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UD preps for unveiling of new China Institute

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The University of Dayton will unveil its new China Institute at a grand opening in early September, according to Weiping Wang, institute executive director and provost.

The China Institute is a five-story, 54,000-square-foot facility that will house UD's new innovation projects in the Suzhou Industrial Park in Jiangsu province in eastern China, said Joseph Saliba, UD provost.

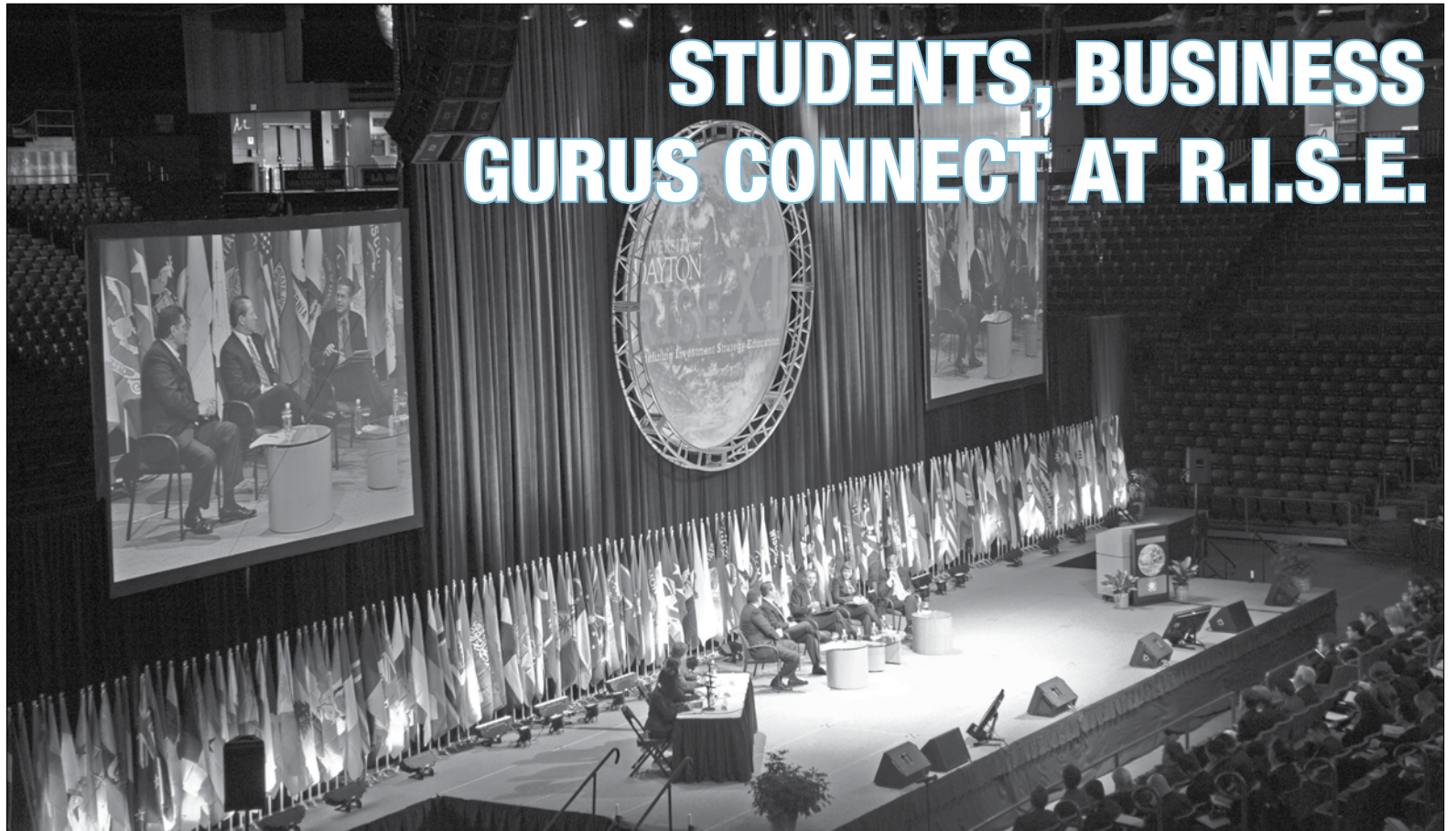
"It is a place where companies bring projects for students to work on," Saliba said. "A place where our faculty can do some innovation and creativity, where we can teach courses and professional development, and prepare Chinese students for their transition to America."

According to the China Institute website, it will provide opportunities for UD and Chinese students to do joint study and research, along with participating in internships and service-learning projects. It also will serve as a gateway program for Chinese students to be recruited into UD undergraduate and graduate programs.

According to Wang, participating students will have the opportunity to work with multinational companies such as General Electric Co., Johnson & Johnson, and Delphi, an automotive industry

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STUDENTS, BUSINESS GURUS CONNECT AT R.I.S.E.



Keynote panelists speak at the R.I.S.E. opening ceremonies, March 31, 2011, at the University of Dayton Arena. This spring's event, the 12th in UD's history, offers free registration for students for the second year in a row. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY PEGGY NICODEMUS

Annual spring finance forum offers free admission for students

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For the second time ever, University of Dayton students can attend the Redefining Investment Strategy Education forum for free.

R.I.S.E., in its 12th year as a campus event, will take place from March 29-31 at UD Arena. The forum offers dialogue and activities with panelists from the finance world.

In order to take advantage of the free registration, students can register online at the R.I.S.E. website by Thursday, March 15.

John Rapp, chair of the department of economics and finance, said R.I.S.E. offers students an opportunity to meet with professionals with "big names" and first-

hand finance experience.

Alex LoPresti, a senior finance and accounting major and R.I.S.E. event coordinator, said the event is an exciting opportunity for students.

"I would say R.I.S.E. offers an excitement in bringing students all from around the world to UD and the many alumni that come back to attend the event," she said.

The day begins with the keynote speaker day Thursday, including four 90-minute panels and three 45-minute keynote addresses, according to the R.I.S.E. website.

On Friday and Saturday, financial professionals then lead a variety of business-related breakout sessions.

Two of this year's keynote speakers are David Darst, manag-

ing director and chief investment strategist for finance management company Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, and author Ben Mezrich. Mezrich's books have inspired movies such as "The Social Network" and "21."

"This year, I am looking forward to seeing Ben Mezrich because he is an incredible speaker and well-known bestselling author that had his books turn into movies," LoPresti said.

Megan Scully, a junior marketing major, said she got involved with R.I.S.E. through the Epsilon Nu Tau entrepreneurship fraternity and her position as general manager for Flyer Enterprises' The Blend.

"Seeing notable people and fellow students speak [at R.I.S.E.]

puts a different kind of spin on finance," she said.

LoPresti and other students said they got involved with R.I.S.E. through UD's Davis Center for Portfolio Management.

The Davis Center, a group of students from diverse majors who manage over \$14.2 million in the university's endowment, is in charge of organizing the event each year, according to its website.

