



PRICES DOWN AS ECONOMY TANKS

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Assistant News Editor

UD students can be grateful for one effect of the lagging economy as they travel home for Thanksgiving: the drop in gas prices.

As of Wednesday, the average price of regular grade gasoline was \$2.047 a gallon, down from \$3.090 one year ago and down from record highs of \$4.114 in July, according to AAA.

"I'm just excited that prices are going down," said sophomore Meagan Marion, who's from Chicago. "When I get home, I won't be as reluctant to drive."

Living 300 miles away, Marion and the others she travels with fill up in Dayton before driving home to Chicago.

"Usually if we fill up before we leave, we can get all the way back," she said.

Alumni Chair in Humanities Dr. John Heitmann added that if students do need to fill up on their drive, doing so right along the interstate can be a little more expensive.

Junior Sarah Redman has found it to be true.

"Lately, filling up in Ohio isn't as much of a burden since prices have decreased," she said.

Average gas prices in Ohio, at \$1.851, are well below the national average of \$2.047.

"At home in New York, the prices are still in the mid \$2 range," Redman said.

Heitmann advises students take advantage of living in Dayton.

"Gas is very inexpensive around here right now," said Heitmann. "Fill up here."

Prices are cheaper in Dayton and the rest of Ohio than in many other cities. In Dayton, the average price of regular grade gasoline on Wednesday was \$1.811, compared to \$2.200 in Chicago, \$1.855 in Cleveland, \$1.726 in St. Louis and \$2.515 in New York, NY, according to AAA.

Students are taking advantage of the temporary price drop.

"Over Christmas break I'm going on a trip with my friends, so I'm glad

I'll have some extra money for that," Marion said.

Heitmann warns students should not expect gas prices to be low for the long term.

"If I could tell you when gas prices were going to go back up, I could make a lot of money," Heitmann said. "Nobody knows."

Heitmann continued that unemployment continues to rise, and when the economy does finally resolve itself, that's when gas prices will increase.

"Sooner or later, they're going to go back up," he said.

Heitmann predicts prices will increase when the U.S. as well as foreign countries recover from their economic crises.

"Oil was being used for industrialization in China and India and output had been curtailed," said Heitmann, speaking of the record-high gas prices in the first half of 2008. Heitmann also believes high prices were because of speculation, rather than those economies truly needing more oil.



NICK KASTNER/MANAGING EDITOR
Senior Drew Silva found there's an upside to America's current economy: low gas prices. On Wednesday, it was \$1.77 a gallon on Brown Street.

Local robotic tool companies partner with UD

JACOB ROSEN
Staff Writer

The School of Engineering has announced they will receive help with the construction of the robotics lab from SAS Automation, an innovator in end-of-arm robotic tools.

The robotics lab will open in the fall of 2009 and this five-year deal valued at nearly \$250,000 will enable the School of Engineering to work with industry leaders in developing a hands-on research opportunity for students, according to Associate Professor Raul Ordonez.

SAS Automation is based in Xenia, Ohio, and will donate additional robot components and training to the university.

Motoman Inc., supplier of robotic engineering systems based in West Carrollton, Ohio, provided start-up equipment and training for the lab in April. The robot lab is part of the School of Engineering's electrical and computer engineering department and will allow students to do innovative research, according to Malcolm Daniels, interim dean of the School of Engineering.

"It is excellent that these two

companies are providing state-of-the-art products right from the Dayton area," he said.

Daniels emphasized the importance of exposing undergraduate students to the actual tools used in the robotics industry.

According to SAS Automation's Web site, www.sasgripper.com, the company is an "award-winning international manufacturer of robotic end-of-arm tools." Although the deals with SAS and Motoman revolve around the construction and development of the robotics lab, the relationship between the School of

Engineering and these two companies will benefit students beyond the classroom. Ordonez said that he hopes it will be a beneficial relationship for many years to come.

"Since they have given us this gift, we hope that it will become a continuing relationship between our engineering students and these local companies," Ordonez said.

Both Daniels and Ordonez feel that the arrangements made with SAS and Motoman will help seal the placement of the robotics lab among the top in the nation. Ordonez said it will position the robotics lab as one

of the key components of the School of Engineering and will be a bright light for many years to come.

Whereas undergraduate engineering students will receive their first exposure to innovative technologies at the top of the industry, graduate students will also be able to take advantage of the best equipment in the market, Daniels said.

SAS will be recognized today at 3 p.m. in Kettering Labs during a dedication where dancing robots will be present.

Becoming a true mansion

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A familiar house on Brown Street has recently been undergoing renovations that have helped what's fondly known as "the Mansion" live up to its name.

Located at 1912 Brown St., the Mansion was sold in August to the new landlord Dave Cronin. Cronin said rumors of the house being condemned last year were not true but the house was "in sad shape."

"It would've been shut down had we not bought it," he said.

The eight seniors who currently live there were surprised that the house they signed for last year would be getting a facelift as they returned to school. Though they said the improvements are nice, dealing with the ongoing construction has not been quite so pleasant.

"Things got worse before they got better," senior Tim King said about living with the construction.

Cronin has made several improvements already,

including replacing the roof, windows, back door, siding and gutters. He has also gutted and retiled the kitchen and both bathrooms, as well as some outside painting and cement work. Cronin estimates that he has spent "well over \$50,000" on the project, and will make more renovations after the current tenants leave next year.

Cronin is still interviewing potential tenants for next school year. He hopes to change the culture of the house, moving away from the "animal house" atmosphere that has been associated with it.

"I am looking for responsible students who want to enjoy a nice house," he said.

Until then the current senior tenants, who love "shenanigans," plan to enjoy the Mansion as much as they can. They have been taking advantage of the large space, especially on the first floor where they have two flat screen televisions and stadium-style seating in a room that they said fits 16 comfortably on the several couches. They also plan to utilize the space by having a large Thanksgiving dinner with everyone dressing as pilgrims and Indians.



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Top: Sophomore Alison James read books. Bottom: Sophomore Kat Graham played a song by Snow Patrol.

UD's Got Talent

FRANK STANKO
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Sophomore Alison James put her theatrical experience to good use by reading aloud Dr. Seuss' "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" at the bookstore Tuesday evening. She tapped into her reading abilities to use as her talent in UD's Got Talent contest.

James joined the talent show contest, hosted by the bookstore, on a whim.

"I'm going to be a teacher anyway, so I might as well read to people," she said.

Despite a small turnout, students shared their musical, dramatic, dance and comedic skills to an enthusiastic audience of friends and bookstore staff.

Sophomore Kat Graham squeezed in a performance of the Snow Patrol ballad "Run" on the acoustic guitar before a class.

"Kat's gotta go take a test," emcee Mel Lyle said to the crowd after Graham's performance.

The dance team of first-years Kristen Tellaisha, Chelsea Kessler and sophomore Ashley Madliger performed some nimble and highly

athletic choreography to the song "Footloose". High kicks, spins and shimmies were the order of the evening for the trio, all of whom are members of the Flyettes, the marching band's combination dance line and color guard.

