

VARSAITY NEWS

UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY

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OUR FUTURE

Outer Drive move prompts shakeup across main campus

Reno Hall absorbs most of the move — Page 2

By ERIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

As the University of Detroit Mercy puts the finishing touches on the move of programs from its Outer Drive campus to its McNichols campus, several things remain to be settled:

- What happens to the Outer Drive site?
- How will the McNichols site handle the abrupt increase in student population?
- How will students handle the changes?

"The main goal of the move is to make McNichols a more vital campus," said Stephen Vogel, dean of Architecture at UDM.

UDM is trying to increase the number of full-time students, with Vogel saying the intention is to double the population, making UDM a more lively and efficient campus.

With all the different majors on one campus, it brings more diversity and more opportunity to student life, he said.

With a larger population, it also reinforces the need for better student services, and with better student services it brings an even larger population.

But how will UDM's McNichols campus accommodate all these new students and faculty?

"UDM is going to need better student facilities, food and recreational uses," Vogel said.

"UDM has to be more efficient with their space and time," he said, adding that there is talk of building a new Barnes and Noble, as well as a new recreation center.

And the Outer Drive campus?

Officials speculate it will most likely

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We're back!

Varsity News was down and out — but was never dead to students

By AMANDA BLEY
STAFF WRITER

"Maybe they changed the lock?" That was the question facing Rob Dunning, former staff writer and layout manager for the Varsity News, as he tried to open the door to the now abandoned Varsity News Office.

"I doubt it," was his answer. "I don't think they do anything down here anymore," he said cynically as he finally found the key that worked.

Once inside, Dunning found a dark, rank room filled with two computers once used for layout and design and piles of unopened mail announcing up and coming activities at University of Detroit Mercy.

"There they are," he said as he pointed to stacks and stacks of unread Varsity News issues. "We barely handed out half of what we actually ordered. No one took the issues out of the VN boxes."

Shutting the door, Dunning made sure to turn off the light, probably the last to see the inside of the VN office until the next person gets curious.

The Varsity News, often called the VN for short has always been the campus newspaper.

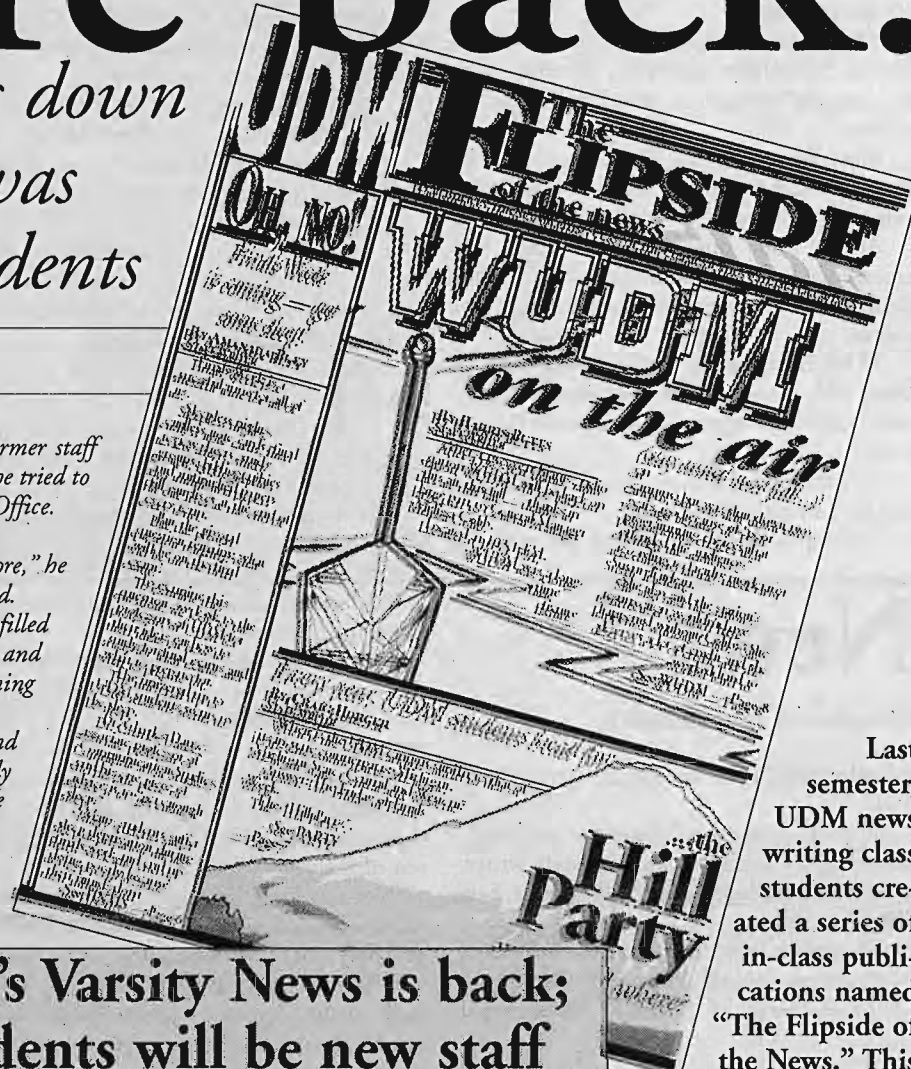
"The Varsity News started as a Student Life activity and then came under the direction of CST," said Dr. Barbara Bolz, long-time faculty member and now the chairwoman of the UDM Communications Studies Department.

