One loss in Brooklyn, N.Y., has the potential to erase all of the work a team puts in during the regular season.

That fact hasn’t escaped the University of Dayton men’s basketball team.

“It’s a new season, it’s a fresh start for everybody,” head coach Archie Miller said. “When you go to a conference tournament, there’s a championship on the line and everyone is going there to advance and stay as long as they can. The one thing we’re really going to be focused on this week is going to be not only ourselves, but that word ‘advance.’”

Advancing is the name of the game in March, and UD has prepared itself well to potentially have that chance at doing so. Entering its first game of the Atlantic 10 Conference tournament at Barclays Center Thursday, March 13, UD are winners in nine of its last 10 and are the tournament’s 5-seed.

UD faces the winner of the first round contest between 12th-seeded George Mason University and 13th-seeded Fordham University at Thursday at 2:30 p.m. A win would advance them into the quarterfinals Friday, March 14, against the tournament’s 4-seed, Saint Joseph’s University, who received the final bye into the round.

Getting that pair of wins into the weekend would only leave Dayton halfway to its goal. Four wins in four days will be needed to take home the title, which is part of the grind known as March Madness.

“Our ultimate goal is to win championships,” senior forward Devin Oliver said. “That’s what we talked about at the beginning of the year. … We have a lot of confidence going into this final stretch and just want to make sure we take care of Thursday.”
This Saturday, March 15, on the heels of a United Nations special report faulting the U.N. Security Council for failing to adequately deal with the crisis, the Syrian Civil War will enter its fourth year of continuous bloodshed.

To date, more than 100 thousand Syrians, including at least 10 thousand children, have been killed and more than 9 million are displaced, besieged, or need aid, according to the U.N.

On Wednesday, March 5, an investigative U.N. human rights commission released a report cataloguing Syrian war crimes and atrocities and formally decried the UNSC for failing to refer the offenses to the International Criminal Court for prosecution.

"The Security Council bears responsibility for not addressing accountability and allowing the warring parties to violate these rules with total impunity," said U.N. commission of inquiry leader Paulo Pinheiro.

Pinheiro made his remarks after the Feb. 22 unanimous ratification of UNSC Resolution 2138, which instructed all embattled factions to allow "unhindered humanitarian access" to civilian populations.

Specifically, the legislation ordered the Syrian government, currently under Bashar al-Assad’s authoritarian regime, and the opposition forces, now a tense coalition of Islamic and democratic groups, to stop obstructing civilian relief efforts and called on both groups to end siege and bombing activity.

The resolution asked the U.N. Secretary-General to submit a progress report every 30 days and threatened to "take further steps in the case of non-compliance" but does not specify sanctions or penalties.

The measure was met with mixed international reception, with high-ranking diplomats, were divided over whether the bill’s passage constituted concrete progress or empty symbolism.

E.U. Secretary of State John Kerry affirmed the resolution as a potential turning point in the conflict.

"After three years of slaughter and savagery," Kerry said in a statement immediately after the voting, "people rightfully will question whether progress is possible. But this resolution holds the promise of something real."

Jeff Aubin, a senior political science and international studies major, said the resolution is well-intended, but will be challenging to implement.

"Calling for humanitarian intervention is obviously a good move," Aubin said. "But it will be difficult to negotiate effective relief efforts between so many different groups with competing interests."

The successful passage marks the fourth attempt since Oct. 2011 to implement relief efforts in Syria. The first three resolutions were vetoed by permanent UNSC members China and Russia due to the inclusion of sanctions, both of which support Assad’s administration.

Joel Pruce, a UD professor of human rights in the political science department, described the conflict as an sequence of human rights violations.

"The civil war began as part of the Arab Spring, which was a series of pro-democracy protests across the Arab world," Pruce said. "In Syria, it started with a peaceful movement advocating for a regime change in their own government, in favor of a democratically-elected leader."

Pruce said the Assad regime ultimately responded to the protestors with force.

"And once met with violence, the nonviolent protests eventually transitioned into violent move-
ART STREET PRESENTS
THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE
This week’s Thursday Night Live features music from Michael Callum & Paul Britten, Colin Franklin, and Jimmy Nickelle-Gomez. It will take place Thursday, March 13, at 8 p.m. in the ArtStreet Cafe. For more information, contact ArtStreet at 937-229-5101.

ART STREET HOSTS ST. PADDY’S DAY PREP
Students are invited to ArtStreet to prepare for St. Paddy’s Day Friday, March 14, at 10 p.m. The event is free and will include performances by NineTies and the UD Irish Dance Club, a photobooth, tie-dye, food, and more. The event is sponsored by ArtStreet, CAB Late Night, Residence Life, Flyer Radio, Street Sounds Recording Studio and the UD Irish Dance Club.

FILM SERIES FEATURES
‘MISS REPRESENTATION’
Jana Bennett, a women’s & gender studies and religious studies professor at UD, will host a screening of the film “Miss Representation,” Friday, March 14, at 8 p.m. in ArtStreet Studio B. The film explores the under-representation of women in positions of power and influence in the U.S. The event is open to all students. For more information, contact the Center for Student Involvement at 937-229-3333.

KU SCREENS ‘FROZEN’
The newly released movie “Frozen” will be shown Saturday, March 15, at 10 p.m. in KU Ball Theatre. The event includes complimentary popcorn and lemonade and is open to all students. For more information, contact the Center for Student Involvement at 937-229-3333.

CAMPUS

STUDIO THEATRE PRESENTS ‘UD MONOLOGUES’
Studio Theatre will feature the “UD Monologues,” a series of student-written, student-directed monologues dealing with issues of sex, gender and sexuality this weekend. There will be shows Friday, March 14, and Saturday, March 15, at 8 p.m., as well as Sunday, March 16, at 2 p.m. in CPC 155.

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TEEN SPRAYS TEACHER WITH AIR FRESHENER
A 13-year-old boy was charged with assault last Friday after spraying his teacher in the eyes with air freshener. Dayton police say the student was being disruptive and stealing items from the teacher and other students. When the teacher asked him to sit down, he sprayed her in the face with air freshener. When police arrived, the boy cried and claimed he did not do it on purpose.

Information from abc2now.com

WOMAN ARRESTED FOR STEALING DOG
A local woman was arrested last Friday after she walked into a house on Philadelphia Drive and took a 14-year-old boy’s dog, a Yorkshire Terrier named Tinker. Police found the woman, who was highly intoxicated according to the incident report, holding the dog near a drive-thru business at the corner of Philadelphia Drive and Riverview Avenue. The dog appeared unharmed and was returned to its owner. The woman faced possible felony burglary charges after the incident.

