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ALLEGATIONS OF RAPE UNDER REVIEW

STAFF REPORT

As of Wednesday evening, the Montgomery County prosecutor's office was in the process of deciding whether to approve charges against the suspect in a series of two alleged rape incidents that occurred over move-in weekend.

Two university students, a male and a female, were involved in two connected incidents of alleged rape, according to Randall Groesbeck, a UD police major and the director of administration and security for the Department of Public Safety. Christine Schramm, dean of students, confirmed with Flyer News on Aug. 29 the persons involved in the incidents are students.

At 2:13 a.m., Monday, Aug. 20, UD police received a report of gross sexual imposition alleged to have occurred earlier that morning, around 12:30 a.m., in the Caldwell Apartments. Groesbeck said the incident of gross sexual imposition was reclassified to rape.

According to records accessed in the week after the incident, UD police received a report on Tuesday, Aug. 21, of rape alleged to have occurred over the weekend around midnight Saturday, Aug. 18, on the 400 block of Kiefaber Street at a non-university address.

On Friday, Aug. 24, Bruce Burt, chief of UD police and executive director of the Department of Public Safety, said the case had been presented to the prosecutor for review. Burt said the prosecutor's office requested the police department conduct an additional investigation of the case.

"Every case where we have an allegation of sexual assault, and



we have a named suspect, it gets presented to the prosecutor," Burt said in an interview from his office while sitting alongside Groesbeck. "Who they are, it's just not even

a factor," Groesbeck added.

A Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office representative told Flyer News the case was not in the prosecutor's records system as of Thursday, Sept. 6. Then on Tuesday, Sept. 11, the representative, Greg Flannigan, said UD police met with prosecutors on Sept. 6.

On Aug. 29, Schramm said the students were still at the university, and said the victim and the victim's family had been offered support through counseling services, health center and Campus Ministry. Schramm declined to say whether the student accepted the offer for help. She also said the students would be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities and sports. "We're obligated by law to ensure that both these students are receiving fair and equal treatment," Schramm said.

The involved students are under a no-contact order, according to Schramm. The university's sexual harassment misconduct resource guide states, "Retaliation against the complainant or any other party involved in the case will not be tolerated. There is to be no contact between the accused student and the complainant while the matter is being investigated or is progressing through the student conduct process. 'No Contact' includes but is not limited to physical presence/ non verbal intimidation, verbal. written, online social contact, third party contact, and loud verbal statements made in the proximity of the other party."

Schramm said a third party contact would include friends and friends of friends. Schramm said the order is brought down by Community Standards and Civility and is generally not violated. She said a violation of the order could result in a number of consequences including removal from the property, changes of housing and suspension.

Schramm said the university's disciplinary process could happen simultaneously alongside the criminal case, and said the two processes could have very different results. In late August, Schramm said the criminal investigation superseded the university's investigation, at that point.

"The civil case is really based on evidence," Schramm said. "The university's code, with anything, is the preponderance of evidence."

Chris Moorman, William Garbe and Ethan Klosterman contributed reporting.

Flyer News website breached

CHRIS MOORMAN Editor-in-Chief

Anyone trying to visit the new Flyer News website recently might have noticed a glaring problem with flyernews. com.

"Error establishing a database connection."

Over the past days, flyernews.com has been under maintenance as University of Dayton Information Technologies continues to help Flyer News solve the problem with their university-hosted site.

Around 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11,

See Website on p. 4





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LOCAL

UD RANKED TOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE

The University of Dayton was ranked as one of the top 10 Catholic universities in the nation according to U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges." UD was ranked at 115 in a five-way tie as a top-tier national university as well. The magazine also listed UD as a school that deserves a closer look.

Information from wdtn.com

GUITARFEST 2012

Over a dozen local guitarists will gather at Stubbs Park Amphitheatre from 4-7 p.m. Sunday to make music for local residents at this year's GuitarFest. The musicians will play a variety of music from jazz to classical.

Information from Dayton Daily News



Vice President Joe Biden speaks to a crowd of approximately 1,000 people during a campaign event at Wright State University, Wednesday, Sept. 12, in Dayton. ETHAN KLOSTERMAN/MANAGING EDITOR

CAMPUS

ARTSTREET WEDNESDAY WORKSHOP Join Art Happening-Students for

the Arts this Friday at 6:30 p.m. Join Dayton Visual Arts Center as they head downtown for muartist and UD faculty member sic, food, art and more at Urban Erin Holscher Almazan Wednes-Nights. Transportation is providday at 7 p.m. to learn about ed. For more information, contrace monotype printmaking. tact ArtStreet at 937-229-5101. The event is free for students, faculty and staff.

THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE

Head to Thursday Night Live at the ArtStreet Cafe Thursday, Sept. 20 at 8 p.m. This week features performances by Paige Pontarelli, Libby Gill and Ryan Brown. For more information, contact ArtStreet at 937-229-5101.

NATIONAL

US AMBASSADOR KILLED IN LIBYA

The United States ambassador to Libya, J. Christopher Stevens, was killed Tuesday night along with three other Americans at the consulate in Benghazi. They were killed by protestors who were angry over a film that ridiculed Islam's Prophet Muhammad. Information from usatoday.com

WOMAN DIES FROM **FAKE IMPLANTS**

A Georgia woman recently died days after undergoing buttocks implant surgery performed by a fake doctor. The man who performed the surgery, Morris Garner, is charged with depravedheart murder. Garner allegedly used fake silicone for the surgery. If he is convicted, he could face a life sentence. Information from wsbty.com

Kickoff' encourages student involvement

CHRIS CRISANTI Lead News Writer

The University of Dayton College Democrats, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Delta Sigma Theta sorority and Organizing for America held a voter promotion event Wednesday, Sept. 12, at ArtStreet.

According to the event's Facebook page, "Gotta Vote Campus Kickoff" urges students to learn the importance of the youth vote in the upcoming presidential election and gain valuable information about voting and early voting in Ohio.

Melissa Hughes, a sophomore communication major and UD Democrats member, said the kickoff will include free food, live music. tables to create a "white sheet" banner for houses in the student neighborhood and free ice cream.

Senior political science major Wendy Onofre said the primary

reason for the event is to give the student body more information about voting outside of a person's home state.

URBAN NIGHTS TRIP

"If your home address is out of state, you can use your UD campus address on the registration form and automatically be registered as an Ohio voter." Onofre said.

Sophomore marketing major and UD Democrat member Dan Pfister said the primary focus of the event is to bring the energy from the DNC back to campus. In addition, Pfister said he and the UD Democrats are expecting a turnout anywhere from 50 to 100 people.

"Young Americans helped select the president in 2008," he said. "It's our duty to go out and vote. It's our right as Americans to go out and make a difference."

'Gotta Vote Campus UD makes national news

CHRIS BENDEL Staff Writer

Recently, the University of Dayton made national headlines for its success and innovation with international students.

Mai Alhamad, a freshman civil engineering major, had started her second semester at UD when the New York Times published an article featuring Alhamad.