Finally, seniors Ryan Fennessy and Kevin Branick performed improvisational comedy. Fennessy and Branick, members of On The Fly, a campus comedy troupe, played three improv games. At one point, the men allowed themselves to become puppets for a scene involving feeding each other a can of peas.

The duo won first place in the contest and received a Bookstore a gift card. Graham and the trio of dancers tied for second, and James took home third place.

Event coordinator Loretta Geiger said she was pleased with the diversity of the evening's talent.

A second talent show is tentatively planned for late January featuring free food and prizes.

For further information, join the Facebook group University of Dayton Bookstore.

U.N. experience with model team

ANNA BEYERLE
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Recently, UD's Model U.N. team has traveled to national conferences and shared their experience with high school students on campus.

Model U.N. is an organization with chapters in middle schools, high schools and colleges throughout the world. All chapters of Model U.N. are simulations of the real United Nations, according to President of UD's Model U.N. Caryl Nunez.

Model U.N. is attending three conferences this year, including the Model Organization of American States, which took place earlier this month in San Antonio, Texas at St. Mary's.

"We act as ambassadors for the country in which we represent and attempt to address and negotiate these issues diplomatically," Nunez said. "These conferences allow us to interact with students from local colleges and universities."

According to Zach Lindsey, vice president of Model U.N., the team did very well. UD represented Trinidad and Tobago and was one of 15 schools attending. It was UD's first time at this conference and they were asked to return in 2009.

UD will be attending the Dayton Model U.N. Conference at Wright State in February, as well as the National Model U.N. Conference in New York City in April.

On Thursday the team hosted a high school conference in order to host younger students and teach them more about the program.

Members of Model U.N. hosted committees and picked topics for the students to deliberate, Nunez said.

"The high school conference is a learning conference for the students," Dani Hosfeld, the treasurer of Model U.N. and chair of the General Assembly during the high school conference said. "The goal is for them to finish with a better understanding of how the U.N. operates, proper procedure during committee, and to learn more about the position of the state they are representing."

According to Hosfeld, Model U.N. has improved on many of her public speaking and formal writing skills.

"I thought it would be a great experience," Hosfeld said. "Not only would it allow me to learn more about other countries, but it would also teach me a lot about how the U.N. functions,"

For more information about Model U.N. contact UDMUN@notes.udayton.edu.

Honors program requirements discussed at meeting today

LAUREN KELLY
Staff Writer

There will be an hour-long informational meeting about the UD Honors Program's new guidelines today at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Room 10 F (the ground floor Chaminade Hall).

"The student who attends Friday will learn the expectations, benefits and opportunities to being in the

Honors Program," Director of the Honors and Scholars Program Patricia Hart said.

Before a student can join the program, there are requirements to meet. A student needs to complete at least 18 credit hours of honors courses or 12 credit hours and a study abroad or cultural immersion experience, a leadership or service activity, and they must submit an approved honors thesis project. In

addition, a student must maintain a 3.5 GPA. If they meet these requirements, the courses they have taken will also be evaluated, Hart said.

The biggest component to graduating with honors distinction is the honors thesis, which a student begins junior year. Its purpose is to gain undergraduate research experience which is of great assistance when applying for graduate school.

Besides the academic require-

ments and benefits, the program hosts a few social events each semester.

"I really love participating in the different events the program hosts. It is a great way to meet other Honors students," said Auriel Buchanan, a member of the program. "The most beneficial thing about being in the program is probably all of the opportunities that arise from being a member."

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TODAY

SGA DAY

Stop outside KU from 1 to 4 p.m. for Student Government Awareness Day to learn about what the student government has been doing, what it plans to do and how to get involved in SGA. Music and snacks will be provided.

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TUESDAY

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Interested in planning and organizing events on campus? This day is the last day to turn in applications to be a part of CAB, UD's Campus Activities Board. E-mail David Mattingly at mattindt@notes.udayton.edu with questions.

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WEDNESDAY

TURKEY BREAK BEGINS!

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TUESDAY

B-BALL TOURNNEY

This is the last day to register your team for the 5 v. 5 basketball tournament being held at the RecPlex. There is a \$50 fee per team, and teams are guaranteed five games. Register at www.udayton.edu/~recsport.

AVOID HOLIDAY WEIGHT GAIN

You might be eating turkey, but that doesn't mean you have to look like one.

STEPHANIE VERMILLION
Chief Staff Writer

This Thanksgiving you can have your turkey and eat it too, as long as it's skinless, white meat and portion-controlled.

As classes end Tuesday, students and faculty will be going home to kick off the holiday season. Unfortunately they will also be kicking off the annual weight-gain season as well, which starts with Thanksgiving. On average, a person gains one pound every holiday season, according to the National Institute of Health.

Although eating the rich, high-calorie holiday foods may be tradition, you can start a new, healthy tradition this year by sticking to the following holiday survival tips.

•**Cook with healthier ingredients** and you can fulfill some of your dietary needs. For example, bread stuffing and rolls are staples on the Thanksgiving table. You can get your daily fiber from them if you read the ingredients. "Whole grain is not always whole wheat," UD Nutrition professor Dr. Janine Baer said. "White bread is whole grain but not whole wheat, and it doesn't have fiber. You have to look closer."

•**You don't have to eat every dish on the table.** Instead, only put the dishes you look forward to every year on your plate. When serving yourself, make sure to keep portions controlled. A few simple rules of thumb are given on www.weight-watchers.com:

- Turkey serving size should equal a computer mouse or check-book
- Green bean casserole serving should fit into one ice cream scoop
- Mashed potatoes should equal the size of your fist or a tennis ball



•**Don't skip breakfast.** Instead of helping you by saving calories, it will counter-affect you. "Don't save up on your calories for one big meal late in the day," according to www.active.com. "You'll just end up downing excess calories."

•**Slow down, it's not a race.** The excitement of so many delicious dishes in front of you may make you want to hurry up and eat so you can get to other foods quicker. Bad idea. It takes 20 minutes for our stomachs to tell our brains that we are full, according to www.active.com. Enjoy the meal, talk to your family, put your silverware down between bites, but no matter what don't race your uncle to seconds on the sweet potatoes.

•**Control your sweet tooth.** One piece of pie is fine, but when you start adding on two scoops of ice cream and grandma's famous cookies, your sugar intake will skyrocket. "The rule is 20 percent of your total calories should be from added sugar," Baer said. "Moderation really is key."

•**Stay away from the hors d'oeuvres.** Visiting with your family members prior to the feast usually includes some appetizers. Be careful, because these bites here and there can quickly add up. Instead of standing at the kitchen counter, get a small plate of one or two small snacks, and head to the couch to talk to your relatives.

•**Get in a good workout Thanksgiving Day.** After a workout, our bodies need glycogen replenishment. Carbohydrates found in Thanksgiving's starchy potatoes or sugars from cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie can perform this task. Protein from the turkey will also help repair damaged muscle tissue, according to www.active.com. For motivation to get in a workout, try a local Turkey Trot Thanksgiving morning race. To find a race near you, go to www.active.com/running/turkeytrot.

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Crime Log

The following incidents were reported to the Department of Public Safety on Nov. 13 through Nov. 15. This log was compiled by Flyer News from actual police reports obtained from the Department of Public Safety.

