HALFWAY TO DAYTONA GETS UD DANCING

This week marked the halfway point to the annual post-academic year migration of University of Dayton students to the sunny beaches of Florida.

Halfway to Daytona, a promotional program sponsored by the Dayton to Daytona committee, helped raise awareness and excitement for the upcoming trip. With the 2013 Daytona trip running May 7 through May 12, the Halfway to Daytona event celebrated the six-month mark, according to Megan O’Mera, senior public relations major and an executive director for the Dayton to Daytona committee.

Events included a Buffalo Wild Wings takeover on Monday, Nov. 12, with 10 percent of the proceeds going to the Daytona fund and a Kennedy Union Pub event on Thursday, Nov. 15, for UD’s over 21 crowd, according to the group’s Facebook page.

While the committee and campus celebrated all week, the culminating event took place Wednesday outside of KU.

Among other attractions, O’Mera said the event on Wednesday included committee members handing out hundreds of free T-shirts, a live DJ and other student organization participation.

O’Mera said the Dayton to Daytona committee used the week of events as “a promotional tool to get everyone aware and excited for Daytona.”

“It can be hard to picture it six months away,” O’Mera said. “The event is such a great way to relay the message about how great Daytona is and how much there is to look forward to.”

During the winter and stressful school year, the trip “gives a little bit of light at the end of the tunnel,” she said.

O’Mera said for those who haven’t experienced Daytona, the week usually highlights students’ time at UD.

“You’ll never have another chance to be surrounded by all of your peers, just having the most fun,” she said.

While freshmen cannot attend – all undergraduate sophomores, juniors and seniors in good disciplinary standing are eligible – sophomores who couldn’t attend as freshmen last year will experience the trip for the first time in May.

Allison Klinefelter, a sophomore communication major, plans to make her first trip to Daytona to celebrate the end of a successful year with all of her friends.

“We don’t have a big spring break like everyone else,” Klinefelter said. “So, I think it’s a good idea to celebrate the end of a good school year.”

Klinefelter said she especially looks forward to “hitting the beach” and seeing the different entertainers the Daytona committee will bring.

Last year’s talent included Mac Miller and Timeflies, who performed for approximately 2,300 UD students, according to O’Mera.

As to this year’s entertainment, O’Mera said, “it’s pretty early in the process to figure out entertainment; generally we don’t have a clear idea about who will be coming until the spring.”

While exciting for UD students, the Daytona trip also serves as a final farewell for UD’s 2013 graduating class.

“[Daytona] is a great way for the seniors to have one last hooray and send off and say goodbye,” O’Mera said.

Sign-ups will begin Jan. 14 online at DaytontoDaytona.com and will remain open throughout the remainder of the semester, according to O’Mera.

However, O’Mera encouraged students to sign up early. She said if students miss the deadline, they can still go to Daytona but may risk not getting a good hotel spot.

For more information, visit the trip’s Facebook page titled Dayton 2 Daytona. The group is also on Twitter at @datyon2daytona.
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IMMIGRATION FORUM
A forum focusing on former refugees residing in the Dayton community will be held at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 16 at 1700 S. Patterson Building. The event, entitled “Engaging Refugees, Building Community, Becoming Citizens: Refugees in a New Community,” is sponsored by the University of Dayton College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work and the Human Rights Studies program. Information from udayton.edu

PHILANTHROPY AWARD FOR LOCAL GIRL
A young Beavercreek girl battling leukemia was honored at the 23rd Annual National Philanthropy Day Awards. Kayleigh Crabtree has raised more than $40,000 for A Special Wish Foundation, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and CureSearch since her diagnosis in 2010. Information from Dayton Daily News

CAMPUS

EMS FREE COOKOUT
Rescue Squad will host a cookout at 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16 at 214 Lawnview Avenue to celebrate EMS week. Pizza, hot dogs and beverages will be provided until 2 a.m. Students are invited to play cornhole and learn how to place an endotracheal tube in a simulated human airway.

DANCE ENSEMBLE FALL CONCERT
The University of Dayton Theatre Program will host the annual Dance Ensemble Fall Concert at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17 in Boll Theatre. Tickets are $7 for UD faculty, staff and students.

POTLUCK DINNER
The National Society of Black Engineers will host a potluck dinner at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18 in ArtStreet Studio D. Food will be provided but students are welcome to bring additional items.

NATIONAL

STATES PETITION FOR SECESSION
Residents of 20 states are using the White House’s “We the People” website to file petitions to secede from the union. The states include Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas. Information from cbsnews.com

WOMAN RUNS OVER HUSBAND FOR NOT VOTING
An Arizona woman ran over her husband in a parking lot just before 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10. The Gilbert Police Department said Holly Solomon had just found out her husband had not voted in the election and wanted to scare him. Police said she mistakenly hit the gas. David Solomon is in critical condition and his wife will face aggravated assault and reckless driving charges. Information from kpho.com
US Ambassador to Vatican rejoins UD community

STEVEN GOODMAN  
Staff Writer

The U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See Miguel Diaz will return to the University of Dayton as the new University Professor of Faith and Culture, according to a Nov. 7 university press release.