On Sept. 2, the New York Times published an article entitled, "Muslims From Abroad are Thriving at Catholic Colleges," which uses UD as a case-study for the growing number of Middle Eastern students enrolled in American Catholic universities.

The article looks at the increasing number of Muslim students at Catholic universities across the country and focuses on UD. Sheila Hassell Hughes, professor and chair of the English Department, feels pleased that the university is perceived as a welcoming place.

"[The article] highlights the way Muslim students perceive a religiously-affiliated school as one that's open to the public expression of religion and religious identity," Hughes said.

Junior accounting major Mary Leigh Hayes said that the article featuring the university publicizes unique features about the school.

"It's really great for us to get our name out there in the world," Hayes said. Employed as a tour guide on campus for prospective students. she said she understands the great importance of explaining UD's exceptional learning opportunities.

She also said she celebrates the diversity of the UD community.

"The New York Times article really does a great job of describing the community of UD and how it has created such a welcoming culture for other cultures on our campus," Haves said.

The university hopes the publicity could lead to more applications from international students.

"There's no doubt that more Islamic students will be considering the University of Dayton," Daniel Curran, the president of UD, said. "It's such a major new outlet."

Curran said that an important component of the message and publicity of the story stems from how the Islamic students enrolled at UD captured the essence of the universitv.

"They gave a great description of UD," Curran said. "About it being open, a place where you could have conversations, where you felt safe."

Alhamad said she felt both neryous and excited for the opportunity to represent UD and her native country.

"I felt very proud," she said. "Especially because of the topic being Muslims at a Catholic university."

Alhamad said she respects the religious atmosphere of the university even if it is not her own.

Hughes said she feels that the openness of religious expression plays a role.

"[There is] a sense of community and identity that's founded on religious values [at UD]." she said.

The New York Times article discusses UD's commitment to providing a welcoming atmosphere to international students on campus.

"The key is we are building reputation," Curran said.

Visually impaired man to run local marathon

BYRON HOSKINSON Staff Writer

E.J. Scott, a 36-year-old improvisational comedian living with a disease that impairs his vision, will run the United States Air Force Marathon at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton.

Scott suffers from choroideremia, a disease that leads to visual degeneration and eventually blindness. He was diagnosed in 2003.

This year, he has been on a mission to run 12 marathons in 12 states in order to raise \$144,000 for the Choroideremia Research Foundation in a bid to find a cure for the disease. The race Saturday will be the ninth one he has completed so far.

While he still retains approximately 10 percent of his original vision, Scott chooses to run blindfolded. However, the cloth wrapped around his eyes is not there to make a statement or send a message. He wears it because of how incredibly damaging ultraviolet rays are to his remaining sight.

"I don't want to run blindfolded," Scott said. "I just want to keep the sight that I have for as long as I can."

Because he will lack any visual awareness during the run, Scott must follow behind a guide, holding on to a tether or the guide's shoulder or arm. Scott said this sort of navigation is extremely difficult to do for extended distances and that it is also hazardous.

"A lot of times I get pulled and yanked around," Scott said.

Although he has fallen several times, Scott said he has not sustained any serious injuries. He said he was not the first in his family to be diagnosed with choroideremia.

His grandfather, brother and nephew all inherited the disorder,

which he said added to his motivation to race for the cure.

According to counsyl.com, choroideremia is extremely rare, with an occurrence rate of 1-in-58,000. It is an inheritable genetic disorder that causes the subject to gradually lose his or her vision, starting with the periphery and moving centrally until the person is completely blind, according to the research foundation website.

Scott said he is also raising awareness through his comedy and has performed at improv comedy clubs across the country. In June, he said he had the opportunity to perform with improv legend Ryan Stiles of "Whose Line is it Anyway."

"He was a nice guy, but I was definitely intimidated," Scott said of Stiles. "It's funny. It was me, him and this other guy named Doug. So it's three people, who don't know each other, nervously hoping the others are good."

Kaiti Shelton, a freshman music therapy major, is legally blind and said she likes the message Scott is sending by working to accomplish the marathons despite struggling with vision impairment.

"It doesn't have to be as limiting as what people think it may be," she said.

Donations to Scott's cause can be made at ejscott.com/give.



E.J. Scott runs blindfolded with a guide in a recent marathon. Scott will compete in his ninth marathon of the year this Saturday at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY E.J. SCOTT

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on its site about the alleged rapes at Caldwell Apartments and on Kiefaber Street. The story was then linked and sent to Flyer News' Facebook page and Twitter feeds.

Within minutes the site crashed, with the bold-lettered error message taking over the screen.

Flyer News contacted UDit for help with the problem after a few hours and the issue was corrected, according to an UDit administrator. The administrator said the issue appeared to be caused by "someone doing something nefarious."

Flyer News was told someone was having the site do a multitude of web processes that the site was not built to handle. This is a sign of someone trying to crack into a website, according to UDit.

Throughout Tuesday, the Flyer News staff worked with UDit to correct the problem as the site would crash periodically.

On Wednesday, Sept. 12, the staff at Flyer News noticed retweets of the story followed by messages saying the links were not working.

Flyer News posted the original tweet once again around 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday and within minutes the site crashed again.

UDit said, this time, it did not appear to be the work of a ne'er-do-well. The web traffic on the university's servers was being directed to three main pages: 1. flyernews.com, 2. the Mary Page for the Marian Library, 3. the Chinese Students and Scholars Association.

UDit said Wednesday's traffic to flyernews.com "appeared to be legitimate" as opposed to Tuesday.

At the time of printing, flyernews. com was still down and Flyer News had established a WordPress blog for breaking news updates at flyernewsupdates. wordpress.com.

Drinking game causes concern

SARAH DEVINE Staff Writer

The drinking game "Dunkaroo" and its growing popularity on the University of Dayton campus have school officials and some students concerned.

According to Debra Monk, the associate dean of students and director of Community Standards and Civility, "Dunkaroo" involves one person lifting another person by his or her legs and dunking their head into a cooler of ice water. When the individual's face turns numb and they can no longer hold their breath, they must remove their head from the water and immediately shotgun a beer.

Monk said her department became aware of this activity within the past week and is shocked by its presence on campus.

"I have been dealing with student conduct for about 18 years, and this is the first time I have felt panicked by an activity," Monk said. "My reaction is so strong because it is so dangerous."

Clare Dever, the assistant dean of students and director of Community Wellness Services, also expressed her alarm regarding the game and said she didn't understand why students choose to participate. "It is extremely risky," Dever said. "Inherent risks associated with this behavior leave us asking the question 'Why?' It puts people in danger, and playing it will have no positive results."

Vernique Coleman-Stokes, an independently licensed chemical dependency counselor, stressed that while "Dunkaroo" and other drinking games may be a way of socializing with peers, they have serious potential consequences.

"When engaging in competitive drinking games, students typically do not keep track of their drinks," Coleman-Stokes said. "Alcohol may impair their judgment, and they may have high BAC levels. High-risk drinking has been associated with but not limited to: injuries, memory loss, alcohol poisoning and death."

In addition to health hazards, students participating in "Dunkaroo" are in violation of UD's community standards and could face consequences ranging from probation and alcohol counseling to more serious penalties.

