who was also named to the All-Tournament Team, added 11 points and four assists. Freshman guard Andrea Hoover chipped in nine points.

UD led by as many as 22 points in the first half after opening with a 27-5 lead, but SBU roared back in the second half and took a 51-50 lead with 2:16 left in the game.

Lalor responded and sank two free throws after being fouled, and the Flyers never gave back the lead. Hoover made a layup to make it 54-51, but the Bonnies got back within one point with 11 seconds to play.

Hoover then made two free throws, and SBU senior guard Jessica Jenkins’ three-pointer at the buzzer missed to end the game.

“We stopped making shots,” said head coach Jim Jabir about the Bonnies’ rally. “They [St. Bonaventure] are a great team, the No. 22 team in the nation, so they weren’t just going to lie around. We have to be consistent scorers. We did a lot of good things, but we just had a hard time maintaining our scoring ability.”

Both teams shot close to 30 percent for the game, but Jabir said defense was key down the stretch. He said the team needs to find a way to get out of its scoring droughts in order to make a run in the NCAA tournament.

“We keep getting better on our defense and box-out situations,” he said. “I think we need this week to rest and improve. At this point, we don’t know who we’re playing, so all we can really do is work on ourselves.”

Dayton will discover its seeding and location for the NCAA tournament during the NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball Selection Show at 7 p.m. Monday, March 12, on ESPN.

Commentary

Temple set to depart from A-10, leaving conference in major bind

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Brett McMurphy of CBS Sports reported on Friday, March 2, that Temple gave the Big East Conference a reported on Friday, March 2, that it will wait until 2013. However all of its remaining sports Temple will be downgrading to 13 members. This gives off the feeling that the conference probably will either further decline in membership or attract new schools to achieve an even number again.

After all, how would you operate a 13-team conference tournament? It would be tough to tell just one team it has to stay home every year.

But then again, Temple has made its basketball living sending teams home earlier than they would like.

Senior guard Patrice Lalor cuts down the net after the Dayton Flyers won the Atlantic 10 Conference tournament title, Monday, March 7, at the Hagan Arena in Philadelphia. UD clinched an automatic bid to its third straight NCAA tournament. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY MITCHELL LEFF