Information from wioh.com

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OBAMA TALKS HEALTHCARE ‘BETWEEN TWO FERNS’
President Barack Obama joined comedian Zach Galifianakis on the Funny or Die interview show “Between Two Ferns” this week. Obama reportedly went on the show to encourage young people to buy health insurance, but engaged in amusing banter with Galifianakis, who is known for filling the show with “stilted conversation and deadpan insults.”

Information from latimes.com

FAMILY TRAPPED IN HOME BY 22-POUND CAT
A family in Oregon was forced to call 911 for help after its 22-pound pet cat, Lux, became violent. Lee Palmer and Teresa Barker’s Himalayan cat scratched their 7-month-old child and tried to force itself into their bedroom, where they fled to call for help. Police arrived and subdues Lux. The family has not said whether or not it will keep the cat.

Information from nydailynews.com

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‘I Love UD’ month campaign surpasses gift goal

MARISSA GRIMESLEY  
Staff Writer

While some celebrated February with flowers and chocolates for Valentine’s Day, the University of Dayton celebrated “I Love UD” month by overcoming their 2,800 gift goal to raise money for student scholarships.

Danna Grant, the executive director of advancement relations, said the scholarships help students who cannot afford UD continue their education at the university.

Grant said donations from alumni surpassed this year’s campaign goals.

“Our goal was 2,800 gifts this year and we received 4,416. People were calling up until midnight on the last day, Feb. 28, to give. Plus the bulk of what was given was given in the last 48 hours,” she said.

Grant said they set their goals high last year, and were pleased with the results this year.

“Last year we received 3,016 gifts and this year surpassed that by almost 1,400. It was very exciting for us,” she said.

Throughout February, “I Love UD” month encouraged students to show school spirit with weekly themes including community, faith, Flyer pride and favorite UD memories.

“I Love UD” month was founded on the idea that “I Love UD” was what it is all about. We have 34 alumni chapters and each are asked to do a service project once a year. They all did their service project in February for I Love UD,” Grant said.

Grant said I Love UD t-shirts were distributed around campus this year, but they ended up all over the world.

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“It’s a given big day [for sales], but honestly, the night before [St. Patrick’s Day] is even bigger,” he said.

The store manager explained Shell always keeps a large stock of Natural Ice on hand no matter the occasion. The manager asked that his name not be printed in Flyer News.

Marie Wise, an employee at Sunoco on the corner of Brown Street and Springhouse Road, said St. Patrick’s Day at UD is “huge.”

“Last year beer sales tripled in one day. It doesn’t matter what day of the week it falls on, we sell a lot,” she said.

This year, Wise plans to double their beer order for the week of St. Patrick’s Day. However, she said Sunoco will not “go too crazy” ordering anything.

Wise also said she plans to talk with distributors about providing giveaways such as beads, koozies and pins.

Wise said ordering more beer is the easy part of St. Patrick’s Day. “My biggest issue on [St. Patrick’s Day] is scheduling employees,” she said.

Popular campus bars Milano’s Atlantic City Subs and Timothy’s Bar and Grill have also begun preparing for the holiday.

In an email to Flyer News, Marty Brown, owner of Tim’s, explained they have bumped up all their alcohol orders 25 percent, except for draft beer.

“Everyone is a draft beer drinker it seems for St. Patrick’s Day, so we have 20 kegs of green Bud Light coming, which is way more draft than normal,” he said.

He said Tim’s will control crowd size by selling wristbands for their 5:30 a.m. opening time, and will maintain its “one-in-one-out” policy when the bar has reached maximum capacity.

According to a Dayton Department of Fire report, Tim’s was issued its annual public assembly permit application on Feb. 19, 2014, with the same occupant load as last year: 200 people.

Larry Adkisson, assistant general manager of Milano’s, said they ordered 30 kegs of beer and made more than 1,000 jello shots for its seventh annual Blue Beer Day on Wednesday, March 12, and ordered 20 kegs of green beer for St. Patrick’s Day.

As detailed in a Flyer News report on April 23, 2013, occupancy limits and subsequent enforcement from Dayton Department of Fire raised concerns from Milano’s management for its ability to hold Blue Beer Day this year.

According to Dayton Department of Fire report, last year Milano’s occupancy was 214 people. On Sept. 27, 2013, Milano’s was approved to increase its occupancy to 300 people, as stated in the document.

Adkisson said Milano’s will be opening at 7 a.m. on both Wednesday, March 12, and St. Paddy’s Day.

“Usually we get a nice crowd for St. Paddy’s Day,” he said. “But last year with that ‘40s at 4’ thing that kind of put everything on a hiatus.”

‘Financial bumps’ prevent Campus Concert Committee from hosting event

MEREDITH WHELCHL
Managing Editor

The University of Dayton Campus Concert Committee was disappointed to announce that they will not be holding a spring concert this year due to “financial bumps,” said committee vice president Chrissy Disco.

Disco, a junior graphic design major, said the committee requested $8,000 from the Student Government Association this year but didn’t receive any money.

“We understand that SGA did what they had to do, and we could have gone back and adjusted our request,” Disco said. “We had a lot of past support from the university but as organizations grow, the university decreases their financial support.”

Kristen Iannarino, a senior exercise science major and student advisor for the committee, said they had been planning the event since the beginning of the fall semester. They were in the process of signing a contract with a band, but they weren’t able to close, she said.

“Unfortunately, we just weren’t able to make the negotiations happen,” Iannarino said.

Disco explained the band in question was an up-and-coming country group, but could not reveal the name or budget involved in the contract process. She explained they did have money to host a small concert this year, but wouldn’t have much left over for future events.

Disco said the committee spent $57,000 alone to sign Lupe Fiasco who performed in 2012. She also said the cost of using the arena is around $15,000 for booking.

Iannarino said students don’t often understand or expect the costs involved with hosting a large-scale concert. She said to book Dave Matthews Band for example would cost the committee upwards of $500,000 without production costs.

Disco said their intentions were not to compete with other concert events happening throughout the school year, and hopes the organizations can work together in the future.

“There’s just no need for competition among student groups,” she said. “We might host a concert in the fall, but that’s just an idea at this point. By not hosting an event this year, there will be more money available for future concerts.”