"If students were documented playing "Dunkaroo," they would be charged with violation of safety and security and alcohol abuse," Monk said. "They would be placed on probation, but only if they had not violated similar community standards in the past. Punishment for participating in the activity would be based off of the student's history, ultimately."

While academic repercussions could result from participating in this activity, Dever and Monk wanted to explain that health and wellness is the university's primary concern, not punishment.

"We just want to prevent anyone from getting hurt," Dever said. "We know students drink, but we just want them to do it safely."

Some students share the same sentiment of school officials regarding "Dunkaroo." Colleen Duggan, a junior industrial engineering major, understood why students would want to participate in the game, but still thought it was far too dangerous.

"From what I understand, it seems pointless," Duggan said. "I feel like the only thing you can get out of it would be bragging rights, but those don't even seem worth it. This is definitely not my idea of fun."

For more information about safe alcohol consumption and other wellness topics, visit udayton.edu/ studev/wellness/.



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Students walk past the display of American flags set in the Central Mall in remembrance of 9/11 on Sept. 11, 2012. MEREDITH KARAVOLIS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

SOURCE: WebSudoku.com

Beta Alpha Psi organizes 'Meet the Firms' event

JIM VOGEL Staff Writer

Accounting majors at the University of Dayton geared up for 'Meet the Firms' from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, in Kennedy Union Ballroom.

Twenty-eight accounting firms from cities including Cincinnati, Cleveland, St. Louis, Chicago and Indianapolis came to the ballroom as sophomore, junior and senior accounting majors seek internship positions and full-time employment opportunities after graduation.

"Meet the Firms' is a great experience for all UD accounting majors," said Brittan Stegemiller, a senior accounting major and president of Beta Alpha Psi, an organization for financial information students and professionals. "It puts students in contact with the big names in accounting and can lead to some great career opportunities."

According to Stegemiller, this event focuses on networking and building professional relationships, while maintaining a casual, stressfree environment.

Stegemiller said last year's event led to a full-time job offer, two years prior to her graduation.

The "Big Four" accounting firms, PwC, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, Ernst & Young and KPMG, were present this year along with other large corporate firms, public accounting firms and some non-accounting companies like Kroger who have high demands for accountants, she said.

While many of the companies come from the Dayton area, larger firms have offices across the country allowing UD students the opportunity to find internships and jobs anywhere they may be looking, Stegemiller said.

UD graduate student Melissa Ehrbar attended 'Meet the Firms' as an undergraduate and said her experience allowed her the chance to find her place among the many companies and encounter the "culture" of accounting firms.

"Meet the Firms' helps take the stress out of finding an internship or

job," Ehrbar said. "Students can get a feel for many different companies at the same time."

The event allowed students to have personal conversations with real employees and get a sense for some of the factors that drive prominent companies, Ehrbar said. Ehrbar encouraged students to do company research prior to the event. She also said students were expected to come to the event with several updated copies of their resumes in-hand.

In addition to accounting majors, UD management information systems majors found opportunities at the event, Ehrbar said.

"The MIS major is directly related to the accounting field, and many em-

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ployers are hoping to network with students in this field at the event," Stegemiller said.

Stegemiller said this was the first year the event, which required extensive preparation, was organized without the direct guidance of Ronnie Burrows, an accounting professor who retired last year.

"After chairing the event for 27 years, BAP utilized the Accounting Advisory Board to ensure 'Meet the Firms' resulted in student success," she said.

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Oktoberfest to celebrate '41 Years of Cheer and Beer'

ELAINE LAUX Staff Writer

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Celebrating "41 Years of Cheer & Beer," the Dayton Art Institute will kick off Oktoberfest, the annual fall festival held on museum grounds with international food, drinks, music and art, with a preview party from 7-11 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 21.

"[Oktoberfest] is a great way to unwind and celebrate the start of fall," DAI marketing and communications manager Eric Brockman said, "[It] is one of the best fall festivals in Davton, with food. drinks, music, art and more."

Sponsored by Premier Health Partners, a Dayton medical network of five area hospitals and two major health centers, the preview party will feature complementary draft beer and wine, a cash bar with international beer and wine for those 21 years old and up, as well as many artisan exhibitors and food vendors. Soul Pocket will be providing live music for the night, while Arctic Diamond Ice Sculpture will perform a pumpkin carving where several of the pumpkins will be auctioned as a fundraiser for the museum. The preview party will also offer bourbon tasting for an additional charge.

Sponsored by Miller Lite, Oktober-

fest will feature a collection of artisans, international food and beers, live music and a traditional German Weingarten. There will also be Greek. Lebanese and American food and drinks, including a wide selection of beers from international, specialty craft and domestic breweries.

"This is the museum's biggest fundraiser [each year]," Brockman said. "The proceeds help support the many education and outreach programs DAI offers throughout the year. Since its inception in 1972, DAI's Oktoberfest has raised more than \$4.5 million to support the museum."

Highlights of this year's Oktoberfest will include a fully covered main stage viewing area, an expanded craft beer tent with all the weekend football action on four big-screen TVs and a special craft beer cask tapping on Saturday, according to a DAI press release.

"The Oktoberfest where I'm from is held in Yorktown, Texas," freshman discover engineering major Kaitlyn Cantu said. "It is a huge outdoor country music concert and so much fun. I go every year with my friends, so I would like to check out Davton's version of Oktoberfest to see how it compares to my hometown's." "[Oktoberfest] will open the museum

galleries and also our fantastic spe-



Patrons browse vendor booths at the Dayton Art Institute's 2011 Oktoberfest. PHOTO BY JULIE WALLING VIA DAYTON ART INSTITUTE

cial exhibit, 'You Are My Superhero,'" Brockman said, "It is a great opportunitv for students to discover the museum. one of Davton's cultural gems."

"You Are My Superhero" will be open during Oktoberfest weekend. The exhibition features approximately 220 objects. both popular figures and some more obscure ones that explore the effect of superheroes on American culture. It shows how they have changed over the years to reflect society.

Many in the Dayton community are looking forward to DAI's annual Oktoberfest, especially those who have grown up around the Art Institute, such as former DAI School student and regular Oktoberfest attendee Nick Clemons.

"In 1983, my wife and I were asked to be a member of the Associate Board [for DAI] where we worked on running Oktoberfest," Clemons said. "After our tenure on the board. I became involved with a booth at Oktoberfest. I love everything about the museum. It brings me joy when I visit and lets me relive the wonderful memories of my times spent at this beautiful Dayton treasure."

Oktoberfest tickets can be purchased in advance for \$5 for adults and \$3 for students or at the gate for \$7 per adult or \$3 per student. Hours for the event are noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22 and noon to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 23.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact DAI at 937-223-5277 or visit its website at daytonartinstitute. org

Fatoumata Diawara to debut in Dayton

AMANDA DEE Staff Writer

When 29-year-old African singersongwriter Fatoumata Diawara relocated from Mali to Paris, she went against her parents' wishes and faced cultural opposition to pursue her music career. On Thursday, Sept. 20, she debuts her first tour in the United States at Kennedy Union's Boll Theatre.

