As Hurricane Sandy ripped through the East Coast last week, University of Dayton students prayed for the safety of their family and friends living in the affected areas of the country.

Chelsea Ciufi, a junior communication major from Rochester, N.Y., and Kristina Demichele, a senior English major who has extended family near the shore of Boston, said they were worried about how the storm would affect their families on the East Coast.

Demichele said she was able to have contact with her family despite the storm’s impact.

“They said the water went over the seawall and was hitting the houses located on the shore,” Demichele said.

Demichele said her cousin owns a restaurant located on the shore and was worried about how the hurricane would affect his business. In order to prepare, he purchased back-up generators and invited members of his family without power to come have dinner at the restaurant during the storm.

“My cousin was well prepared for the storm, but a majority of my family was interested in watching the storm to see what was happening,” Demichele said. “They are pretty adventurous.”

Demichele said the houses near her family’s did not have significant damage and only lost power for around 12 hours. She said the area in Boston where they live essentially shut down for the day to make sure the residents were safe when the storm hit.

“My family was worried as to how the storm would affect them, and thankfully it was not like the conditions New Jersey had,” Demichele said.

Demichele was also worried about how the storm would affect her family while she was here at UD. She was most concerned about her grandparents, who have a beach house along the shore. She said she was thankful that the seawall was tall enough to block the water from the houses in that area.

“I love Boston so much and I didn’t want the city to be ruined,” Demichele said.

Ciufi said she has been in contact with her family and that they have not had a significant problem with damage caused by the storm.

Ciufi’s family told her that trees were knocked over on her street and that they had lost power for about a day.

“They told me that my neighbor’s tree fell across the street, but I don’t think damage was caused to any of the houses surrounding,” Ciufi said.

Ciufi said she was most concerned with how her sister, a sophomore at Long Island University, would be affected by the storm.

“My sister’s classes were canceled all week and all the public transportation was stopped,” Ciufi said.

Ciufi said she has not had a chance to hear the details of what happened at LIU from her sister, but is curious as to what special preparations the school made to make sure the students were safe.

Ciufi’s family didn’t think the storm would affect their area as much as others and she said she is unaware of any special preparations they made before the storm hit.

Ciufi said she believes that the government did all that it could to prepare residents for the storm’s damage by stopping public transportation to ensure most citizens would be indoors when the storm hit.

“The aftermath seems to me to be the worst part of the storm and having to deal with all the damage that was done,” Ciufi said.
LOCAL

‘DALMATIAN DUO’ TEACH FIRE SAFETY
Two Darke County dalmatians, Rage and Rocko, were recently added to the Greenville Township Fire Department. They are working with kids to help them learn “stop, drop and roll” and how to safely evacuate a burning room.
Information from whiotv.com

DECOY IPAD USED TO CATCH THIEF
Dayton police used a decoy iPad to catch a man who they said stole the iPad from a car in the Oregon District. Once the suspect took the iPad, it began taking his picture and sending the photo to police who then found the man and arrested him. The suspect is currently facing a misdemeanor theft charge.
Information from whiotv.com

THE TICKER

Students participate in Dayton’s Annual Transylvanian Convention at Timothy’s Bar on Tuesday, Nov. 6.
CHANELLE BROWN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

UD POLICE INVESTIGATING ALLEGED RAPE FROM WINTER 2011
Public Safety is investigating a report of rape alleged to have occurred three semesters ago in Marycrest Complex.

The alleged incident occurred between midnight and 3 a.m. on Feb. 12, 2011, and was reported to university police last month on Oct. 31, according to the Public Safety crime log.
Randy Groesbeck, a university police major and director of administration and security for Public Safety, said the alleged incident was an “acquaintance sexual assault” between two male students.
Groesbeck said both males were students at the time of the reported incident and confirmed both are still enrolled at the university.
Groesbeck said Public Safety is working with the Montgomery County Prosecutor’s Office and the Montgomery County Juvenile Court for Public Safety.