Iannarino said they are disappointed they couldn’t hold an event this year, but said the committee is looking to recruit new members for next year.

The committee president, senior sociology major Joanne Koehler, encouraged UD students to remain positive about future concerts.

“We are sorry to have let you down this year and hope that you will stand with us and support us as we work towards a better venue in hopes to provide UD with a large scale concert to be remembered for.”
Put the phone down while walking, the text can wait

RICH MCLoughlin
Contributing Writer

Editor’s Note: Rich McLoughlin is a senior exercise science major whose life experiences have led him to motivate others toward personal fitness. McLoughlin is a certified personal trainer.

Numerous national advertising campaigns have made us aware of the serious dangers of texting while driving, but what about texting while walking? A new study done by the University of the Australian study, concluded texting while walking negatively affects a person’s ability to walk and balance, which can be unsafe.

The study, which was published in PLOS One, took 26 healthy adults and had them walk 28 feet while either walking normally without any distraction, walking while reading a long text, or walking while typing out “the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.”

The study showed the multi-tasking participants experienced stiffening in their necks and pelvic regions. This reduced the distance of each stride and caused them to stray off a straight course. These two effects could pose a problem for those typically in a rush to class and trying to text at the same time.

Siobhan Schabrun, the director of the Australian study, concluded texting while walking negatively affects a person’s ability to walk and balance, which can be unsafe.

“No more hiding in your phone when you walk by that person you may have had an awkward encounter with over the weekend. The text can wait, and if it can’t, you better master the no-look text.”

Put the phone down while walking, the text can wait.

WEB EXCLUSIVE:

Contributing writer Lauren Glass, a recent University of Dayton alumna, continues her three-part series on a university effort to increase the amount of African-American students on campus. Here’s a sneak peek at her latest work:

“If you do attract all these minorities, how are you going to keep them, you know?” Sleet said. “It’s great that you have all these plans, but you’re always going to have people across the board that just get here a year or a semester and go, ‘no, I don’t want this.’”

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The music therapy program at the University of Dayton will host a 40th anniversary celebration March 14 to 15. Alumni of the program are encouraged to return for the weekend and celebrate the program’s growth over its 40 years at UD.

“We want to focus on bringing back memories,” said Marilyn Sandness, professor emerita and founder of the music therapy program. “Certainly the highlight of the weekend is to renew acquaintances back at UD.”

The weekend celebration will begin Friday with a recital given by current students in the Department of Music. Senior music therapy major Yemeni Schneider, who helped plan the anniversary celebration, said this recital will be one of the highlights of the weekend.

It will feature performances from some of UD’s talented music students, teachers, and Hands in Harmony, a UD music ensemble that performs contemporary Christian music while using American Sign Language, Schneider said.

“There will be numerous entertaining, humorous, and creative performances by some of our talented music students and teachers,” Schneider said. “This will give the students an opportunity to showcase their creativity and talents, and at the same time, it will give the audience an opportunity to catch a small glimpse into the talents of our music students.”

This recital will be followed by guided campus tours, so alumni can revisit their campus and visit the program’s new home in the College Park Center. Friday’s events will end with a reception in Kennedy Union’s Torch Lounge.

Saturday will kick off with an alumni recital, where alumni will be encouraged to put on a performance, either serious or silly. A buffet luncheon will follow, featuring a presentation about current trends in the profession, Sandness said. They will also invite alumni to share their memories of music therapy at UD. The evening will end with a historical display of the program in the CPC.

The music therapy program was brought to UD by Marilyn Sandness in 1974, who served as coordinator of the program for 24 years. She was succeeded by Dr. Susan Gardstrom, who is the current coordinator of the program. They wanted to have this anniversary celebration while both women were still living and working in Dayton, Sandness said.

The music therapy program is one of the most popular programs in the music department, according to Sandness. She said it typically ranges from 35-40 students, and she considers it to be like a family. The students and faculty are very close, Sandness said, and she believes this celebration will be a great way to bring them all back together.

Schneider agrees with this sentiment. “My favorite part about being part of UD’s music therapy program is that it gives me an opportunity to learn from talented, insightful, creative, and intelligent peers and professors,” he said.

“The knowledge, direction, and skills that I have gained from my professors have been a true blessing.”

Forty years after its foundation at UD, the music therapy program has close to 240 alumni in 35 states, Gardstrom said.

The music therapy program’s 40th anniversary celebration welcomes all of these alumni and all current students as well.

12-month position perfect to build résumé; help those in need

St. Mary Development, a faith-based housing nonprofit in Dayton, is looking for a VISTA worker to help transform the lives of more than 600 low-income seniors. You will identify poverty-related needs by creating and implementing surveys; researching potential funders and writing grant proposals in support of our resident services programs. Your work will help expand our services that connect seniors to healthcare, transportation, utility assistance, food programs and more.

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Black History Month: Look back to move forward

AMANDA DEE
Staff Writer

On March 2, Steve McQueen accepted the award for best picture for “12 Years a Slave.” Two days after the final day of Black History Month, a black man won the Oscar for Best Picture for the first time.

“Slavery was horrendous, violent, vicious, nasty,” McQueen said to the Los Angeles Times before the awards. “It’s understandable that people had difficulty coming to terms with it or visualizing it via cinema.”

Slavery is the dark stain on the carpet of American history – one Americans wish never spilled but know can never be removed. Capturing injustice, specifically slavery, on film is not a groundbreaking concept; but, “12 Years a Slave” speaks for victims of history to an unprecedented audience. It speaks to people who are ready for this narrative, as McQueen told the Los Angeles Times after his win.

Oscar season is over. Black History Month is over. But, the theme of UD’s Black History Month was looking back to move forward.

UD’s Created Equal film series spoke throughout February for the victims of history to UD students, faculty, staff and members of the Greater Dayton community – to another audience ready for this narrative.

The series presented “Slavery by Another Name,” “The Abolitionists,” “Freedom Riders” and “The Loving Story.”

“What these films did really well was highlight the individual stories of different people who fought for civil rights. The series went back to the individual abolitionists who wanted to end slavery in the 1800s, all the way up to the story of Richard and Mildred Loving, a couple from Virginia in the 1960s who just wanted to be able to live as a married couple in their home state without fear of going to jail for being an interracial couple,” said Ione Damasco, site coordinator of the series.