"R.I.S.E. is a great way to be a part of something bigger here at UD because we are the largest student investment forum in America, and it provides great interview conversations," said junior Emilee Wood, an entrepreneurship and marketing major and

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weather

(Source: www.nws.noaa.gov)
Here's hoping we're lucky enough to have such weather for St. Patrick's Day!

TODAY
 72/49
Mostly cloudy

WEDNESDAY
 73/55
Sunny

THURSDAY
 72/54
Chance of thunderstorms

EVENTS COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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LOCAL

OBAMA VISITS UD

President Barack Obama's visit to Dayton Tuesday, March 13, marks the 12th visit to Dayton by a president. He will be at UD Arena for the first set of two games of the NCAA's First Four.

Information from Dayton Daily News

MINI-SATELLITE TO LAUNCH

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base graduate students are planning to launch a mini-satellite into orbit next year. This mini-satellite will test how carbon nanotubes react in space.

Information from Dayton Daily News



Students listen to the band Impact! play at a concert, Saturday, March 10, at McGinnis Center as part of its Southwest Ohio tour with WatersEdge and J Crum. KEVIN LONGACRE/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

CAMPUS

KONY DOCUMENTARY

Attend a free documentary screening at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 15, in Chudd Auditorium to learn about Kony 2012, a campaign against a violent Central African rebel army. For more information, visit its Facebook page at on.fb.me/KonyUD.

APPALACHIAN WEEK

Learn more about Appalachian issues by attending numerous events, including a potluck dinner and speaker series this week. For more information, visit <http://on.fb.me/AppWeek> or contact Andrew Kowalski at arkowals@gmail.com.

TEACH-IN FOCUSES ON RACE DIALOGUE

Join the sociology department for a discussion on racial issues on campus from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, in the Kennedy Union Torch Lounge. The event is a response to a recent UD Meme Facebook page.

NATION

MISSING HIKER FOUND

Missing hiker Margaret Page was found in a New Mexico national forest huddled with her cat. Page had been missing for three and a half weeks and was found very malnourished in a sleeping bag this week.

Information from TheDailyBeast.com

PENGUINS ON A PLANE

A pair of penguins from SeaWorld thrilled passengers on two Delta flights Wednesday, March 7, when the captain permitted the arctic birds to waddle freely around the cabin. En route from San Antonio to New York City for a television show premiere, Pete and Penny sat first class.

Information from ABCNews.com

Events transform modern slavery consciousness into action

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Copy Editor

University of Dayton students united in support of the fight against human trafficking at various events for Consciousness Rising from Thursday, March 8, to Saturday, March 10.

Consciousness Rising, in its first year on campus, is a social justice convention focused on generating awareness about human trafficking and providing practical solutions to deal with the international issue, according to an event flier.

Carly Cenedella, a senior politi-

cal science and human rights studies major, said child slavery is a problem not only in the U.S., but especially in Ohio. She said she hopes the convention not only informed people, but motivated them to seek an active role in the movement.

She said Erin Quinn, a senior history major, deserves most of the credit for organizing the event, and that Alisa Bartel, a public administration graduate student, also was very involved.

"The whole purpose behind the convention was to educate people about human trafficking, a very real

issue that people seem to think happens only around the world and not in the United States, and certainly not here in Dayton, Ohio," Bartel said.

Cenedella said the event was the product of student and faculty influence.

"And, [human trafficking is] such an urgent issue, that now is the time to raise awareness, but with that, I think we're striving more to inspire action," she said.

Bartel said attendees were educated about human trafficking from various, multidisciplinary perspectives. She also said education and awareness alone are not enough; that it's not just about bringing people, educating them and then letting them go.

She said the aim of the event was to promote awareness and activism.

"We hope to give them tools so that when they leave, they can actively join the movement as soon as they step out the door," Bartel said. "We wanted to bring them all in, educate them and then tell them how they can get involved in a way that lines up with their personal interests."

The convention kicked off with law professor's Roza Pati keynote speech Thursday, March 8, in Sears Recital Hall. Pati, who teaches at St. Thomas University and is the director of its Human Trafficking Academy, spoke on "Law, Policy, and Politics of Human Trafficking—and the Clarion Call

to End It."

Bartel said Pati spoke about the legal perspective of human trafficking with a final call to action.

"She was a wonderful speaker for us to bring in," Bartel said. "She has a lot of expertise. She's been at the forefront of this movement. I think she's been working on it since the earlier '90s."

Musician Steve Moakler then performed a concert for Consciousness Rising Friday, March 9, at the McGinnis Center.

"He is a Nashville-based singer-songwriter and he raises funds to support Love 146," Bartel said.

Love 146 is a non-profit organization whose vision and mission is the "abolition of child sex slavery" and restoration of those rescued from the slavery, according to its website.

Bartel said Moakler performed free of charge to support this cause.

The weekend festivities culminated with the five-hour convention held Saturday, March 10, at the 1700 South Patterson building the university acquired from NCR Corp. The convention included exhibitions on the psychology of human trafficking, consumer responsibility, and a film put on by UD's chapter of Invisible Children about Joseph Kony, the leader of a violent Central African rebel group, and his children soldiers.

Bartel said she was excited about

Not For Sale's exhibit. According to its website, Not For Sale is a charity organization that works with businesses, governments and grassroots organizations to aid those affected by and vulnerable to human trafficking.

"The point of their exhibit is to show people how to be smarter consumers," Bartel said. "So, they actually have an app for iPhones and Androids that is a barcode scanner."

The application shows users the supply chain of the scanned item, which has been ranked by Not For Sale in regard to the use of child and slave labor along the product's route.

The convention targeted the UD community, but also focused heavily on the surrounding area, according to Bartel. She said organizers asked for event support from social service providers and churches, and passed out fliers in the Oregon District.

Support for the convention was provided mostly by the UD administration.

"We get tremendous support from them," Bartel said.

Bartel hopes to instill Consciousness Rising as a firm UD event, such as Christmas on Campus and Stander Symposium.

"It's going to become an annual thing, so we hope that people will keep it in mind for next year," Bartel said.



Booths at the Consciousness Rising social justice convention offer products made by women who were in the slave trade, Saturday, March 10, at the 1700 South Patterson building. MARCI DUCKRO/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Honors symposium showcases student research

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University of Dayton senior honors students will cap their thesis research with presentations at the Honors Students Symposium from 1-5 p.m. March 23 in Kennedy Union.

The event is a preview of the student's work prior to their presentations at the Brother Joseph W. Stander Symposium Wednesday, April 18, across campus.

David Darrow, director of the University Honors Program, said he commends thesis students for the work put into their projects. He said the symposium is a way for the community to view their work.

"For the faculty, the symposium is a wonderful opportunity to see the amazing things students can do," he said. "Undergrads also can see how students are engaged in UD's scholarly mission and how they can get involved in academic life."

The Honors Students Symposium will be structured much like

a professional conference, according to Ramona Speranza, University Honors Program office coordinator. Students will give 20-minute presentations of their work including time for Q-and-A, and the presentations are followed by a closing reception for presenters, family, faculty and administrators, she said.