City Folk, an organization dedicated to promoting world music throughout southwest Ohio, in collaboration with the University of Dayton's Arts Series, discovered the young artist's inaugural album "Fatou" and were captivated by her talent. Arts Series director Eileen Carr said.

"Fatou," released Sept. 19 of last year, secured its spot as No. 1 in the European music charts and held its position for six months according to nonesuch.com.

Although City Folk stumbled upon Diawara, Carr said she helps UD find and book artists like Diawara along with organizing the concerts and all of the incumbent details.

The popularity of Diawara's music stems from its universality. Essences of jazz, folk and blues work together harmoniously to produce her unique sound. It appeals not only to African and world music genre fans, but to a wide-range of listeners.

"[Diawara's music] is a beautiful blend of rhythm, and it makes it very accessible for young American audiences who might not be traditional music followers," Carr said. "It's easy to embrace."

Her lyrics are crafted by her personal experience, including the hardships of being raised apart from her family and the oppression of women in her home country.

"[Diawara] represents a number of different world traditions and crosses a lot of boundaries, which is a great example at UD and part of what we're about, looking at the world and not putting it in little boxes," Carr said.

The Arts Series program and City Folk both aim to spread culture, and Carr said she believes Diawara's upcoming concert will do just that.

"Experiencing these artists like Fatoumata is a wonderful opportunity to express authentic world culture without ever even leaving Ohio." Carr said.

Students will have the opportunity to experience Diawara's "spellweaving" voice, according to the music magazine Mojo, at 8 p.m. on Sept. 20. General admission is \$20, \$10 for students and \$18 for seniors, military, faculty and staff of UD.

For more information, contact the Arts Series at 937-229-2787 or visit its website at artsseries.udayton.edu.

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JOELLEN REDLINGSHAFER Staff Write

Flyer News: How long have you girls lived together?

Kayla Scoumis: Katrina, me and Emily lived together since sophomore year.

Tara O'Neill: Anne and I were random roommates since freshman year and have lived together ever since.

KSC: Then we all grouped up last year. We've been friends since freshman year, but I wasn't so lucky with my random roommate.

FN: How did housing work for you girls because you live in a fellow house?

KSC: Once we get assigned our district, we look at all the houses in the district and picked which house we want. We don't go through the lottery, we just pick which house we want and they hold it for us.

KST: We wanted to be in the middle of all the action.

FN: As a fellow house, do you have extra responsibilities?

KST: Cookouts.

KSC: They get all the extra food I do for anything. Nothing specific, I just have to do my job.

KST: We're really friendly!

FN: What's "The Clubhouse?" KST: Emily's and my room.

EW: We call it "The Clubhouse" because it's two levels, there is a step up. We have huge windows, lots of flags and we can see everything so it feels like a clubhouse, and last vear Anne and Tara's room was called "The Bungalow" so we felt like ours needed a cool name too.

FN: What's the best part about living in the Ghetto? KSC: We were on Woodland [Avenue] last

vear. so this is awesome. **EW:** We can see people walk by every five minutes, we have lots of friends nearby. KSC: Last year was really scattered and now

everyone's really close. Last year we'd say 'hey come to Woodland,' and people would be like, 'uhhh no.' KSC: Kiefaber never sleeps, there's always

something going on. KST: Like Disney sing-alongs at 3 a.m.

FN: Tell me about your rivalry with 429 Kiefaber.

KST: We have a Kermit and our neighbors have an Elmo stuffed animal.

AS: We steal it from them.

KSC: We left a ransom note. AS: We have to feed it. It's a lot of work.

KST: We rescued it.

KST: They came over here and said one of their roommates was missing, so I got concerned, but then I realized it was Elmo.

FN: What's the worst part about living in the Ghetto?

EW: The gym taunts me every day.

KSC: A lot of people ask if they can use our bathroom. We've had some horror stories, but otherwise it's great, the people watching is awesome.

KSC: If there is a collective group of freshman, we pick something to chant about, like if they are all wearing plaid shirts we chant. ALL: PLAID SHIRTS! PLAID SHIRTS!

FN: What's a typical Saturday morning like at 423? EW: Usually we find Anne and Tara in bed together.



Seniors from left: psychology major Emily Wilhelm, psychology and English major Kayla Scoumis, psychology major Anne Somerset, visual communication design major Tara O'Neil and chemical engineering major Katrina Staker, MEREDITH KARAVOLIS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

before the year ends?

couch 'til it's time to go out again. EW: We already failed the Milano's challenge. **KSC:** One time two of our neighbors were TO: We did it for four days. sleeping on our floor, and I was like "good EW: Ugly sweater party. morning." KSC: '80's party. EW: Lots of food laving around. TO: America party. **KSC:** New presents from the night before. KSC: I want to close every bar. KSC: Midnight munchies, the "drunchies," drunk munchies. KST: Lots of cups and dishes. **KST:** Basically we all just lay on the couch and ignore all that and watch TLC. *FN*: Do you have any roommate traditions? **EW:** Roommate pictures on the porch. KST: We love America. TO: Celine Dion.

TO: For a nap! Anne and I won't move off the

TO: I don't want to, only Milano's. **FN:** What artist would be the permanent soundtrack to your house? All: Celine Dion. TO: Once we got them to play our Celine Dion song at Tim's senior night. We all gathered on

the pole. It's all coming back to me now. KST: What about Glory Days? **KSC:** Whenever I see Katrina go to the DJ anywhere I know she's requesting Glory Days

FN: What's one word you would use to describe 423?

AS: Rambunctious EW: Classic. TO: Festive. KSC: Competitive, we go all out. KSC: Comfortable. EW: I'm uncomfortable. 100 percent of the time. KSC: Classy. EW and TO: NO. KST: Dysfunctional.

FN: Any last words for Flyer News? EW: Long live Little Elvis, our cactus. KST: Come visit our porch. KSC: Keep calm, party on. EW and TO: No, that's boring. EW: Long live Mom's limo. AS and TO: No.

Culture Fest to offer students international food, fun

KST: Send me on my way.

AYSE ALTUNISIK Staff Writer

Culture Fest at the University of Dayton is more than just a venue that provides free food for hungry college students.

Held this year on Wednesday. Sept. 19, at Kennedy Union Central Mall, Culture Fest gives students the opportunity to learn about different cultures. Last year, a variety of activities and performances for students were featured including dance and sports demonstrations.

This year Culture Fest will feature breakdancing, a performance by the world music choir and a performance by the Dayton Contemporary Dance Company.

The idea of Culture Fest began as a way to help promote diversity on campus. Currently in its second year, the event provides a great opportunity for both domestic and international students to come together and learn from one another. or just for students to experience different cultures.

Kat Fennessy, a senior public

relations major, said she sees Culture Fest as a great benefit to the student body.

FN: What's one thing you want to do at 423

"I think it's really important to have something like this on campus," she said. "Getting students exposed to different cultures can be really eve-opening. Culture Fest also could be beneficial to international students and could help them feel more at home on campus."