Theft

Nov. 13, 4:14 p.m.

Officer S. Durian met with a UD student who said unauthorized purchases had been made on her credit card and debit card in Miami, Fla. The student said her credit card had been used four times between for a total of \$375.38. Her debit card had been used three times for a total of \$193.73 another day. The student had both cards in possession at all times when the cards were used and has since cancelled both.

Theft

Nov. 14, 2:08 a.m.

Officer Pease went to Founders Hall on the report of a theft at the McGinnis Center. Upon arrival, the officer met with a UD student who said while attending a dance at the center on Nov. 13, her Vera Wang wristlet and coat were taken from there. The wristlet contained her ID card, driver's license, debit card, cell phone, and room and car keys. There are no known suspects or witnesses at this time.

Theft

Nov. 15, 2:25 a.m.

Officer A. Durian was dispatched to the S2 lot on the report of a theft. Upon arrival, the complainant said between Nov. 8 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 14 at 6 p.m., she noticed items missing from her vehicle. The complainant said her black Garmin GPA navigation system, valued at \$300, was stolen along with her black iPod adapter cord, valued at \$40. The car was unlocked at the time of the theft.

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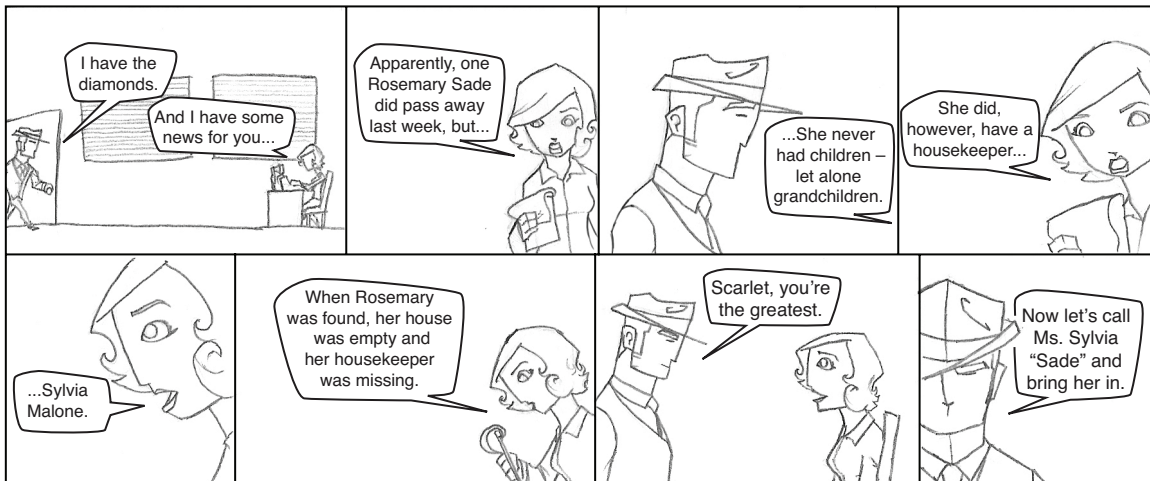
UD Dance Ensemble performs tonight and Saturday at 8 p.m. Freshman Tyler Sarkis is the only male in the ensemble and the group is performing tap, jazz, modern and hip-hop pieces.

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Paper-shredder to comedian

Drew Hastings, a Kettering native, will charm audiences with his true comical stories

NICK IANNARINO
Assistant A&E Editor

Drew Hastings is like any other pissed-off Ohio farmer.

He wears tailored black suits and black-rimmed glasses. He loves talking about Thai food. On weekends, he tours the country telling hilarious tales of erotic asphyxiation, Starbucks and Viagra.

Yet, search the area east of Cincinnati and south of Hillsborough and you might just find the world's most unlikely farmer bailing hay in front of his barn.

Hastings, 54, is an introspective, edgy and opinionated dichotomy of cynical Midwest values and West Coast urban culture. A longtime favorite of the morning syndicated "Bob and Tom Radio Show," Hastings's Comedy Central showcase, "Irked and Miffed," premiered as one of the network's highest-rated one-hour specials in April.

Hastings was raised by his British single mother in Kettering—and is probably one of only a few people to be expelled from both Fairmont East and Fairmont West High Schools.

On Saturday, Nov. 29, Hastings will return home to rant to downtown's Victoria Theater.

"The show I do in Dayton will be a combination of what's on that new special and DVD and some stuff tailored to Dayton," Hastings told *Flyer News* in his trademark raspy, longtime-smoker's voice. "Kind of some regional funny, rather dark and edgy true stories about, you know, maybe me selling drugs down on Brown Street, and in Kettering and Oakwood. I was a psychedelic drug dealer back in the day."

He says he comes from the school that "all comedy comes from pain," and he supposes he uses his life experiences as an example of that.

"I believe that ultimately only the truth is really funny," he said. "I've never done surreal or goofy comedy. To do stuff that's more truth-based you've got to talk about your life, or the human condition using yourself as an example."

Hastings didn't fall into comedy until he was 32. Prior to that, he owned a number of small, "marginally scammy" businesses in Dayton and Cincinnati, including running a shredding company that never actually shredded any documents. After two years, he realized he could rely on comedy as his life's first steady source of income.

"I literally went out on the road for about seven years and got lost out

there," he said. "Stand up is a very one-man, one-person business. No inventory or nobody else telling you how to do it."

Success led him to a 14-year stint in Los Angeles, where he shot television pilots for FOX, NBC and HBO, received a rare standing ovation on "The Tonight Show" and performed three one-person shows.

"I never did care for L.A.," he said. "I found it to be very uncreative. For it being the center of entertainment, L.A. is run very much like a Procter & Gamble. They're very corporate..."

For Hastings, a Midwestern prejudice was all too apparent on both coasts.

"It's very common for you to meet an industry executive and they ask, 'Where are you from,' and you say, 'Ohio,' and the first thing out of their mouth is, 'Oh, I'm sorry.' They assume that you know you're from Ohio and are really glad to be the hell out of there," he said.

Despite this, Hastings still relishes in his decision to move back to Ohio, particularly his 50-acre farm.

Like his early days on the road, Hastings is again enjoying unregulated control over his career. Though playing his proven material in large theaters is nice, he often jumps at developing his new stuff in a more intimate club setting.

"The best moments are the ones that aren't really caught on video," he

How to go

WHAT	Drew Hastings Stand Up Comedy
WHEN	8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29
WHERE	Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St., Dayton
COST	\$29
INFO	www.drewhastings.com

said. "Something happens where it all just comes together and you realize, 'I couldn't have done it without you people and you couldn't have done this without me.' It's very organic and you'll never see it again, it just disappears. It was only in that moment. And that's the beauty of stand up comedy when it's really going well."

When talking to Hastings, nothing's more apparent than the emphasis placed on remaining true to himself rather than doing anything for fame and fortune.

"As an artist, you really only have control over two things: You have the power to say 'No' to something, and your integrity," he said. "I've held onto my integrity for this long and it's a little late to give it up, so why sell out now?"