We tend to envision masses of people mobilizing together under leaders; we picture Dr. Martin Luther King leading thousands of people to the capital in the March on Washington, but these films show us that anyone can change society if he or she is brave enough to fight even when all odds are against him or her, Damasco said.

Movies are accessible, digestible. They can show us years of history in a few hours. They can show us what, or an interpretation of what, we’ve read in textbooks.

“Films help us feel these experiences more deeply,” Damasco said.

“It’s one thing to read about the Freedom Riders getting on buses and traveling through the South, risking their lives to end the practice of segregation,” she said “But it’s another thing completely to see the actual Freedom Riders speaking about their experiences, to see the photos and black-and-white footage of them being attacked by angry racist mobs, and their complete commitment to nonviolence as they refused to fight back.”

Film helps us look back at the stains of history and understand we cannot remove them, so we can move forward, something that the Created Equal film series encouraged students to embrace.

TOP 5 ENTERTAINMENT MOMENTS OF THE WEEK

Keep up with Asst. A&E Editor Katie Christoff and the latest entertainment and pop culture gossip at flyernews.com.

AARON CARTER
PROFesses His Love

The former teen heartthrob tweeted a picture of his ex, Taylor Duff, last week. “Don’t be that stupid douche that loses the love of your life forever...Like me...I’ll spend the rest of my life trying to better myself to get back to her. I don’t care what ANY of you think.” Duff recently split from husband Mike Comrie.

KATy vs. MILEY

After the pop stars shared a kiss during Cyrus’ concert last week, Perry made a comment that she “Didn’t know where that tongue has been” Cyrus didn’t like the comment, and immediately responded by tweeting “Girl u’r worried abt where tongues have been good thing ur ex boo is ur EX BOO cause we ALL know where THAT tongue been,” referencing her recent split from notorious playboy, John Mayer.

THICKE AND PATTON SPLIT

The married couple and former high school sweethearts split last week – but the feelings apparently weren’t mutual. Thicke has been giving heartfelt speeches and song dedications at his concerts, claiming he’d do whatever it takes to win Patton back. There is speculation that this is all for show, since Thicke’s public professions of love come at the same time as reports that he has been spotted out at strip clubs and kissing other women.

KESHA LEAVES Rehab – AND CHANGES HER NAME

The singer returned to her home in Los Angeles last week after spending two months being treated for an eating disorder in Illinois. She has also decided to drop the “J” from her name, and will now be known as “Kesha.” To make it official, she even changed her Twitter handle from @KeshaSuxx to @KeshaRose.

“KIMYe” ANNOUNCES WEDDING DATE

The famous duo and parents of North West have finally revealed their wedding date. They are set to marry May 24 in Paris. They reportedly chose the date because astronomers believe there will be a meteor shower that evening. Although “E!” has not yet confirmed whether or not they will be filming, we can likely look forward to them airing a wedding special even longer than Kardashian’s previous 72-day marriage to Kris Humphries.
As I met the eight gentlemen of 61/63 Chambers they explained that their house has been named “Teh Barn” because apparently many years ago somebody spelled it wrong when they were nailing the letters on the house. The name stuck and eight junior University of Dayton students are happy to call this establishment home for the year. Hopefully you now understand that I am aware that the word “the” is spelled t-h-e.

**FN:** What is your favorite place in the house?

- **DM:** The bathroom. Jeffrey Salemme: Can’t say living room…that’s what they want us to think.
- **Davis Arnold:** The secret trapdoor room.
- **Colin Johnson:** The basement.
- **Dillon Murphy:** Joe’s bed.
- **Sean Johnson:** Any room that nobody else is in.
- **Austin Russell:** This blue couch. I never leave it.

**FN:** If the barn were actually a barn, which animals would you be?

- **DM:** Seahorse. or a cow because I like milk.
- **MC:** We could all be the dogs from the barn, which animals would you be?
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**FN:** What is your guilty pleasure?

- **AR:** This blue couch. I never leave it.

**FN:** What is your favorite food?

- **DM:** Wreck-it-Ralph or Baloo from “The Jungle Book.”
- **CJ:** Crush from “Finding Nemo.”
- **SJ:** Buzz Lightyear… wait no, I want to be Shrek because my friend Dale will be Donkey.
- **MC:** Rafiki.
- **AR:** Sheen from “Jimmy Neutron.”
- **JS:** Mike Wazowski.
- **DB:** Dean Portman from “The Mighty Ducks.”

**FN:** What is your favorite part about UD?

- **DA:** The Tim’s bouncers.
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For the last year, the University of Dayton community has waited on bated breath to hear the plan for St. Patrick’s Day 2014. As the holiday approaches, we’ve learned more about the administration’s strategy to keep students safe and prevent another reputation-damaging incident like the disturbance last year.

The thing is, the student body does not want another incident. We didn’t want what happened last year to happen. We don’t want the embarrassment, we don’t want to lose our tradition, and we don’t want to hurt the school we care about so much. From conversations with our friends, reactions on social media and commentary in Flyer News we think that feeling has been made clear.

Unfortunately, this year’s St. Patrick’s Day initiatives fail to capitalize on that sentiment. The initiatives haphazardly approach the topic with a when they should be embracing the growth our community experienced just one year ago.

We can build community on this holiday. The university’s approach seems to treat this as a celebration of drinking, and while some students would probably make the claim that it is, the feeling among the FN staff is that this is a celebration of being a student attending UD, where people are also drinking.

We build community when we wake up to a bowl of Lucky Charms, don carrots, onion, garlic, celery and uid goodness filled with chicken, the clock on my car’s dashboard had just turned 6 p.m. when I pulled into my garage back home in Pittsburgh. For many of us, this means it’s dinner time.

Weary-eyed and ravenous, I quickly swung the basement door open without even removing my bags from the trunk. After several hours of staring down the mesmerizing highway, I needed to switch gears to a relaxed state.

As I walked through the door I took aback by the smell of something so familiar, so comforting that I felt my empty tank had started to refuel.

The scent causing my mind to relax and stomach to rumble was coming from a large pot sitting on the stove top.

Simmering away was warm liquid goodness filled with chicken, carrots, onion, garlic, celery and pasta (little pasta in Italian).

This simple pleasure set the tone for the rest of what was my last, and best, midterm break.

Though I spent most of my time trying new restaurants and bars around my hometown, I still made sure I was able to catch up on all things life with my family. It’s amazing how innocent conversations can reveal so much truth and wisdom about ways to interpret and deal with the events we experience.