UD has set records for incoming international students in the past few years, and the international

student population is increasingly becoming a larger part of the student body. According to the Center for International Programs, currently 10 percent of the student body is international students.

Carlos Stewart, assistant director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, said he thinks that Culture Fest is a great venue for students to come together and learn from one another.

"It's not just about celebrating people from different countries, it's about celebrating everyone,"

Stewart said, "Everyone has a culture."

Middle Eastern, Latin and Asian cuisine provided by Dining Services is just part of what Culture Fest has to offer. From international sports demonstrations and music to dances and different types of cuisine, Culture Fest offers UD students the chance to immerse themselves in different experiences, all in one place.

For more information, contact the Center for International Programs at 937-229-3514.

torum **Over-sensitivity ruins ads**

"There is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known."

Luke 12:2

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PUBLIC SAFETY'S REDACTION POLICY APPEARS TO LACK CONSISTENCY This week, after receiving an inconsistently redacted report from the Department of Public Safety, Flyer News asked the department to review how they redact, or "black out," parts of the incident reports.

One report has five involved parties, with each name and student ID blacked out. The department left the ages, sexes and other physical information visible. In some reports, they keep birth dates, as they did here. This time, they left a social security number in the report, but redacted all other SSNs. They also left in an address, but apparently decided to take the others out of the report. For one of the students, they left a cell phone number in, but for the other persons involved, their numbers are hidden behind black strips.

If the above paragraph confuses you, don't worry. It confuses us too. Here's the deal: we believe the University of Dayton Police Department is a legitimate police force recognized by Ohio law, which allows private universities to operate police departments with the full power of the state. So, naturally we believe the Department of Public Safety is subject to all the laws legitimate police have to follow, including Ohio's open records laws.

Here's an example: let's say you're arrested by Oakwood police in Oakwood. You're legally allowed to request the incident reports under Ohio open records laws, and by law. Oakwood police have to release the full report to you, given few. rare exceptions. But if you're arrested on campus, you can request the records from UD police all you want: they believe they don't have to give them to you in full.

It's a double standard worth noting: all police departments in the state of Ohio have to follow the law their officers are sworn to execute. But our administration believes otherwise, because they believe the private status of the university excludes them from reporting on whom they've arrested and why they've arrested them.

We have a great deal of respect for the officers who risk their lives every day for the safety of our university community. Together, they embody countless years of honorable public service - not just to our community at UD, but to our state and nation as well. Nevertheless, our safety does not rest on their laurels alone. The state is the only legitimate body that can use force against you, even kill you if necessary. Shouldn't those who have the power of the state be required to follow the laws of the state?

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In today's Internet-crazed culture. any facet of a person's life can be visible to the rest of the world in seconds. Unfortunately, this has resulted in an obsession with political correctness. No one ever wants to say anything that might possibly be construed as inappropriate, and so many times, nothing important gets said at all. In the world of advertising, this is no exception.

I learned this years ago, around 2004, when Chevrolet released a fun and creative television ad for the Corvette. The commercial showed a voung boy daydreaming about driving a red Corvette around, jumping it into the air and passing a young lady of the same age who winked as she simultaneously flew by in a silver Corvette.

I remember loving this ad when it came out; it really showcased Chevy's fun side and made me desperately want a Corvette. However, many people were outraged at this harmless ad and feared it would inspire children to

fly in their parents' cars. Never mind that flying a car is impossible, or that parents have the responsibility of restricting their children's access to automobiles; if it had happened, it would have been all Chevy's fault. The ad, a clear danger to society, was discontinued almost immediately.

I was again reminded of this issue in May, when I saw a television commercial from Volkswagen promoting their 2012 Passat. The commercial. titled "Crash," shows a teenage boy and his friend standing outside of a mangled Passat with its hazard lights on. The first teen says to his friend. "Dude, you don't understand, this is my Dad's car. Look at the car! My dad's going to kill me, dude." Afterward, text comes up on screen saving. "He can only kill you," followed by a pause, then, "if you're OK." Finally. a narrator continues to promote the Passat's safety features.

Personally, this commercial had a strong, positive impact on me. It called to mind my own teenage experiences with driving and the worry of any foul-up that could incite the wrath of my parents. At the same time, it also made me realize that teens do make stupid driving mistakes, and that providing them with safe cars is important.

But, because we live in an age where nothing can be said publically without someone calling it inappropriate, there were many people who took offense to this powerful commercial. On Youtube, many comments for this video questioned how Volkswagen could make such a "derogatory" statement. Some commented that Volkswagen should be ashamed of themselves. An article on Motorward.com even went as far as to suggest, "It would be better for the kid to hurt himself!"

Perhaps it was bold to suggest that the kid's father would harm him. but then again, does anyone truly believe that's what Volkswagen intended? I think it was to be assumed that the teenager was exaggerating.

Is this really how restricted our culture has become? In my opinion, Volkswagen took a very clever approach to dramatically emphasize the safety of their product. It's good to see this kind of hold statement being made. Why beat around the bush when you could just say what you really mean and have a greater impact? Had Volkswagen fallen prey to political correctness and simply listed the car's safety features, the commercial would have been, well, just another car commercial.

Our culture's infatuation with political correctness has gone too far. I don't want to live in a superficial world where no one ever savs what they really mean, and I'm glad Volkswagen wasn't embarrassed to do so either.

Word on the street... What is your take on "Dunkaroo?"



"I think it's dumb and dangerous."

SPENCER KRUMHEUER Senior **Criminal Justice**



"I haven't heard of that before, but it makes me think people are spending their time really unwisely.

EMILY KEANE Freshman Pre-Law



"It sounds like drinking games are getting less and less creative as the years go by."

GREG FOX Junior Communication Fantasy football a fun way to watch NFL



With Week One of the National Football League season in the books, the first week of fantasy football trading, waiving and headaches has begun.

If you have never played or even heard of fantasy football, it is basically the "ownership" of NFL players, and each week the owner sets a lineup of players that they think will have the most productive week. After draft night, which is a fun and stressful time, each owner squares off with a different league owner each week of the season. A set point system tallies up each owner's total to determine that week's winner.

The best part about fantasy football is that it gives fans the chance to feel a part of their favorite players' seasons. It almost forces them to watch more than their preferred team. Obviously, there are the NFL enthusiasts who enjoy watching any team, but there is a different sense of involvement when you need one of those players to throw, catch, rush or kick for yardage and scores.

Personally, this is the first year I've been involved in fantasy football, and so far I think I've checked my team an average of 20 to 30 times every day. I've been following NFL insiders like Matthew Berry, John Clayton and Adam Schefter on Twitter, trying to find out the latest on injuries and even how players have looked in practice.

To some people, this may sound like insanity and a waste of time. For those of us who can't get enough football, however, this is paradise. Thanks to the evolution of smartphones, I even have the ability to check up on my team on my ESPN fantasy football app.

Let's be honest. Sunday, for many students, is "study day" the day we all recover from the weekend's activities and unwind before starting another week of class. It usually takes us until about four or five in the afternoon to really get going on homework. This gives us the perfect window to watch the first round of NFL games. Coincidence? I think not.

