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CAN YOU SPARE $4?
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Hopes and memories

My colleagues joke that I was here when Father Leo Meyer, S.M., bought John Stuart’s farm and started a school. Not quite. I was on campus when the building in which I now work was part of the thriving factory complex of the National Cash Register Company.

Professors then used to time their leaving campus so as to avoid 4 p.m. Those of us near the top of Miriam Hall could see — at the exact striking of the hour — the doors of those factories fly open and thousands of workers flow out on their way home. Many of those same workers took time out of their lunch breaks to attend at Holy Angels a Mass that, in keeping with their time constraints, lasted but 20 minutes. My memories don’t go back to 1923 when workers living in nearby houses came to the rescue of the few students remaining on campus at the beginning of Christmas break and drove off hundreds of bomb-placing, cross-burning, Catholic-hating Klansmen.

I do remember, however, that neighborhood changing. The workers gradually disappeared, replaced by students. National Cash Register became NCR as its business evolved. More than the company’s shrank as manufacturing in Dayton dwindled. And last year NCR moved its headquarters south.

Over the neighborhoods, that once housed factory workers have blossomed on the west side of the Great Miami River. And in 2005 the University expanded its acreage dra- matically by buying the old NCR fac- tory site, which lay between the his- toric campus and the Arena Sports Complex. Recently, the University made an even more dramatic move with an even larger purchase, including NCR’s former world headquarters, just to the south of the 2005 parcel.

We don’t have to explain that these acquisitions are a big deal. Opportunities like these don’t come along in just any century.

Father Meyer saw one in the mid-19th century, when having come to Ohio to help with a cholera epidemic, he bought land from a farmer who, grieving the death of his infant daugh- ter, wished to return to his native land. Another farm, just to the west of his, the Pattersons’, would see the growth, succession and formation of a regional giant, NCR.

Although that organization has moved on, the University of Dayton isn’t leaving; it’s building a future here.

That fact, as our cover story illustrates, is not only good news for Daytonians but also part of a trend of major universities taking leading roles in their regions’ economic develop- ment.

The land’s change in ownership provides an occasion for what a former cover of ours proclaimed as “Hopes and Memories” — a phrase we have since realized we could use on any cover of this magazine. For that is what we try to share with you, the reader. This issue has some fond memories of athletics and alumni. It has some bittersweet ones of NCR. And it has some terrifying ones of human enslavement. It has some fond memories of athletics and athletes and alumni. It has some bittersweet ones proclaimed as “Hopes and Memories” — a phrase we have since realized we could use on any cover of this magazine. For that is what we try to share with you, the reader. This issue has some fond memories of athletics and alumni. It has some bittersweet ones of NCR. And it has some terrifying ones of human enslavement.

I want to commend the editors — for in- cluding an article on evolution — and the style the story demonstrates how reli- gion continues to allow for room at the table, tempting human progress and peace as it does so.

John Moraites ’63

I was shocked when I saw the cover of the UD Magazine and a picture of Darwin reading the Bible, then appalled when I read the ar- ticle. — For those who are confused between evolution and Creation, I would suggest you read: “Genes 127.” So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

—RICK O’REILLY ’71

KUDOS

Kudos on the new format of the Magazine.

I was especially struck by the article “Game of Life.” — [Hidden Darwin], “University of Dayton Magazine, Summer 2009.” I wonder if others spotted [dominance with the words of] Cy Meld- stenker... or Matthew Kolbenschek.

I had the privilege of touring the [Mari- nist] Archives last fall. It is truly a treasure trove of information, history and the human- ity of our beloved Marianists.

—CONNIE CACHT DYKAS ’72

BAY VILLAGE, OHIO

TRINITARIAN

The truth of the words in the editor’s Open- ing Comments, “Resounding go, go away,” University [Dusius Magazines, Autumn 2009] will be posted in my mind (and next to my comput- er) — being together, its significance, its mys- tery and the core of the Trinity.

As the words passed my eyes, to my brain, they ended at my heart where all things UD reside. Ebrace the Mystery!

—CERIST ANDRUS KESLER ’02

COLUMBUS, OHIO
CONVERSATION PIECES

Why’s going on in the market? Can you trust your 401(k)? Some of the most prestigious financial minds in the global economy will offer an insider’s look at what’s happening on the world economic stage at the RISE X forum March 18-20, 2010, at the University of Dayton. The public is invited to the March 18 keynotes at UD Arena. For more information, see http://www.udayton.edu/RISEx/

FRUIT FLIES

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

In December, Madhuri Kangesh, assistant professor in the department of biology, received a $40,000 Pediatric Ophthalmology Grant Award from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Inc. to study microphthalmia, a genetic disorder in which children are born with small eyes. Kangesh, who studies tumor progression and metastasis, will study the fruit fly, Drosophila melanogaster, as a model to help shed light on how the generation of an adequate number of cells early in development may have a bearing on the proper regulation of size.

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PoWer ball

UD ARENA

For the first time in the program’s history, the women’s basketball team earned a top-25 ranking. The Flyers squad, under the leadership of head coach Kevin McGuff, is big and physical, anchored in the center by sophomore Casey Nance (above), a 6’4” force inside with a 6’7” wingspan. Photo by Erik Schelkun/Elsestar Images

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THE WORLD’S LARGEST<br>PILGRIMAGE TO THE<br>SEASIDE HOME OF THE<br>RENEWED CONVERSATION<br>

RISE flies and 7-foot-high flies

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Reason, Faith, Imagery

ARTSTREET

Show off your creativity, UD community—come one, come all! Alumni Art Exhibit, on display from May 17 through 24 at a reception on Wednesday, June 17, 2009. You can see his legacy in the work of the current ISS crew onboard the International Space Station. Engineers at the University of Dayton Research Institute have developed a battery with improved power density that will pave the way for a number of industry applications, including hybrid and electric cars. The battery is the first solid-state, rechargeable lithium-air battery, a breakthrough that addresses the fire and explosion risk of other lithium rechargeable batteries.

International Space Station

TOM PENTRACK ’86

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Elie Wiesel

DIVERSITY LECTURE SERIES

Reason, Faith, Imagery

Elie Wiesel, Holocaust survivor, prolific author and 1986 winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, rounds out the 2009-10 Diversity Lecture Series season with a talk at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at the Benjamin and Marian Schuster Performing Arts Center in Dayton. Wiesel’s appearance is presented by UD and the Victoria Theatre Association.

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How to pick the right college

Many of you already did. That’s why you’re reading this. And if a high school kid asked you what’s the right school, you might wax diaphoric about how UD was right for you. But would it be right for the person asking you?

Helping high school students find the college right for them is part of the work of Rob Durkle, assistant vice president and dean of admission at UD.

Some of his advice:

1. **Choosing a school** is a major purchase, more so than a car, more like a house. So spend more time on choosing one than on buying one.

2. **Evaluate yourself.** What do you like and dislike academically? Who are you? Your activities, honors, awards, leadership positions. (This is especially important if you are on the edge of being accepted or if you aren’t knowing academically.)

3. **Build an imaginary college** or university for yourself. What characteristics does it have? Top-tier? Catholic? Residential?