Similar to a master's thesis, students endeavor through a three-semester-long process to complete the project, Darrow said. Students work closely with an adviser to discover a topic of interest for the project, he said.

On a professional level, the honors thesis provides employers evidence of a student's determination and ability to handle complex projects, Darrow said. Thesis writers also are encouraged to work closely with Career Services to help demonstrate their abilities in the professional world.

Danielle Bare, a mechanical engineering major, is one of 56 seniors participating in the symposium.

Bare will present her project, "Varus Knee Alignment and Gait in Healthy College-Aged Females."

Bare said her thesis topic was recommended by her adviser to combine her interests in biomechanics and the human body.

"As an engineer, I found it really important to thoroughly understand my topic, which falls into the discipline of physical therapy," Bare said. "If I understand the topic better, I can confidently present my thesis to the attendees."

The thesis and presentation process gives students phenomenal experience with complex projects and presentations to diverse audiences, she said.

Larry Funke, another senior mechanical engineering major, will present his thesis, "Carbon Nanofluids as New Liquid Coolants," at the symposium.

Funke said he has spent hours reviewing literature to prepare for the project since his sophomore year. Funke said he began using this prep-

aration to start creating his thesis during the spring of his junior year.

"I'm really excited to show the UD community what I've been working on for the past two years," Funke said. "The symposium will help me get my name out there, recognition in my field and constructive criticism on how to improve in the future."

Andy Kelly, a senior communication major, will present his thesis "Fixing the Frame," researching how organizational culture affects how groups combat poverty in the Dayton area, he said. He said he conducted his research with question-

naires, background information on poverty, interviews, and non-profit organizations to ensure his research would be accurate.

"It's hard to find time to meet with them [research subjects] on their own schedule and procrastination is really a downfall," he said. "But I'm excited to have some tangible results and showcase everything I've done."

Presentations will take place on the second and third floors of Kennedy Union. For more information on the Honors Student Symposium, visit the University Honors Program website at www.udayton.edu/honors.

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HONORS STUDENTS SYMPOSIUM

Held in Kennedy Union from 1-5 p.m. Students will give 20-minute presentations including time for Q-and-A. Thesis projects to look for: "Carbon Nanofluids as New Liquid Coolants" by Larry Funke, senior mechanical engineering; "Varus Knee Alignment and Gait in Healthy College-Aged Females" by Danielle Bare, senior mechanical engineering; "Fixing the Frame" by Andy Kelly, senior communication major.

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Workshop prepares young women for career life

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Chief News Writer

Sweats to Suits, a workshop that helps women transition from college to career life, will be held from 4:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, in the Kennedy Union Ballroom.

The University of Dayton Women's Center, Career Services and the engineering and business schools are partnering for the event along with General Electric Co. Capital and the GE Women's Network.

Attendees can expect to learn about business etiquette, financial planning, relocating and more at the event, according to Lisa Rismiller, UD Women's Cen-

ter director and Sweats to Suits co-chair.

"It's not about finding a job, because there's a lot of resources here on campus for that ... we try to be really intentional about not duplicating resources," she said.

The event was held for the first time in 2011 and Rismiller said about 130 women attended.

"Last year we were thrilled with the turnout and the feedback was so overwhelmingly positive," Rismiller said.

The workshop includes a networking reception, dinner, two keynote speakers, a Q-and-A panel and participants can choose to attend two of six different breakout sessions, according to

an event program. The breakout topics include: business communication etiquette, healthcare and insurance benefits, finding a healthy work balance, credit history, relocation and social media in the real world.

Professionals from GE, UD and local businesses will host the breakout sessions.

Both a mature female professional and a young female professional will give a keynote address,

Rismiller said.

Junior marketing major Katie Ma attended Sweats to Suits in 2011 and plans to attend again this year.

"It was more interesting than a career fair, and the people are right out of college – they had more insight and gave advice more like a girlfriend talking to a girlfriend rather than a potential boss talking at you," Ma said.

Ma also said it was an opportu-

nity for her to network.

"I also wanted to network with people who are young and looking for a job and finding that balance with work life coming out of college," she said.

To register, students can visit udayton.edu/careerservices, log-in to their Hire a Flyer account and click the Sweats to Suits link under the Career Events menu.

MAR. WEDNESDAY 13 SWEATS TO SUITS

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CHINA INSTITUTE

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supplier.

Wang said two Chinese and two American students are currently working on a project with UDCI.

He said the students are responsible for creating PowerPoint presentations on the progress of their work during weekly conference calls with the companies.

The institute also will provide exchanges between UD and Chinese faculty in the humanities, sciences, social sciences, engineering and professional areas, the website said. Another goal is to train executives in leadership skills through the Center for Leadership and Executive Development, and to develop an Engineering Innovation Center with Nanjing University in Suzhou, China.

Saliba said UD President Daniel Curran's mission for the China Institute is to encourage UD students to become better citizens of the world.

With Curran's goal in mind, Saliba said he thinks that students in the 21st century must have "global learning competencies."

He said UD is striving to live out its vision of globalization through the institute.

"Such competencies require that we become more sensitive, aware, cognizant, and in many

cases, encouraged to understand cultural differences and appreciate cultural differences," he said. "But at the end of the day, become better persons and better citizens of the global."

Saliba said students today live

UD, and how to bring UD to the world, Saliba said.

Saliba said he sees campus as a place where students live, work, study, learn and interact with the world.

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"It is a place where companies bring projects for students to work on. A place where our faculty can do some innovation and creativity, where we can teach courses and professional development, and prepare Chinese for their transition to America."

**JOSEPH SALIBA,
UNIVERSITY PROVOST**

in a global village and it is important to recognize that many students might not have their first jobs in the United States. He said it's imperative for UD to prepare students for life in the future.

UD focuses on educating the student as a whole person, he said.

It's important for members of the UD community to ask themselves how to bring the world to

zon River, Africa, China and India," said Saliba. "The way I look at campus is being the whole planet. ... My dream is for every student to have some kind of international experience."

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ROTC members train on the Central Mall overlooking Marycrest Complex, Friday, March 9. MICKEY SHUEY/LEAD PHOTOGRAPHER

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R.I.S.E.

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Davis Center member.
Alex DeJulius, a senior finance major and Davis Center member, said the forum relates to his future.
“R.I.S.E. gives me an exposure to professionals working in the field of my future career inter-


ests,” he said.
Peggy Nicodemus, special projects manager for the Davis Center, said the R.I.S.E. committee has spent months lining up key speakers and finalists and is continuing to prepare for the event.
“Right now we are putting the final touches on our break-out speakers, processing the competition, and handling the logistics

for speakers, such as organization hotel rooms,” she said. “We still have to prepare the content for the program and send it to the graphic designer and the UD special events department is currently busy ordering food and buses.”
For more information or to register for R.I.S.E., visit rise.udayton.edu or call 937-229-3384.