"Then (it) went back to Student Life," she said, "although students from any discipline have always been able to work on it, not just communications majors."

"It's how a lot of other schools do it," she said.

According to Bolz, it was two years ago that the VN made the move to Student Life.

As a result of the move, the VN had been under the supervision of the Student Life Office, specifically headed by Mike Houdyshell, who then served as the advisor for the VN last year.



UDM's Varsity News is back; j-students will be new staff

The Varsity News, the University of Detroit Mercy's student-run newspaper, is back.

After a brief hiatus, the paper returns, this time staffed by the 26 students enrolled in two journalism classes being taught in the Communication Studies Department: news writing and feature writing.

The advisor for the publication is Adjunct Professor Craig Farrand, a former newspaperman who teaches the two classes.

Recently, the newspaper was run out of Student Life — as an activity, rather than a journalism lab.

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Starting this year, however, the newspaper will be

an extension of in-class lessons, complete with campus assignments and deadlines, according to Farrand.

Initially the newspaper will be published monthly, but plans call for the paper to return to weekly publication after the first of the year.

In addition to those currently enrolled in class, Farrand said submissions by other students will be considered for publication — and that directed studies will be offered to those interested in working on the paper in the future.

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said, talking about the end of the VN's run last year.

Not helping matters toward the end was a controversy surround-

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Last semester, UDM news writing class students created a series of in-class publications named "The Flipside of the News." This semester's students, enrolled in both the news writing and feature writing classes of the Department of Communications Studies, will be the staff of the resurrected Varsity News.

It didn't last long: After two short issues, the VN was shut down by UDM's administration.

"I don't know much other than there was no one to advise the paper this term — as was the case at the end of last term," Houdyshell

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Enrollment spike prompts move

By BRIDGET CIFUENTES
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Fact: This semester, nearly 320 freshmen are living on campus.

Fact: Shiple — which is the traditional home for new students — has enough room for about 320 students.

Problem: Some students want single rooms. Problem: The University of Detroit Mercy likes to keep some rooms open for emergencies.

Solution: Send about 15 freshmen to another building.

According to Aleczer Whitfield, assistant director of Residence Life, the solution was perfect: "There were extra rooms in

Shiple runs out of room; freshmen sent to Holden



Shiple Hall

Holden Hall so we sent them there. "It really wasn't a big issue," he said, adding that "no freshmen were denied sin-

gle rooms — and all freshmen have been very cooperative."

In the past, Holden Hall was reserved for students who had at least 32 credits — in other words, not for freshmen.

During the last few years, however, Holden has had vacant rooms, making the move an obvious one: With this year's increase in freshmen living on campus, Holden is full for the first time in four years.