4. **Visit campuses to get acquainted.**

5. **Visit again** to make your decision.

6. **While visiting, ask questions** (about residence, placement, support services...).

7. **While visiting, let the school know who you are,** your interests, your grades, your activities, honors, awards, leadership positions. (This is especially important if you are on the edge of being accepted or if you are seeking scholarship aid.)

8. **Pick your school,** not where you’ll just learn, but where you’ll learn to make a difference.

9. **For your application, write an essay** that says who you are. Focus not on sensationalism that changed something in your life but on one that transformed you.

10. **Apply.**

How to dunk

Junior Chris Wright has scored more dunks than any basketball player in UD history, though many of them bring an excited cheering crowd to its feet. Wright’s margin of victory: “I told my wife I was 6’2”, jump shot record holder, 4.5 jump, 6.2 career average.”

Most recently, he agreed to share with our readers advice on the mechanics of dunking. When we asked him, “Is it easier to dunk with your left hand or right hand?” he replied: “It depends...” Just as if he was about to dunk us.

“First off,” he said, “it’s not as easy as it looks.”

“Some people feel they’ve been dunking since they were 6 or 7,” Wright added. “Different, then the back of my door and now regular practice.”

“Jump the right time and with the right trajectory,” he continued. “You have to take into account getting above the front of the basket. It’s not easy.”

“I think of it as a soft tap, not a hard tap...”

“Or if you think that you can’t, that you can’t even do your head...” It’s not that you can’t.”

What is the most important thing you think every Marianist should know to know we love, are loved by others and are valued as the person we are? It is our relationship to self and to others that counts. When I taught high school in Ireland and Africa, I saw that adolescence needs to be understood. Marianist education, which teaches by every gesture, action and word. It is the Marianist spirituality spiritual that is unique to us. We used to say that every Marianist teaches by every gesture, action and word. It is the Marianist spirituality that is unique to us.

In your opinion, is life more difficult about discerning who you are or determining who you want to be? (Joseph M. Orlando, PPRM, Ohio)

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He will succeed Thomas J. Lasley II, who has served as dean since 1998. Lasley will serve as executive director of EBvention and teach at UD, maintaining offices at UD and the Dayton Foundation. EBvention is a collaborative effort to develop science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) talent in the Dayton area. During Lasley’s tenure as dean, the school started a doctor of physical therapy program, developed the Center for Catholic Education, established the Bombek Family Learning Center and created the Dayton Early College Academy, an urban high school whose every graduate has been accepted to college.

Green at the core — the Central Mall

The space from Kennedy Union to Marycrest Complex will start undergoing a transformation this spring. Green space will increase, more walking paths will appear.

Plans for the completed mall call for a terraced amphitheater and overlook to be built into the hillside in front of Marycrest, where once stood the Mechanical Engineering Building. Low seat walls and benches will border the lawn, to be shaded by more than 100 new trees.

And the plaza just east of Kennedy Union will be rebuilt to better accommodate outdoor dining, casual gathering and organized campus activities.

“The goal is to update the mall so it doesn’t just feel like an empty lawn,” said Both Kyes, assistant vice president for facilities. “We want it to be sculpted, intentional, like Central Park in New York City.”

Stuart Hall — new and improved

Stuart Hall will see its lobby elevator and common areas renovated. The University’s board of trustees approved, at its Jan. 10 meeting, $8.4 million for the second and final phase of the residence hall’s renovation.

The first phase, completed last summer, included upgrades to air conditioning, windows, restrooms, central gathering space and space for campus ministry plus new drywall, paint, ceilings and lighting.

The total cost of the Stuart Hall renovation is $16 million. The hall, built in 1964, houses 632 students in 316 rooms.

Other recent renovations include $20 million of work on Marycrest Complex and nearly $6 million of renovations to the Virginia W. Kettering and Campus South residence facilities.

During President Daniel J. Curran’s seven-year tenure, the University has invested more than $100 million in the construction of new residence facilities — Marycrest Hall, ArtStreet and houses — in addition to the renovations. The University also built the $22.5 million RecPlex recreation facility.

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Media Hit

NBC Nightly News, the No. 1 evening news program in the nation, aired a story Dec. 12 on the successes of the University of Dayton’s Flyer Invest- ments team, part of the Dane Center for Port- folio Management. The stu- dent-managed fund, which handles $10.5 million of the University’s investments, has the 10-year marks. NBC Nightly News is watched by approxi- mately 9.5 million viewers.

The $50,000 prize money in the University of Dayton’s 2009-10 Business Plan Competition drew a record 82 entries. Five finalists offer products ranging from a device to allow organizations to save money on energy use at the one-, three-, five- and 10-year marks.

Fighting hunger

“The Meals On Wheels Association estimates that one in nine re- sidents in the U.S. are at risk of hunger,” said Teresa Berry, board chairman for the national organization. “And it’s getting worse.”

So when the national organization needed training for its direc- tors expanding their programs, it turned to UD’s Center for Leadership and Executive Development. Twenty participants came to campus in November. Senior nutrition programs serve an estimated one million meals a day to seniors.

UDC’s Center for Leadership and Executive Development, celebrat- ing its 10th anniversary this spring, hosted the conference. The event, titled “Leadership: Local to Global”, brought together university and high school leaders from around the world to share ideas and best practices.

The event featured workshops, roundtable discussions, and keynotes by experts in the field. Participants had the opportunity to network and collaborate, addressing issues such as education, health, and sustainability.

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As professional businesses, we are called to use our gifts and tal- ents, not only as a means of income and career advancement, but as an integral part of our responsibil- ity to do good for society,” said Matthew Shank, dean of the Univer- sity’s School of Business Administration.

“By creating the Center for the Integration of Faith and Work, we are creating a focal point to help students explore the value and meaning of their chosen life’s work.”

Brother Victor Forlani, S.M., who serves as Marianist-in-residence for the business school, is founding director of the new center.

By viewing a busi- ness career as a calling — as distinct from a se- ries of jobs — a deeper sense of purpose and social aware- ness is fostered and, at the same time, creates a culture of business integrity,” Forlani said.

The center will continue to spon- sor the annual Business as a Calling symposium, now in its sixth year, which led to the development of the center. In addition, Forlani said the center will develop and offer courses, workshops and conferences and plans to host a distinguished speaker series, sponsor research and investigate the best practices of or- ganizations around the issues of faith and work.

“I think a lot of times we [students] don’t no- tice the architecture or history of the Grotto, but there’s a history here,” Omori said. “We walk the same paths every day, to class and back, and don’t notice or look at the different features of campus.”

Surrounded by NCR working-class families, “Omori said. “The houses were well kept. … Now we see cars everywhere and blacktopped parking lots … there are no trees or gardens and, the houses are run down.”

With the help of Dennis Eagleson, former photography professor at Antioch College and co-teacher of the course, the class transformed its findings into a large visual mural, creating multimedia pieces with video, pictures, voices and visual maps to teach others how the student neighborhood changed and its impact on the community and land within its borders. Art Street displayed the mu- ral in January.

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But students of the class now see more than meets the eye. When walking from her house on Fairgrounds to campus, Omori remembers “NCR families worked and children played together in the same area we live in today.”