NATIONAL

OBAMA SETS TWITTER RECORD
A tweet from President Barack Obama on election night set a new Twitter record for the most retweets. The message said “Four more years” and showed a picture of the president embracing his wife, Michelle.
The tweet received over 630,000 tweets and collected over 200,000 favorites.
Information from slashgear.com

NEW LAWS MAKE HEADLINES
A few states made headlines after Tuesday’s election results due to new legislation. Maine and Maryland passed laws on Tuesday that legalize same-sex marriage. Voters in Minnesota rejected a proposed constitutional amendment that would ban same-sex marriage. Washington and Colorado passed legislation that legalizes recreational marijuana use.
Information from businessweek.com

Local election results

STAFF REPORT
With Election Day over, Flyer News has the results of the local elections that were originally reported in the Oct. 30 issue.

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A University of Dayton graduate’s recent startup event entertainment company has found success in the Miami Valley region.

Focusing on special events like weddings, formals and corporate and holiday parties, Jay Nigro continues to apply his UD experiences directly to his business, Liftoff Entertainment. The company provides a photo booth and a disc jockey for events.

After receiving his undergraduate degree in 2006, Nigro traveled with a marketing company for three years. On the road 210 days out of the year in some cases, he said he felt the need to try something new.

“That got a little old and I was looking for a change of pace,” he said. After enrolling in UD’s MBA program in 2010, Nigro created Liftoff Entertainment while taking classes part-time.

Nigro found he could directly apply the content in his MBA classes to the direction of his budding entertainment business.

“I was basically able to use Dayton’s MBA program and put bits and pieces of it into my business as I was building it,” he said. In the program, he was required to create a mock business plan, which he used as a legitimate document for Liftoff Entertainment.

“I literally did my business plan for the class on my business while it was in the very early stages,” he said. In the end, Nigro used his experience with the MBA program to test his business model.

“The opportunity allowed me to get my feet wet,” Nigro said. “I’m sure that doesn’t happen a whole lot.”

After receiving his master’s degree in May 2012, early success with his company convinced Nigro to dedicate his full attention to Liftoff Entertainment.

While he has a few part-time employees working the photo booths, Nigro is the primary DJ for his company. Nigro advised up-and-coming UD entrepreneurs to “roll with the punches” when starting a new business and stressed the necessity of knowing the intended client.

“The most important thing is to know what your product is and who your customer is,” he said. “My main targets are events. I am not a club DJ and I know that … you won’t find Liftoff Entertainment in a bar.”

Reese Eckenrode, a freshman operations management major who hopes to become involved in the entrepreneurship program, saw Nigro’s business model as impressive in the tough economy new startups face.

Eckenrode said he was pleased to see a UD graduate “putting two and two together” by applying his studies at UD to the real world of business.

“Entrepreneurs don’t work in the technical side of innovation,” Eckenrode said. “They take a couple of ideas that are already out there and mold them together into a competitive product.”

Liftoff Entertainment will be providing the photo booth service for the upcoming Christmas on Campus at UD on Friday, Dec. 7.

Liftoff Entertainment also DJs from 9 p.m. to midnight Wednesdays at Poelking Lanes, located on Wilmington Pike, for College Night.

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The Society of Mary (Marianist brothers and priests) and the Daughters of Mary Immaculate (Marianist sisters) are international Catholic religious orders founded in France in the early 1800s. They are dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and find inspiration in her way of bringing Jesus to the world and following Him. From the time of their profession of perpetual vows, Marianist brothers, priests and sisters wear a ring as a mark of their lifelong commitment.

For more information, contact Brother Charlie Johnson at cjohnson@sm-usa.org or visit www.marianist.com/vocations
Students experience rest, renewal at UD retreat

ELAINE LAUX
Staff Writer

Providing students with an opportunity to explore life’s challenges, the University of Dayton’s Campus Ministry took 40 students this past weekend to Glen Helen Nature Preserve near Yellow Springs, Ohio, to participate in the Lighthouse retreat.

Along with 20 Campus Ministry team members, the students experienced a retreat that focused on UD’s pillars of community, faith, prayer, service and simplicity, according to Mike Bennett, a Campus Ministry graduate assistant for the Program for Christian Leadership.

“I believe any retreat that Campus Ministry offers provides students with the avenue to build community,” Bennett said. “[They] explore spirituality and relationships through community reflection.”

The Lighthouse retreat, developed in 1998, replaced the CARE retreats that were experiencing less student involvement, according to Allison Leigh, the assistant director of Campus Ministry for Retreats and Faith Communities.

At the time, retreat campus ministers created the overall theme, the nautical metaphors and worked with a team of student leaders to prepare and lead the new Lighthouse retreat, she said.