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SYLVIA MAYE
Chief Staff Writer

Tyler Sarkis had never danced ballet in his life but when his high school musical theater choreographer noticed he had natural talent, he immediately enrolled in the Louisville Ballet School.

As a freshman at UD, Sarkis is the now the only male dancer in the UD Dance Ensemble and will perform a modern and a ballet piece tonight and Saturday at 8 p.m. in KU Boll Theater as part of the group's fall performance.

Those who've seen Sarkis said they were surprised he hadn't been dancing very long. Assistant Director Tess Vella said he exhibited wonderful stage presence so they decided to take a chance on him.

"I actually just learned that this was his first year dancing a couple days ago and I was really surprised," Vella said. "He was hitting moves that I wouldn't be able to and I've been dancing for 18 years."

This high school education and theatre major said he can't wait to showcase his talent for the audience members.

"Both pieces are amazing and I'm really excited for everyone to see them," he said.

Vella said the company tries to publicize themselves by hanging posters around campus and many of the dancers in the ensemble come back year after year.

"We have girls that have been in the show all four years of college," she said.

The Dance Ensemble, which hasn't had a male dancer in years, has been around since the early '80s and so has artistic director Mark Cummings. Vella said in the past the ensemble has

always had a wide variety of modern, ballet and jazz pieces. This year, however, Cummings wanted the show to be fast paced and entertaining so they added tap and hip-hop numbers.

Under Cummings direction, the ensemble has become closer and is tighter than ever before, Vella said.

"The members of dance ensemble, corny as it may sound, are really like a family and we all work together to make the shows as professional and polished as possible," she said. "We are all in it because we love to dance and after high school there aren't that many opportunities to keep up with it unless you want to major in dance, which UD doesn't have."

Ensemble member senior Ellen Cochran keeps up with her hobby because she would like to teach dance after she graduates.

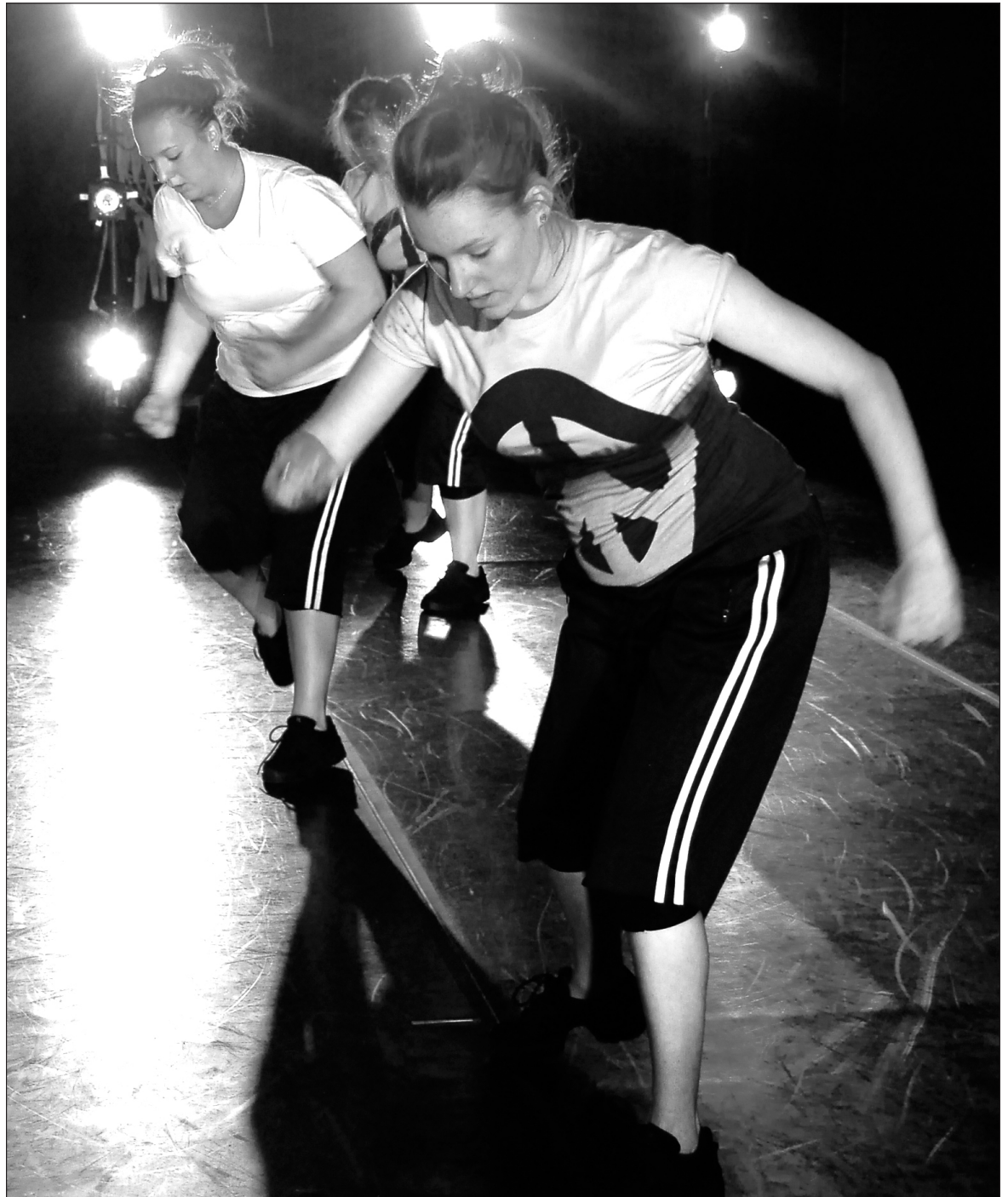
"Being an education major, it would be great to combine two of my passions, dancing and teaching," she said.

Cochran has been dancing since the age of 7, but didn't get serious about it until she was 13. This year she is really branching out of her only performance type, ballet, Vella said. Cochran will perform a lyrical, a ballet and a modern piece, choreographed by Damion Smith.

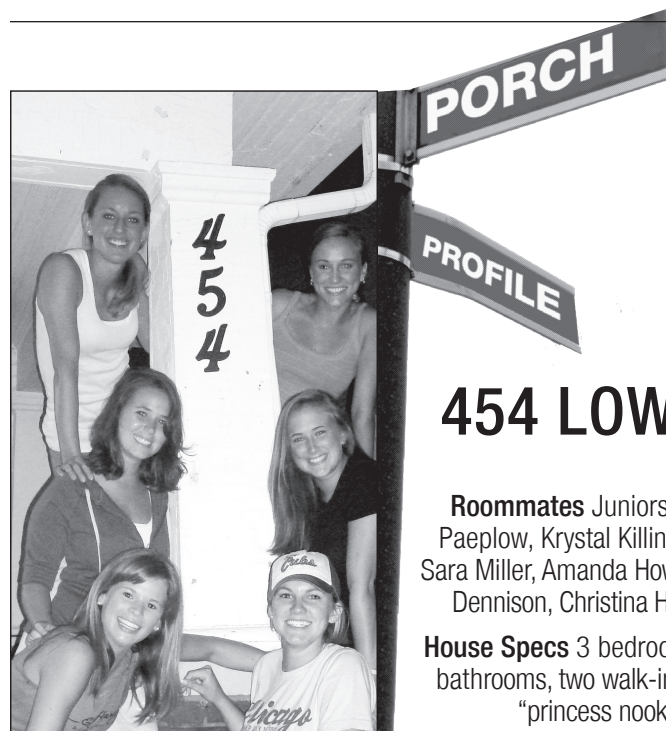
Sarkis said after high school he knew he wanted to continue dancing which is why he auditioned for the ensemble. Now, he's looking past this weekend's performances and past his next three years in the ensemble.