—Michael Healy ’10
Mary – Seat of Wisdom

The University of Dayton Marian Library has new leadership but remains the world’s largest and most comprehensive repository of printed material on Mary, with 75,000 books and up to 150,000 articles and pamphlets. Its art collection contains an estimated 3,600 Nativity scenes.

In January, Father François Rossier, S.M., was installed as executive director of the Marian Library/International Marian Research Institute.

At the same time, outgoing executive director Father Johann Roten, S.M., was honored for leading the institute for two decades that saw graduate students in theology come from around the world to study at the institute. Roten also shepherded it into the digital age; witness The Mary Dage at http://campusadmin.ady/dayton.

Rossier, a native of Fribourg, Switzerland, who came to Dayton in 2003, is at home around the world. He speaks five languages; he has taught on every inhabited continent. His teaching and research focus on the biblical texts that speak of Mary. He also examines how Mary is portrayed in popular culture and contemporary literature.

Mary, he says, “is the most-written about woman in the entire human history, and she’s an emblem of Catholic tradition and identity.”

Record international enrollment

International enrollment for the academic year increased 10 percent from a year ago to a record 6,264 students, double that of two years ago. Most of the University’s international students come from China, India and Saudi Arabia, in that order.

For two straight years, the University has ranked first in international student enrollment, according to an International Student Barometer abstract. The work of the Institute of International Education; and has published numerous articles on the subject; holds seven U.S. and international patents.

Wayne Lancaster is a leading researcher who made important discoveries linking various human papilloma viruses to cervical cancer—a disease that kills half a million women each year. His research has led to widespread vaccination and prevention efforts and the development of a medication that prevents HPV viruses that cause most incidences of cervical cancer.

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The James ’Ricky’ Whalen Sports Library, recently opened in the Pantherica Center, house a half-million-dollar collection that includes 620 sports books and more than 1,700 college football programs dating back to 1981. The collection was donated to the University of Dayton by the family of Whalen ’47, who died in 2007. The library, funded by a gift from James Whalen Jr. and his wife, Tami, serves also as a seminar room for the department of health and sport science.

School of Law celebrates

The School of Law had 35 years of milestones to celebrate at its anniversary gala this fall. Recent statistics reinforce reasons to celebrate. Job placement for the most recent graduation class rose whereas nationally placement figures contracted. Of 467 who took the July bar exam for the first time, 90 percent passed — tying the school for second highest pass rate nationally placement figures contracted. Of 467 who took the July bar exam for the first time, 90 percent passed — tying the school for second highest pass rate nationally.
Only NCAA Division I program to win five fall championships – Dayton

- Outscoring (3-0) and outshooting (36-2) Xavier, the University of Dayton WOMEN’S SOCCER team — joined by nearly 1,000 fans — celebrated Halloween by clinching the A-10 regular season title.
- The women’s soccer team won its sixth (a league high) Atlantic 10 Tournament Championship.
- Advancing to the second round of the NCAA Women’s Soccer Tournament, the Flyers finished their season 16-1-6. The team was the first in the history of the program to go through the regular season unbeaten.
- Senior Mandi Bäck became the first UD women’s soccer player to be named a First Team National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-America selection.
- The WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY team, led by A-10 Coach of the Year Ann Alyanak, won its first-ever Atlantic 10 Conference Championship.
- In MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY, junior Chris Lemon won the individual title at the Atlantic 10 Conference Championships. The team’s third place finish was its best ever in 29 years of competition.
- MEN’S SOCCER (14-5-1 overall; 8-1 conference regular season) won the A-10 regular season title under A-10 Coach of the Year Dennis Courier.
- Overcoming an 0-2 deficit, the women’s volleyball team defeated Saint Louis to win its fifth Atlantic 10 Conference Championship in the past seven years.
- Advancing to the second round of the NCAA Volleyball Tournament, the Flyers finished their season 30-4.
- All the Flyer volleyball starters return next year, including junior Lindsay Fletemier, a 2009 American Volleyball Coaches Association’s Third Team All-America selection.

The FOOTBALL team (9-2 overall; 7-1 in the Pioneer Football League) tied Butler for first place in the PFL. In 17 years in the league, Dayton has had at least a share of first place 10 times.
- University of Dayton senior James Vercammen, who played the hybrid linebacker/safety position known as “Flyer,” was named a Second Team Football Championship Subdivision All-American by The Sports Network. He was the only player from the Pioneer Football League named a Sports Network All-American.

Footnote: Of the 12 Dayton teams that compete in A-10 sponsored sports, a 100 PERCENT GRADUATION RATE — according to the latest NCAA report — was posted by nine: men’s and women’s cross country (indoor and outdoor), men’s golf, men’s and Women’s tennis, women’s basketball, women’s track and field (indoor and outdoor), and volleyball. Men’s basketball, with a 91 percent graduation rate, topped the A-10.
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going to know it’s the University of Dayton.’
With the purchase of the former NCR world headquarters building, UD’s campus is now 373 acres and full of possibilities for academics, research and alumni.

BY JAMES HANNAH
PHOTOGRAPHS BY ANDY SNOW

A BOLD LEAP

I t’s actually an island.
Circled by a lagoon that draws as many as 1,000 Canada geese, the towering red tile/smoky glass building and surrounding grounds put the NCR stamp on this community.

But the former world headquarters — or “WHQ” as it was known by employees of the company that gave birth to the cash register and grew into a titan among ATM makers — is under new ownership.

The University of Dayton purchased the 115-acre property in December for $18 million, buoying the spirits of the community as NCR was all-but terminating its 125-year tie to Dayton and moving its operations to Georgia.

The move gives UD a grand stage for research, alumni relations and graduate education. And it pumps more endorphins into the bloodstream of the University, which counts community development, neighborhood revitalization and giving an early college launch to urban high schoolers among its missions.

UD President Daniel J. Curran calls it a historic and transformative moment for the school.

“We believe this is the first time a university has ever bought a Fortune 500 headquarters,” Curran said. “This is a bold move for a private, Catholic university.”

At a time when the sputtering economy is forcing plant closings and layoffs in the region, that bold stroke injects a badly needed dose of confidence into the community and demonstrates the vitality of UD.

The University’s payroll, benefits, operating, capital and other direct expenditures totaled $359.7 million in 2009. Fold in the ripple effect, and UD’s economic impact soars to $697.2 million.

“I would argue that the University of Dayton is much like a fortune 500 company itself,” said state Sen. Jon Husted, R-Kettering. “It brings in a lot of resources in terms of research dollars, student tuition from outside the state and across the state. It helps drive both the
Linda Berning, ‘82, president of the University of Dayton National Alumni Association, said the building will be a landmark location for UD’s 100,000 alumni. She said universities with alumni centers usually see a surge in alumni financial support.

“It will build even more enthusiasm,” Berning said. “The University of Dayton is always known for its front porches. I see this as our alumni front porch.”

The NCR property includes Old River Park, designed by the same man who helped midwife New York City’s Central Park. A lagoon, paddlesboards, walking paths and even oversized checkeredboards populate the 45-acre Dayton park, a portion of which may be used by UD as an environmental lab for students and professors.