There is nothing much better than sitting around with your friends who are all in your fantasy league, constantly checking the scoreboard and tracking their players. It makes you feel like you're actually involved with something real, especially when you're kicking yourself as CJ Spiller scores 24 points sitting on your bench.

Fantasy football expands the horizons of NFL fans beyond the bubble of their own team. It is a fun and exciting way to get engrossed in the NFL world and it truly is a nice escape from the everyday grind of classes and work. It may be a fantasy world, but sometimes it's an uplifting transition from calculus to Calvin Johnson.

letters to the editor

Find the right club De Gruy for POTUS 2012

Students join clubs on campus for various reasons. Some hope to find belongingness, some are avidly interested in the subject or purpose of the club, some join simply to sit beside the friend that did not want to go to the meeting alone, and still others join only for the hope that it will look good on their resumé and help land a job. The University of Dayton has over 200 organizations that one can get involved in. The question I pose is, how does one decide which and how many to join?

There are some friends that I rarely see because they are constantly en route from one organizational meeting to the next. On the other hand, I know some people who wouldn't get out of bed or away from the TV if I paid them a hundred dollars to join one club.

I am one of those girls who felt the need to be involved in everything freshman year. I joined a service fraternity because a few of the other girls on my floor did. I promised intramural volleyball teams I would be on their roster, even though I didn't like volleyball. I think I looked up and read up on every club listed on the UD's website.

Two years later, as a junior, I am no longer attending the meetings for the general service fraternity, and have never participated in an intramural team. I have, however, become the captain of my cross country team, and regularly attend and participate in two other clubs that I truly enjoy being a member of and going to. The number of clubs I can put on my resume has slightly decreased, but my complaints about attending those clubs' meetings have ceased all together.

Maybe for those friends that run from meeting to meeting it will all be worth it when they land the job of their dreams. Maybe those who do not join anything will never feel as if they missed out. However, I feel that the overwhelming consensus among most students is that by the time one leaves the university, one should get involved in organizations they enjoy, and become fully committed to those.

You can browse potential interests from over 200 UD student organizations at the university's website, specifically at www.udayton.edu/students.

Ultimately, it is an individual choice; each person gets to decide which club(s) to join. Sometimes you need to try out a few to see what fits best. But, once you find the few that fit, commit!

> SARAH REYNOLDS JUNIOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Let the record show that I, Louis Charles De Gruy, am officially declaring my bid to run for President of the United States and Leader of the Free World in the November election of 2012. Let me also say that, if you have already decided in which direction you will cast your ballot, stop reading. This is not addressed to you. So stop reading. Really.

There, now that we've dispensed those over-achieving jerks, let's chat. In case you missed the first paragraph. I am running for president. If you haven't decided whether or not you want to vote yet, that's fine. I'm all for you practicing your right to bar yourself from having a say in what goes on in your life. But if you have decided that you do want to vote, congratulations are in order! You have joined an elite group of patriots who have found within themselves the strength to overcome gravity, get off the couch and get to a voting center.

Are you having trouble deciding on whom to vote for? Are you sick of party politics? If you answered yes to either question, I encourage you to actively inform yourself of the political platforms. This involves looking past what the candidate is saying and trying to figure out what he actually means. For example, as part of my presidential platform, one of my promises is to institute "Lawless Tuesdays". As the name implies, each week, there will be one day designated for unabashed felonies and misdemeanors, committed with impunity.

Instead of leaving you to try to find the meaning in that particular plank. I will make it easy and simply tell you. You see, though the idea is awesome. I only have it as a piece of my election platform in order to shore up votes with the criminal class of the nation – you would be surprised what a group of swing voters these are! In fact, all of the tenets of my platform are designed to pander to the interests of a specific voting demographic. And, through the clever wordplays and debating sidesteps I have been taught, I am able to safely skirt around most issues of practical importance that would hinder my standing with the public.

So that leaves it up to you to decide, after wading through all of my double-talking equivocation, what I actually stand for and hope to accomplish while in office. Good luck.

Now, if you are taking no active measures to inform your opinion, I implore you to vote for me. You see, being the president is kind of a big deal. And, although I am certain I would do a far better job than any competitor out there, I am ineligible to actually be the president due to age restrictions. While working to understand the goals of the candidates, be sure to diversify your information sources. If all you do to make your decision "informed" is watch Fox News or complain about the corporate establishment to your friends, then I don't want my future or the future of those I care about in your hands. So please, remove yourself from the pool of party voters by voting for me, and let the informed voters get the job done.

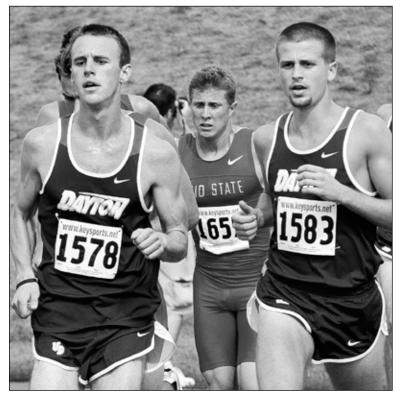
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Notre Dame invitational next for Dayton harriers



University of Dayton seniors Kyle Lowry (1578) and Greg Roeth (1583) run in the Flyer 5K Challenge held, Saturday, Sept. 1, at Indian Riffle Park in Kettering, Ohio. MICKEY SHUEY/CHIEF SPORTS WRITER

ALLIE HENIFF Lead Sports Writer

Golf

The University of Dayton men's and women's cross country teams will travel to South Bend, Ind., today for the National Catholic Cross Country Invitational hosted by the University of Notre Dame.

The 33rd annual NCCCI welcomes teams from Catholic institutions from around the country. This meet is one of the nation's largest and oldest intercollegiate cross country meets. The men's race has been run every year since 1980 and since 1984 for the women's race.

The women's team hopes to finish in first-place this year after placing second to the Notre Dame in 2011, scoring with 61 points. The Flyers will return two of its top five from last year's NCCCI. Junior Lizzie Gleason placed 10th overall with a time of 17:43 and junior Nicole Cargill ran in 18:15 to place 18th at the meet.

"We have been working a lot harder in practice the past two weeks and also increasing our intensity during workouts," said Cargill. "Our weight lifting workouts have also been increased."

On Sept. 1, both the men's and women's teams had their opening races of the 2012 season at the Flyer 5K. The women's team placed third in the event, with Cargill leading the way with a ninth place finish with a time of 18:52. She was closely followed by freshman Olivia Albers who came in second for the Flyers placing 17th place overall in 19:11. She was trailed by junior Sarah Reynolds in 18th place at 19:25, senior Marisa Slomski in 20th place at 19:43 and sophomore Mary List who ran a time of 19:50 placing 21st.

"The team is preparing for this meet by learning how to run as a team," said Slomski. "We really want to focus on pack running and using one another to push each other along in a race. Running alongside another teammate can be so much more powerful than running against a person on a different team."

Reynolds confirmed Cargill's preparations the women's team was making in order to train for the NCCCI.