American writer William Ellery Channing once said “home is the chief school of human virtues.”

I truly believe this has meaning behind it. Just think of how much we learn from our family members about the good things life has to offer and how to deal with all of its harsh realities.

Think back to all the times in our youth when we were corrected by our parents for being impolite or disrespectful to others, even though little Johnny Jagoff threw a toy at you after sharing it with him. Think back to the times when you felt lost and confused about why bad things have to happen to good people. Where was it that we learned how to cope with all of its challenges thrown our way? I’d say it was within the confines of our own homes.

Being home during a time in our lives when we’re supposed to be out and about all the time doing who knows what teaches us to appreciate what we have and ones who love us.

School serves its purpose for a certain kind of education and for socializing with others, but there’s something special about what happens in the home that rejuvenates someone like a worn out senior who’s ready to tackle bigger challenges. I reveled in all the great food and good company that surrounded me because I know after losing my father that it’s so important for us to appreciate the small things like having innocent conversations with family members.

Don’t get me wrong, I love the UD way of life, but changing your pace is a good way to keep life interesting and enjoyable.

Being away from home presents the opportunity to learn valuable lessons on responsibility and self-discipline, yet there have been times where I, and I’m sure many others, have felt their hearts being tugged toward the place we learned to be tormentor of siblings, and more importantly, ourselves.

Word on the street...

How are you going to respond to the new policy for St. Patrick’s Day?

“Seeing what happened last year, I think it’s a good step that UD is taking. It’s better to be proactive than be reactive.”

PUNIT GUPTA
Graduate Student
Chemical Engineering

“Well this is the first year at UD since I’ve been here that it’s on Monday so I’ll be going to class, but still plan on having fun.”

KATELYN KEMPF
Junior
Biology

“I know that my behavior last year wasn’t problematic. I plan on doing the same with or without the new restrictions.”

ROURKE MCCOLLOM
Senior
Accounting
**Oil the underlying factor in Russia’s land grab**

The Ukrainian Revolution, the Russian invasion of Crimea and diplomatic relations between the United States and the rest of the world all have a common theme - oil.

It’s a consensus among politicians and the media that there’s an international crisis in Eastern Europe, and our nation’s leaders decided to go on spring break this past weekend. President Barack Obama spent his time in the Florida Keys, while Vice President Joe Biden traveled to the Virgin Islands with his wife. While I by no means think that the most important positions in our American democracy don’t deserve a day off (because they do have the most stressful jobs in the world), their words and actions have great influence on this matter.

On March 1, President Obama made a phone call to Russian President Vladimir Putin pleading him not to invade Ukraine and use diplomacy - a tactic Putin suggested Obama do during talks over the destruction of chemical weapons in Syria. Obviously, Obama couldn’t persuade Putin. Since gaining “de facto control” of the Crimean Peninsula, the Ukrainian citizens living in the region will be voting Sunday, March 16, on whether they will want to join the Russian Federation or declare allegiance to the new Ukrainian government. There is no doubt it is a tough choice for not only Ukrainians, but other nations as well.

As I mentioned in my column back in January, this is left-over Cold War economics playing out, which is why our nation’s leaders need to be engaged in the dialogue. The new Ukrainian leaders such as interim President Oleh-Turchynov and Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk are both members of the Batkivshchyna, also known as the All-Ukrainian Union “Fatherland” party, who advocate for Ukrainian membership of the European Union, a higher standard of living for the people, and to eliminate corruption in politics and economics. Sounds good, right?

Nevertheless, the media recently has supported anything that isn’t “Soviets.” The Russians have been portrayed as authoritarian, ruthless, and communist as they were before the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. This is probably because the Russian Federation representative to the United Nations, Vitaly Churkin, announced to the world, “Moscow does not recognize the legitimacy of the current Ukrainian power,” and officially ended all diplomatic relations with them. With an expected 2 million Crimean residents to vote for the annexation of the region, Crimea could quite possibly be a part of Russia by the end of the month.

I don’t believe there is any good reason for the United States or NATO to intervene in Crimea because it sounds like things are under control, despite Russia being accused for attempting to rule with an “iron fist.” However, I see Russian leaders making very selfish decisions. It started with them ending talks with the new Ukrainian leaders showing Russia doesn’t care about the future of their nation, but they should. Ukrainian citizens who are “pro-Russia” see their country heading into default as there are real no solutions to pay off their $16 billion worth of debt.

Oil, as I said before, is the underlying factor behind the Russian invasion of Crimea, and why the US and several European nations are reluctant to intervene. The peninsula is critical to the Russian economy, as it supplies the E.U. one-third of its energy, with Germany being the biggest buyer.

This affects the United States as well, who purchases 5 percent of its oil from Russia. So what, gas prices here in America will only rise for a short time if things don’t go smoothly, right? I ask that you look at the big picture.

The crisis in Ukraine does affect us, and only because of one reason, our dependency on foreign oil to fuel our way of life. As the Russians fight for the security of their own economy, it brings up the elephant in the room, which is that we will probably be fighting for oil security in the very near future.

The Institution of Mechanical Engineers estimates that by 2050, the estimated 1.3 trillion barrels that remain on Earth will be gone. Of what’s left, two-thirds are in reserves in countries such as Saudi Arabia, Iraq, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and Iran. President Obama and the leaders of our country now have an opportunity to discuss the oil situation in the midst of a revolution in a former Soviet Union-controlled country, and need to be the voice of the American people. We need their leadership now and I hope and pray that they will make wise decisions in their international dialogues.

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**Bad driver? Pull over**

On my way back to campus after a much-needed midterm break, I inevitably drove through the daunting construction site on Interstate 75 along the skyline of our beloved Dayton, Ohio.

With the few minutes left until we were back at the university, my car mates and I reflected on some of the happenings on the road that really picked at our very beings. Some of these I’m sure you thought about before, but I find it necessary to put them in text form.

First, some people need to realize that a blinker is meant to be a temporary mechanism in their vehicle. If you have no sense of peripheral vision or you just have no sense at all, this might be difficult for you. In this case, take some form of public transportation to get where you need to go.

For those of you who continue to drive with a blinker on, you better be driving in circles.

On the topic of blinkers, how about those convenient hazards. Don’t get me wrong, they’re useful when parking in the 30-minute delivery zones or when you are pulled over. Did you catch that last one? When you’re pulled over. Not still driving. When I see someone driving in the right lane with their hazards on, it just sends a message to me that you can’t handle the roads.