The property is also within a stone’s throw of a Wright brothers’ flight hangs on one wall; bronze statues by noted Old American West artist Frederic Remington peer from glass cases; the Remingtons will leave with UDRI when the building is moved. An oil painting of a Wright brothers’ flight hangs on one wall; bronze statues by noted Old American West artist Frederic Remington peer from glass cases; the Remingtons will leave with UDRI when the building is moved. An oil painting of central park. A lagoon, paddlesboards, walking paths and even oversized checkeredboards populate the 45-acre Dayton park, a portion of which may be used by UD as an environmental lab for students and professors.

The property features offices, classrooms, an auditorium, a multimedia room, a cafeteria, outdoor patio and 1,600 parking spaces. And the building’s upper floors offer sweeping vistas of the Dayton skyline, Carillon Park, UD Arena and the river.

At the building’s entrance, 39 flags stand in a semicircle, snapping in the wind. Japan, Great Britain, France and Italy are among the nations represented.

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The building will both enable the research institute to show its plumage to the world as well as to stretch out. About 60 of the institute’s 45 workspaces — who are currently housed at Kettering Laboratories and two other campus-area buildings — will move in over the next three years. That will free up space in Kettering Labs for the School of Engineering to expand and provide room for a program that sends students to developing countries.

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UDRI’s partnership with Wright-Patterson has potential for use in electric cars, cell mobile use. And a solid-state lithium-air battery — with the former NCR world headquarters in the foreground, one can see — across the top of this photo, from left to right — the corner of the UD Arena parking lot, the Great Miami River spanned by the new Stewart Street Bridge, downtown Dayton, Miami Valley Hospital and, at the far right, College Park Center, Keller Hall, Roesch Library and Albert Emmanuel Hall.

Location, location: Location: Looking north, with the former NCR world headquarters in the foreground, one can see — across the top of this photo, from left to right — the corner of the UD Arena parking lot, the Great Miami River spanned by the new Stewart Street Bridge, downtown Dayton, Miami Valley Hospital and, at the far right, College Park Center, Keller Hall, Roesch Library and Albert Emmanuel Hall.

Attractive notice: The acquisition garnered coverage from The New York Times to the Catholic Press Service. An estimated 1.8 million people read the print outlets, and online media outlets picked up the print coverage from The Chronicle.

Notre Dame includes projects on infectious disease, environmental health, medical research expenditures. Noteworthy research at Notre Dame, which in fiscal 2008 did $97.1 million in research spending, includes maintaining the buildings and providing security. It means there is a certain risk-taking involved," he said. "But the expectation is it will be a valuable asset.

Some of the research at UDRI is done by students or recent graduates. They bring natural

cubators in North America grew from 495 in 2005 to 1,150 in 2006, according to the association. A 1997 study conducted in part by the association showed that an average of 84 percent of firms that graduate from incubators stay in their communities. Business incubation programs also produce graduate firms with high survival rates. A reported 89 percent of incubated companies that fulfilled program graduation requirements are still in business. And incubators reported that their mission is to create you and spinoff jobs in their communities on average.

UDRI helped start eight businesses that are still operating today. And it even hired workers to its own staff last year. "It’s not fuzzy stuff. It’s real, tangible economic-development work," said Foley. "They’re playing a pretty critical role. They’re helping companies not only start, but improve, and helping them along the way." Louis Lueddeke, founder and CEO of Berry-Hill Partners, a consulting business for smaller companies seeking technology funding, said the Dayton community would benefit from a higher profile and expanded research at the institute. "UDRI could actually recruit more people to do the work, and there would be a bigger base," Lueddeke said. "It would expand the research topics so there would be greater potential for startup companies to come out of this research."

That could lead to high-paying jobs, a boost in new housing and an adrenaline rush for the area’s entertainment industry and social network, he said. UD is not alone when it comes to universities taking advantage of vacant commercial property. "It’s hard to get research out into the marketplace," Knapp said.

And other universities around the nation have become strong components of business incubators, which nourish start-up companies by providing them with office space, equipment and expertise. Knapp said incubators are a way for universities to help faculty members and students create a high profile as well as create jobs and businesses. The number of business incubators has become a high priority for the university’s administration, as well as a valuable asset. "Without a doubt," said Jankowski, a 1993 graduate of UD. "They’re getting better at it.

Case Western does about $35 million in research funding each year, three-quarters of that biomedical and bioscience work for the National Institutes of Health. Since 2000, the university has spun off 21 companies.

UD’s research spending rivals that of Notre Dame, which in fiscal 2008 did $97.1 million in research expenditures. Also noteworthy is that Notre Dame includes projects on infectious disease, viscous species and nanoelectronics.

In October, the University of Notre Dame opened Innovation Park, a $70 million facil- ity on 12 acres in South Bend, Ind., designed to commercialize technologies developed from university research. The park is expected to serve a variety of businesses. David Brenner, president and CEO of the park, agrees that universities are becoming increasingly important partners in product development, as many major corporations are scaling back on R&D. Universities with their "critical mass of smart people" are well posi- tioned to accelerate new research and moving from research and moving into the marketplace, he said. "Universities can assemble teams and disassemble teams very quickly," said Notre Dame’s Brenner. "All we have to do is knock on the doors and find the right people and ask them to join the team."
TRAFFICKING WITH THE DEVIL

At 15 years old, Theresa Flores '07 became, literally, a modern-day slave when an organized crime syndicate sold the teenager's body over and over for two years. Twenty-five years later, she's adding her voice to a new anti-slavery movement.

BY THERESA FLORES '07
PHOTOGRAPHS BY ANDY SNOW

Left. Theresa Flores at Gracehaven House, which is undergoing renovation for a planned summer 2010 opening.
I had thought all those years that I was the only one. I knew, at that moment, that it was my destiny to be at the conference and time to fully heal. After that day, I began my journey of speaking out and sharing my horrific story with anyone willing to hear it. Because no one saved me. And honestly, who would have thought this was happening to a kid like me? Yes, a kid like me. I had a typical family with two parents and three younger brothers. We lived in an affluent suburb of Detroit, in a house with four bedrooms and two bathrooms. I was a comfortable teenage girl with nice clothes and my own phone line in my room. I wasn't abused, I didn't do drugs and I was never naked. Yet, I was vulnerable and alone with nice clothes and my own phone line in my room. I wasn't abused, I didn't do drugs and I was never naked. Yet, I was vulnerable and alone with nice clothes and my own phone line in my room.

Theresa is acting different. I looked at the paper she handed me. At the top of it were the words “human trafficking.” It wasn't a word for it. However, none of those privileges, expectations, and abilities made me immune. I never knew the name for what happened to me. There wasn’t a word for it.

In our society, we require a label for everything: our race, the part of town we live in, our hobbies and interests, our mental states of being. For 23 years, I felt I could not fully heal until I knew what to call what happened to me. There wasn’t a word for it.

All that week, I kept thinking of the upcoming conference, and it weighed heavily upon my heart. The night before, I told my children that everyone had to go to school the next day because I had a very important meeting I could not miss. Sure enough, my 8-year-old son denounced it. He explained that human trafficking is the second leading crime in the world. I was immediately devastated, for I had thought all those years that I was the only one. I knew, at that moment, that it was my destiny to be at the conference and time to fully heal.