The activities and prayers have evolved over the years, but the central themes are the same, Leigh said.

Along with a group of student leaders and campus ministers, the retreat continues to be open to all UD sophomores, juniors and seniors.

“Lighthouse reminded me of the joyful person I can be,” said junior criminal justice major Abby Aceto, who attended the retreat. “It inspired me to fight for that joy everyday. [The retreat is] so worth it.”

Bennett said the Lighthouse retreat helps students explore what makes each individual who they are and how God plays a role in our lives. He believes it is often challenging for students to go beyond their comfort zones to meet others, engage in some introspection and faithfully reflect on their relationship with God.

According to Bennett, the Lighthouse retreat is helpful in those three areas, along with opening the doors for students to begin to process some of the “storms” in their lives with the support of their peers and adults from the university.

“Typically students return to campus with a fresh lens of life and a community of support that surrounds them,” Bennett said. “The retreat leaves us with a lot of energy to continue processing and forming leaders for future retreats.”

Lighthouse also has a second retreat in April when students will again participate in a variety of prayer experiences, hear witness talks from the Campus Ministry team and have small and large group discussions.

“There is nothing greater than to be completely overwhelmed by God’s love,” said sophomore sociology major Erica Reist. “That is exactly what Lighthouse did for me.”

For more information on UD retreats, visit udayton.edu/ministry/retreats/index.php or contact Allison Leigh at aleigh1@udayton.edu.

UD, Holy Angels students team up for fitness, learning

BYRON HOSKINSON
Staff Writer

This year, 115 University of Dayton freshman health and sport science majors were assigned to be personal fitness trainers for third, fourth and fifth grade students from Holy Angels Catholic Elementary and Edwin Joel Brown, a local public elementary and middle school.

The inter-educational partnership is the result of UD’s “Fitness, Friendship and Fun” program which pairs all freshmen majors within the HSS department with a local child for a personalized fitness experience that tracks the child’s progress and records their data over a five-week interval.

According to Gerry Gallo, the coordinator of the UD community-based physical activity programs, “Fitness, Friendship and Fun” is an integral part of HSS 101, an introduction course required for all students in the HSS department.

Gallo said the program was started in 2004 and united 65 HSS majors with Patterson-Kennedy Elementary students. UD students would meet one-on-one with the elementary children at UD for a 50-minute period on Mondays to engage the children in a variety of exercises, incorporating cardiovascular, plyometric, aerobic, resistance training and others into their workouts.

Over the next weeks the university students carefully kept track of all data generated by the children, such as push-ups and sit-ups completed or laps run. The data would then be presented to the children to help them visualize their progress through the weeks.

Gallo said that “Fitness, Friendship and Fun” is different now from eight years ago.

“The program has changed,” he said. “But, it has changed for the better.”

The number of university participants has doubled and separate sessions were added on Wednesdays and Fridays to accommodate the increased involvement.

A recent advancement has been the implementation of pedometers to track the steps taken by each child during each session.

“This addition has been great because it has allowed the students to push and motivate themselves,” Gallo said. “It makes them want to do better than they did last week.”

However, the accumulated data does not end with the students’ workout program. The schools are using the children’s statistics in their math classes. Gallo said the teachers use the data to teach the students concepts like averages.

“They’re using practical data, they’re using their own numbers,” Gallo said. “So it’s much more meaningful for the children. The teachers love it because it’s much easier for them to teach the concepts to the children. It’s very personalized.”

Maggie Boyer, a freshman pre-physical therapy major in the program, said she shares this sentiment of self-motivation. She said that her partner, a fourth grader from Edwin Joel Brown, is able to see her improvement in successive sessions.

“She’s always very excited to come, she’s a lot of fun,” Boyer said. “It’s more of a friendship experience than a class requirement.”

Incentives such as water bottles, T-shirts and UD backpacks are offered at the conclusion of the program for those who reach a certain number of step-counts, but Gallo said the children are already extremely motivated just by being in competition with themselves.

He also said that the response of UD students has been amazing.

“These are first-year kids and we have an unbelievable attendance record,” Gallo said. “We very rarely miss anyone coming to our classes. Not only the ones in the actual classrooms, but the ones in the activity sessions. Our students, UD students, look forward to this session.”