Another aspect of road disruption that often goes without consequence is the poor soul that cruises in the fast lane at or below the speed limit with- out any intention of moving over. I respect your decision to strictly follow the law, but I have to get back to school to continue my studying. Please move over and keep traffic flowing.

Speaking of merging, why haven’t we seen these drivers adjust their lanes without the extra helping of stress on top of the heavy burden already weighing on my mind.

Another change coming is the swapping out of vocabulary words on the test. Words such as “depreciatory” and “membranous” will be replaced with words that would actually be used in a college-level classroom like “synthesis” and “empirical.” Certainly there are people who know these words that are being replaced, but the SAT should always be focused on general knowledge that should be known by the general population.

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Despite the fact that the changes won’t be coming until 2016, and not to mention the fact that we are now all done with taking the SAT, I’m glad the College Board is finally making these changes. These are long overdue and it’s about time the test entered the 21st century and became on par with a typical junior or senior in high school’s knowledge.

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**New SAT format well overdue**

The biggest item in the news lately has been the conflict between Russia and Ukraine. This is important, but there has also been a big change for the U.S., may have been overlooked. The College Board just recently announced there will be some major changes to what is probably the most well-known test in the country, the SAT.

Personally, I think some changes to the SAT are long overdue. I never felt the test was a good representation of how I (or anyone else) would do in college. I know I’m not alone in thinking that. David Coleman, the president of the College Board, said that only 20 percent of teachers see this test as a “fair measure of the work their students have done.”

Some of the changes, which are coming in spring 2016, are major. For example, the essay portion will now become optional. Also, the deduction of points for incorrect answers will no longer occur.

To me, losing points never made sense. Knowing that I will lose points for taking a guess just put an extra helping of stress on top of the heavy burden already weighing on my mind.

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Wrong approach to UD St. Paddy’s day campaign

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You’ve probably seen posters around campus warning students about the negative consequences that can arise from throwing parties at police offices at 4 a.m.

Now, I will ignore how UD’s marketers missed an opportunity to properly turn a phrase.

Nothing says we cherish community like threatening people’s financial aid for drinking beer outside on a holiday.

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I told my friends, who were all girls, “Doesn’t this car look creepy?” They all laughed and agreed. As the cop circled around the block where we were parked, my friends and I continued to warm up. The car circled around for at least 10 minutes.

Suddenly, the car flashed the lights on. This caused my two friends who were in the driver and passenger seat confusion. Then another car pulled up behind us with their lights on. A cop came up to the driver’s side and opened the door. I immediately knew that this was not supposed to be happening.

My friend said “Is there a problem, sir?” He looked in the car with his flashlight and said “You all just look very suspicious just sitting here, the windows are all foggy and it’s four of you who do not go here.”

Shocked, I responded “How do you know that none of us go here?” He said “Ma’am, when was this school founded?” I told him “1850, here is my Flyer Card.” At one point I felt compelled to demand for his badge number. He was stunned. He looked at my Flyer Card, asked which building I lived in and I told him what he needed to know.

After harassing us for a few more answers, he left with the other cops. I felt ridiculed and striped of my rights at the University of Dayton. I never thought this would have happened to me, or my friends. I would bet more than $500 that the campus police would never assume such an ignorant statement.

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Learn to play the cards of life

Opportunity can take many forms. Sometimes it comes from friends and family, other times from sheer luck, but the best way I’ve found to grow and gain new opportunities is actually pretty simple: Be a good person, find something you enjoy doing in life and do it as well as you can.

Being a good person is not outdated. It requires ruthless work, long hours and most importantly, collaboration with others.

The golden rule may seem clichéd at times, but if you’re a person who doesn’t have respect for the work of others then no one will have respect for you and the work that you put your name on.

Everybody has something to bring to the table, something to teach us. Sometimes those lessons are easy to learn and sometimes those lessons are brutal and difficult, but make no mistake, every person you meet in life can teach you something you didn’t know before.

Advice from a poor man can be just as valuable as advice from a rich man if you know how to use it correctly.

In addition to that, it’s healthy and beneficial to surround yourself with people who positively motivate you. People who inspire you to be a better person everyday are the ones we should admire.

I’m of the belief that most humans are a reflection of the five people they consider themselves closest to. When you’re spending a lot of time around someone, you start to adopt some of their manners and characteristics without even knowing it.

If all of your friends are successful, hardworking individuals, then you are more likely to be a successful hardworking individual yourself.

People reap what they sow. Life by nature can be cruel and unfair at times. Some people are born into vast riches while others are born into abject poverty, but the important thing isn’t the hand that you’re dealt in life.

It’s learning how to play the cards.
Women’s Basketball

Dayton falls in A10 title game

KATIE OBEAR
Staff Writer

The University of Dayton women’s basketball team was defeated in the championship round of the 2014 Atlantic 10 Championships against Fordham University, which was held Sunday, March 9, in Richmond, Va.

The Flyers entered the tournament as the top seeded competitor out of all 13 teams that were playing in the championship.

The other teams that participated in the tournament included George Washington University, Virginia Commonwealth University, George Mason University, the University of Massachusetts, Saint Louis University, Richmond University, Saint Joseph University, La Salle University, Rhode Island University, Duquesne University and St. Bonaventure University.

Dayton started the tournament Friday, March 7, against VCU in a close game with a final score of 62-61. Freshman guard Celeste Edwards scored the game winning layup within six seconds of the final buzzer to complete an 18-point comeback.

After the first round of winners was determined which included: Dayton, VCU, Saint Joseph’s, Duquesne, and La Salle. These teams continued to the quarterfinals, along with the other schools who had not yet participated in the tournament.

On the second day of the championship, the Flyers played George Washington, who was ranked as the fourth seed in the championship.

Junior guard Andrea Hoover, who was named A10 Player of the Year on March 3, led the team to victory against George Washington scoring 22 points, and adding eight rebounds and two assists.

At the half, the Flyers were dominating with a score of 39-25. Junior forward Ally Malott scored 19 points for the Flyers. Malott and freshman forward Andrijana Cvitic also both had nine rebounds for the team.

UD finished the game strong with a final winning score of 89-68 against the Colonials.

After these quarterfinals, Dayton, Fordham, St. Bonaventure, and George Washington were the teams that came out with victories.

In the final match of the championship, Dayton played Fordham and lost with a final score of 63-51.