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UD STREET STYLE

Rock your shamrock: DIY accessories add personal pizzazz to St. Patrick's Day looks



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Staff Writer

Running out of ways to remix your North Face zip-ups, Ugg boots and PINK yoga pants? Have no fear — UD Street Style is here. Each week we'll bring you something new from the world of Flyer fashion: student style breakdowns, looks for less, DIY projects and more.

Today's columnists are Sara Dorn, a senior journalism major, and Colleen Yeldell, a sophomore intervention specialist major. Sara appreciates all things animal print, whatever she can rock from her mother's closet, and has immense respect for a fashion go-getter who breaks free from the confines of Sperry, sweat pants and Polo sweat-ers. Colleen appreciates surrealist artists, brightly colored jackets and making weird faces.

St. Patrick's Day is a time of feasting, drinking and merriment. For many, thoughts of four-leaf clovers, leprechauns and everything green comes to mind. To avoid pinches, we blindly pull out anything green from our closets. But dressing for the day doesn't have to be a random guessing game. We have a few ideas to help you dress for the day and stay true to your unique style.

Tulle headband

This '80s inspired headband takes five minutes to make and requires one material. Make a flower, a bow or a sash out of your headband. It's adorable.

What you'll need:

- At least two feet of tulle...

green, of course.

Preparation: Wait until your hair is styled and your best St. Paddy's Day outfit is on and create your headband just before stepping out.

Step 1: Align the center of the piece of tulle with the back of your head at the bottom of your hairline, holding an end of the fabric in each hand around your head.

Step 2: Cross the two pieces of fabric at the point on your hairline where you want the bow, flower or sash to be. It can be on the side, underneath your hair in the back, or resting above your ear. If you want your embellishment at the bottom of your head, then make sure your wrap starts at the top of your hairline when performing step 1. Wrap the tulle around your head three to five times or until your headband is securely on. Tip: Tulle is thin, so if you don't wrap it several times, the color won't show up well.

Step 3: Now you can personalize your headband! Once you have a thick, green tulle headband wrapped, tie the tulle in the position on your head where you want the ornament to be.

Flower: Tie the tulle at the proper position on your head. Cut the remaining ends into half-inch to one-inch pieces. Cut as many as eight other pieces of the same length from a fresh piece of tulle. Knot those pieces around the tie on your headband until you have created a cute pom-pom-like flower.

Bow: Tie the tulle at the proper position on your head. Cut the remaining ends as small as possible. Cut a fresh piece of tulle — about a foot long. Tie it in a bow around the knot on your headband.

Sash: Tie the remaining ends of the tulle together in the back of your head, at the base of your hairline. Let the loose ends of tulle hang long under your hair.

Tip: This style is meant to be worn under your hair, in the back of your head, at the bottom of your hairline. If you choose this style, your headband wrap should begin in the front of your head.

Step 4: Secure your headband with bobby pins.

Long necklace

Long necklaces can easily be thrown over a tee or tank. You can easily customize one with a St. Patrick's Day related picture. All materials are available at Michaels craft stores.

What you'll need:

- A plain chain. If you don't have one premade, you can construct one with 26-36 inches of chain and two jump rings.
- One jump ring.
- A jewelry pendant base with clear adhesive covering
- A picture.
- Adhesive — I used rubber cement. Superglue or Elmer's could also work.
- Needle nose pliers or tweezers.
- Wire cutters.

Step 1: Cut the chain to your desired length. Attach a jump ring to one end of the chain and a clasp to the other end. Use the needle nose pliers to open and close the jump rings.

Step 2: Print off a picture (I chose a shamrock) and cut the picture to fit your base. Glue the picture to the base. Place the clear adhesive over the picture. Attach the pendant to the middle of the chain using a jump ring, and enjoy your finished product!

Felt shamrock tank

Make one of your most hated tanks (I used one with holes in it) into a cute St. Patrick's Day top by channeling your kindergarten years and using the ultimate craft material—felt.

What you'll need:

- White tank top or T-shirt.
- Green felt.
- White thread.
- Sewing needle.
- Scissors.

Step 1: Cut four identical hearts from the green felt and a two-inch stem.

Step 2: Align the four hearts with the points facing each other at any position on the garment. Place the stem at the bottom of the four-leaf clover.



Top: Colleen Yeldell's long necklace can easily be customized for St. Patrick's Day or any holiday with an image of your choice. COLLEEN YELDELL/STAFF WRITER
Bottom: Senior communication major Meggie Holland models Sara Dorn's felt shamrock tank and tulle headband. SARA DORN/CHIEF NEWS WRITER

Step 3: Use large white stitches to sew the felt pieces in place. Tip: Use big stitches for a cutesy, home-made look.

Holidays are times to relax, enjoy the festivities and even be creative. So try these DIY ideas— or come up with one of your own —and make this St. Patrick's Day as fashionable, festive and fun as possible.

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UD producer to showcase student artists at Tim's

CC HUTTEN
Staff Writer

A number of artists produced by the University of Dayton's Street Sounds Recording Studio will perform next week, bringing new music to students and building hype for Dayton to Daytona.

The Countdown2Daytona show, which is presented by Th3rd S3t Entertainment, will take place at 8 p.m. March 23, at Timothy's Pub and Grill.

The lineup consists of graduate and undergraduate students that have experience performing on campus at events such as at Art-Street's Thursday Night Live.

"Everything about the show is UD-based," said host Ronnie Pinnell, also known as DJ RP, a senior electronic media major and music producer with eight years of experience. Pinnell is co-president of Street Sounds.

Pinnell said the concert is scheduled at Tim's because the advantageous location allows for

a larger audience.

Performers at Countdown2Daytona include Kristonite, BJSR featuring Lauren Eylise, Dave Zup, and JYST with headliner James Wade.

Pinnell said that he has had close, working relationships with the artists for about a year and a half in helping to produce their works.

"They all have projects coming out that are hip-hop centered, each a great fit for the bill," Pinnell said.

Kristonite is a DJ act featuring mash-up creator Chris Chambliss, a senior communication major, and drummer Nick Hales.

"They have a real energetic live set, and a pretty big following on campus," Pinnell said. "They make kids go crazy."

2008 UD graduate Benjamin Rivet, also known as BJSR, will perform with junior communication major Lauren Porter, whose stage name is Lauren Eylise. Pinnell describes Rivet's sound as

layered acoustic and "extremely incredible." Rivet is on tour in the South and Midwest until a few days before the March 23 show, Pinnell said.

Pinnell said Porter is a talented singer and songwriter with a cool acoustic, hip-hop vibe.

"Her recently released mixtape 'Unknown Artist' has received incredible reviews," Pinnell said. "They [Rivet and Eylise] are phenomenal together."

Sophomore electronic media major Dave Zupkovich, known as hip-hop artist Dave Zup, recently released a mixtape titled "Hashtags" and is currently working on another called "Olympic Club," Pinnell said.

"We've been working on it for a long time," Zupkovich said. "It'll be really good."