"After UD, of course, I would love to be involved on Broadway, but I'd definitely love to choreograph or teach dance at whatever school I'm teaching at after college," he said.

Tickets are \$6 for students and \$10 for adults.



BRIANA SNYDER/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Dancers Nicole Galuschik, Jenna Geissler and Tess Vella rehearse Monday for their performance.



454 LOWES

Roommates Juniors Cheryl Paeplow, Krystal Killingsworth, Sara Miller, Amanda Howe, Kristen Dennison, Christina Hemmer

House Specs 3 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms, two walk-in closets, "princess nook"

CONTRIBUTED BY KRISTEN DENNISON

AMANDA LEECH
Staff Writer

Flyer News: What is your house known for?

Sara Miller: We love to dress up.
Cheryl Paeplow: People come to our house looking for our costumes.
Krystal Killingsworth: We have been collecting since freshman year.
Amanda Howe: Lots of thrift store runs.
SM: Probably about once a month we all get dressed up and run around the ghetto.

FN: What's quirky about your house?
CP: We have a gong.
Kristen Dennison: It came with the house.
SM: Our parents thought it might be worth some money, but we have ruined it since we hit it so much.
KD: It's going to be our sled pretty soon.

FN: Any memorable moments in 454?

KD: Definitely the green bug.
CP: It was the most innocent looking green bug I have ever seen, it looked like a leaf.
Christina Hemmer: The next day I wake up and find it in the freezer.
AH: Krystal was chasing people with it.
SM: We were going to have a wake for it but it disappeared.

FN: Any other house traditions?
CP: We have a bitch box.
SM: Each week if someone does something funny or bitchy, we put it in the bitch box.
AH: There are a lot of funny moments. At the end of the week, it is fun to get together and reminisce.

FN: Who gets the most bitch nominations?
SM: Krystal is winning now, I am in a close second.
KK: Cheryl had like 20 last week.
KD: I'm an angel.

FN: When people stop by your house, they are most likely to find...

CP: Us dressed up.
KD: Banana phones.
AH: "Law and Order" on.
SM: Us playing boom.

FN: How do you relieve stress?
KD: We save bottles to break in the back of our yard.
KK: There's a cement wall in the back, if you get upset, you take a bottle, scream what you are upset about and throw it.

FN: What do you crave?
All: Salty snacks.

FN: What's the 454 Lowes philosophy?
KK: 454 and more.
CH: It's the Ghetto. Wear a costume.
SM: Eight hugs a day to be happy.

FN: Any house goals for the year?
KD: Stay off Juicy Campus.

forum

"In a democracy, the freedom of discussion, the right to information and the freedom of expression are of the highest value. Without them, democracy turns into a caricature."

Jacek Zakowski, television critic, Poland, 1998

fneditorial

Thanksgiving: Turkey Day break, yeah it's so not college...

With Thanksgiving break coming up, it's time to really examine what we're getting the three extra days off for. Sure it's all about the whole "giving thanks" thing, but use your educated head and get creative for what Thanksgiving break really entails: the opposite of college life.

Thanksgiving break is pretty much contradictory to what our college experience is all about. We're used to eating ramen and pizza, living with friends and being extremely busy.

But, to get us away from this, we're given a holiday and expected to go home and do the opposite: eat well, spend time with family, and take a breather from our 24/7 lifestyles. Thanksgiving break? Yeah, it's so not college.

So take advantage of it, students. It's just long enough where you aren't going to miss the campus life you're so used to living and just short enough where your family and your life back home won't get too much on your nerves.

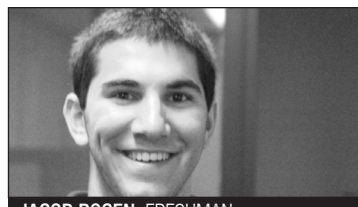
Take the time off not to just eat an actual home-cooked meal that somebody else makes for you, but to give yourself some personal time too. Do some work, but not too much. Relax as much as you can by watching football or going shopping. Sleeping's never a bad idea either.

Whatever you plan on doing, get it done, because the next couple of weeks after break you're going to be busy. Sure taking the time to pack up for Christmas break and kiss your roommates goodbye isn't too big of an ordeal, but when you have finals the entire last week (including Saturday this semester) stuff like that is going to sneak up on you.

Fuel up on turkey, catch up on sleep and you'll be all ready to take on your finals full force. Hey, it's what Thanksgiving break is all about, right?

Show some class

Students at UD basketball games need to get in line with code of conduct



JACOB ROSEN FRESHMAN

The Dayton Flyers 2008-2009 basketball season is well underway, and it is a very exciting time on campus. As a freshman hailing from Akron, Ohio, these are my first few opportunities ever to be a part of a great college basketball atmosphere. After game one however, I already have some harsh opinions of some of my fellow students.

When I first arrived on campus in August, Red Scare seemed like the perfect organization to be involved in because of my crazy sports enthusiasm. I am a huge college sports fan, and cannot get enough of northeast Ohio sports action (Go Cavs, Browns and Indians!) and the principles of this organization really appealed to my most basic beliefs about the way sports fans should behave.

On the Red Scare Web site, their code of conduct states that all students attending University of Day-

ton sporting events are "required to refrain from any behavior that is socially unacceptable, offensive, unruly, or illegal in nature." Certainly, I am not angry about every single "unruly" incident any sports fan has ever done, but I believe any principled follower of a sports team has to have some code of behavior much like this one. I thought that this code of conduct would actually work in practice at all Red Scare sporting events, but that proved wrong at UD Arena last Sunday night.

Looking back upon the last three months of Dayton sports action, I have had a great time attending as many soccer, football and volleyball games as possible. I got really into the volleyball team's success, and stayed for the sheer majority of the game last Saturday against St. Louis. Sure, there were a few possibly "unruly" moments in the students section where people yelled out the names of opposing players serving the volleyball, but it was all in innocent-natured fun. I believe that there is a big difference between this type of joking behavior and the behavior at basketball games.

I have a family friend that is a huge University of Pittsburgh basketball fan, and he attended the game last December 29 when the Flyers defeated the Panthers 80-55 at UD Arena. He called me the next day astounded by the behavior of the students section, vowing never to return to UD Arena because of the abuse he suffered as a fan of the opposing team in last year's historic blowout.

Looking at the way certain students behaved toward opposing Wofford players in the Dayton 52-49 win on Sunday that does not surprise me one bit. From yelling profanities after every single personal foul, to mocking every Wofford player and ridiculing them throughout, I felt that students gave no mercy to the poor Terriers.