Diaz, who will assume the professorship on Nov. 16, succeeds historian David O’Brien, who retired this summer.

Paul Benson, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said, “The people who have held this position in the past have reached a high level of distinction in their research and teaching.”

Diaz’s acceptance marks his return to UD, where he served as an assistant professor of religious studies from 1996 to 1998 in his first faculty position.

According to Benson, Diaz was hired in 1996, along with other faculty members, because UD’s theology doctoral program was just getting its start. During this period, Diaz taught a variety of both undergraduate and graduate courses.

Diaz has served as the ambassador to the Vatican City since 2009. Prior to Diaz’s position as ambassador to the Holy See, he taught theology at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University, both of which are in Minnesota. He was also a board member of the Catholic Theological Society of America and is a former president of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians.

In his new position, Diaz will teach one course a semester, varying between the undergraduate and graduate levels. Benson said the courses will regularly touch on Hispanic theology, an area Diaz is already trained in, and focus on the Catholic perspective of global issues. These issues will include global infectious disease, war and ethnic conflict around the world, Benson said.

“One of the reasons we’re so excited about Diaz’s coming here,” Benson said, “is that he will bring an international dimension to this position. In the past this position has focused on Catholic faith and American culture.”

Diaz’s experience as an ambassador will benefit both students and the religious studies department greatly, Benson said.

“Dr. Diaz believes very strongly in building bridges between diverse groups who are often pitted against one another,” Benson said.

Diaz’s students will learn invaluable skills in dialogue, diplomatic listening and negotiating with people who disagree with them, according to Benson.

Diaz will also be responsible for working with a number of faculty development programs that will help faculty become more involved in the Catholic and Marianist mission of UD, according to Benson.

Diaz’s work will include hosting a series of conferences and academic seminars on campus that will bring other scholars who have important views about Catholicism, American culture and world cultures to UD, Benson said. Diaz wants to involve UD as a central place for those discussions as a leading Catholic university, according to Benson.

“We are just thrilled to have him join our faculty,” Benson said. “He’s a tremendous colleague and I know he is very enthusiastic about joining UD’s faculty.”

Pulitzer winner explores segregation, Great Migration

KAYLEIGH FLADUNG  
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Isabel Wilkerson, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and renowned storyteller, presented a talk about her best-selling book, “The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America’s Great Migration,” Tuesday, Nov. 13 as part of the University of Dayton Speaker Series.

In a room filled with students, faculty and members of the Dayton community, Wilkerson shared stories about the 15-year journey she took to learn about the six million African-Americans who left the southern United States during the Great Migration.

Wilkerson said that this migration began after World War I and did not end until the 1970s.

“Many of us owe our very existence to the process of migration, and that’s one of the things that propelled me to want to tell this story,” Wilkerson said during her presentation. “I, myself, am a very product of the migration I’ve written about.”

In an attempt to learn more about the Great Migration that led her parents from their homes in the South to Washington, D.C., where she was raised, Wilkerson set out on a mission to tell the stories of the people who lived through this part of U.S. history.

According to the presentation’s program, Wilkerson interviewed more than 1,200 people, read through archived works and performed extensive research on the topic in order to write “The Warmth of Other Suns.”

In order to explain the situation of the people who migrated, Wilkerson began her talk with examples of the limitations that were placed upon African-Americans in the South.

“I make no reference to water fountains and restrooms because every third grader learns about that each February,” Wilkerson said. “I wanted to make this period of history come alive. The goal of this kind of work, which is called narrative nonfiction, is to put the reader or the audience into the mindset and into the hearts of the people that you’re writing about so that an individual could think to themselves as they’re following along a protagonist’s journey, ‘what would I have done, had I been in a world such as that?’”

Wilkerson told stories about segregated Bibles for courtrooms, laws for African-Americans passing white drivers on the road and the overall caste system that controlled the South for decades.

After explaining the caste system and painting a picture for why people would want to leave the binding laws of the South, Wilkerson told stories of many African-Americans that made this journey and later affected literature, sports and music.

This depiction included stories of Jesse Owens, Miles Davis, Toni Morrison, John Coltrane and more. Wilkerson said that all of these people were part of the Great Migration and would not have been able to share their talents if their families had not moved to the North.

“I liked how she talked about all of the musicians and Olympians and other people who were part of this migration,” said Ali Wilkens, a junior communication major. “It was interesting to hear about that and to think about how different our culture would be without them.”

“History can be changed by a single decision,” Wilkerson said. “When this migration began, 90 percent of all African-Americans were in the South. By the time it ended, half were living all over the rest of the country so this was a total redistribution of an entire group of people.”

Wilkerson ended the speech with a quote from Richard Wright that inspired the title “The Warmth of Other Suns.”