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Feeling a little guilty, I drove to the conference and time to fully heal. I ignored the red flags when he turned the wrong way out of the school parking lot and again when he pulled into his driveway and invited me in “for a moment.” I ignored my gut instinct and convinced myself that everything would be OK. Inside, he offered me a soda to drink. I accepted it. I discovered later the drink was laced with a drug. That afternoon in what I thought was a big empty house, this young man raped me. I was devastated. Here I was, a 15-year-old Catholic virgin, a suburban teen committed to saving sexuality for marriage. As devastated as that was, it would pale in comparison with what I was about to endure for the next two years.

Over the next two years, I was always in fear. I was watched everywhere I went, whether at my part-time job, babysitting for friends or walking to and from school. This was the arrangement: They would summon me at any hour, any day, and I had to appear. Sometimes they took me out of class or picked me up after school. Some nights, while my family slept behind closed bedroom doors, they called my private phone line and told me they were on the way to pick me up. I was told that I would die if I told anyone and that they would kill my family if I refused. I was terrified. Saying no was not an option.

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Little did I know that this boy’s family had strong organized crime connections, and the rape was only the first step of a broader plan they had for me. My rape was photographed by the boy’s family. They had pictures that would forever haunt me. They had pictures that would forever haunt me. They had pictures that would forever haunt me. They had pictures that would forever haunt me. They had pictures that would forever haunt me. They had pictures that would forever haunt me. They had pictures that would forever haunt me. They had pictures that would forever haunt me. They had pictures that would forever haunt me. They had pictures that would forever haunt me.
I am involved in opening a new shelter in the city that will provide a safe small group of homeless young victims. It will be not only the fourth shelter opening in the country, but it will also be the first faith-based home.

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It’s not surprising that in our lives, we may remember clearly getting our first job or the death of a friend. In sports, of course we remember the great wins, the last-second shots, the painful defeats.

But often something seemingly small at the time gathers significance with age. Riding in an old van, kidding with teammates, watching TV in Founders — these take their place with life’s successes and sports trophies.

We asked some alumni with connections to Flyer sports — whether as players or journalists or fans — to share favorite sports moments with us. The memories are not all of Flyer sports. But the people remembering are all Flyers. Their recollections say something about sports. But they say something also about what it is to be part of a community, one that calls itself the University of Dayton.

Flyer football coach John McVay throwing me out of the coaches’ office after the football team had a particularly hard loss was a valuable experience. [By Ken Paxson ’73]

Before the game, I had criticized the team harshly in the Flyer News. After the incident, right after I got back to the press box, Tom Frericks appeared. He said he would make things right. What a classy guy, doing that for a college reporter. And, after the heat of the moment, McVay was just as classy.

I remember McVay advising the mostly phys-ed majors (and me) in his Coaching Football class to think hard about what kind of coach they would want to be, citing the plusses and minuses of high school, college or pro — words of wisdom from one who did all three before running the San Francisco 49ers for Bill Walsh.

McVay taught it as a real class, as did his counterpart, Don Donoher, always insisting that basketball was a simple game.

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As a freshman on my first volleyball road trip, I was hit by a knee injury to the bench at the end of the 1980 basketball season, being an inspiration to the rest of us.

My volleyball teammates, such as Linda Sargent Burton, Sandy Gindling Hipp and Marianette Akau — from whom I was the one in which Pat Murnen hit the first Flyers winning the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women Division II National Championship. Her basketball career culminated with the Dayton Triangles in the 1920s, foot- ball coach John McKay, and media types such as Stu Burik, Dick Bray and Laffy Maddenden.

UD was a great springboard to a career that would soon give me the opportunity to meet and interview Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis, Jackie Robinson, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio, Jesse Owens, Johnny Unitas, Henry Aaron, Paul Brown, Reggie Jackson, Connie Howe, Ernie Harwell, Mickey Mantle and every Baltimore Orioles and Colt going back a half century. And I was able to develop a friendship with the most gracious athlete I ever met, on or off the field, Brooks Robinson.

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Objectivity might just as well be tattooed on volleyball athletes. [By Allan Walton ’79]

Certainly this is an age when the blogosphere rules, and it’s clear that the traditional “net infiltration of news” has taken a toll on those cherished hallmarks known as Accura- cies. On October 3, 2010, I remember being the first of the Flyer women to win to pass the hat at a men’s basketball game.

In the fall of 1965 I became WVUD’s first sportscaster. [By Ted Patterson ’66]

My play-by-play debut was at the old Fieldhouse when a closed-circuit telecast was hooked up in dorms, the student union and other on-campus venues. The hype was over the matchup of Dayton and supreme sen- sation Don May against Louisville and supreme Woo -some Unseld.

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It was August 1964. We ar- on with all the swagger of college fresh- men who had been high- ly recruited by Coach Pete Ankey because we had the speed he was looking for in his Flyers backfield. [By Billy Mayo ‘68]

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I was a shortstop, I had always been a shortstop. But here I was at UD — where I’d come because it was an opportunity to play three sports and I was sitting on the bench. I was frustrated. [By Tara Hessert ’88]

Then, in the second game of a double- header, the coach put me in centerfield. A ball was hit to the gap between center and left. I wasn’t a centerfielder, but I was fast. I ran; I dove; I caught the ball. I was a center- fielder for the rest of the year. I was not pleased; I thought I was a shortstop.

I also thought I’d be a baseball coach some day. So when we had a scrimmage in Bloomington, Ind., at Indiana Univer- sity, I was assassinated when I got to see up close someone with whose methodology I’d been impressed from afar. We didn’t make a sound we could watch the Indiana mine’s team practice under the mas- ter, Bobby Knight.

My third sport was field hockey. My dad came to see me in the final game of my ju- niour year. We were playing his alma mater, Notre Dame. We won 1-0. I scored the goal, but I don’t remember it, I do remember for a ball, the end of my stick knock- ing the breath out of me, and hearing from the sideline the basketball coach Linda Makowski, yelling, “Suck it up!”

I quit softball after my freshman year. I was a shortstop; I was cocky; I wanted it my way. I didn’t continue with basketball after freshmen year, either, for a different reason. I just wasn’t very good.

And that last field hockey game of my junior year, I had come from UD (and for UD, which dropped the sport). I quit school.

But I know it was me.

Buckeyes came to UD at the age of 17 and stood until his retirement as director of campus recreation in 2009.

It was my UD experience shaped my life. The last year was the president and CEO of Dynamic Pension Services, a company that handles administrative services for qualified retirement plans. A longtime supporter of UD sports, she is currently working with basketball coach Jim Jabir to increase attendance at women’s games.

The Cincinnati Reds were in the home stretch of the 1988 season when my 11-year- old son, John, pestered me to take him to a game. [By Bucky Albers ’68]

The friends have seen games this year,” he said. “My dad is a sports writer, and I haven’t seen any.”

The Reds had only a dozen games re- mains, and I told him we’d take the Sept. 22 game.

We went to our car and drove home — drinking soda pop among the fans in the driv-eway in Centerville at 1 a.m. His wife, who had not attended the game.