For campus officials, the increase in freshman enrollments is a testament to the efforts of Residence Life to promote campus life to new students.

Not surprisingly, however, not all stu-

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Movin' in

Reno Hall absorbs most of the shift from the Outer Drive campus

BY ALISON SCARFONE
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Call it an educational "fast break." The Liberal Arts and Education Department from the Outer Drive Campus of the University of Detroit Mercy has made its move to Reno Hall on the McNichols Campus.

The move began early this summer, with Reno being made as presentable as possible in time for the start of the new semester.

And although faculty and staff have moved in, there's still work to be done to finish the transfer.

Thanks to the overhaul, all space in Reno Hall is being fully renovated, complete with the removal of built-in desks and chests in rooms.

In addition, painting of walls and ceilings, the re-finishing of floors and the installation carpeting will give Reno Hall a brighter look.

At the same time, electrical work, new emergency lights and ceiling repairs are being done to all of the main hallways and the rooms.

"The response to the new building by those who moved in has been very positive," said Lisa MacDonnell, assistant to the dean of LAE.

"It's wonderful to have most of the college faculty and staff in one place."

Among the first to move to the new digs

were faculty and staff in the psychology, education and counseling and Addiction Studies departments.

They moved to the second and third floor of Reno Hall during the third and fourth weeks of August.

Coupled with that move, the McNichols Psychology and

Counseling Clinics have also moved into Reno, on the first floor.

Joining them in the near future will be Student Health Services.

Once everything's in place, plans call to convert the entire area into a campus "Wellness Center" for the mental and physical well-being of students.

In other developments, Reno's old loading dock on the east side of the building was renovated for the Theatre Department, and will be used for classes, rehearsal space and an office in the ground floor.

That move — which will include Language and Cultural Training and the Theatre — will happen next summer.

An "I-smart Classroom" also is being added to Reno, equipped with technology purchased by Title III grant money from the federal government.

Use of the classroom will be scheduled by the Registrar's Office once it's open.

The remaining space in the building has yet to be determined.

Leading the team in charge of the renovation project is Tammy Batcheller, associate vice president for Facilities Operations.

Joining her is Dave Vandelinier, manager of Construction and Mechanical Services of Facilities Operations, and Helen Dennis, of Project Advantage.

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be sold, with the university having a few options.

One of them is to sell the campus to a developer who would lease the new Dental School back to the university.

Another option is to keep the Dental School and sell the rest of the campus.

And how do students feel about all this? Not surprisingly, they remain split.

Those majors moving to the main campus include psychology, education and most of the drama departments.

Next year, plans call for moving the nursing and dental programs.

But none of these plans make sense to some students.

"The Outer Drive campus just got redone, why don't we use it?" said Mary Montpetit, a psychology major.

"I think the whole thing is a bad idea. It's already hard enough to find park-

ing spaces, let alone the Titan Dining Room being so full that I have to wait 20 minutes in line," she said.

The increased crowd at McNichols has prompted classes not only being held in Calihan Hall this year, but also in Reno — a building that has been condemned for the past few years.

"I don't think I would want to have classes in Reno," Montpetit said, "when it has not been up to code for so long."

While Montpetit's opinion is shared by some, it's not universal.

English major Anthony Gonzales: "Merging the two campuses is beneficial because it will strengthen our programs."

"It will cut costs of programs that have a low enrollment and focus that money to other programs that have a high enrollment."

"When students graduate from UDM," he said, "their degree will hold a higher significance compared to a larger university because it will be more focused on the student rather than the major."

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ing what would become the last issue of the VN.

Appearing on the bottom of the front page was an article written by staff writer, Bree Land, called, "Let's Talk About Sex, Baby."

The article wrote about different types of birth control, as well as a graphic description of many sorts of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs).

"Condom usage is one of the biggest misconceptions among sex topics," the article said at one point. "It seems simple to take it out of the package and strap that bad boy on..."

For some, the decision to publish the story was a sound one: UDM students would be interested: "I think that college students are mature enough to handle such a topic that is considered by some to be 'taboo,'" said Kyle Jekot, a second year Criminal Justice major.