Gallo said part of the significance of the program is that it is also a service opportunity.

“They [UD students] are involved in service learning their very first semester at the university,” he said. “UD is a Marianist school that encompasses the Marianist spirit. The Marianists always said that service is a priority. So our students in HSS are exposed to service from day one.”

Holy Angels student Kylan Tucker works with UD student and trainer Maggie Boyer during a session of the “Fitness, Friendship and Fun” program. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY MIKE BENNETT

Junior electronic media major Devin Quinn and senior psychology major Paul Obbagy work together during an activity during this year’s Lighthouse Retreat. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY MIKE BENNETT

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Kroger expands selection with new apparel line

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Staff Writer

The Cincinnati-based grocery chain Kroger is expanding its selection to include clothing, shoes and other related apparel lines.

The change represents the new trend of “one-stop shopping centers” where customers can find all they need under one roof, according to Serdar Durmusoglu, an assistant professor of marketing at the University of Dayton. It is also a reaction against other stores, large and small, who have begun the bulk sale of food within their stores, a relatively new phenomenon.

Kroger’s expansion could be beneficial for the Dayton community. Durmusoglu said that by reaching up to 25 of its Arizona stores this year to have new grocery departments that feature fresh meats, produce and more, "their success will depend on identifying and targeting a specific market segment and offering most essential clothing to those that are already going to Kroger for grocery shopping," he said.

Kroger’s primary new grocery competition is coming from discount supercenters such as Meijer, Target, and Walmart. "Target Corporation is remodeling up to 25 of its Arizona stores this year to have new grocery departments and come dress appropriately. (No denim please)

"People just don’t like shopping at Walmart,” Norton said. “My roommates and I prefer going to Kroger because it’s just nicer than Walmart. If they can prove that their clothes are nicer then they can draw a lot of new student business.”

According to businessweek.com, Kroger has already launched their experimental expansion in a megastore in Mansfield, Ohio. The rest of Kroger’s 2,400 stores will be observing the trial run, along with retailing competitors across the nation to see if this is a trend that has permanence and whether they will need to alter their strategies accordingly.
Junior Connor Mabon created a patriotic masterpiece he calls “The Founding Father Burger,” featuring a delicious blend of spices with real cheese, beef and chives. IAN MORAN/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Recipe:

- 1 large yellow onion, sliced
- 2 small cloves garlic, minced
- 1 1/2 lb. ground chuck
- 2 Tbsp. unsalted butter
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- Small handful of roasted red peppers from jar
- Small handful chives, minced
- Few chunks of Top Hat sharp cheddar

Buns of your choice

½ bag of Ore-Ida French Fries

Peel and slice onions lengthwise. Add butter and olive oil to pan on medium-low heat, caramelized onions with garlic for 20-25 minutes or until rich, golden brown color, lid on. Preheat oven to 425 and cook fries according to package instructions. When done, remove onions, turn heat to medium-high and add dash of olive oil. Place patties into pan, cover the pan to steam. Cook three and a half minutes each side for medium rare. Melt cheese during last minute of second flip. Lightly toast buns, assemble burger. Serves 4.

Cuban beats to take stage at UD

AYSE ALTUNISIK Staff Writer

This season, Cityfolk and the University of Dayton’s Arts Series welcomes Cuban music through November’s Arts Series Concert on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 8 p.m. in Sears Recital Hall. Titled “World Rhythms Concert: The Cuban Connection,” it features Cuban musicians Candido Camero, Jane Bunnett and Hilario Duran. According to the Arts Series website, prominent artists such as acclaimed pianist Van Cliburn, Jack Nicholson and the California-based string foursome the Kronos Quartet have been welcomed over the years for the event series.

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Seriously, America?

How have we allowed the beloved cheeseburger to be defined by the gold- en arches, the so-called king of burg- ers and that red-headed clown-like girl with a creepy smile?

Cheeseburgers are simply a classic. A staple that holds together the fabric of American cuisine. These delicious pillows of tender goodness should be revered like some revolutionary-era patriot during America’s inception.

In saying that, I deemed it appropriate to create my own version and worked to maintain the integrity of cheeseburger-making etiquette. Granted I didn’t reinvent the wheel with fancy molecular gastronomic techniques, though I’d like to think I did, however, I did the burger some desperately needed justice.