“I really liked the quote at the end that she had from Richard Wright,” said Megan Malone, a junior public relations major. “I thought it was a good way to wrap the talk up and put it all into perspective.”

The theme of this year’s University of Dayton Speaker Series is “Education for Transformation.” For more information on the series, visit go.udayton.edu/speakerseries.
Students raise awareness of homelessness, hunger

**JIM VOGEL**  
Staff Writer

The University of Dayton recently wrapped up a week’s worth of events aimed to raise awareness about homelessness and hunger.

According to the Campus Ministry website, 10 events were planned and organized by students over the past week to raise awareness. Throughout the week, students could stop by Kennedy Union and Marycrest to donate a meal off their meal plans to provide Thanksgiving meals to families in the Dayton area.

Many UD students also got involved with the Thanksgiving food baskets that were put together around campus and will also go to Dayton families. Students could be seen manning tables outside of the cafeterias taking donations from students.

Lauren Farrell, a graduate assistant in Campus Ministry, said other branches of UD also got involved. “UDRI and UDit actually had a competition to see which group could collect the most money and food donations for the effort. Each provided a huge amount of money and food,” Farrell said.

According to Farrell, the Rec-Tor’s Office, the Provost, various Greek Life organizations also got involved. “It really highlights the generosity and community of UD as a whole,” Farrell said.

Other events of the week included a kickoff event with a free concert in Humanities Plaza and a poverty simulation in the KU ballroom, which according to the Campus Ministry website, helped give members of the UD community a small sense of what it was actually like to live in poverty.

Students helped construct the Thanksgiving baskets from all the donations that were collected over the week during this past Service Saturday, Farrell said. The events wrapped up on Thursday, Nov. 15, with the Homelessness Plunge that put students in a homeless shelter for the night, according to the Campus Ministry website.

Farrell said that this week-long awareness event has been a part of UD for over 20 years and actually reflects the work that UD does all year long.

“It matches very well with our other service projects, plunges, and breakouts that mean to fight against poverty” Farrell said.

Farrell also stressed that the week-long program was planned and implemented through the hard work of 12 students. Senior finance and philosophy major Stephen MacKell said that he was glad he could get involved in the week’s events.

“I got involved because I consider these to be important problems, both locally and globally,” MacKell said. “As educated individuals it becomes our job to know about and understand these issues and the people who are in need. This week is about raising awareness and educating students about hunger and homelessness while providing chances to directly serve those people in need.”

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Spain was once home to the internationally acclaimed restaurant, El Bulli, a place where gastronomic feats the size of Mt. Everest were reached, leaving a lasting impression on the world of gastronomy. Pitted against global powerhouses such as Italy and France, Spain maintains its reputation by creating Pablo Picasso-like masterpieces with fresh, local and simple ingredients.

Fascinated with this region and from all the discussion about how great the food is, I began to do a little research into this vast and diversified world of rich, flavorful dishes. What I noticed was the ubiquity of paprika and the use of spices in general. Paprika, which is one of my go-to spices, is known for its deep red color and smoky, sometimes sweet, taste. Many Spaniards live by it and understand that a little goes a long way. They don’t smother the dish with their preferred spices, but add just enough so it’s not overpowering. Spices used by the Spanish derive from a culmination of centuries of cultural intermingling from the Moors of North Africa to the Ancient Romans. The various spices used such as paprika, cayenne, saffron and oregano are carefully dusted about a number of animal proteins, vegetables, stews and seafood.

So, enough with the historical lecture. In honor of Spain and its seemingly infinite amount of recipes, I attempted to replicate an authentic dish with only a few personal twists. While cooking I was engulfed by the food scene staunchly remains the beacon of hope amidst the political strife and economic woes. In the South. This dish, which could have had a tad more salt, took me to that desired place. It became a welcomed manifestation of a distant culture I yearn to be a part of.

I urge those who read my work to ditch the idea that you only have to experience a different culture is to pay big bucks for an airplane ticket. Have an open mind, adventurous taste buds and an empty stomach and you’ll have a cheap, delicious boarding pass that can take you anywhere you wish. Final Destination: Spain.

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 2 lb. boneless chicken breast
- ½ cup unbleached all-purpose flour
- ¼ medium yellow onion, chopped
- 2 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 green bell pepper, diced
- 1 cup olive oil
- 3 medium cloves garlic, minced
- 3 Tbsp. Paprika
- Salt, cumin, black pepper, cayenne to taste
- Few leaves of fresh oregano, chopped
- Any kind of brown rice

**RECIPE:**

Rinse chicken, pat dry and cut breasts in half. In large plastic bag add ⅛ cup flour with salt and black pepper, add and coat chicken. Cook rice according to box instructions. Add ½ inch of olive oil into large pan, heat on medium. Brown chicken both sides 4-5 minutes, set aside. Don’t cook all way through. Peel, finely chop onion. Peel, de-stem and de-seed pepper. Sauté on low heat with garlic until veggies are tender. Same pan, turn heat to medium, add 2 Tbsp. flour, stir constantly. Slowly add chicken broth, add seasoning to taste. Carefully pour mixture into blender and puree. Return chicken into pan, pour sauce over meat and simmer 5-7 minutes. Serves 4.