But I also remember coaching athletes younger and less skilled. You know that the talented players will make many shots and plays in their lifetimes. But there is also the joy that comes from working with kids hav- ing what may be their only experience with sport and see them learn and gain self confidence. There’s the joy of seeing one of my UD graduates playing cheerful- ly and the elation on their faces.

At a more advanced level, I remember from my first graduate school days as a Flyer assistant coach, I remember Ann Meyers and Carol Bresnahan and Beverly Cruse and Mary Mac- mackin who had not attended the regions to go on to the national tournament. The fans remembered the Cincinnati left-hander with chere.

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Besides covering the Reds, Bucky Albers dur- ing his career also covered the Cleveland Browns, the Cincinnati Bengals and, for the Dayton Daily News, the Flyers’ 1989 trip to the NCAA tournament, where his son lucked into a meeting with Reds star Eric Davis, who had wandered out of the clubhouse. Davis autographed a baseball for him.

At 10:02 p.m., two hours and 27 min- utes after the scheduled 7:35 starting time, the umpire told us, “Play ball.”

We had no idea that we were about to witness a rare chapter of Cincinnati Reds history.

The Dodgers’ Jim Zorich and Cinncin- nati’s Tom Browning hooked up in a great pitchers’ duel. The Reds took a 5-4 lead in the sixth inning when Barry Larkin dou- bled to right field. Browning un- earthed the 1-0 perfect game in the Reds’ 129 years. Browning struck out seven and retired the last batter at 15.13 p.m. to the delight of those remaining from a crowd of 16,705. It was only the 144th perfect game in major league history. The fans chanted the Cincinnati left-hander with chere.

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I saw two familiar figures wandering in the darkness. It was DC and Ant. They came up to my apartment. The three of us just sat there together watching television for hours. There wasn’t really much to say.

The next year DC battled through a nagging injury but again was the team MVP, making national headlines by sinking a game-winner against highly ranked DePaul just nanoseconds before the buzzer. The folks from Chicago whined and moaned about being robbed, but a photographer, classmate Tim Boone, proved them wrong.

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By Steve Bulpett ’79

The University of Dayton remains an institution of higher learning. I know, I’ve been back to campus. There are still young people walking around with books.

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JOAQUIN TOMANY
SANTOS JR, ’53

Retired Col. Joaquin “Danny” Santos had a full life and career as a Marine Corps officer for 26 years. He has had at least another full life spending 23 years in government and industry after returning to his native Guam.

So it’s fitting that he received a lifetime achievement award in May for volunteer work with Employee Support of the Guard and Reserves. ESOG, a Defense Department agency, coordinates committees across the country that encourage employers to support military service and that make sure employees know they have the job security the world of work called to active duty.

Santos served six years as ESOG state chair for Guam/Chamorro (Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) and remained active afterward. He was given the chapter’s first Lifetime Achievement Award.

Santos’ contributions to his home island go beyond ESOG. After retiring from a 21-year telecommunications and computer consultancy career, Santos became general manager of Guam Telephone Authority and implemented the country’s first interactive voice response system, among other communications projects.

After retiring as a retired major general, Santos continued to volunteer for the American Red Cross and other nonprofits.

“It’s extremely rewarding,” Santos said. “That’s why I’ve been retired and the couple is involved in volunteer work.”

Santos, who is married to the former Margarita Santos, was born in Mangilao and raised in Tamuning.

Santos holds a bachelor of business administration in general business from the University of Dayton and a master of business administration degree from the University of the Virgin Islands.

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What makes Mary Teder Lang run

A certified public accountant and executive whose career includes positions at Amtech, Siemens and, currently, Acertive Solutions, Teder Lang has won elected office since grade school: No. 1 yacht club in North America.

“The being the first woman to do things is not what drives me,” said Lang, who was achieving similar feats throughout her career. “It’s the opportunity to go back to something that’s given me as much enjoyment,” said Lang, who grew up swimming and playing tennis in the clubs she describes as “down-to-earth” to the community.

After earning degrees in accounting and marketing, she returned to Michigan to raise a family and participate in community activities. After serving on the board of the Michigan House of Representatives, she served as chairman of the women’s caucus.

“My goal is to bring the Michigan message to Washington,” said Lang, who now trains for her children. Her son, JP, is a UD engineering sophomore, told her, “I want to come back to Michigan. But there are no job here.”

Currently co-chairing the Michigan Senate’s Commission on Women, Lang is also an elected to the board of the CPA Foundation. Lang, Teder Lang said she prefers to be called by her name. “I get the bug,” she said.

—Donald McCoy-Arny ’77

At the helm

MARRY TREDER LANG ’82

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Eighty minutes later, he stepped off the train and was greeted by a throng of students and staff cheering and chanting his name. It had been a long day, but the excitement and energy of the students were infectious. Henry smiled and waved, feeling a sense of pride and accomplishment.

It was then that he realized the true impact of his work. He had been a part of the change, a catalyst for progress, and a reminder of the power of ideas. As he walked into the hall, surrounded by the students who had worked so hard for this moment, he knew that he had done something important, something that would be remembered for generations to come.

As he sat down in his chair, he closed his eyes and took a deep breath, feeling a sense of peace and contentment. He had made history, and he knew that his legacy would live on through the students who would come after him.
The family business

Cheryl McDowney Farnum ’80

Three hundred sixty-five years ago, the Farnum family purchased the small farm where Cheryl McDowney Farnum now resides with her husband, Ben. Today, that farm is the family business, as it was for 13 generations before them. Farnum Farm is a 175-acre dairy farm tucked away in the hills of western Ohio.

Farnum Farm is both a dairy operation and a family residence. The Farnum girls, ages 15, 17, and 18, spend time on the farm every day, learning about their dairy business and the principles of agriculture. They are proud to be the third generation of women in their family to continue the dairy business.

In keeping with the Farnum tradition, Cheryl McDowney Farnum ’80 is a third-generation farmer. She grew up on her family’s farm in northern Michigan, and now lives on the Farnum Farm in Ohio with her husband, Ben.

When Cheryl McDowney Farnum was a young girl, her family owned and operated a small dairy farm in northern Michigan. She spent her childhood helping with chores on the farm and learning the basics of agriculture. When she was 15, she started working full-time on the farm, helping with milking, feeding, and cleaning. She also helped her father with the bookkeeping and record-keeping for the farm.

As a young woman, Cheryl McDowney Farnum had a number of career opportunities available to her. She considered going into medicine, law, or business, but ultimately decided to stay on the farm. She enjoyed the daily routine of farming, and the opportunity to work with animals.

Today, Cheryl McDowney Farnum is the owner of Farnum Farm, and she is proud to continue the family tradition of agriculture. She is committed to providing high-quality milk to her customers, and to operating her farm in an environmentally responsible way. She is also committed to giving back to her community, and to passing on the knowledge of agriculture to the next generation.

Cheryl McDowney Farnum is a true example of the American farmer. She is dedicated to her craft, and she is proud to be a part of the agricultural community. Her family farm is a testament to the enduring value of hard work, dedication, and the principle of family business.