But before I delve into a philosophical rant about why a burger shouldn’t be cooked well done, smashed or grilled, allow me to explain something that is overlooked all too often—condiments.

They are the brushstrokes that make the art of the burger complete and truly enhance the meat of the sandwich. Robust caramelized onions, briny roasted red peppers, sharp cheddar from an actual block of cheese and fresh chives were the adjectives to this culinary sentence.

Continuing this essayist metaphor, the meat would be the concluding statement, one that the presidential candidates would make before elections. It’s that substantial. The meat of the burger, which should be ground chuck with about a 80/20 fat ratio, needs to be seasoned and allowed to rest in the refrigerator for at least an hour.

Well, what if I want my burger now? Too bad. Learn some patience.

What? No grill? That’s correct. Steaming the burger allows them to retain their natural juices, making it the most tender and melt-in-your-mouth experience you’ll ever have with a burger. But that only happens if the meat hasn’t been cooked to a dried out has-been, also known as well done. Three and a half minutes on each side will get you to burger nirvana and you’ll be thanking me that it didn’t take years of meditation to reach culinary enlightenment.

And with all the buzz about this year’s voting season, what better way to support America than to celebrate with a cheeseburger after you cast your ballot? Even if your candidate didn’t win, just know one thing: The burger will always have your support.

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Relationships are not most important concern

Society puts a lot of pressure on relationships, and that might be the understatement of the year. It can be felt everywhere, from TV to our peers on campus to Taylor Swift’s whiny anthems that just seem to keep on coming.

As Carrie Bradshaw’s ever-popular column in the beloved “Sex and the City” proved, many young adults devote their lives to trying to figure out relationships. The past couple of relationship columns that have run in Flyer News have also fed into this obsession, telling people how to make their difficult relationships work.

Well, this column is a little bit different. As a perpetually single girl, I firmly believe that there are more important things in life than figuring out how to make things work with someone else. This is admittedly selfish, but I’d much rather just not have to worry about it.

I know for as many of you out there that are in happy relationships, there are just as many people like me. The perpetually single who just want to have fun without their friends whining about their significant other every other breath. This column is for you.

Now, the singles of the world fall into two categories: the ones who are happy about it and the ones who aren’t. I picture Taylor Swift as the epitome of the latter.

Speaking of Ms. Swift, she is the perfect example of the point I’m trying to make. You can either accept the fact that you can’t always be in a relationship, or you can spend your entire life whining and obsessing about the opposite sex. Keep in mind that most people don’t make millions of dollars by doing this.

I don’t mean to keep ripping on Taylor Swift, but it is people like her that make people believe that relationships are the most important part of life. With the recent release of her new album, I think she is the perfect example for this column.

For all of you single people out there, just consider this for a minute and feel better about yourself. It could be worse. Please never become so desperate that you make a career out of complaining about failed relationships.

This might sound a bit cynical, but you know you were all thinking it. Those people who are constantly talking about their boyfriends and girlfriends can easily become annoying, and let’s be honest, they’re not that much fun.

Before I completely offend some people, I want to make a disclaimer that I am not by any means saying that I hate relationships or people in them. I’m just saying they shouldn’t be the most important part of your college experience, and if all you do is complain or worry about them, something is definitely not right.

So here is my advice to you, students of the University of Dayton: just calm down and stop obsessing about being in a relationship. It will come eventually, but complaining about it will get you nowhere. I can promise you from experience that you’ll be much happier once you realize this.

Go for Baroque

This Saturday, Nov. 10, the music department presents “Highlights from the Baroque Opera” at the Boll Theatre in Kennedy Union. The performance is free and features 18 fully-costumed students performing different operatic works in English and Italian.
No time for gloating, Dems

From our earliest days in school, we’ve been taught the importance of voting. “People have died for this right,” we’ve been told. “This is your right as an American.” Voting, then, should be as simple and accessible as possible. This election proved otherwise.

At a house on College Park, for example, six of the seven residents registered to vote. The remaining resident missed the Ohio voter registration deadline – a slightest idea of absentee ballot regulations.

On Nov. 5, the day before the election, the resident who received his ballot – only four absentee ballots were delivered to the house. An Illinois ballot was received with a thick crease, despite a phrase along the lines of “DO NOT BEND” written on the front. All four were sent to the respective county boards of elections – two in Ohio, one in Pennsylvania and Illinois each.