"I think the line should be drawn where

'informational' runs into 'degrading and disrespectful,'" though, he said.

For faculty and alumni, however, the decision wasn't as sound: The administration pulled the plug on the VN citing a "lack of leadership."

This is when Houdyshell stopped advising, the VN's last issue was pulled from the shelves and the VN office was locked for the rest of the year.

Not too long ago, there is the rumbling of action to bring the VN back to life, but probably not in Student Life.

There was talk about bringing the paper back to the Communications Department, but just like in Student Life, there needed to be an advisor.

"It's a big job," Bolz said. "It can't be someone teaching a full load because it's just too much work."

"It could maybe be an adjunct with fewer classes or an alumnus with the time and energy to do it," she said.

And Dunning supports Bolz's claims. "It needs more people, more skill and a lot more time," he said.

"The main problem was a lack of organization," Dunning said. "It was a problem also that the school was unable to find a

journalism advisor that could teach us some actual journalism as well."

Today, is a new day, though — and the small group of writers hoping to resurrect the VN must have offered the right prayer to the journalism gods.

Because the prayer has been answered: The newest addition to the Communications Department, Craig Farrand, an adjunct journalism professor, has taken the job as the VN head advisor.

(See related story.)

Having almost three decades of experience in journalism, Farrand was a fitting candidate for the job.

"I've worked on a similar project at Washtenaw Community College in Ypsilanti," Farrand said. "We resurrected their paper after it was dead for 10 years."

"Since I've been through this before, to a certain degree I know what to expect," he added.

And starting a paper from scratch, he said, is just as challenging as jumping into a paper with some history behind it.

"The newspaper here has a long heritage," Farrand said. "It's gratifying to see it back to life — and let's face it, I'll be working with some great people."

So what can the students of UDM expect this time?

"Well we'd like to see it out once a month at the beginning, just so all the people involved can be up to speed, but I'd like to see it move to once a week by the New Year," Farrand said.

"Students need to realize that this goes beyond the four walls of the classroom," he said. "This is the real world now."

"We're all very excited," said Bolz after making the announcement to students in the two journalism classes taught by Farrand.

"This should be a great addition to our school — not only for students of the department, but the faculty, students, and alumni of UDM."

Those interested in writing freelance for the new of Varsity News, can contact the Varsity News office at (313) 993-1436.

A message to our readers...

Dear readers,

As you review this first edition of the reconstituted **Varsity News**, you'll notice that many of the features and articles you've come to expect from a campus newspaper aren't on these pages.

For example, we don't have a comprehensive calendar of events, nor do we have up-to-date coverage of our various sports teams.

We also don't have coverage of the many events that occur daily, weekly and monthly around our community.

The reason for these "holes" in our coverage is simple: The decision to bring back the **Varsity News** was announced on Sept. 23, less than three weeks ago.

In the intervening time, the staff of reporters — actually students enrolled in two journalism courses in the Department of Communications Studies — have been working on assignments originally intended for a class grade.

To make their efforts more "real," their assignments were stories of campus life, activities and events.

Once the decision was made to resurrect the **Varsity News**, those assignments became the core of this first edition.

What was not assigned were those rewrites of campus notices, those short stories about upcoming events and on-going coverage of Titan sports.

In the coming months [our plan is to come out monthly as we get our "sea legs" under us] we'll add features that will help round out our coverage of the University of Detroit Mercy.

[And we hope you'll help us in this endeavor by forwarding story ideas and information to our office.]

In the meantime, sit back and watch the new **Varsity News** grow — and thanks for your patience.

— The Varsity News Staff

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The "Varsity News" is a newspaper by and for the students of the University of Detroit Mercy. It is written and published by journalism students enrolled in the UDM Department of Communications Studies.

The content of the "Varsity News" is the sole responsibility of the staff and the newspaper's Editorial Advisory Board. The newspaper's editorial policy encourages an active participation in the exchange of ideas by members of the student body, faculty, administration and staff of UDM.

The newspaper advisor is Adjunct Professor Craig Farrand. The staff of the "Varsity News" includes:

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We welcome your comments, suggestions and submissions, which can be dropped off at the Varsity News office, located in the basement of the Student Union.