**Junior Connor Mabon constructed his own spice-infused replica of an authentic Spanish dish of seasoned chicken and rice with sautéed veggies. IAN MORAN/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER**

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**Authoring natural transition for prize-winning journalist**

**KATIE CHRISTOFF**

Lead A&E Writer

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Isabel Wilkerson made her first trip to Dayton on Tuesday, Nov. 13, when she came to the University of Dayton to talk about her critically acclaimed non fiction book, “The Warmth of Other Suns.” The book depicts the Great Migration of young African-Americans throughout the 20th century as they struggled to escape oppression in the South. Before her visit to UD, Wilkerson talked about the extensive process she went through to write her book and the rewards of doing so. Now a professor of journalism, she also gave advice for aspiring journalists hoping to succeed in the increasingly competitive field.

Wilkerson’s parents were a part of the Great Migration, and she said that it is not a part of history that people talk about or even acknowledge. “My desire came from not knowing what they’d gone through,” Wilkerson said, explaining that she had not always known she wanted to write a book on the topic.

Before embarking on this journey, Wilkerson had already established herself as a journalist. She worked as the Chicago Bureau Chief of The New York Times for years, and it was one of her stories at this position that led her to become the first African-American woman to win a Pulitzer Prize in 1994. Since she typically wrote long-form journalism, Wilkerson said the transition into writing a book was natural.

“I really enjoyed being able to go deep into a topic and really understand the story I was trying to tell,” she said.

In preparation for writing “The Warmth of Other Suns,” Wilkerson spent years interviewing over 1,200 sources that had been a part of the Great Migration, then decided to focus on three protagonists. She immersed herself entirely in her work, hoping to truly understand what they had gone through.

One of the protagonists, Robert Foster, drove from Louisiana to California at a time during which blacks were not allowed to stay in hotels. He tried to find a place to stay, but was repeatedly turned away and forced to complete the drive over three days with no sleep at all.

Wilkerson was touched by his story, and decided to re-create his journey in a 1949 Buick, just as he had driven, along with her parents.

“If he couldn’t stop, I wouldn’t stop,” she said, but she began to veer off the road near Yuma, Ariz., and her parents forced her to stop and rest, threatening to get out of the car otherwise.

“It made me feel even more empathy for him,” Wilkerson said.

She described another touching experience with a different protagonist, Ida Mae Gladney. Ida Mae had left Mississippi when she was 24, and returned for the first time when she was 80.

Wilkerson went along for the trip. As they drove through the fall weather, the prime cotton picking season, Ida Mae insisted they pull over to pick some cotton.

“She said she hated it growing up, but must have felt a wave of nostalgia to see it again after all those years,” Wilkerson said.

Having the chance to meet all of these people was Wilkerson’s favorite part of the whole experience. “I loved spending time with them,” she said. “They were not perfect, but they didn’t pretend to be. They made lots of mistakes, but had great stories and senses of humor.”

All of the hard work that went into the researching and writing process paid off in more ways than that, too. It was named one of the best books of the year by countless notable publications.

“It all happened so quickly, it was hard for me to even catch my breath,” Wilkerson said.

She thinks that people have embraced her book because they can identify with being on the cusp of life and setting out on a great journey.

“It’s a symbol of what life really is,” she said. “In some ways college itself is a Great Migration, where people leave the familiar and forge a new identity.”

Wilkerson said her favorite part of this whole experience was connecting with readers and connecting people who otherwise never would have known each other through her book.

“Journalists can be a bridge between worlds,” she said. “And anyone that writes nonfiction is a teacher because they are imparting wisdom on others.”
Concert organization undergoes transformation, name change

The Campus Concert Committee is ready to take on the year with a new name and big plans.

Previously, the CCC has put on shows featuring Guster, Ben Folds, Jack’s Mannequin and Lupe Fiasco, as well as artists from the University of Dayton, to raise money to donate to the American Cancer Society and the Boys and Girls Club of Dayton.

Graduate assistant Brittany Arthur said she is proud to advise the organization.

“I hope that students realize the hard work and time that CCC puts into to hold concerts on campus,” Arthur said.

According to the president of the organization, Kristen Iannarino, a junior exercise physiology major, the recent name change from Charity Concert Committee to Campus Concert Committee is due to a re-organization of the group.

“We would like to maintain the charity aspect of the committee, however, based on our allotted funds this year we will be unable to give a monetary donation to the Boys and Girls Club of Dayton,” she said.

In order to keep the uniqueness and essential charity roots of this committee, Iannarino said that the organization continues to volunteer with BGC and will donate concert tickets to the participating kids.