The Lucas County Board of Elections, however, gave the residents of this College Park house the most problems. Of the two ballots requested from the Lucas County board, only one made it to the house. On Nov. 3, the day before the election, the resident who received his ballot called the board with a question regarding the ballot’s due date. After selecting the “Absentee Ballot Questions” touch-tone directory option, and after nearly five minutes of waiting, the phone was answered by a person who seemed to lack the slightest idea of absentee ballot regulations.

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Don’t worry about Flyer basketball
Kavanaugh was good, but loss won’t hurt team’s game this season

With former starting center Matt Kavanaugh suspended for the year, Flyer fans turn to think about what this season will be like without him.

From a fan’s perspective, I don’t think it will have much of an impact.

Obviously, there is more to basketball before and during any season that we as fans don’t see off the court. There are friendships and rivalries between teammates. There are other intangibles that may affect the way a team operates and performs. I don’t know any of that because I’m not a player or a fly on the wall during practices and meetings. I’m simply a fan who watches the games.

Maybe Kavanaugh was hated by everyone. Maybe he was loved. I don’t know. His absence could greatly or minimally impact the dynamics of the team. Only time will tell.

However, looking back to last season, Kavanaugh got a lot of minutes because of the injury to then junior center Josh Benson in, as he was fifth in scoring and second in rebounding. But from what I’ve seen, Dayton basketball is an outside game, relying on shooting performance and defense rather than big body presence in the paint.

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Nobody likes to see a player go, especially in a situation such as Kavanaugh’s. It’s unfortunate that we have to see him go. He did some great things for the team during his career at UD. But strictly speaking of the outcome of this season, I believe that the effect will be slim to none.

Well, it’s too bad. That’s it, 21 months and nearly $2 billion and that’s it.

The president has been re-elected, causing disdain and what is evidently “a concern for America, left on the field.”

But what has truly been won here?

Is it just a man in whom we have decided to place our faith, our trust and our future? Or is it something more?

Is it an idea, an idea that those whom have come before us fought so hard to place at the top of our nation’s ideas? An idea that the leader of our people should be one of our people, that whomever we chose to be that person, they understand the full scope of what that means?

Barack Hussein Obama’s election Tuesday night signals something new in America. Different somehow than 2008, it shows that a regular man, from a broken home, can pull himself up by his bootstraps and become the most influential and powerful man in the world, twice. But it shows something deeper than that; it shows that the system we all believe in, for better or for worse, can prevail and we can move forward without any problems or tensions. We are America, and this election has signaled that fact.

Yet in all their wisdom, the American people have forgotten something about the process in which they play such a sacred role. The people have decided to elect a president of one party, and a House of Representatives of another.

While I applaud our ability to do just that, I wish to condemn it. Perhaps the age old wisdom escapes me, or perhaps the moves have initiated some great movement that I am blind too, but essentially the American people have decided to elect a government that is doomed to fall back to partisan bickering and hopeless rhetoric.

I am a Democrat. I believe in the progress and liberalism that has made this country great. I am optimistic about the ability of our people to decide who leads us. Yet I am still left wondering, wondering if we will have fallen ill with the same cancers our electorate placed upon us two long years ago.

I am and shall remain faithfully optimistic toward the future, ready and willing to accept the change that is all but inevitable. The United States of America has proven time and again that it is the greatest nation on the face of planet Earth.

Tuesday night affirmed the truth of that statement, proving once and for all time that the greatness of the American people and spirit does not rest in our ideology, but our collective understanding of the greatness and sacredness of our responsibilities each and every election day.

We are the United States of America; we shall prevail and we shall remain, as always, humble in the face of our nation. God bless you and God bless the United States of America.
Women’s Basketball Preview 2012–2013

Senior trio ready for challenge of new leadership roles

TOM STANKARD
Staff Writer

Every year, seniors on a team graduate, leaving the previous year’s juniors to take the place as the leaders of the team.

This season’s women’s basketball team roster is young, comprising of six freshmen, two sophomores, a junior and three seniors. The three seniors leading the young Flyers this season are guard Samantha MacKay and forwards Olivia Applewhite and redshirt Brittany Wilson.

