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## NEWS TIPS

### MONDAY, FEB. 14: VALENTINE'S DAY TREATS AT UD'S 'BLEND' GRAND OPENING

The student entrepreneurs aren't yet sure what kind of special "Drink of the Day" they'll offer on St. Valentine's Day, but it certainly will be romance-themed.

"Maybe we'll call it something like 'Love Potion' or use 'Cupid' in the name," suggests Cat Weber, the 19-year-old sophomore who is vice president of The Blend, the new student-operated coffee house on campus. "Maybe we'll use strawberry and white chocolate syrup in a cappuccino or latte."

They'll also have heart-shaped cookies on hand for patrons who visit Monday, Feb. 14, which also marks the grand opening of The Blend. Monday also begins National Specialty Coffee Week.

Rudy, the University of Dayton's mascot, will make an appearance at The Blend from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Hours for the coffee shop are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday.

The coffee house is located in the new Ryan C. Harris Learning Teaching Center on the lower level of Roesch Library.

Mike Kaiser is president of The Blend, which joins Rudy's Fly-Buy, a small grocery store in the student neighborhood, as a student-run business at UD. Kaiser is among the first 10 students at UD to major in entrepreneurship, a program that debuted in September 1999.

He says the real-life experience he's getting at The Blend enhances his work in the classroom. "We can focus on our classes more because we know we'll really be using what we're learning, like in accounting."

The exchange works in both directions, Weber adds. "It's almost step-by-step, the information gets reinforced two ways. When I'm in class, I'm thinking 'We should try this out in the coffee house,'" she says.

For more information, call the Blend at UD at (937) 229-5111.