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social enterprise, human good

anna young '08

ana young hoped for a job where she could apply her business acumen to a good cause. the economics and finance graduate has found it as a research and development officer at international wells, a non-profit program at the massachusetts institute of technology that develops new medical technologies and delivery systems for vaccine delivery and health enhancement around the world.

for her, social justice and prosperity aren't mutually exclusive.

"the difference between for-profit social enterprises and non-profit social enterprises is just a financing strategy," she said. "corporations can have a social mission, too. it works best to engage government, non-profit organizations, the community and corporations together to meet goals. profit is one measure of empowering people to further a mission."

young learned social enterprise as part of salud del sol, a winning team in the school of business administration's 2008 business plan competition. her team received funds to develop and market a social aid for medical professionals suffering from burnout.

at ud, she's again helping develop appropriate technology to deliver solutions. in nicaragua, for example, in development tool kits and teaching doctors and nurses to repair and modify medical equipment.

"about 60 percent of the equipment is donated from developed countries," she said, "and within six months, 90 percent of it has failed. it's like an equipment graveyard. one answer could be missing from』nicaragua, and its parents are patriotic that they can't just use what they have on hand."

in late fall, she spent two weeks in hong kong in the young leaders program of the global institute for tomorrow. there, she helped a group of farmers in a tsunami-wracked region of indonesia write a marketing and business plan for growing, processing and distributing cocoa.

kevin monahan '00

kevin monahan's chicago-based, charity miniature golf outing has seen its donor pool jump from 74 to 275 and attendance increase 300 percent in the past nine years.

"yet it's hole 43 million dollar medical charity. which raises money for the american cancer society, has never been advertised, never distributed flyers," says its organizer monahan. "what brings people to monahan's annual fundraiser?"

maybe it's the goofy awards. champions receive oversized plaid aprons. maybe it's the appetizers on the course or the cause. to remind donors of the good their money can do. "maybe it's the people. of the 132 golfers playing in this year's ud golf outing, many were children of cancer patients," says monahan.

maybe it's the people. of the 132 golfers playing in this year's fundraiser, more than 30 ud alumni, the fast family members and co-workers of monahan's. monahan is the founder and donor of the good money tour. he formed the tour to support cancer patients and their families. monahan invites a cancer survivor to talk before each outing. this year's speaker was sarah fulking clarkson '00.

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since its beginning, monahan's event has raised more than $10,000 in donations for awareness and patient services.

"it's a really big deal," clarkson says. "good money tour is the best. it's a way to give back to the community where you grew up. it's a fun way to give back to the community where you grew up."
Elegance with a conscience

AMY RAU ’13

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ALUMNI BOOKSHELF

Jimmy’s Favorite Christmas Stories / James Geddesman ’69


Santas at the Dinner Table / Amy Collins Heddo ’86

Heddo wants her new book to create a mix. “It provides an opportunity to sit down with family and talk over dinner,” she said. The book, she said, is “just honesty, honesty, reflection and cookbook.” Each of its 12 chapters offers a saint’s brief biography, questions to consider, a prayer and recipes for a full meal, complete with dessert.

Tom Wolfe’s America / Dennis McDermott ’79

McDermott’s work explores Tom Wolfe’s vision of America through plot malfunctions and critiques of the journalist and novelist’s work. Although academic in tone, it offers background and insights to all fans of Wolfe’s work.

Life, Death, and Christian Hope / Robert Boeke ’65

Boeke credits their Catholic faith, commitment, respect, kindness and the transformative power of love as keys to making their marriage last.

Edge Vistas: A Sequence of Poems and Art / Robert Koza ’80

Koza’s book follows the evolution of his poetry from his high school and college days to the present. “Using poetry, I am able to express a deeper sense of what is going on,” he said. “It’s a way to communicate when words are not needed.”

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ALUMNI FRONT AND CENTER

Fall Louis Powell Burnett ’82 about her student days, and she’ll tell you that she spent most of her time in these buildings in the core of campus.

There was Miriam Hall, where the finance major took most of her classes; between classes, she grabbed a bite to eat and studied in Kennedy Union. And, of course, there was the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, where she found moments of refuge and reflection between classes and at “last-chance Mass” Sunday nights.

Ask her about the UD experience, and her answer is less cut and dry. “I don’t know how it happens,” she said. “This magical thing happens with students that transform them into wonderful people.”

Ask Linda Parenti Berning ‘82 about her student days, and her answer is less cut and dry. “Alumni can educate prospective students about how phenom-enal this University is.”

Golden Flyers

The annual spring luncheon will be held March 5 in the Kennedy Union ballroom with guest speaker Leon Boy, a retired architect for the Dayton Metro Library. Her program, “An Armchair Tour of Main Street,” will be a look at the history of Dayton’s Main Street through a slide show of historic photo-

Reunion Weekend 2010

Save the dates: Reunion Weekend will be held June 12-14. The weekend includes the UD Alumni Open golf event, class parties, an all-class picnic, Mass and wedding vow renewal ceremony, and the popular party porch. For more information, go to http://reunion.udayton.edu.

Houston chapter has a new president

The National Alumni Association’s Houston chapter has a new president, Josh Smith ’02, and he’s bringing the Red Scare south. Smith is working with Pavel Tali-

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They came, they saw, they bonded

“They wear red and blue. They are loud and proud. They may or may not carry UD bubble lights during the holidays. They gather in packs ranging from 20 to 100. They are game watchers.”

Each chapter takes its own approach to game watches. Lofton and Larkin’s chapters draw local business owners into their Flyer frenzy by requesting both games and a place to watch them. “We move around to various businesses. We like to spread it out,” Larkin said.

Aside from an extra-big location for big games like Xavier, Sarik said his chapter frequents a local restaurant, “We show up for the game. It wasn’t until then that we noticed all the West Virginia memorabilia posted around the restaurant,” Sarik said.

“It was a good thing we won that game,” he laughed.

The chapters often reach out to rival alumni and invite them to come along for game watches “It’s friendly competition,” Larkin said.

“We had been using that Beef O’Brady’s for five to seven years. During the 2009 NCAA tournament, we showed up for the Dayton and West Virginia game. When we arrived, there were a number of West Virginia fans watching the game. It wasn’t until then that we noticed all the West Virginia memorabilia posted around the restaurant,” Sarik said.

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The game watchers also put the spotlight on UD with other patrons. “They love our enthusiasm,” Lofton said.

“People want to know where we’re from, and we tell them, ‘University of Dayton,’” Sarik said.

“Many students and their families meet other new and current students and start relationships before they arrive on campus,” Ziarko said.

“Chapters are a great way to meet other UD grad and share UD pride. One of the most rewarding things about being a part of a chapter is watching people connect.” — Charity Smalls ’10
Engineering business — a hybrid approach

The new Goudreau Family Endowed Faculty Chair in Entrepreneurship is being established in a most entrepreneurial way—bridging two disciplines with innovation as well as practicality.

That appears to George Goudreau ’64 who says his family’s $1.5 million gift to the University is a fitting tribute to his engineer/entrepreneur father.

“My father was an electrical engineer, but during the Depression, he went into home improvements and built it into a successful home-building company,” Goudreau said. “A lot of times engineers come up with very mathematical solutions, and that isn’t necessarily what an engineer does best.”