“IT was devastating, not that we lost but the way we lost,” said head coach Jim Jabir. “We just didn’t play with great intensity and passion.”

Dayton was favored to win this final match against the Rams, who hadn’t won a championship in over 10 years.

Dayton was also placed as the first seed in the championship while Fordham was ranked at the eleventh seed.

The Flyers last won the A10 Championship back in 2012, and before then the team hadn’t won a championship since before 2001.

The Flyers hope to continue on to the NCAA tournament, as this would be their fifth year in a row participating in the tournament, where the team hopes to make their mark again.

“We have to improve,” said Jabir. “We have to keep striving to get better, that’s the goal.”

Dayton will learn its NCAA tournament seeding and bracket placement Monday, March 17, at 7 p.m. UD will hold a watch party beginning Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Time Warner Cable Flight Deck at UD Arena. Contact Tyler Barchek by email at tbarchek1@udayton.edu, or by phone at 937-229-5761 to RSVP a seat on a first come, first serve basis to the first 200 fans. Admission is free.

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The path to salvaging its season and giving themselves a chance to attain their high seeding and a possible NCAA tournament berth isn’t an easy task for the Flyers. Dayton entered February on a four-game losing streak, 1-5 in conference play, and sat in 11th place in the league and 13-8 overall.

What began to look like a lost year transformed into the program’s best 10-game finish to the regular season since 1968, when Dayton won 10 in a row to end the year before going on to win the National Invitation Tournament title.

This year, UD has the NCAA tournament back in its sights.

Many bracketologists and bubble experts have UD sitting on the tournament back in its sights.

Dayton won 10 in a row to end the regular season since 1968, when UD’s best 10-game finish to the championship.

For the season at the EA Sports Maui Invitational and a 7-4 record away from home this season has Miller feeling confident about his team’s chances for at least an at-large bid. However, he said he knows the focus cannot only be on making a competition the team isn’t in yet.

“Right now, I feel like we’ve done a significant amount of work throughout the course of the season,” he said. “Our body of work represents us well. It stacks up well against a lot of other teams that are comparable in the conversation so to speak. If you focus on the NCAA tournament or Selection Sunday, then you probably aren’t going to do real well on Thursday.”

The A10 could be looking at as many as six squads making the NCAA tournament, which would be a record. Virginia Commonwealth University and George Washington join SLU, St. Joes, UMass and Dayton as teams that are presumed to have played their way into being worthy of at-large berths into the tournament.

Playing over multiple days consecutively to reach the title game is seen as a deterrent to some players, but not to Oliver.

“If it’s a tournament setup, you don’t really think about it,” Oliver said. “You’re just excited to win and advance. If it happens that you play four games in four days, I don’t think that’d be a bad thing since you’d be playing in the championship.”

Oliver won the tournament’s White-Allen MVP award, as well as the Chris Daniels Memorial Most Improved Player award for the second consecutive year, at the annual team banquet Sunday, March 9. He is the first UD player to win both in the same season.

“To be honored by my teammates and my coaches at the banquet, that was very cool for me,” Oliver said, who averaged 12.9 points per game, and team highs of 7.4 rebounds and 2.4 assists this season. “I think the most improved player was most important to me just because I’ve put a lot of work into my game. It’s good it’s finally paying off.”

Oliver was named Third Team All-A10 10 by a vote of the league’s coaches Tuesday, March 11, and was the only UD player to receive any recognition in the league’s weekly awards. It’s the first honor a UD player received from the conference this season, as the team did not have a player on any preseason team, nor did one win a weekly player or rookie of the week award.

Despite the lack of individual recognition from the conference, Oliver said the focus remains on everyone being a team and staying prepared for a postseason run.

“I think you let the energy loose to a certain degree, but I think that’s a special thing about this team all the way down to the young guys,” Oliver said. “I think we have a pretty poised team. They don’t let the moment overwhelm them, per se. They enjoy the moment and they bring energy to the moment, but they don’t let it overwhelm them. I think we’ll be ready to go.”

Dayton has qualified to compete in the A10 tournament in all 19 years of its membership. Although every team automatically made this year’s edition, UD closed out the final 10 games of the regular season portion of its schedule with the best record of any team in the conference. There would have been no backing in to the tournament had it been a year where teams could have been left out.

The year began with the team mobbing each other on the court after a buzzer beating shot by redshirt junior guard Jordan Sibert in the first game of the year. Now Dayton hopes to repeat the celebration on the court in Brooklyn with an A10 championship.

“We have got to find a way to continue to play well and win,” Miller said. “This time of year, you want to playing as deep into March as you can.”

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UD football player battles fires, full-fills lifelong dream

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Gus and Mary Nuzzolese looked on anxiously as their son Pat, a redshirt freshman center on UD’s football team, battled during crunch time alongside his teammates. A tense atmosphere and a sense of urgency surrounded Pat and the team while precious seconds ticked away in an attempt to put down a timeless and familiar opponent.

Minutes later, after a hard-fought win, Nuzzolese rushed for a squirt of water and caught a glimpse of his parents. He didn’t know they were watching him in action, but their facial expressions expressed anguish and a sense of relief.

His parents had seen him play countless times on the football field, but this was different. Much more was on the line than a conference championship. As his parents began to make the short journey home, he began to take off his gear. He knew he’d see them shortly.

Yet, his helmet didn’t have a facemask and the equipment he shed consisted of much more than shoulder pads. As a volunteer of the Port Washington Fire Department in his hometown, Nuzzolese redefines the duties of a typical college student or student athlete.

When he returned to his Long Island house hours later, he found his parents sitting around the kitchen table, still teary-eyed remembering the face of children trying to catch a glimpse of Port Washington’s public servants.

His firehouse duties remain constantly embedded in his daily routines. A call can come at any time during the day or night. While some students cherish the opportunity to catch up on sleep during breaks from school, Nuzzolese anticipates the possibility of waking up in the middle of the night at the whim of a phone call.

“It’s a lifestyle, being a firefighter, you kind of eat it and breathe it,” Nuzzolese said. “You have to love running into burning buildings.”

He credits his great uncle, who also volunteers with the Atlantic Hook and Ladder firehouse, for funneling his interest of firefighting into a path where he could join in the ranks of his childhood heroes.

Before Nuzzolese formally joined the Port Washington Fire Department in the spring of his junior year of high school, he familiarized himself with the industry with a membership in a junior firefighter program. After a few months of training, he was officially sworn in to his firehouse in April 2011.