Zupkovich previously performed at Tim's as an opening act for hip-hop artist Chevy Woods of Wiz Khalifa's Taylor Gang. Pinnell said Zupkovich has a strong following on campus, and has po-

sitioned himself to be a big artist.

"I wanna see if I can make it while I'm young," Zupkovich said.

JYST, a hip-hop artist out of Dayton known for his critically acclaimed song "Let Me In," will perform with headliner Wade, a 2009 UD graduate, Pinnell said.

According to Wade's MySpace page, "he graduated in 2009 with the vision to market his lyrical ability and dynamic persona in the competitive environment of today's Hip-hop artists."

Wade's first nationally recognized mixtape, titled "Popular Stranger," has been downloaded more than 100,000 times and has been featured on more than 100 industry blog sites, according to his MySpace page.

Wade's sophomore mixtape, "The Ugly Show," reached the top-50 most downloaded songs on popular mixtape website hotnewhiphop.com, Pinnell said.

Pinnell said that Wade has opened for well-known artists such as LMFAO, Mac Miller, Wiz

Khalifa, Big Sean and Mike Posner, among others. Countdown2Daytona is one of the first shows of Wade's spring tour.

"James is awesome," said senior theater major Molly Kearney, one of Wade and Zupkovich's album promoters and close friends. "He is really a nice, genuine guy."

Zupkovich said he is looking forward to performing with Wade.

"I've never performed with James before, and he's like one of my biggest inspirations in music, so I'm really, really excited for that," Zupkovich said.

Pinnell said he looks forward to showcasing Street Sounds' artists at this event.

"These artists are incredible," he said. "It's going to be a great show, and will be a chance for kids to see UD artists at a bigger show, and see all the talent that comes from UD."

Tickets are on sale now for \$8 online at bit.ly/Countdown2Daytona, or \$10 the day of the concert.

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START OF BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT BECOMES A TRADITION AT UD

“What is the First Four?” That question was asked even in the Flyer News office last week, as the city of Dayton and the University of Dayton Arena prepared to host the start of the NCAA tournament. But, after some fortunate international news and a new opening festival, it's likely that won't be a question for much longer.

President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron will be in attendance Tuesday, March 13, as the games begin at UD Arena. The news of their visit broke Thursday, March 8, and spread like wildfire. Within 24 hours, it was all over Twitter, Facebook and even major news outlets.

Dayton and UD hardly could have scripted it better. For those still unfamiliar with the concept, the First Four is the nationally televised first round of the 68-team tournament with four games over two nights. The games are between four automatic qualifiers and the final four at-large entrants.

From 2001-2010, UD Arena hosted one opening game between two No. 16 seeds when the tournament previously had 65 teams. Because of these games, UD Arena now has hosted more NCAA games than any other location in the nation.

Throughout this year, local officials have worked to ensure the First Four stays in Dayton for the long-term. The NCAA has yet to confirm whether it will remain in the city past 2013, when UD Arena also will host second- and third-round NCAA tournament games. But, the city put on quite a show Sunday, March 11, to convince the nation.

Dayton held the first-ever First Four Festival Sunday in the Oregon District. The event treated thousands of basketball fans to free food, entertainment and more, and had big-screen TVs following basketball coverage all day.

Flyer News looks forward to covering the games this week, and to seeing the First Four remain in Dayton for a long time to come. UD students love their basketball, and it's about time we embrace the nation in securing a long-term NCAA commitment.

Campus discussion forgets free speech



SHANE ROGERS
Asst. Opinions Editor

Recently, there has been a lot of discussion in Flyer News about the state of race and sex relations among University of Dayton students, and I love it. It puts a smile on my face to see that the student population isn't as apathetic as I had once thought. However, in the past few issues, student and faculty responses to controversial topics, such as the UD Meme page on Facebook and the meaning of being a man, have failed to address one important issue in their arguments: Our right to freedom of speech.

I understand and even sympathize with some of the sentiments shared in these letters to the editor, but recognition of the student's right to say such inflammatory things is nowhere to be found in any of them. Some students, such as graduate student Nick Haynes in his Feb. 24 letter about Facebook comments on senior Fred Cox's meme, have even gone as far to express the opinion that “the university is failing us all by doing nothing to prevent something like this from hap-

pening again.”

I find a statement calling for the restriction of students' speech ironic coming from the co-founder of the Society of Freethinkers. If I remember correctly, Mr. Haynes, earlier in the year you were fighting your own battle with the administration over the right to have SOFT officially recognized as a student organization, a battle which I personally supported. But, was this conviction that you and your organization were guaranteed the freedom of speech on campus only held because it concerned ideas that you personally supported? You can't have one form of speech and not another; it's an all-or-nothing type of issue.

What students and faculty are failing to recognize is the overall importance that the protection of hate speech and inflammatory comments holds in our society and on our campus. First and foremost, this protection reaffirms our First Amendment right to the freedom of speech. Second, without such comments, there would be no constructive discussion of racism and sexism happening at this moment. I venture to guess that Sister Laura Leming, professor Leslie Picca and multiple members of the sociology, anthropology and social work department would not be holding a teach-in on

the “Racial Climate on Campus,” as described in their Friday, March 9 letter, had it not been for the outrage stirred by students' comments. This only confirms that positive things can come from hate speech, and to restrict it would be detrimental to our campus and our society.

The fact is that freedom of speech is guaranteed under the Constitution, even speech that we do not agree with. In no way should students be punished for the things they say, no matter how insensitive they may be to others. I would even go as far as to thank the students who are perpetuating racist and sexist comments. Not because I agree with them, but because it has opened up a dialogue on campus in which we can learn from each other. Fred Cox's meme, the comments posted on the meme, junior Daniel Arnold's assertion that “there's nothing more masculine than loving a woman” in his Feb. 14 letter, junior Alex Hunton's claim in his Friday, March 9, letter that “Black History Month is, by its very existence, racist,” and any other comments that rile up UD's population are A-OK in my book. I don't necessarily agree or disagree with any specific one, but without them, we would cease to learn from each other and cease to grow as a community.

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Do you care that the Kennedy Union Pub might be closing?



“I don't really care right now because I am a freshman.”

ALAN BRUGGEMAN
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“Yes, I think it's a long-lasting Dayton tradition.”

MILENA PISANI
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“It's sad to an extent because it's been around for so long, but I hope it stays open for special events.”

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Campus master plan must include sustainability center project



**MATTHEW
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Freshman

New housing facilities, academic buildings and monuments are just a few of the great improvements constantly made to our campus. But, wouldn't it be nice if there was a building that could combine all of these purposes, and provide a platform for collaboration between academic disciplines on a current world issue, for example, environmental sustainability? Meet the sustainable residence hall project, removed in

2008 from the campus master plan. This facility would be a great asset to the University of Dayton, and students should support the movement to restore it to the campus plan.