This spring, the new name is not the only change that is taking place in the organization. Iannarino said that their goal is to deliver an exceptional larger-scale concert to UD students.

“We hope to draw larger numbers to this show than ever before by lowering ticket prices and moving the concert to a more main campus location,” she said.

“Keep an eye out for another amazing concert,” Arthur said.

The annual CCC Battle of the Bands concert will take place in the Kennedy Union Pub early next semester.

There are six UD bands lined up to audition to compete for a spot to open for the headliners of the main concert in the spring.

“This year’s Battle is looking to bring a new flavor to the crowd and for the opportunity to open for the headliners of the main concert in the spring. Here is the lineup:

1. The Huts
2. The Binks
3. The Bees
4. The Wasps
5. The Flies
6. The Spiders

The bands will perform on Friday, November 16, 2012, at the Kennedy Union Pub. Doors open at 8 p.m.

Tickets are $5 for students and $10 for the general public. You can purchase tickets at the Kennedy Union.”
In recognition of the holiday, the Flyer News staff came up with a list of things that we’re thankful for. You may find some things that we have in common, or it might even give you a few extra reasons to chow down on the Thanksgiving turkey next week.

We’re thankful for:

- Our warm homes and safe neighborhoods.
- Another peaceful and fair election in the nation that we are so fortunate to call home and the science and social progress that has allowed us to live the lives that we lead here.
- The opportunity to attend college at a school like the University of Dayton, with its strong academic programs that teach us to become better professionals, its strong social community that teaches us to become better citizens and its Catholic Marianist heritage that teaches us to become better human beings.
- Our families, friends and teachers who helped us to get here and who have given us so many other things in our lives.

Amen. Happy Thanksgiving to our fellow Flyers.
Shut up and DO something!

LOUIS DE GRUY
COLUMNIST, SOPHOMORE

Time to play Xbox/watch TV/nap/Pinterest.“ (The list can go on ad infinitum). Don’t be that guy. There is a time and place for recreation. In fact, I view it as necessary to prevent going insane. But it takes introspection to realize that the amount of time spent by most people on healthy distractions is not, in fact, healthy at all.

Truth be told, a problem, once identified, can seem daunting at first, but no one says you have to do it alone. We have a student body of almost 8,000 undergraduates. Surely you can find someone who shares your passion for fixing a particular problem.

LOUIS DE GRUY, COLUMNIST, SOPHOMORE

The mysterious lives of the bike cops

STEVE MALONEY
COLUMNIST, JUNIOR

In the midst of the whole Lance Armstrong doping scandal, I began to think more and more into the sport of cycling. My thoughts led me to delve into one of life’s simple joys: riding a bicycle.

That same string of thoughts somehow led me to think about bike cops, specifically those two guys we all see riding around the Ghetto on weekend nights.

The concept of a bike cop is a bit puzzling. I started to wonder how they operate. What is their signature move? They can’t really pull cars over because a car is simply faster than them and the car probably can’t see them waving their hands. If they have to chase someone on foot, they have to get off their bikes. This action is a bit risky because I know that some drunken students are not morally above snatching up a police bike or two if the cops are forced off their ten-speeds.

In both of those seemingly hopeless situations for the police, I suddenly realized that the bike cops obviously must be in somewhat Superman-like physical shape. How else could they enforce the law from their Schwinn’s if they couldn’t pedal to match the speed of cars and have on-foot acceleration like that of Deion Sanders in his hey-day?

My mind then wandered into the other aspect of bike cops: how does one become a bike cop? Is it a punishment? Do they have to take a fitness test to prove their worthiness to wear the helmet? I feel like it would be a greater honor and experience than driving around in a car. You get fresh air, a lot of exercise and I’m sure those guys have some good talks about missing college as they coast down Lowes.

I started to suggest to myself that perhaps the bike cops are hired as sort of a placebo to control the nature of parties and other student activity. Maybe it’s like when you’re driving behind one of those old cop cars that are now public vehicles, but you still think it’s a cop so you go the speed limit? Or are they like security cam-eras in that they can see what you’re doing when you’re within their sight but if you run away it would be difficult to track you down? I don’t know. I’m just spit-balling’ here.

With all that said, I personally have seen the bike cops stopped outside of Tim’s assessing a situation that occurred inside the bar. They do serve an integral role on campus at some vital times. They can cut through yards, alleys and even get up Stuart Hill if they get enough momentum. Many times they can respond to a radio call quicker than the cops in squad cars because of their swiftness.

This is just one curious student’s reflection from his point of view about the police officers on bicycles after their seemingly increased presence on campus this year. In no way was it written in bad taste. I know and understand that they are an important part of Public Safety’s system, and I do not take for granted the sense of security they provide for students on campus.
Women’s Basketball

SECOND HALF SURGE LEADS DAYTON TO WIN

UD sophomore guard Andrea Hoover (24) shoots a 3-pointer during a game against the University of Toledo, Nov. 14, at UD Arena. Dayton won 79-78. ETHAN KLOSTERMAN/MANAGING EDITOR

STEVEN WRIGHT
Sports Editor

An early season matchup of pre-season conference favorites at UD Arena produced a game of back-and-forth runs which went in the home team’s favor.