This spring will mark his third year as a volunteer firefighter.

His hometown of Port Washington, N.Y., runs along the north shore of Long Island and is a residential area with a few commercial buildings sprinkled in. A coastal town, damaging storms create flooding and electrical fire hazards, which his fire department frequently responds to.

In a close-knit community like Port Washington, everyone in town seems to know each other, which adds to Nuzzolese’s sense of duty. He has helped fight a fire of a friend who owns a local establishment that his family patrons.

“Going up to the owner and telling him that we took care of everything... It was really cool. We ended up saving the deli. He was able to open up in a few months,” he said.

Nuzzolese draws on memories of playing Friday night football under the lights, in front of thousands of cheering fans, as a baseline to help explain the adrenaline rush of running head-on into a burning building.

“The adrenaline rush is like the Friday night lights of a football game times ten,” he said. “You’re literally running into flames with the smoking going over your head and people screaming at you. There’s no way to describe it.”

Like most firefighters, Nuzzolese said he considers himself an adrenaline junkie, something that also aids him on the football field, besides his 6-foot, 3-inch, 260-pound frame.

During a training exercise in June 2013, Nuzzolese attempted to dismount a ladder onto a roof. In doing so, he lacerated two fingers on his left hand which led to the amputation of his pinky and half of the ring finger.

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DAYTON LEAVING MARK IN NCAA HISTORY

UD Arena will host NCAA Tournament games for the 12th straight season

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The story of the NCAA First Four coming to Dayton, Ohio is one that developed over time.

What was once an unsolvable technicality is on its way to becoming a tradition. Whether or not it will remain in the Gem City in the future, the University of Dayton and UD Arena have stamped a mark on the NCAA Tournament, and what it means to play during “March Madness.”

In 2001, the NCAA Tournament was expanded from 64 teams to 68 because of a conference split involving the removal of football programs that formed the Western Athletic Conference and the Mountain West Conference. Because conference champions receive an automatic bid, there was a problem to be solved.

“It was kind of a unique situation because the way the NCAA did it, if 50 percent of the conference stayed together, you could keep the No. 1 seed,” said Doug Hauschild, UD Director of Media Relations and Sports Information Director. “When they broke apart to make the Western Athletic Conference and the [Mountain] West, half of the league went. So who are you going to give the automatic bid to? They both got one, which created an imbalance because you had more automatic qualifiers than at-large bids. That’s where the opening round came about.”

Hauschild, a SID for the Flyers men’s basketball, football and men’s and women’s tennis teams, has been at the head of operations, as media coordinator, for the opening round games since their inception in 2001.

When faced with the imbalance problem in 2001, the NCAA figured they could play the game in a close-by, and historic, location.

“That first thought was to actually do it in Indianapolis,” Hauschild said. “It would have been a kind of Hoosiers feel. They would do it in Hinkle Fieldhouse. The NCAA headquarters had moved there not too long prior. The only problem was that Hinkle wasn’t available because of Indiana High School basketball.”

Fortunately for them, Dayton was hosting the First and Second Rounds of the NCAA Tournament that year. During the site visit made by the NCAA prior to the tournament site being used, a light bulb illuminated in the minds of the NCAA.

“During the site visit, the NCAA found out they couldn’t get Hinkle, so they said, ‘Hey, we have this game we need to find a home for,’” Hauschild said. “Time was short, it was late spring, early summer and they asked us if we would take it on. I think their thought was that if they couldn’t get Hinkle, they would just put it at a first round site every year and let the winner stay.”

What happened next was alarming.

“We drew so many people, and they never imagined getting 8,000 or so people at the game that they asked us to take it on in the future,” Hauschild said. “We said, ‘Of course, we love it. We’ll take it.’”

In 2011, the “play-in game” grew to include eight new teams playing in four total games. With 68 teams in the NCAA Tournament, the East, West, Midwest, and South regions would have a team that played in the First Four.

Though the number of teams expanded from 64 to 68 to enhance the entire bracket, making Dayton the traditional opening round site for the time being had to do with a connection to the community and player experience.

Hauschild recalled the first year that UD hosted the play-in game, which also went along with hosting the First and Second Rounds, and the National Invitational Tournament.

“The funny thing was, was that we hosted the NIT that year,” Hauschild said. “So the team that won [the play-in game], Northwestern State University, needed something to do. So we gave them tickets to the [NIT] game and they showed up in shirts that said, ‘Hey Dayton fans, please root for us tomorrow.’ That was awesome. They really had a lot of fun.”

As the opening round developed, so did local committees. Dayton Hoopla, which grew out of a local organizing committee for the First Four, sets its sights to ticket sales. Dayton Hoopla prides itself on organizing community partners to fill-out UD Arena by purchasing tickets. The community partners distribute those tickets to their employees, but to another worthwhile cause.

“(Community partners) also throw them into a pile that can be given out to service men and women stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and other service men and women,” Hauschild said. “Also, they are given to kids who do well at school. A lot of those kids are kids who may never get to attend an NCAA Tournament game unless they went out and got good grades and someone gave them a ticket.”

Hauschild and his organizing team that manages the event pride themselves on making Dayton the one stop every team can reflect on making. But without help from Dayton Hoopla, the games would be much different.

“Dayton Hoopla needs to get fans in the seats because numbers do not lie,” Hauschild said. “When the NCAA Tournament moves forward, 10 years from now, they can be able to see that Dayton drew 12,000 people to this game. We’re making sure the numbers create our legacy beyond creating a hospitable environment.

“For some of those players it’s a once in a lifetime event. We don’t want them to think, ‘Well, yeah we played in this game and we lost and I never really got in the tournament.’ When they walk out of here we wanted them to know that they were in the tournament win or lose.”

“If you don’t do your job, the quarterback might get tackled,” Nuzzolese said. “As a firefighter, if the guy behind you isn’t doing his job or the guy in front of you isn’t telling you which way to go, both lives are at stake.”

He connects his two passions by the camaraderie among his team, whether they have oxygen strapped to their back or available to them on the sideline after an 80-yard touchdown run.

“The guys [at the fire house] are my brothers at home,” Nuzzolese said. “I have my brothers on the football team here. I know I can call them anytime, day or night.”

A mechanical engineer at UD, Nuzzolese is not quite sure what the future has in store, but knows he wants firefighting to remain a part of his life in some capacity.

Nuzzolese’s passion to help his community provides a reminder that athletes can be more than just...