According to Wilson, being the leader of an entire team isn’t an easy role to fulfill, especially when you find yourself in a reversal of roles.

“It’s different, I know with me being a fifth year,” Wilson said. “When I came in, we had seven freshmen. So, it’s a different position.”

MacKay has seen her minutes increase every year. Mainly coming off the bench throughout her junior year, she scored five points per game while averaging 14.6 minutes of court time. Her high scoring game last year was against the University of Rhode Island, in which she scored a career-high 16 points.

Since her freshman year, head coach Jim Jabir said Applewhite has progressively gotten better every year. She played a career-high in minutes her junior year, averaging 4.8 points per game and grabbing 3.8 rebounds per game. Her highlights last season include snagging 18 rebounds against Fairleigh Dickinson University and scoring a career-high 18 points versus Rhode Island.

Wilson was redshirted during her freshman year. She earned her first career start during her redshirt sophomore season against Michigan State University, scoring 16 points. Last year, Wilson was redshirted again after undergoing surgery on her ACL she tore during the preseason. Now going into her fifth year, Wilson said she is ready to lead the Flyers to victory.

The Flyers were eager to get the preseason under way Saturday, Nov. 3, against last season’s NCAA Division II runner-up Ashland University in an exhibition game at UD Arena.

Up by ten in the second half, everything was going the Flyers’ way. Minutes later, Ashland clawed back into the game and knotted the score at 68 a piece.

Down two, Ashland had the ball with 1.3 seconds left on the clock. Junior guard Lindsay Tenyak hit a three-pointer as time expired to lead Ashland to a 79-77 win over Dayton.

Dayton’s seniors said they were heartbroken following their opening loss in the exhibition. The seniors said they could not help but think they had let the team down and the loss was on them.

“We didn’t perform well as leaders,” said MacKay.

Despite the early set back, Applewhite said she doesn’t believe it will affect the way the team will perform.

“I think we have a really talented team,” Applewhite said. “A lot of our freshmen have helped us a lot this year. Coach has been preaching to us, “We can’t just turn it on and off.’ We just didn’t bring the intensity.”

MacKay also added, “Last week at [the University of Kentucky], we were a completely different team, even though we weren’t doing things right. So we just have to learn how to play consistently.”

Senior forward Olivia Applewhite (4) lays a ball in off a fast break during an exhibition game against Ashland University, Saturday, Nov. 3, at UD Arena.

ETHAN KLOSTERMAN/MANAGING EDITOR
UD ENTERS YEAR AS FAVORITE TO REPEAT IN A-10

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For a University of Dayton women’s basketball squad that is coming off back-to-back NCAA tournament appearances, this upcoming season presents a whole new challenge for the Flyers.

Gone from last year’s team are seven seniors, including four starters – one of whom was Dayton’s all-time leading scorer, Justine Raterman. The lone returning starter of the group is sophomore guard Andrea Hoover.

Yet, despite having one of the youngest rosters in the country, head coach Jim Jabir is still confident his team can continue its recent success.

“I think, at times, you’ll see that we are going to take our bumps,” Jabir said. “But I think in the end we are going to be a much better, a much different and much tougher team than we were in the beginning.”

This season, according to Jabir, the team will rely heavily on the leadership of its returning players, especially of its lone returning starter, Hoover.

Hoover is the reigning Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year, as well as a pre-season First Team A-10 selection by CollegeSportsMadness.com.

According to Jabir, Hoover will need to adjust to being the “go-to” player on the team this year.

“That’s different [being the go-to person] because now defenses are geared to stopping her,” Jabir said. “Last season, she was left open a lot more, so she’s got to learn to handle that type of responsibility.”

Besides Hoover, the team will also look to its senior leadership. The team has forward Olivia Applewhite, who led UD in scoring in the first exhibition of the season, as well as guard Samantha MacKay, who Jabir said he will look toward being the floor general this season. Jabir said MacKay will need to make good decisions with the ball in her hands.

There is also redshirt senior Brit- tany Wilson, who is coming back from a knee injury, which sidelined her for the season last year.

Rounding out the returning players will be junior center Cassie Sant, and sophomore forwards Ally Malott and Amber Deane, both of whom he thinks can see significant minutes this season. In addition to those two, Jabir also says he can see guard Ire Elder stepping up this season, as well as guard Lexi Carpenter.