"Coach Haveman has been focusing on us using each other more during races so we can help bring each other up into a pack to race in the front," Reynolds said.

The men's team also is planning on having a strong repeat finish like in last year's NCCCI. The Flyers placed third out of 31 teams scoring 118 points. Redshirt senior Greg Roeth paced the Flyers with a third place finish with a time of 24:39. Senior Kyle Lowry finished eighth with a time of 24:53.

"The team has been adapting well to the mileage increase," said

junior Doug Norris, describing the difference between the length of this race from the team's first one. "There's a lot more intensity in our workouts as we prepare for a quality competition in Notre Dame and Marquette (University). The goal is to run our Flyer 5K times in the first 5K and finish harder in the last 3K of the race. We train for longer distances so I think the change will be in our favor."

At the Flyer 5K race, Roeth placed third with a time of 15:25, leading the Flyers to a third place finish. Roeth was closely followed by fellow teammate Lowry, who finished fifth with a time of 15:33. Junior Eric Gruenbacher placed 13th in 15:46, senior Jeremy Schiele finished 14th in 15:46 and freshman Ryan Polman ran a time of 15:48, placing 16th at the meet.

"After the Flyer 5K, the team and I see National Catholic really as a three-way race between Dayton, Marquette and Notre Dame," said Norris. "All three teams are looking strong so it should be a great race between us."

Pair of tournaments open year for Dayton golf teams

TOM STANKARD Staff Writer

The University of Dayton men's and women's golf teams hit the course in competition for the first time this season in their respective tournaments.

The women's team drove north to Detroit, Mich. on Sunday to start the fall season in the Detroit Titans Invitational Sept. 9 to Monday, Sept. 10.

The University of Detroit Mercy hosted the 36-hole tournament competing against four other schools including Youngstown State University, Marygrove (Mich.) College and the University of Illinois-Chicago.

Competing in the tournament for the Flyers were senior Kelly Coakley, juniors Grace Nikolai and Erin Peavy, sophomores Lucy Frey and Kelly Muskat and freshman Michelle (Mika) Suntay.

Suntay finished in third place, playing as an individual, in her first collegiate tournament. In the first round, she shot a 74 and shot a 75 in the final round.

Nikolai finished in 10th place for shooting a 77 in round one and a 79 in round two. This tournament is her third career top-10 finish.

Muskat tied her career-best shooting a 79 in both rounds, finishing in a tie for 12th place. Frey shot an 85 in round one, but in round two recovered to shoot a career-best 75, finishing in 16th place for individuals. Peavy also improved after a first round 87 and shot a 79 in round two. Coakley shot 87-81 over two rounds.

"The first day we struggled," women's head coach Sally Kosters said. "However, we came back on the second day pretty well. I'm really pleased about Mika Suntay."

The Flyers finished in fourth place in the Titans Invitational at +56 in 640 strokes.

The team's next competition is the Ball Sate Cardinal Classic from Friday, Sept. 22 to Sept. 23 at the Players Club in Yorktown, Ind.

Meanwhile, on Monday, Sept. 10,

the men's team traveled southeast to West Virginia to compete in the 43rd annual Marshall Invitational hosted by Guyan Golf Course in Huntington, W.Va.

The Marshall Invitational was a three-round tournament, with the first two rounds on Monday, Sept. 10 and the final round on Tuesday, Sept. 11.

The Flyers faced a list of schools including host Marshall University, Miami University, Ohio State University, University of Toledo, Virginia Tech University, Western Kentucky University, Wright State University and Xavier University.

The Flyers were lead by senior Sean Keating. He shot a 74 in round one, a 72 in the second round and an one-under 70 in the final round to tie for 19th place.

"This week I felt like I played well overall," Keating said. "I didn't score as well as I thought. I should have, but it's the first tournament of the year and I'm happy with my effort. I know which aspects of my game need some work, and I'll use this next week to get ready for the Louisville tournament in two weeks."

Sophomore George Rhode III was tied with Keating going into the final round, but finished out by shooting a 79.

Senior Matt Buse shot a 73 in the opening round, but did better in the second round with a 71 and finished with 74 in third round placing in a tie for 30th. Sophomore Craig Purpus shot 77 in the first round, a 74 in round two and ended with a 76. Senior Brenten Blakeman shot 78 in the first two rounds of play and one stroke better in the final round with a 77.

The Flyers placed 16th in the tournament shooting, as a team, a 297 in the third round.

"We had rough first and second day," said men's head coach Gip Hoagland. "I don't know if it was nerves or what."

Coming up next, the men's golf team is in the Cardinal Collegiate on Monday, Sept. 24 through Tuesday, Sept. 25. The tournament is hosted by the University of Louisville at the Cardinal Club Golf Course in Louisville, Ky.



FALL SCHEDULE STARTS FOR DAYTON

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The University of Dayton football team will square off against Robert Morris University on Saturday, Sept. 15. The Colonials have lost their last eight games, dating back to last season. RMU has also dropped the last nine against the Flyers.

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University of Dayton men's golfer senior Sean Keating finished tied for 19th place in the Marshall Invitational on Monday, Sept 10, and Tuesday, Sept.11. Keating recorded rounds of 74, 72 and one under 70 to head the Flyers.

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The University of Dayton men's soccer team was ranked 23rd by Soccer America on Tuesday, Sept. 11. The Flyers also received eight votes in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America poll after beginning the season 4-1, its best five game record since 2003.

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The University of Dayton women's soccer team will play its 27th match against Wright State University this Friday, Sept. 14. It marks the second longest series against any team for UD, the longest being 35 against Xavier University. The Flyers have not lost to the Raiders since 1996.

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The University of Dayton men's and women's cross country teams will compete in the 33rd annual National Catholic Cross Country Invitational in South Bend, Ind. on Friday, Sept. 14. The women finished in second place in last years race, while the men finished in third place.

MICKEY SHUEY Chief Sports Writer

The University of Dayton softball team will open its fall exhibition schedule at home Saturday, Sept. 15, against Miami University and Northern Kentucky University.

Head coach Cara LaPlaca said that, as far as the team is concerned, the games against NKU and Miami are just as much about mental readiness as they are physical.

"It's really kind of a balance," she said. "We want to see how our players perform in pressure situations ... but we want them to be able to execute the X's and O's [of our game plan]."

Now in her sixth season at UD, LaPlaca said that the eight freshman newcomers will be expected to contribute alongside the veterans.

"This is a really strong class with a lot of depth," she said. "They're very talented and have really embraced what we do and how we do things."

According to senior outfielder Kathleen Maloof, the team is looking forward to seeing what the new players bring to the table.

"We're excited to get together and on the field with the freshmen," she said. "It's going to be interesting to see how they contribute and help us work together as a team."

Much like her coach, Maloof said she believes this team can do big things if given the chance. She also noted, however, that taking that next step is all about good teamwork.

While all the players on the team enjoy playing with each other, the team wants to win too, she said.

"Last year, this team didn't finish where it wanted to," Maloof said, referring to UD's seasonending series to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, as the team did not make the Atlantic 10 Conference tournament. "As a senior this year, I personally think we can come together and do great things."