That first game was sloppy for both teams, but as I hope that the Dayton Flyers have some prettier results as the season progresses, I also hope that many more members of Red Scare step it up and behave in line with their supposed code of conduct.

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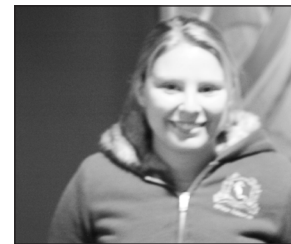
Word on the street...

What is your favorite Thanksgiving Day tradition?



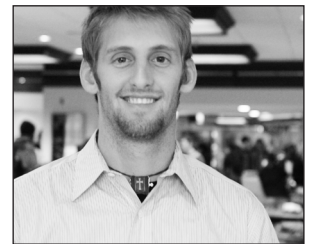
"Corn mush. It's two sticks of butter, sour cream, and corn. Basically it's an artery clog in one bite."

AMANDA TOOTLE, SENIOR
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"Watching the Macy's Day Parade with my family."

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"Playing the Turkey Bowl with my family and my neighbors. The losers serve the winners."

BRAD BOYD, SENIOR
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letters to the editor

Science and humanities help provide balanced education

The article, "Science Doesn't Rule", in the Nov. 18 edition of *Flyer News* left me a little disheartened. While each student in college ends up specializing in a particular area of study, they should come out with at the very least exposure to an appreciation of other areas of study. I believe that UD does a very good job at this. While I can't say for certain, I think my UD education has instilled in me an appreciation for the humanities that I would not have received at another university. I have been derided by my humanities friends for saying that I am not a fan of the humanities. And yet when an engineer derides a humanities major for saying the equivalent, they are "nerds." An equal appreciation of others' disciplines needs to be achieved.

I believe that comparing the sciences to the humanities is like comparing apples and oranges. You just can't compare the two. Humanities classes that are gen eds do not have prerequisites beyond PHL 103 that everyone at the university takes. This is because these courses do not build on each other. Science, engineering, and math courses build upon each

other significantly, and don't lend themselves to be taken "cafeteria style" like the humanities do.

I too have to take my fair share of gen eds, and for me these are the humanities. While it is fair to say that they aren't my favorite classes, I cannot go so far to say that "I am an engineering major and therefore dislike humanities." I may not excel at those subjects, but I do find them enjoyable. Perhaps this is because I understand their value in giving me a balanced education, and hopefully humanities majors can appreciate the sciences as well. In an increasingly scientific and technological world, it is crucial that everyone has a basic understanding of the world around them. That is the function of the gen ed sciences. Specialized sciences would not provide this crucial background, just as the specialized humanities classes do not provide the safe function of the introductory philosophy and religion classes.

Eric Harper
Sophomore
Chemical Engineering

Be thankful for what we have

Though my previous letters may seem hypercritical of small issues, I have much to be thankful for, as we all do. We have a campus of healthy students who are not starving, have warm shelter, and are well-educated by caring teachers. True, some people do not know what a garbage can is or when they have reached their partying limits, but we do not have rampant violence or high fatalities. Some may be struggling with hard

classes while others coast through cake courses; yet, we all have the opportunity to learn.

A college education is still very valuable in this world. A peace-filled environment is hard to achieve. We are in the luxury of both; embrace it!

Joseph Radisek
Sophomore
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"...I felt that students gave no mercy to the poor Terriers."

JACOB ROSEN, FRESHMAN
APPLIED MATHEMATICAL ECONOMICS

All issues need to be explored pertaining to the bailout, regardless of position on it

The article in last week's paper is a pathetic attempt at sympathizing with the current big three bailouts. In favor of the bailout or not, there are a few issues that were unmentioned that need to be mentioned to truly understand for which the article failed in its entirety to even glimpse at.

There are reasons far and above just the current freezing of the credit markets, lack of lending and global recession for the big three and General Motors in particular to be seeking our assistance as taxpayers to aid their currently failing enterprises. Among those that went entirely unmentioned in the article last week are high labor costs (think UAW), lack of fuel efficient technology, etc.

As a strong advocate of free

market capitalism, GM among the other two, if looking for our money, not the government's money but our money in the form of taxpayer funds, should be forced to comply with strict measures if they choose to accept the terms of any investment. I say "investment" as opposed to bailout because any plan now in the works involves either a loan, or preferred equity stakes, both of which expect a return on investment, as opposed to simply giving them a lump sum with no expectation of repayment, or a bailout as last week's article so eloquently put it. However, for this to truly produce a return the big three will need to take significant measures including renegotiation of labor costs, and implementation of fuel efficiency (which congress *already* gave aid

in the form of \$25 billion) as well as other measures to scale back operations and return to positive cash flow.

Lastly, lack of lending or the current credit freeze, notice I said *current* does not coincide with the *past* years of success in the form of high scale profits GM gained through the Hummer and other inefficient technology or lack thereof. It's no surprise a company with such a platform can't endure \$150+ barrels of oil. In short conclusion, true viability of these companies lies in increased efficiency, lower labor costs etc., the inclusion of which infers a bailout or an investment.

Peter Myers
Senior
Communication Management

Cartoons in *Flyer News* show lack of professionalism, need to be improved

I have, for the past three years, contributed periodically in one way or another to *Flyer News* in spite of some personal criticisms I have held against the paper.

At this point, I have to point out the newspaper's most obvious failure: the staff doesn't know how to draw a cartoon, let alone a political one.

I hit my boiling point when I read the most recent issue and the "political cartoon" was an attack on overplayed party songs.

Now, from what I can remember from my senior year journalism class in high school, a cartoon, as it is traditionally used in print media, is supposed to convey a message, political, satirical

or whatever, through the use of drawn images.

In the case of the cartoons created by *Flyer News*, I do not believe that I have seen one that has had an image with a clear and concise message that did not have to be explained by a superfluous amount of text.

Again, the most recent cartoon clearly demonstrated my point. Taken alone, the one image in the "cartoon" space would have no apparent meaning to the reader. Therefore, in order to make sense of it, the editors inserted approximately 50 words for context.

If they wanted to do it properly, the editors would get a real cartoonist (probably someone like a

UD student pursuing a degree in Art) to draw someone dying as a result of listening to the targeted songs. This cartoon would convey the message through subtle images with as little text as possible.

I'm sure it can be done!

I understand that *Flyer News* has undergone a bit of a facelift this past year. However, I do not see how it can consider itself a reputable news source if it cannot even get the fundamentals correct.

Peter R. Blazunas
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Men's Soccer

Fri. Nov. 21 vs. UIC
NCAA First Round
Chicago, Ill.

Volleyball

Sat. Nov. 22 vs. TBD
A-10 Semifinal
St. Louis, Mo.

Football

Sat. Nov. 22 at Jacksonville

Men's Basketball

Sun. Nov. 23 vs.
Bethune-Cookman

Women's Basketball

Fri. Nov. 21 vs. Butler

Mens and Women's Cross Country

NCAA Championship
Terre Haute, Ind.

inside the NUMBERS

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Career high for Kristin Daugherty, as the sophomore scored 14 points in a two-minute stretch in the second half in a game Monday against St. Mary's. With Daugherty's help, the Flyers' women's basketball team earned their first win of the young season and moved to 1-2.