The University of Dayton women’s basketball team overcame a nine-point deficit late in the second half to get a 79-76 win over the University of Toledo on Wednesday, Nov. 14. The Flyers were led by sophomore guard Andrea Hoover, who led all scorers with a career-high 22 points.

Dayton and Toledo both were picked as preseason favorites in their respective conferences. UD received seven out of 16 first place votes in being named the favorite in the Atlantic 10 Conference this season, while the Rockets garnered 16 of 30 votes in the Mid-American Conference.

“We had no quit in our kids,” head coach Jabir said after the game. “It was ugly, and I think it’s going to be ugly for a long time because of our youth and inexperience. ... We beat a really good team tonight. ... Two really good teams in a row.”

Trailing 67-58 with 5:33 remaining, Dayton sophomore forward Ally Malott and junior forward Cassie Sant helped propel their team on a 12-2 run to take the lead.

Hoover combined with freshman guard Kelley Austria in the final 1:16 to make six free throws, finally defending a last-second three by UT redshirt senior guard Naama Shafir to seal the win.

“It was just one of those games where you had a feeling it was going to be ugly,” Hoover said, noting she thinks UT and UD have begun to build up a rivalry over the last few meetings. “We were very anxious to play them, and they were anxious to play us. We just worked our butts off, and it ended up on our side.”

Dayton struggled from the field to begin the second half, going 3-for-17 in the first 12:14 of the half, but hung around because of its ability to make foul shots and force turnovers.

“We don’t quit, and the defense tightened up, which has to get better,” Jabir said. “We have to improve our defense. But we’re scoring the ball pretty well. But I don’t want to rely on our scoring the whole year because that comes and goes. So we have to become a better defensive team.”

Dayton jumped out to an early 9-0 lead in the contest, but UD used a barrage of 3-point attempts to get back in the game. With 10 of its first 12 field goal attempts coming behind the 3-point line, Dayton connected on half of them to tie the game at 18 midway through the first half.

Jabir said his team took what UT gave them offensively, but the amount of 3-pointers attempted is not what he wants from his team.

“I don’t think it’s good for us to shoot 31 [3-pointers],” he said. “We have to have more balance.”

Dayton gained its first lead of the game with under two minutes left before halftime off a layup by junior center Cassie Sant, which was a part of a 9-0 UD run. Dayton entered the half with a 41-40 lead.

The halftime statistics were as close as the score, with both teams shooting over 50 percent from the field, 50 percent from three and combined to go 6-6 at the free throw line.

Freshman guard Amber Deane, who averaged over 20 points per game in her first two career contests at the Maggie Dixon Classic on Nov. 9 and 10, scored seven in her first home game while fouling out with 1:37 remaining.

Dayton continues its four-game homestand when it hosts Vanderbilt University on Sunday, Nov. 18, at 2 p.m. at UD Arena.

Editor picks college basketball’s best players, teams

Ladies and gentlemen, in the words of the great ESPN personality Dick Vitale, college basketball is back, baby!

Yes, the time has come once again where the casual fan exclaims, “Is it the tournament yet?” and the hard-core fan stays up to watch all 24 hours of the college basketball tip-off madness on ESPN.

In between now and the incredible March Madness, hundreds of games will be played. There will be upsets, buzzer-beaters, and plenty of funny Dickie V quotes to go around, all culminating in the greatest spectacle in all of sports.

Every year, it seems that the regular season is overlooked with people claiming that the games played before the tournament don’t matter because almost everyone gets into the tournament anyway. However, this is far from the truth.

The regular season is where Cinderellas are groomed and bubbles burst. How do you think the Butler’s and VCU’s are made? (Welcome to the Atlantic 10 by the way). It is because of what they did in the regular season that made them prepared to make a run to the National Championship.

So without further ado, here is what to look for this upcoming season on our way to March.

To begin, I’ll start with the top teams heading into the season.

The surprise to most fans was that Indiana seems to have finally risen back to prominence.

After years of turmoil and NCAA violations, the Hoosiers are once again on top the polls, coming in as the top team in the Associated Press’ preseason Top 25.

Rounding out the top five are Big East Conference power, the University of Louisville, followed by the always strong and young University of Kentucky Wildcats and Big Ten Conference rivals Ohio State University and the University of Michigan, giving the suddenly dangerous Big Ten three teams in the top five.

Perhaps the most intriguing thing to look at from the top-five teams is if UK head coach John Calipari can work his recruiting magic again. Last season he took a team of five true freshmen, and ran the table in the tournament. This season he takes another top recruiting class, and will try and do it again.