Maloof, one of four seniors for the Flyers, led the team in runs scored (23) and home runs (7) last season. The team went 22-29 last year, including 9-6 at home. It also graduated five players, including infielders Lauren Nacke and Bran-



In this Sept. 17, 2011 file photo, the University of Dayton softball team huddles prior to its game against Cedarville University at UD Softball Stadium. ETHAN KLOSTERMAN/MANAGING EDITOR

dy Brown, who was named the team's MVP and an A-10 All-Conference Second Team performer.

On the mound, UD returns three pitchers, led by senior Sydney Cicchetti. Junior Alysha Isaacson and sophomore Kayla English both excelled in 2012 and will be expected to do much of the same this season.

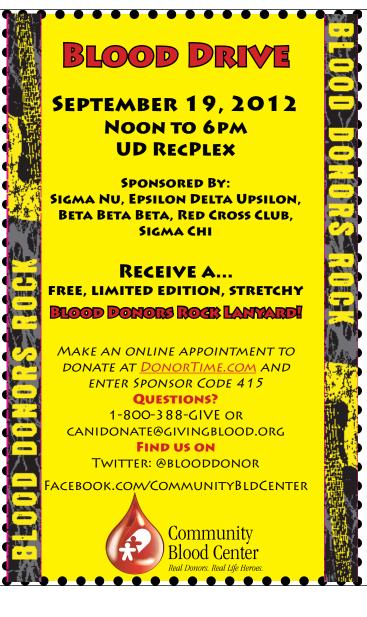
"Alysha and Kayla bring a lot to our team, as does Sydney," said LaPlaca. "We are hoping they can [all] be great for us on the circle."

In 2012, Isaacson went 5-10 while English finished 10-10, but neither had an earned run average over five.

During the regular season in 2012, Dayton fell to Miami 9-0 on Mar. 16 and 8- 0 on Mar. 17 in Oxford, Ohio at the Miami Invitational.

With the first pitch against the Redhawks coming at 1 p.m., at UD Softball Stadium, the squad will be vying for fans against football, which opens its home schedule at the same time on the other side of Edwin C. Moses Boulevard at Welcome Stadium.

"We seem very motivated and everyone is very encouraging," said Maloof. "When we get out on the field, you can see that we're working hard, but also having a good time."



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The University of Dayton football team, after a disappointing 0-2 start, will be hosting Robert Morris University in the team's home opener at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at Welcome Stadium.

The Flyers come into this game 0-2 for the first time since 1999, after a 17-7 loss to Duquesne University last week. Although, head coach Rick Chamberlin said the team feels that they're better than what the record indicates.

"They feel like they're better then what we've showed," Chamberlin said. "We know we could have won the second game very easily if we would have made the plays, and if we would have capitalized on the opportunities that we had. You can't do that against the schedule that we're playing."

For redshirt senior guard Owen Elger, he says the team is down, but he's thrilled to finally play a home game.

"We're definitely a little down, but being back home is nice, just the whole aspect of it," Elger said. "I thing being back home we can start back fresh after a tough few



Redshirt sophomore linebacker Clay Krafft (38) dives on top of University of Duquesne senior running back Larry McCoy during the University of Dayton's 17-7 loss to Duquesne Saturday, Sept. 8, at Arthur J. Rooney Athletic Field in Pittsburgh, Pa. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

games."

This will be the 15th meeting between the two schools, with UD leading the series 14-2. UD won last year's game 19-13 on Sept. 3, 2011, and has won the last nine meetings between the two teams.

The Colonials come into the game also 0-2, including a 52-0 loss to the Football Championship Subdivision coaches' poll No. 1 team North Dakota State University on Sept. 1. RMU has also lost eight straight games overall dating back to last season.

Chamberlin says the key to the game this weekend will be who makes the least amount of mistakes. He said the Robert Morris game is always a "grinding game, it's just two teams slugging it out," and that if the offense and defense are more consistent all around that they can get the win.

As for Elger, he said the team needs to cut down on their mental errors, and stay on the same page both offensively and defensively. He said the team moved the ball well last game, but the mental errors were the difference in the game.

Leading the way for RMU will be senior quarterback Jeff Sinclair. Sinclair enters his fourth season as the starting quarterback for the Colonials, however this will be his first game of the 2012 season due to an undisclosed two-game team suspension to begin the season. As for the rest of the offense, Chamberlin said that RMU lost a lot of starters, yet is the kind of team that has new players ready to step in and make an impact.

Defensively for the Colonials, Chamberlin says they are returning more starters than the offense, but what stands out the most to him are the linebackers.

"Their linebackers run very well and get to the ball," Chamberlin said. "They're very physical. We're going to have to find a way to block them to get anything done on the ground there."

For the Flyers, this will be the latest they've had their home opener since 1977, and according to Chamberlin, being at home is a big lift for the team.

"It is a big boost, because now you're at home in front of your own crowd," Chamberlin said. "I would anticipate a very energetic week, heck for the next two weeks we're at home, and that's a comforting feeling."

Although, according to Elger, the home field advantage doesn't guarantee the Flyers a win.

"It's going to take a great week of work to beat a great Robert Morris team," Elger said. "Every year they're one of our toughest opponents we face. We definitely want to get a win under our belts after starting 0-2, and get a home win."

Money continues to dominate collegiate athletics makeover



Any and all doubts about the University of Notre Dame sticking with tradition can finally be put to rest after its realignment announcement Wednesday, Sept. 12.

Notre Dame severed ties with the Big East Conference for the

majority of its athletic programs and will now primary be a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference in all sports but football and men's and women's hockey, as the ACC does not sponsor hockey.

Its football program, while staying independent, will now be required to schedule five games against ACC members every year and must face every school at least once in a three-year period. This though will be the case for a single reason, whether anyone says it or not: money.

Notre Dame already has a unique television contract with NBC to have every one of its home contests broadcasted on the network. It essentially creates Notre Dame's own channel, for a nifty price of \$15 million per year, according to an article written by ESPN's Darren Rovell.

Now the ACC has a huge piece with which to re-negotiate for its own television contracts in the near future, which already sits at \$17 million per school. That number should grow, and that now includes Notre Dame.

And to help ensure the money will have a chance to keep rolling in, the ACC has made it that any school wanting to leave must pay up a \$50 million exit fee. Frankly, why would any of them want to bolt now anyways? The money is coming. As will the ratings, which is the driving force in acquiring these network rights.

Long gone are the days of the now extinct Midwestern Collegiate Conference where Notre Dame used to be a member along with the University of Dayton and its southern rival Xavier University. Something like that has too much tradition and pageantry of being with your Catholic neighbors and not enough money invested into it to make sense today.

The question next to ask is who is next to follow the trail of money

that is being left by the powers of collegiate athletics. Are the thoughts of "super conferences" of 16 or more schools no longer gone? Is there even anything left for a conference to take in that would net it more revenue? The next few years probably will determine that one.

For now, the almighty dollar has corrupted its way into a program tagged with as much tradition as any in the country. The iconic golden helmets now can be replaced with coins as the leprechaun has found a pot of gold.