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Number of wins required by the football team to win the Pioneer Football League title, and to play in the Gridiron Classic later this year. The Flyers will have their final regular season game on Saturday at Jacksonville.

100

Number of wins for men's basketball coach Brian Gregory. Gregory is in his sixth season as head coach at Dayton.

Women's Hoops

Stiff competition provides obstacles

Team learns its weaknesses quickly after losses to national powers Texas and Old Dominion

JOHN BEDELL
Assistant Sports Editor

The women's basketball team welcomed the long weekend trip it took to Austin, Texas this past weekend. The team traded the cold and the snow of southwest Ohio in mid-November for the higher temperatures of Texas and a chance at three of the premier programs in the country in Texas, Old Dominion and St. Mary's at the World Vision Classic.

The weekend though, was not too kind to the Flyers. The team got off to a rough start to begin the 2008-09 season with a 66-40 loss to Texas on Saturday and a 70-58 loss to Old Dominion on Sunday.

Kristin Daugherty stepped up for the Flyers in the loss to No. 15 Texas. She led all scorers with 15 points. Daugherty scored 11 points in the first half and added three assists and two steals. Five of UD's freshmen scored in the game as well. Justine Raterman scored 4 points and snatched a game-high 11 rebounds. Casey Nance added 3 points, four rebounds and two steals, while Partice Lalor and Kayla Moses combined for 5 points.

The Flyers played competitively the entire game and kept the score close for most of the first half. In the end, the national-power Longhorns were simply too much for Dayton. Texas out-rebounded UD 44-31 and received 37 points from its bench. The Flyers bench, in comparison, mustered a mere 8 points. The Longhorns also punished the Flyers for every mistake, scoring 25 points off of UD's 25 turnovers.

Head coach Jim Jabir did say that there were some silver linings for the Flyers.

"Texas could have beaten us by 70 points," Jabir said. "We fought. We battled. When you play against a great team you see

your weaknesses. Ours were very visible. We saw what we need to work on and that was a success for us. We can only get better."

The Flyers dropped to 0-2 with their loss against No. 25 Old Dominion on Sunday. Raterman again led the Flyers notching the first double-double of her collegiate career with 27 points and 15 rebounds. Raterman led all scorers, shooting 11-of-21 from the field and 2-of-5 from 3-point range. Daugherty also had a strong game for the Flyers finishing with 21 points, four boards and two steals in the loss.

The Flyers hung with the Monarchs until ODU put the game away with a 19-5 run in the last nine minutes of the contest. The game was close throughout, including two ties and six lead changes — all in the second half. Both teams grabbed 43 rebounds. It was the Flyers' shooting that did them in against the Monarchs. The Flyers shot an abysmal 33.3 percent from the floor, including 27.3 percent from long range.

In Monday's game against St. Mary's, the Flyers picked up their first win of the season with a 68-62 victory. Daugherty led scorers with a career-high 31 points. She scored 14 of those points during a two-minute stretch late in the second half, when she propelled the team past the Gaels.

Kendel Ross also played a big role, notching a double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

Although the Flyers had a tough weekend in Texas, there were some bright spots. UD saw strong play from Daugherty, Ross and the plethora of talented freshmen during the grueling three-game road trip.



FLYER NEWS FILE PHOTO

Junior forward Kendel Ross makes a move toward the basket in a game last season. Ross scored 17 points while grabbing 10 rebounds in the Flyers' last game against St. Mary's.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL UPCOMING GAMES

DAYTON VS. BUTLER

Hinkle Fieldhouse
Indianapolis, Ind.

FRIDAY, NOV. 21
7:00 p.m.

DAYTON VS. NAVY

Alumni Hall
Annapolis, Md.

TUESDAY, NOV. 25
5:00 p.m.

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Football

Flyers play for all the marbles at Jacksonville Saturday



CORY GRIFFIN SPORTS EDITOR

On the ugliest day of 2008, Dayton football seniors played in the final home game of their careers. Wind, rain and a wintry mix fell from the sky.

At times the wind was overpowering, making it hard for the Flyers to throw the football in the intense gusts, and the Flyers couldn't achieve much of a rhythm throughout the game.

Although the game ended in a disappointing defeat by Morehead State, 14-13, the outcome and the weather is symbolic of the many occasions the seniors of the team have had to overcome other unexpected events throughout their four years.

Two seasons ago, the Flyers

finished with their first losing season since 1976, after a 4-6 finish. It was the first and only losing season in the heralded career of legendary coach Mike Kelly.

The team didn't dwell on the losses the following offseason, but used it as motivation for 2007. The Flyers stormed through the regular season, going 11-1 and earning a berth in the inaugural Gridiron Classic game between the Northeast Conference champion and the PFL Champion. They then defeated Albany in that game 42-21 to win the Mid-Major FCS National Championship.

Following the season, Kelly retired, and the team was faced with the task of adapting to coach Rick Chamberlin's style. So far, the team looks as if the transition hasn't done much to affect it, and now the Flyers need just one more victory to earn another Gridiron Classic berth.

The team has continued to face adversity through this season. A struggling offense early has now

become a reliable attack. Rob Florian's recent hand injury has forced the team to rely on redshirt freshman Jeff Pechan and Steve Valentino to handle the offensive leadership.

Then last week's weather threw a curveball at the Flyers, and they now face a winner-takes-all battle in Jacksonville Saturday. The game will decide the Pioneer Football League champion.

Through all of the transitions and adversity the seniors on the team have faced throughout their four or five years in the program, they have prevailed, but they have one more challenge to face before graduation.

Jacksonville will be hoping to derail the Flyers' title hopes. Although the Flyers have overcome many challenges throughout the past several years, they will again have to do so on Saturday to avoid disappointment and earn a berth into the Gridiron Classic.



RYAN KOZELKA/ASSISTANT PHOTO EDITOR

Redshirt sophomore wide receiver Steve Valentino runs away from defenders in last week's losing effort to Morehead State. Valentino and the Flyers will play for the Pioneer Football League title Saturday at Jacksonville.

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Men's Hoops

Dayton gives the business to Delaware State

Flyers offense looks to be back on track after swatting the Hornets 62-42 Wednesday night.

CORY GRIFFIN
Sports Editor

As the Dayton defense smothered the Delaware State Hornets en route to a 62-42 victory at the University of Dayton Arena Wednesday, sophomore forward Chris Wright was again the engine that got the team started.

"If you ain't checkin' on the floor you're checkin' out the crowd," Wright said. "We did a good job of checking, we forced 25 turnovers. We're really proud of the way we're working, but we need to get better."

In their first game on Sunday, the Flyers struggled getting rebounds throughout the game, getting out-rebounded by 10. However, Wednesday was a different story, as the Flyers dominated the boards, out-rebounding the Hornets 41-28. Wright was a big part of that.

"I believe in our team, I believe we can be one of the best rebounding teams in the nation because we're athletic and we've got size," Wright said.

Although Wright was unable to play a full freshman season, fans were able to get a taste of what he was capable of throughout the beginning of the season last year, and also were able to see the effect having him watching the games in street clothes on the bench during that time.