First proposed by students from Carl Frieese's sustainable biosphere class, "The Dorothy Stang Sustainability Center" would have served as a hub for collaboration on environmental projects. Sister Dorothy Stang was a Roman Catholic nun from Dayton who taught impoverished populations in Brazil to live sustainably off of the land. The facility would have been a memorial to her efforts in environmental activism and human rights, and would have provided housing and educational facilities for the sustainability initiative.

In an email to Flyer News, Teri Rizvi, associate vice president of university communications, explained that the under-construction Caldwell Street Apartments is satisfying the housing need that the sustainability center was meant to address. But, I believe the project is still necessary.

The center would provide a platform for UD to increase its footprint in the world of environmental activism. It would be designed to allow students and faculty with backgrounds in a variety of disciplines to collaborate on projects in the Dayton area and beyond. This would foster an impressive image for the university and give students real-world experience.

The building also would become

a recruitment tool. The facilities on a college campus are one of the biggest deciding factors for prospective students. Just as the new Cronin Athletic Center will serve in part as a recruiting tool for student-athletes, the new sustainability center would attract students who wish to pursue careers in sustainable products and energy.

Finally, the center would maintain UD's status as a modern, high-tech school. The market for sustainable energy and products is rapidly growing. Being green is "in." Renewable energy sources are the fastest growing sources of energy in the world. The faster UD hops on the bandwagon of the environmental movement, the better it will be for our students,

our school and our world.

What can you do to help make sure this facility gets back on the drawing board? Contact Jarred White, a sophomore civil engineering major and vice president of the Sustainability Club, to find out about his petition to reinstate the center to the master plan, and add your signature to the list.

The website for the University of Dayton campus master plan says, "We are living through the largest land expansion in school history, and the decisions we make today will shape our future for generations." I'd like for that future to be one full of achievements that preserve our environment and protect the people of the Earth. Wouldn't you?

letters to the editor

Running misrepresented

When I opened the Jan. 31 Flyer News issue to see an opinions column about someone who is a fan of running, I was excited to hear someone argue that this sport doesn't have to be so boring. I thought maybe the author would talk about how astounding it is that Kara Goucher recently qualified for the Olympic marathon, right after she gave birth to a child a few months ago. Or, maybe it would talk about how Haile Gebrselassie has spent years continually re-breaking his own world record in the 26.2-mile race. Maybe, I thought, this "fan" was writing in honor of Steve Prefontaine's recent birthday, and wanted to talk about the awe-inspiring career of one of the greatest runners ever.

I eagerly opened up, thinking I'd read about all the exciting things that are going on right now in the world of running. Instead, I found myself reading an article of a boy patting himself on the back for keeping himself in shape, without even referencing the famous athletes of the sport, past or present. If people told me they were football fans, I would expect them to talk to me about the Super Bowl, not give me the stats from the game they just played in their backyard. The professionals are what make a sport exciting to follow, not the amateurs that do it on their own.

On the back of race T-shirts, it is common to see the Prefontaine quote, "Some people run a race to see who's fastest, I run to see who has the most guts." Well, that's also why I watch races. Don't let the slen-

der builds of professional runners fool you, their guts are bursting from the seams. The men who made the tactical call to pick up their pace to a four-minute mile, 16 miles into the New York City marathon, they are gutsy. The tale of teamwork, dedication and sacrifice involved in breaking the four-minute mile barrier for the first time is as inspiring as any sports story. That majestic picture of Prefontaine about to cross the finish line, turning his head to look back at the competition, showing that no one was fast enough to even be in his sight, is downright moving. Runners have guts, and if you know how to watch running, they will show you what makes our sport very worthy of spectators.

Maybe Tim Tebow is a more exciting professional athlete to follow than runner Ryan Hall. When Tebow does something well, it is short, sweet, to the point and packed with excitement. I understand that running is not the best spectator sport and in no way am I implying it ought to take football's spot on Monday night TV – ESPN would lose all its money. What I am suggesting, though, is that running is not as drab a sport as it has the reputation for, and it is definitely not nearly as drab as that column made it sound. When people read a column about the sport of running, at least some knowledge of the sport should be imparted on them.

MARY UTENER

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CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Vandals prove need for posters

The basis for the ongoing discussion in Flyer News on racism, sexism and discrimination on campus became apparent yet again in the recent campus reception of the feminist poster campaign. The posters debuted around campus last month with the mission to "foster greater engagement with feminism and gender concerns" because many students, male and female, "have uncritically absorbed negative stereotypes of feminism," as stated in the initial email call for submissions from the Women's Center. These submissions complete the phrase "I am a feminist because ..." and participants include students, faculty and even members of the university administration.

I submitted the slogan "gender inequality is incompatible with democracy" because feminism's goal coincides with the democratic ideals of equal opportunities in all realms – social, political and economic. Like any movement, feminism incorporates many subtopics, from bodily integrity and domestic violence, to suffrage and sex work. But the most important thing to consider is that everyone is impacted by gender-based discrimination.

Several of the posters have been

met with attitudes that not only misunderstand the goal of the campaign, but misrepresent the feminist cause in a disappointing display of ignorance. One poster, whose slogan was authored by Rebecca Whisnant, director of the women's and gender studies program, reads "I am a feminist because I want a world where every girl grows up safe, strong, and free." It is accompanied by a beautiful photo of her and her newborn daughter. After mere days of being on a bulletin board, this touching message of hope and optimism for a better world was defaced. A "demotivational" image was purposefully tacked over the poster, expressing the tired position that feminists are ugly, saying "not everyone can be beautiful."

As reflected in the mission of this campaign, and in the sentiments we've seen in previous letters to the editor, uncritical information-gathering and a reluctance to engage with modern issues, such as gender and race relations, do a disservice to every member of a community. Isolated incidents, such as poster vandalism or an argument on Facebook, are thoughtless acts of aggression that not only stifle the development

of all students, marginalized groups included, but serve to disintegrate the community on which the University of Dayton prides itself. I am disheartened by the current climate that inspires people to behave in these ways and which fails to inspire people to put an end to them.

Too often an invitation for conversation about gender relations has been denied with "I don't want to get into it right now." Are we afraid that our beliefs will be challenged or that we'll understand a differing perspective? If we don't want to push boundaries and expand our worldview, why are we pursuing a college education?

To the person who defaced Whisnant's poster, to those who scoff at the slogans and to all people who refuse to participate in healthy discussions about them: Let's talk about it with a goal beyond mere tolerance or awareness. If I can better understand your position, perhaps you, too, will better understand the position of people advocating for equal rights across the human race.

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Baseball

Offense leads to pair of weekend victories

JACOB ROSEN
Editor-in-Chief

The University of Dayton baseball team won two out of three games during the Riverview Inn Challenge last weekend in Clarksville, Tenn.

The Flyers lost 9-3 in their first game Friday, March 9, against Arkansas State University, but rebounded with a 12-1 victory Saturday, March 10, over tournament host Austin Peay University. In the final game Sunday, March 11, Dayton rallied late to defeat Northern Illinois University 13-9.

Senior right-handed starter Mike Hauschild said Saturday's game provided early momentum after a rough start for the Flyers (4-9).