Another top storyline is how the Big Ten is all of a sudden the conference to watch out for this season.

In the past, the Big East was king, but as West Virginia University now gone and Syracuse University and the University of Pittsburgh on their way out, the Big East is struggling to maintain its foothold of being amongst the elite conferences.

As for the teams who will get you wondering if they will be wearing the glass slipper by the end of the year, there are plenty to choose from.

For starters, there is the Creighton University Bluejays, who are led by one of the most hyped players of the year, junior forward Doug McDermott. Also in the mix will be the surprise team of last season, the Murray State University Racers, who are also led by early favorite for player of the year in senior guard Isaiah Canaan. Of course, it is always tough to count out the likes of Gonzaga University, VCU and Butler, as they always seem to find a way to make a run at the title each year.

In terms of the stars who will lead these teams to title, I already mentioned a couple who are garnering lots of attention in McDermott and Canaan. Perhaps the most talked about player to begin the season is Indiana big man Tyler Zeller. The brother of two former college star, Zeller looks to be much better than them both, and is only a sophomore.

For the “diaper dandies” as Vitale calls them, UK once again sports the favorite to win freshman of the year with center Nerlens Noel. The flashy frosh will hope to make the UK fans forget about the unibrow, and instead focus on the Kid ‘N Play high top fade. Looking to possibly unseat Noel as the favorite is UCLA center Shabazz Muhammad. However, the talented freshman is currently ineligible for violating the NCAA’s amateurism rules.

And what column would be complete without the author making a complete fool out of himself by picking a Final Four, so I’ll give it a shot. My picks will be Duke University, Kansas University, Indiana and just for fun, Creighton.

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I would like to make it immediately clear that I believe Louisiana Tech University is about to see its football team become the most unlikely participant in the Bowl Championship Series ever.

As long as LTU continues winning, of course.

Sure, teams from non-BCS conferences, mid-majors, whatever you want to call them have either gained automatic or at-large bids plenty of times before and had success.

The University of Utah became the first non-BCS school to appear in 2005 with a convincing 35-7 win over the University of Pittsburgh in the Fiesta Bowl. Two years later, Boise State University completed what was thought at the time to be the biggest upset of the century over Oklahoma University in the Fiesta Bowl with a razzle-dazzle finish.

Ute even got the act in again in 2009 against the University of Alabama in Sugar Bowl in what probably is a bigger upset than the FSU win.

Texas Christian University capped the recent success with a splash in the Fiesta Bowl with a razzle-dazzle finish.

It sounds like a lot of confusion, but I have no doubt that she will be moving rise through the rankings doesn’t seem like it will stop.

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Upcoming schedules have not even been mentioned yet. As even with all the numbers glory just presented, it will be the other teams around LTU in the standings that will provide the boost it needs.

In particular, two games could be the end all results in the final push LTU needs to get in.

One is the season ending Big East Conference game between the University of Louisville and Rutgers for the conference title that the two appear to have a crash course towards. Both are hovering around LTU’s current rank, at 18th and 22nd respectively, and of course under BCS rules, if LTU finishes ahead of the winner of that game and are in the top 16, they’re in. If neither lose before that game, math says the winner should probably be ahead of LTU in the final standings.

The other game though is the Big Ten Conference title game. Because the rest of this article has had lengthy explanations, let’s give one more shall we?

OK, simply put, the Big Ten title race is down to three teams: the University of Nebraska, the University of Michigan and Wisconsin.

Wisconsin is already in the title game, leaving only one of Nebraska or Michigan to face them. If Wisconsin beats either, math says that there appears to be no possible way they will finish ahead of LTU.

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But you say, “There’s other teams in front of them still as well.”

Well, those teams keeping LTU from getting to 18th are going to lose between now and then too.

Among them will be the University of Southern California or the University of California-Los Angeles this Saturday, Nov. 17, since they play one another, Stanford University losing to the University of Oregon as well on Saturday, Oregon State University falling to Oregon on Nov. 24 and the University of Texas losing to Kansas State University on Dec. 1.

The path then becomes clear.

Well, as clear as can possibly be explained anyway.

But wait, there’s also the eye ball test.

I believe I’ve watched enough college football this season to tell me this can happen.

And because this is the final season the WAC will be a football conference, it would be neat in a way to have its final contest be on a grand stage such as the BCS. As it looks like it’ll be a team such as LTU though getting there, I’m not sure how comfortable I am with another BCS bowl game being ruined by a non-worthy participant.

Which will happen as long as ... well, you know ... LTU keeps winning.

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**UD names Meyer as new head coach of tennis programs**

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After a fall season without a head coach in place for the University of Dayton men’s and women’s tennis programs, the school announced the hiring of Ryan Meyer as the new head coach on Nov. 2.

Meyer, 27, comes to Dayton after serving as the head women’s tennis coach at Division III Thomas More College in Crestview Hills, Ky., for the past three seasons. Prior to his time there, Meyer served as an assistant for the University of Cincinnati tennis program, as well as an assistant for his alma mater, Franklin College, a Division III program, in Franklin, Ind.

