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### **SUNDAY, MAY 9: UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON TO GRADUATE 1,300 STUDENTS**

More than 1,300 University of Dayton students will receive their diplomas and Sister Jean Patrice Harrington, S.C., and Betty Rogge Morse will be recognized with honorary degrees at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 9, at UD Arena.

Of the 1,322 students, 1,073 will receive bachelor's degrees and 342 will receive master's degrees. Seven students will receive doctoral degrees — four in educational leadership, two in engineering and one in biology.

### **HYLA WEISKIND: NON-TRADITIONAL UD STUDENT REACHES 30-YEAR GOAL**

Hyla Weiskind isn't your typical University of Dayton senior. The 50-year-old Jewish mother of four is the first to tell you that.

"I'm what you'd call a non-traditional college student in every sense of the word," she said with a laugh. "But from the first day here I've been treated like part of a large, caring family."

When Weiskind gets her diploma May 9, she'll be fulfilling a 30-year-old pact with her husband. Hyla quit college the year Neil Armstrong walked on the moon to start a family and support Ray, who was enrolled in the optometry school at Ohio State University.

Shelving her education came with an agreement that she finish her degree someday. "I made him promise me that before we were even married," Weiskind said. "And I made him keep it."

The Dayton resident returned to college in 1993 to finish her bachelor's degree in social work. This past year, with the last of her children ready to graduate from high school, Weiskind juggled a full-time course load, an internship and several jobs.

When applying to UD, she asked a UD administrator whether her faith would hurt her chance of getting into the Catholic college. "He looked at me and replied, 'No, I don't think your faith will be a factor. I'm a Quaker.' Well, we laughed so hard that I knew this was a place where I would be appreciated — and I was."

As for life after UD, Weiskind said she'll continue to work as program coordinator for senior adult services at the Dayton Jewish Community Center. She's also interested in returning to Hospice of Dayton, where she recently completed an internship.

"I've got several options now," Weiskind said. "But I'm really going to miss school. I fell in love with the UD community, especially the way it instills morals and values in the lives of its students."

For media interviews, call Hyla Weiskind at (937) 836-1815 or page her at 334-4371.

### **MARCUS ROBINSON: THE 'ENERGIZER BUNNY' OF UD PREPARES TO SLOW DOWN**

With a full-time job, a full slate of senior-level classes, and performances with the marching band, concert band and color guard flag corps, University of Dayton senior Marcus P. Robinson is looking forward to taking a few days off after graduation May 9.

But his newfound "down time" won't last — he's going to start his MBA course of study in the fall.

"I'm awake 20 hours a day and sleep for four," said Robinson, 22, a native of Mentor, Ohio, who now lives in Bellbrook. "But you only get burned out if you don't like what you're doing. Life is full of lots of things. Why not try to do them all?"

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The political science major works full-time as the Web and multi-media specialist for the University's College of Arts and Sciences. Over the past year, he has redesigned the home page and department pages for the college, helped faculty members adapt technology to enhance learning, developed a Web site for first-year students at UD and a Web site that allows for online registration of entering freshmen.

Surprisingly, he's never taken a computer class. "I learn as I go along," Robinson said. "My brother is 11 years older than me, and he was a computer science major. I was always sitting and looking over his shoulder." A multi-media program he developed in an independent study project in high school is being used in the Mentor public school system.

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### **MARK THOBE: UD FOOTBALL PLAYER GIVES ADVICE TO PRO PLAYERS**

Mark Thobe, a senior exercise science and fitness management student and former safety on the UD football team, has been picked up by the Indianapolis Colts — as an intern.

Thobe works with Jon Torine, the head strength and conditioning coach, to handle the strength conditioning, agility training, diet management and fitness testing for each player on the Indianapolis team roster.

"It was overwhelming at first, just learning a ton of information right off the bat," Thobe said.

Thobe said the players are very receptive to his recommendations on calorie and fat intake, menu planning and grocery lists. "Especially when they see it working," he said. "But they will check up on you to see if you are giving them good advice. They do their research and come back with questions."

Thobe said the most important thing he's learned is how to work with professional athletes whose good health is essential to their livelihood. "Sometimes it's hard to get their trust because there are so many people that try to take advantage of them."

One of his main duties is performing weekly body-fat tests with the high-tech Bod Pod machine, a relatively new device that measures the fat-muscle ratio using air displacement. "We just got it two weeks ago," he said.

Thobe, a senior from Maria Stein, Ohio, will graduate from UD on May 9 and continue his internship with the Colts through June. "I need to learn more but I'd like to stay in this area (athletics training)."

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### **RACHEL HELLMAN: THIRD OF SIX IN A ROW DONS CAP AND GOWN**

Rachel Hellman, a fine arts major, looked at other universities when it came time to make her college decision, but in the end she decided to follow her big sister and older cousin to the University of Dayton. And in turn, three other Hellmans followed Rachel to school, one each year.

The other five, plus parents and other assorted family members, will be on hand to see Rachel get her degree. The line-up is: Class of 1997, Sarah Hellman, a criminal justice graduate; Class of 1998, Katie Hellman, an education graduate; Class of 1999, Rachel Hellman, a fine arts major; Class of 2000, Theresa Hellman, an education major; Class of 2001, Timothy Hellman, a history major; and Class of 2002, Kevin Hellman, a criminal justice major.

Sarah, Rachel and Timothy are the siblings from Terre Haute, Ind. Their cousins, Katie, Theresa and Kevin, are from Mount Pleasant, Mich. "Sarah was the first one, and she just fell in love with UD," Rachel said.

Next in line? Cousins Jacob and David Hellman, both high school juniors who haven't yet decided which college to attend.

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