In Wednesday's game, Wright

showed his brilliance on his way to an 18-point, seven-rebound performance. He was the only Flyer to score in double-figures, and also added three steals.

In the first half, Wright started the Flyers off with a hustle-

FLYER BASKETBALL

TEAM LEADERS

CHRIS WRIGHT

18 pts

KURT HUELSMAN

7 rebounds

LONDON WARREN

3 assists

rebound off of a missed free throw. He tipped it in to give the team the early advantage.

Then, over a two-minute stretch, Wright scored 8 points, starting with an alley-oop lay up from Rob Lowery. The next time down, Wright dunked, prompting a quick timeout from the Hornet bench.

A few plays later, it was Wright again on a dunk from London

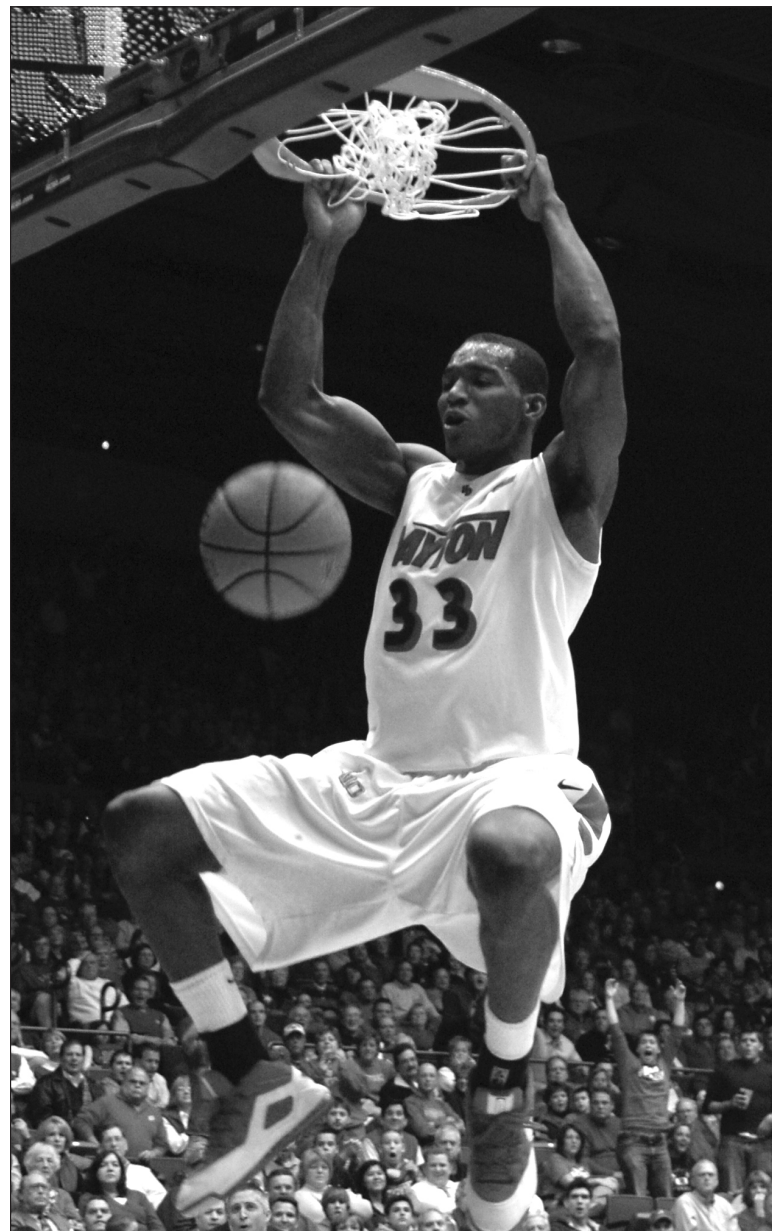
Warren. Finally a lay-in on a pass from Marcus Johnson making the score 21-11. During that span, the Flyers increased their lead by 5 points, and started taking control again.

Wright's energy again fueled the momentum — and it didn't stop there.

In the second half, Wright put the game away with four minutes to go, getting a fast-break dunk on a steal he took coast-to-coast after jumping into the passing lane to steal the ball away. The next play down, Mickey Perry stole the basketball and with Wright trailing him, threw it off the backboard, where Wright slammed it down to bring down the house.

"Me and Mickey, we shot free throws together and we were playing around throwing the ball off the backboard and throwing lobs from half-court and we were just joking, and in the game it actually happened," Wright said. "I guess they say practice makes perfect."

The Flyers will now head back to practice in preparation for their upcoming game Sunday against Bethune-Cookman.



RYAN KOZELKA/ASSISTANT PHOTO EDITOR

Sophomore guard Chris Wright slam dunks in a victory over Delaware State Wednesday night. The Flyers won 62-42.

Women's Club Soccer

Small team looks to make big impact at nationals

The Flyers will face Boston College, North Carolina and defending champion California-Santa Barbara in its bracket

BRENDAN HADER
Staff Writer

This fall has been a season of great success for the University of Dayton sports program, especially for a team that many students haven't yet heard about.

The women's club soccer team will head to Tuscaloosa, Ala. this week to begin its run at the club soccer national tournament. The road, however, will not be an easy one as the Flyers drew arguably the most difficult bracket in the tournament.

Dayton will face Boston College, North Carolina and defending-

champion California-Santa Barbara in its bracket.

"We know that we are one of the smaller teams with just three substitutes so we just want to play with a lot of heart like we have done all year," senior captain Kelly Sells said.

This will be UD's third trip to nationals in the last four years. The Flyers, however, are looking to advance past the group stage for the first time in that stint. The seniors are especially determined to make it to the quarterfinals and hope to make it even farther.

"We want to end the season on a good note with this being the last

year for a lot of us to play," Sells said.

The team is coached by Mike Dorsey and Ryan Hader. The two seniors have worked with the team all semester and have been eyeing nationals from the start.

"Since the first day of tryouts, Dorsey and I had decided our goal was to get to nationals," Hader said. "After just the first few games it became a team goal as we started to realize our potential."

The team went 9-1 in the regular season and made it to the semifinals in the regional tournament, where it lost to Michigan State. The Spartans also handed the Flyers their

only loss during the regular season. By that time, Dayton had already been invited to the national tournament.

In addition to the teams in UD's bracket, the tournament includes other teams from large schools such as Michigan, Michigan State, Florida, Colorado and Colorado State.

"Dayton is by far the smallest school in the tournament so it really is quite an accomplishment for us to be where we are," Dorsey said.

The Flyers enter the tournament with some extra experience. Two players, one sophomore and one fifth-year, are former starters for UD's varsity team. Unfortunately,

the team will go into the weekend with a significant setback, as senior captain Gretchen Dyer will be sidelined due to a sprained ankle.

"It forces us to make some adjustments defensively, but we feel confident in the players that we have going into the tournament," Hader said.

The top two teams from each group will move on to the single-game elimination stage. If the Flyers are able to make it out of group play, they will move on to the quarterfinals tonight. Saturday is the final day of the tournament with both the semifinals and the championship match being played.