While attending Franklin, Meyer was a four-year letterman for the Grizzlies. Meyer was an individual conference champion in 2005, as well as a team captain his senior year. Meyer also earned a bachelor’s degree in recreation with a minor in sport management while at Franklin, as well as earning his master’s in coaching and athletic administration from Concordia University in Irvine, Calif.

For Meyer, he said that coaching for a Division I school has been his goal for a long time.

“It’s always been a dream of mine to coach at the D-I level,” Meyer said. “When the opportunity arose here at UD, I got to know and talk to people here, and it just seemed like a great fit.”

For the first time in his head coaching career, Meyer will be tasked with the responsibility of coaching both the men’s and women’s programs, but for Meyer, it is a task that he is more than willing to take on.

“The biggest challenge of it is the scheduling,” Meyer said. “Just being able to be at all the matches. Outside of that it’s a great challenge, one that I am ready to take on. Most schools only have coaches for one program, but I’m very fortunate to be able coach both.”

In addition to Meyer’s coaching background, he is also a licensed tennis professional, and has much experience as a teaching professional at various clubs around the country. According to Meyer, even with all of his prior experiences, coaching at UD will be nothing new to him.

“At the end of the day, tennis is tennis,” Meyer said. “It’s about fundamentals and achieving your goals. I don’t expect that to be any different here at Dayton.”

In the past, UD tennis has struggled to keep up with the Atlantic 10’s elite programs. Nevertheless, Meyer says that he is determined to change this while he is coach.

“My main goal is to take this program where it’s never been before, and that is where we are consistently a top team in the A-10,” Meyer said.

“On top of that, I also hope to start consistently reaching the NCAA tournament as well.”

In the meantime, Meyer will have his hands full for this upcoming season. Both rosters combine to have just one senior, and the program went a full fall season without a head coach, after previous head coach Eric Mahone left in the spring.

During the fall season, UD was fortunate enough to have newly hired coaching intern Leah Hottois, a former player at Texas A&M, to lead the program while in between coaches.

According to Meyer, he thinks Hottois did a spectacular job coaching prior to his hiring, and thinks that she will continue to have an impact on the program as the season moves forward.

“She’s done a tremendous job,” Meyer said. “To come in here and take control on such short notice, we were very fortunate to have her. I have no doubt that she will be moving up into a head coaching position soon.”

The Flyers resume play once in again in January when its spring season opens with matches against Butler on Jan. 18, 2013, for the women’s team, and Jan. 25, 2013, versus Robert Morris for the men’s team.

**Reviewer: Ryan Meyer was named the new head coach on Nov. 2 of the University of Dayton men’s and women’s tennis program. CONTRIBUTED BY UD ATHLETICS**
The University of Dayton women’s volleyball team spent this week preparing for the Atlantic 10 tournament that runs today through Sunday, Nov. 18, in Pittsburgh, Pa., at Duquesne University.

The Flyers have an overall record of 23-4 and are 14-0 in the A-10 this season. The team will be the No. 1 overall seed in the tournament after completing its second undefeated conference season in last three years by defeating Xavier University on Saturday, Nov. 10, in four sets in the Cintas Center in Cincinnati.

Dayton as the top seed receives a bye into the semi finals of the six-team field. The team’s first match will be on Saturday, Nov. 17, against either the No. 4-seed host Duquesne or No. 5-seed Temple University at 3:30 p.m.

“The first game will be our toughest game,” head coach Kelly Sheffield said. “The Dukes of Duquesne University have not lost a match while playing at home and Temple University has become the most improved team in the conference from a year ago. Other difficult match-ups will be Butler University and Xavier University because each team has taken away a match win from us. This is by far the most exciting A-10 tournament I have ever seen in my years at UD.”

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“The team has been working hard in practice this week as they prepare for the tournament,” Sheffield said. “We want to get strong at the things we are strong at and need to practice slowing down the opponent’s during the game. We have been spending time learning how to defend the plays our opponents like to run.”

In the most recently released American Volleyball Coaches Association poll as of Monday, Nov. 12, Dayton remained ranked at No. 12 overall. The Flyers are the only A-10 team in the Top 25.

Also on Monday, the A-10 announced freshman libero Janna Krafka was named as the A-10 Rookie of the Week. The Centerville, Ohio, native now has two A-10 weekly awards this season, as she was named the conference’s Defensive Player of the Week on Sept. 27. The team now has won a conference weekly award in each of the previous five weeks.

The tournament will begin today with first round play between No. 3-seed Virginia Commonwealth University and No. 6-seed Butler at 4:30 p.m. The winner of that match will meet No. 2-seed Xavier in the second semi-final on Saturday, Nov. 17, at 6 p.m. The winners of the semifinals will meet in the championship on the nationally televised CBS Sports Network Sunday at noon.

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