"It's pretty frustrating especially when you know your team is a lot better than your team is playing," said Hauschild after Saturday's win. "We just haven't been able to put everything together in a game yet, except today."

In Friday's game, Dayton trailed 4-2 before, as associate head coach Todd Linklater said, "the sixth inning happened." UD's four errors in the top of the frame led to three more Arkansas State runs.

Senior right-handed starter Burny Mitchem earned the loss despite only allowing two runs (one earned) in three innings.

Linklater said he removed Mitchem because of an injury to his shoulder, and he will be re-ex-



Freshman first baseman A.J. Ryan leaps to avoid a sliding player from Bowling Green State University during the University of Dayton baseball team's 2012 home opener, Feb. 28, at Woerner Field. MICKEY SHUEY/LEAD PHOTOGRAPHER

amined when the team returns to Dayton.

"It's something we're still looking at, but I think he's going to be fine," Linklater said.

Dayton then roared back Saturday with a seven-run fourth inning that sparked the win over Austin Peay. Linklater said the team had 11 quality at-bats in a row during that

fourth inning.

Hauschild pitched seven innings in the win, striking out eight against just three hits and one run. Linklater said Hauschild had Austin Peay guessing throughout the game and set the tone for the Flyers.

"I mean, that was huge," Hauschild said. "We had been struggling quite a bit recently, and I feel like being able to come out and perform took a lot of pressure off the offense."

Freshman first baseman A.J. Ryan went 3-for-5 Saturday with a solo home run in the second inning and a two-run single in the fourth.

Linklater said Ryan is a steady contributor that "doesn't ride the rollercoaster" of emotions like most freshmen.

"He's a young man that understands the game, he's been around the game his whole life," Linklater said. "He's definitely a big-time competitor, and he definitely has that consistency of approach at the plate."

Linklater said Saturday's game was a "big step in the right direction for us and our confidence."

"I think it'd be huge to come back and win the weekend after we played pretty terribly [Friday]," said Hauschild after Saturday's game.

On Sunday, the Flyers did just that with a five-run ninth-inning rally for the win over Northern Illi-

nois. Junior left fielder Ian Hundley went 4-for-4 in the game and scored three times, including the game-winning run on a one-run single to center by senior right fielder C.J. Gillman.

The Flyers next play at Bowling Green State University Tuesday, March 13, and then play the University of Toledo Wednesday, March 14, at Athletes in Action Stadium in Xenia, Ohio. The team returns home on Friday, March 16, against Oakland University.

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Consecutive NCAA tournament appearances by the University of Dayton women's basketball team. The team is 1-2 combined in its two previous appearances in the tournament.

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Matches won by the University of Dayton women's tennis team Saturday, March 10, against Oberlin College in the team's 4-3 win at Five Seasons Sports Club in Dayton.

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Number of complete games thrown this season by University of Dayton softball pitchers. Four of those games coincided with Flyer victories.

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Minimum run total in each of the University of Dayton baseball team's four wins this season. Dayton returns home Friday, March 16, to take on Oakland University at Woerner Field.

71.7

Average number of points per game the University of Dayton men's basketball team has scored this season. The total is the highest since the 2002-03 season, when Dayton won the Atlantic 10 Conference in averaging 72.7 points per game. The team will play in the 2012 National Invitation Tournament for the third year in a row.

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Commentary

Editor encourages fans to support men's basketball's postseason



CHRIS MOORMAN
Sports Editor

It was a tough season, but it's not over yet.

The University of Dayton men's basketball team missed its

NCAA tournament chances by mere inches, but the team still has the opportunity to play at least one more game. First-year Dayton head coach Archie Miller said he's looking forward for one game, which the team will play in the National Invitational Tournament.

"I hope," he said before tournament brackets were set. "I think at the end of the day, we won't be in the NCAA tournament, but I think the schedule that we've played, we should have the opportunity to play

in the NIT."

The Flyers are a No. 2 seed in the upcoming NIT and will play their first round game at No. 7 seed University of Iowa at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, in Iowa City, Iowa. The Hawkeyes will host the game due to the First Four at UD Arena.

Dayton (20-12, 11-8 Atlantic 10 Conference) most recently fell to archrival Xavier University 70-69 in the quarterfinals of the A-10 conference tournament Friday, March 9, in Atlantic City, N.J.

Miller said this year's team is excited for another shot to play after the loss.

"It's a great group to coach," he said. "I know this, they are praying dearly that this isn't their last opportunity to play. If it is, it is and that's unfortunate."

Redshirt junior point guard Kevin Dillard, who led Dayton against Xavier with 18 points and six assists,

said the game just got away.

"We shouldn't have lost this one," he said. "It hurts because it's an elimination game and we wanted to win. We were in a good position to win."

For much of the season, Dayton was in a position to win, even though many believed the Flyers would struggle after losing the team's leading scorer and rebounder to graduation, the point guard of the future to West Virginia University as a transfer, and the head coach to a job vacancy at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

The hiring of Miller brought hope for the future, but not the present.

Dayton sidestepped a setback in an overtime loss to Miami University by winning the Old Spice Classic in November over two Bowl Championship Subdivision schools. Then UD knocked off then-No. 14 ranked

University of Alabama at UD Arena.

Over Christmas break, UD lost redshirt junior forward Josh Benson to a torn ACL in a win over Mississippi University. All hope seemed lost.

Excitement continued to build, though, as the Flyers beat their first two A-10 conference opponents in Saint Louis University and Temple University. The Temple win was even bigger since it was on the road.

Add in an 87-72 pounding of rival Xavier, and the Flyers were in first place of the conference and talk of the NCAA tournament began.

Then came the losing streak.

Dayton dropped four straight games to A-10 opponents. One loss came at home to Rhode Island University who finished 4-12 in the conference and didn't even make the conference tournament. Duquesne University also beat the Flyers at home and failed to make the A-10

quarterfinals in Atlantic City.

Can you say, abandon ship?

But, once again, the Flyers rallied. The team started to compete in its final games, winning five of its last seven.

Eventually, as all things must do, the season ended Friday with a heartbreaking loss to Xavier. The look of players coming out of a makeshift after-game meeting room – there was a fire by the locker rooms – was a sad sight.

I know the Flyer Faithful don't want to hear about this season's third-straight NIT appearance, but for these players, and especially this senior class, it's another opportunity to put on the jersey that says "Dayton" on the front.

And what can possibly be wrong with an inspired group of players leading a basketball-hungry school and city to some more wins?

As far as I can tell, nothing.

Softball

Flyers gaining steam heading into Tuesday doubleheader rematch

JACOB ROSEN
Editor-In-Chief

The University of Dayton softball team looks to continue its recent winning ways against regional rival Eastern Kentucky University in a doubleheader Tuesday, March 13, in Richmond, Ky.

The Flyers (5-9) enter the match-up on a three-game winning streak. The team won its final three contests in the Spartan Classic from March 2-4 in Spartanburg, S.C.

Kayla English, a freshman right-handed pitcher, said the team was excited about the victories.