It’s an art as well as a science, he says, requiring flexibility as well as a firm focus on where you want to go and what you want to accomplish.

The new Goudreau chair will reflect that hybrid approach, fund- work that bridges engineering and business “in ways that are path breaking in terms of new knowledge and applications that will better practices in both fields,” according to the gift agreement.

“It’s going to allow us to focus one person on the intersection of engineering and entrepreneurship,” said Matt Shank, dean of the School of Business Administration. “It will have an impact on the kinds of classes we offer and impart the research we do in terms of more of a hybrid approach.”

The endowed chair will allow growing step-by-step collaboration between business and engineering to come to the University in the near future, initially as endowed faculty positions. First will come a faculty fellowship, then an endowed professorship, and finally the faculty chair.

Along the way, the two will work together on great ideas both ways, with the SBA’s Business Plan Competition and Engineering’s Design and Manufacturing Clinic serving as key resources.

“Technological innovations emerge from the Design and Manufacturing Clinic and entrepreneurship faculty have stepped up their involvement, and for the first time this year, entrepreneurship majors earn academic credit for participating on a joint team,” Shank says the program may eventually help the commercialization of technology developed in the Dayton region.

“My, Goudreau’s generosity and vision have provided us the ability to think more deeply about the intersection of entrepreneurship and engineering,” Shank said.

Already, engineering and entrepreneurship faculty have stepped up their involvement, and for the first time this year, entrepreneurship majors earn academic credit for participating on a joint team.

“We want to have something here that puts the University on the map for its expertise,” said Matt Shank, dean of the School of Business Administration.

Not all Congressional correspondence is top-secret material vital to U.S. national and economic security. Short and sweet, and maybe a bit silly, this 1974 memo from minority leader Rep. Charles Whalen to Arizona to Ohio Rep. Charles Emanuel highlights the Congressional talk-of-the-town on Sept. 13 — a new television in the Republican cloakroom.

Assuming the Congressmember knew how to change the channels, the two-thirds of the 15 million Americans who purchased TVs by that year, they probably spent around $100, for an example, a 19-inch, color Sony television cost about $650, according to TVhistory.com. Today’s shoppers can purchase an updated model of the same size and color — complete with HDTV and 1440x900 resolution — for around $300.

The letter is just one of thousands that fill 15 boxes of Whalen’s correspondence, other personal papers, and those just a portion of the 430 boxes and 41 scrapbooks of his Congressional papers housed in the University Archives and Special Collections.

The collection of news releases, personal papers, memorabilia, scrapbooks, campaign information, superseding legislation and memorabilia, newswires, press releases, personal papers, correspondence and Special Collections.

As a UD alumnus and former professor of economics, Whalen, who now lives in Maryland, donated his papers to the University in the late 1970s following his retirement from Congress.

— Richard Price ’77
I want to explain the frustration of trying to do something, anything at all to make a difference at the place I work; how it’s taken me a year to do anything that will have a lasting effect, and the excitement and hope for more progress.

I think this past summer exemplifies something I felt the first time I went into a small sheep and chicken barn and learned to live life in a language I was never taught beyond my own home. I'm so glad I went home. And I'm already counting the days until I can go back. I know that when I go home, I will look back at the experience and be lost for words, left with only photos and memories.

—Kerry Burgess '00

When the bagpipers are there, you know it's a special day. Not that we needed anyone to tell us. It was a blue-skyed Sunday morning in July. Hundreds of people were waking up and down the streets of Fairborn, Ohio for a glimpse at a rare event: an open house for the Fairborn-Enon Volunteer Fire Co. who has welcomed me into their community.
A transformative moment

As I walked out of a news conference announcing the University of Dayton’s acquisition of NCR Corp.’s former world headquarters, the magnitude of the moment hit me.

I glanced at words flashing on a Blackberry — The New York Times’ announcement to the world of our $18 million purchase of a corporate headquarters and 115 acres. Later, Chinese visitors to campus told us they read the news in China. The Wall Street Journal used Twitter to alert its readers. The news drove record visitors to the University’s Web news site.

Many universities buy land to expand upon. A number of residential campuses buy student houses. We believe this is the first time a university has ever bought a former Fortune 500 headquarters.

‘Once-in-a-generation opportunity’

It’s a bold move, but it’s the right move for the University of Dayton and the Dayton region at this moment in history. It puts the University of Dayton in an elite company of national research universities that are investing in what real estate officials call “once-in-a-generation” opportunities. The NCR property was assessed at more than $31 million, not including the furnishings.

The news not only captured international media attention, it also sparked reaction from other top-tier research universities, like the University of Michigan, which just completed a $108 million purchase of a former Pfizer Inc. site in Ann Arbor.

Consider the reaction of Lawrence Molnar, associate director for the University of Michigan Institute for Research on Labor, Employment and the Economy:

“This could be transformational. It’s going to employ people. It has the potential to attract companies that can work next to a university doing cutting-edge research. It just opens the door to tremendous opportunities and new jobs.”

A symbol of promise

This is a transformative moment. To have such a highly visible building sit empty for years would be a symbol of decline. We’re growing and vibrant and believe the facility can provide opportunity for campus expansion and economic growth.

The former headquarters will house most of the expanding University of Dayton Research Institute and provide a home for new research partnerships, including a proposed incubator. The research institute recently won the largest contract in history to help develop jet fuels and combustion technologies. During a down economy last year, the University of Dayton experienced a double-digit jump in research revenues and remains second in the nation in materials research, according to the National Science Foundation. No other Catholic university performs more sponsored engineering research.

The Dayton Daily News called the growth of UDRI “a model for long-term incubation of idea centers that could be the basis of Dayton’s future economy. … Being in the NCR building will give the research institute more visibility and cachet. Locating in this first-class environment is a statement about its role at UD and in the community.”

A new front porch for alumni

The former headquarters will not only elevate the stature of our high-tech research initiatives, but it will also provide welcome space for a new alumni center and graduate classes. In my visits with alumni around the world, I know how much alumni value and cherish this university. This will be a home for chapter meetings, alumni events, lifelong learning programs and another campus venue for showcasing our rich history.

In 1850, Father Leo Meyer, S.M., read the signs of the times when he purchased Dewberry Farm. Brother Maximin Zehler, S.M., purchased more land from the Patterson family, providing NCR with capital for its infant business. That farm blossomed into a major Catholic university with a global reach.

Our founders took a courageous leap. Today, we take another bold move — with the same faith and confidence. I’m humbled and privileged to be the steward of such a remarkable legacy. In the Marianist spirit, we can build together a future of even greater promise.

YOU MIGHT THINK YOU FOUND COMMUNITY AT UD.
ACTUALLY, YOU HELPED BUILD IT.
Students’ progress toward their degrees sometimes hits unexpected roadblocks. World War II delayed the graduation of many who in 1941 hoped to be receiving a degree four years later. So, this spring, three classes (’45, ’46 and ’47) will reunite during Reunion Weekend June 11-13 for a special 65th reunion. They’ll notice that their campus library (Albert Emanuel Hall) has transformed into the home of enrollment management, as well as that of the University Archives, the source of the above photograph from the early 1940s.