For Hoover, she said that she thinks the lack of experience on the team will have some effect, but the team needs to be patient as the season progresses.

“It’ll obviously have effects in games. There will be a big learning curve. We will need to take everything in stride,” Hoover said. “We need to be patient; it’s not going to come as quickly as we want it to because we’re so young. We just need to be patient and let the struggles go, and get better from there.”

Despite the lack of experience, according to Sant, the team already has great chemistry.

“We’re definitely a close-knit team this year;” Sant said. “I think in the past it’s been a little shaky, but this year everyone’s really tight. Everyone’s really focused and driven on achieving our goals.”

Heading into the season, the Flyers once again have its goals set high, with winning the A-10 for the second straight season as the top objective.

“I think we have as good of chance as any of winning, and the league is going to be a difficult one,” Jabir said. “It’s cliché, but it’s true, every game is going to be a difficult game, every game is going to be a war.”

As for the non-conference slate, the Flyers will host a number of major programs, including Vanderbilt University and Michigan State University.

UD will also travel to Arizona State University for the ASU Classic and will face UNLV in the first round.

All in all, Jabir says that he is excited to get the year started, and is looking forward to another challenging season at the helm of the Flyers program.

“I’m excited for the year,” Jabir said. “I like the challenge of having a new team and new faces, and I think they work very, very hard. I think we have a lot of pieces, and I think it’s a matter of putting all of those pieces together and figuring out what it looks like in the end.”

As for what Hoover wants people to remember most about the season, she says it’s the team’s work ethic.

“I want people to remember how hard we worked for each game, and I want fans, or even other teams to look and say, ‘Wow, they worked really hard and they played their butt off,’ because that’s the only thing we can control is our effort on the court,” she said.

The Flyers open its regular season schedule on Friday, Nov. 9, at 4 p.m. at the Maggie Dixon Classic in Chicago against Mississippi Valley State University.
Head coach Jim Jabir has reshaped University of Dayton women’s basketball since his arrival in April 2003 — that much is certain.

For the fans, Jabir has built a program that is worth watching. For his colleagues, he has contributed greatly to the culture of success at the university. For his players, the coach is a leader and a teacher of not just the game, but of personal growth.

“When I arrived, the program was in disarray,” Jabir said. “It was like vanilla … the players were just thrown together without purpose.”

That’s no longer the case, as Jabir pointed out.

“We recruit good players, sure, but we go for good people first,” he said. “In our system, we want them to work together, not individually.”

This season’s recruiting class comes in at 32nd in the nation, according to rankings by ESPN/HoopGurlz.com. It is one of the program’s best ever, and also tops the list of best classes in the Atlantic 10.

While the Flyers were picked to win the A-10 title this season, Jabir said the idea is utterly ridiculous, especially for now. His team fell 79-77 at home in an exhibition game against Ashland University on Saturday, Nov. 3. On the court for AU was the only player to ever transfer from Dayton during the Jim Jabir-era, Kari Daugherty, who was the NCAA Division II Player of the Year last season in her first year with Ashland.

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“I think it was their freshman year against Xavier — we had four freshmen and a sophomore on the court,” he said. “That was something amazing.”

His career path has not been easy, but the fact that he’s still in the business certainly says a lot. During his time at Providence College in Rhode Island, Jabir was considering leaving the coaching business all together. His own children had other ideas.

“I was ready to take a sales job so we could stay there,” he said. “It was my family that convinced me to not give up on coaching.”

Women’s volleyball coach Kelly Sheffield came in two years after Jabir, and has seen just as much success as his colleague in the time since.

“We thrive when we have leaders like Jim,” Sheffield said. “I’ve gotten a chance to get to know him pretty well, and he has done a lot for the university.”

As he enters his 10th season as UD’s women’s basketball coach, Jabir’s recipe for success appears to be working. But even after a third straight NCAA tournament appearance last season, he noted his team is expected to do better.

“Preseason poll aside, our players have a goal to win the A-10 regular season title, which we wanted to do last year,” said Jabir. “We have a great team and a great program.”

It’s not often that a team with a nine-year winning percentage of .406 under two different coaches transforms into a program with a .566 average in the same amount of time.

Under Jabir, however, that’s exactly what has happened. That’s certainly not “vanilla.”

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**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL 2012–2013 SCHEDULE**

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