"I feel great, I know our team feels great," English said. "I know we had a rough start at the beginning, but we're working hard and doing everything we can to keep the wins going."

The victories followed a 2-9 start to the year, which players said helped them get better overall.

"I think it just motivated us," said junior leftfielder Kathleen Maloof about the early season struggles. "We know as a team we're better than that, so we just used that to push us, and kept practicing hard."

The Flyers' most recent doubleheader scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, against Morehead State University was postponed due to rain. English said the team instead held a scrimmage on Wednesday,

and looks forward to getting back to action Tuesday.

The doubleheader will be a rematch of two games played May 1, 2011, at the UD Softball Stadium. Dayton won both of those games, including a walk-off 5-3 victory in the second contest.

Eastern Kentucky (6-10) enters this year's doubleheader on an eight-game losing streak, but Dayton head coach Cara LaPlaca said the Colonels have faced a difficult schedule recently.

"We're going to see a different team than we saw last year," LaPlaca said. "They're a lot stronger than they were last year, their schedule that they're playing is really tough. ... They're getting a lot of confidence because they've had a lot of success early this season."

LaPlaca said the Flyers match up well with EKU and the games are going to be a battle.

One of Dayton's advantages as a team, however, is its power, LaPlaca said. The team has 17 home runs on the season compared to only nine for the Colonels.

LaPlaca said the entire UD team hit well in the final games of the Spartan Classic.

"I think we're excited just about getting offensive production from the top to the bottom of our lineup, and even off our bench," LaPlaca

said. "We're getting contributions from our entire squad offensively and that's going to be key for us to continue to be successful."

LaPlaca also said the Dayton pitchers have done a good job recently with their strikeout-to-walk ratio. The team's pitchers had 18 strikeouts against only two walks during the five games in South Carolina.

Several freshmen stepped up during the Spartan Classic, including English, who was named the Atlantic 10 Conference co-pitcher of the week. Freshman pinch-hitter Tiffany Ricks also earned A-10 rookie of the week honors and Maloof was the conference player of the week following the tournament.

LaPlaca also pointed out the contributions of freshman pinch-hitter Natalie Mariano, who is batting .300 and had her first home run in South Carolina. She said the freshmen have been a spark for the team.

"The thing that we like about our freshmen is that they're really living to their role," LaPlaca said. "Tiffany's come in off the bench and provided a huge spark. Natalie's come in off the bench, either defensively or offensively, and [they're] embracing the roles that they have."

English said the freshmen are

excited to contribute to the recent success.

"It feels great to me and I know the other freshmen are feeling really good about coming in and playing hard," English said. "We know that we have to step up and play

well to keep up with the upperclassmen."

The Flyers will next compete in the Miami Invitational from Friday, March 16, through Sunday, March 18, in Oxford, Ohio.



Freshman right-handed pitcher Kayla English stands on the mound against the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga during the Frost Classic, Feb. 26 in Chattanooga, Tenn. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY DAYTON FLYERS ATHLETICS

Men's Basketball

NCAA's First Four provides boost to UD, Dayton

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This year's NCAA tournament opening round brings a bigger buzz to local businesses in Dayton than ever before.

The University of Dayton Arena will host First Four games Tuesday, March 13, and Wednesday, March 14.

The city of Dayton has hosted the opening round of the NCAA tournament since 2011. This has helped the arena to host more tournament games than any other location in the nation. But UD Arena only is locked into hosting the First Four through 2013, when it also will host second- and third-round games.

Steve Taylor, human resources manager at the Dayton Marriott across from UD Arena, said the NCAA has had great reason to keep the event in Dayton so far.

"It has to be successful or they wouldn't be back," he said of the NCAA. "The reason I think it comes back to Dayton every year is because we fill that stadium, that coliseum over there. It's a basketball town and the city just rallies around that. ... It makes money for the schools, the NCAA and then generates revenue for the city of Dayton."

The Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau published a press release saying it expects revenue from the First Four to the city of Dayton to be at least \$4 million. That revenue stream began Sunday, March 11, during the inaugural First Four Festival, held in Dayton's Oregon District.

Brian Boulis, a server and former manager of the Dublin Pub in the



Top: The University of Dayton dance club performs at the First Four Festival, Sunday, March 11, in the Oregon District. Bottom left: Students converse with fellow Flyer fans during the festival. The first-ever festival treated thousands of fans to live entertainment, free food and family-friendly activities in kicking off Dayton's preparations for the First Four this week. MICKEY SHUEY/LEAD PHOTOGRAPHER Bottom right: Virginia Commonwealth University and Southern California University prepare for the second half in this March 16, 2011, file photo at UD Arena. ETHAN KLOSTERMAN/FLYER NEWS FILE PHOTO

Oregon District, said the timing of the yearly First Four could not be better.

"It always comes the same week as St. Patrick's Day, which is huge for us," Boulis said. "Business is really impacted by it, and actually, we've already gotten a lot more UD business this year than in years past that I remember."

While the business brought in is great for the city, the games themselves also get people around Dayton excited, said Jim Olson, event manager of the Dayton Marriott.

"The great thing is it's the first week of the NCAA tournament, and it's such a big thing that all week CBS is going to be saying 'Dayton, Ohio,'" Olson said.



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The teams this year will have more than just the city's residents to greet and cheer them on when the games are played.

President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron will be in attendance Tuesday for the opening games, adding more fuel to an electric atmosphere around Dayton.

Janie Loughran, general manager of the Dayton Marriott, said Obama's arrival elevated the event to a "standing-room-only" atmosphere with more benefits to the city.

"We're hoping it does as much for the community as everyone is forecasting it will," she said about the First Four. "I think it's very impor-

tant for the community that we keep these events every year. I think it can bring in a lot of business to the area. I think what they're doing downtown helps and it all brings money into the community."

The atmosphere is a large part of what makes collegiate athletics popular with sports fans around the country, including the pep rallies teams hold prior to the games. Boulis said this showed at pep rallies held in the Dublin Pub last year.

"We did that for [Virginia Commonwealth University] last year," Boulis said. "[VCU head coach] Shaka Smart came in here with a whole bunch of people from VCU. We do a lot of girls' basketball stuff too. [University of] Notre Dame came in here and had a pep rally with its cheerleaders and everybody. We're always open for stuff like that."

The First Four begins Tuesday with No. 16-seeds Western Kentucky



University and Mississippi Valley State University playing at 6 p.m., followed by No. 14-seeds Brigham Young University and Iona College.

It continues Wednesday with two more games, No. 16-seeds Lamar University and the University of Vermont at 6 p.m., and No. 12-seeds the University of California, Berkeley and the University of South Florida.

After leaving Dayton, the winning teams advance to face their next opponent as they attempt to win six more games and claim a NCAA championship.

Even after the teams are gone and the event ends, the city of Dayton can come out as the true winner, said Olson.

"Next year we have the First Four along with the first round of the regionals, and that's what we want to try and keep is to keep building on that and bring more games to Dayton," he said.

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