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dents are as thrilled with the change in tradition.

Debbie Michel, a sophomore resident of Holden: "Last year I had to fight to live in Holden because you needed 32 credits, so it makes me a little upset that freshmen ended up in Holden because of the overload."

Changes in the Holden atmosphere have also been noticed with the emergence of

freshmen in an upper classmen building.

"(Holden) has been a lot noisier," Michel said, "and now that all the rooms are full, shortages of toilet paper and paper towels have occurred."

There is good news on the horizon, however — for both freshmen and sophomores: When consolidations are finished this month, the freshmen may have a chance to move back into Shiple.

And Holden will return to upperclassmen heaven once again.

Calihan celebrates 50th with renovations

Near disaster led to major work on facility

BY LORI WILD
STAFF WRITER

This year is a Golden Anniversary year for Calihan Hall. But instead of getting a cake and a party, the 50-year-old sports venue is getting an Extreme Makeover.

The second part of a long-range plan to renovate Calihan is almost complete, with major changes that include the replacement of main plumbing lines and the ceiling which was demolished and rebuilt.

These changes will now allow a new lighting system to be installed, along with drop ceilings to give the vestibules — the four corners of hallways — a heightened look.

The vestibules are being sandblasted and the cinder blocks will be painted with Zola tone, which will give them a stone-like finish.

The second part of the makeover started on July 1, and if all goes as planned, the project will be finished by Oct. 15. "This particular project has run extremely smooth," said



Athletic Director Brad Kinsman

The majority of the building had not been touched since the first phase of renovations, which involved the Hall of Fame, ended last year.

That means all the plumbing and ceilings were 50 years old — and waiting.

Kinsman estimated that since the early '90s UDM will have spent close to \$3 million on Calihan Hall when all is said and done.

Ironically, had it not been for a near-disaster, Calihan

Hall may not have seen 50: At the end of the 2002-2003 school year, officials discovered that two of the original 6-inch water mains in the building were starting to spring leaks.

At the same time, however, officials were considering demolishing Calihan.

"The Athletic staff, as well as the university, felt that we were living on borrowed time," Kinsman said.

But then the leaks were discovered — and that changed everything.

"If the water mains (had) burst, Calihan Hall would have been flooded in 20 minutes," Kinsman said.

Instead of planning for demolition, officials now had to perform major repairs to prevent disaster — and that led to plans for the makeover.

Today, renovations are continuing, and the future is looking bright.

The last phase of renovations are going to involve turning an old racquetball court into a storage area and then turning the four vestibules into "Tribute" areas.

Plans call for an Academic Hall of Fame, Hall of Champions, and an Olympic Hall for the Olympic sports, as well as a Donor Recognition Hall.

UDM announces \$160M deal: new law school, condos

Plans give UDM stake in Detroit's future

BY LATOYA SCOTT
STAFF WRITER

The University of Detroit Mercy has announced a \$160-million deal to build a new Law School to be located downtown near the current school and the GM Renaissance Center.

UDM plans call for the conversion of the current law school building into condominiums and then build a twin-tower law school on top of a new five- to nine-level parking deck.

The existing law school is a landmark structure located on East Jefferson near the Renaissance Center.

Expansion for the new law school will be on land that's now a parking lot behind the

existing law school.

Details for the new law school are tentative, but UDM officials hope their plans result in higher enrollment at the school.

It also includes the addition of major companies as partners in the project and the university playing a larger role in the overall development in the downtown area.

Addition to the new law school, UDM is in the midst of plans to enhance its main campus at McNichols and Livernois.

At the same time, UDM is shifting programs from the former Mercy College site on Outer Drive, with the eventual goal being a total consolidation of programs at the McNichols campus.

UDM theater season gets under way

BY NICOLE FENECH
STAFF WRITER

With the coming of fall comes the highly anticipated theatrical season of the University of Detroit Mercy.

The Theatre Department and Company, both held in very high regard by the university and the local theatrical circuit, ambitiously plan to stage three plays, one musical and a student showcase this year.

- The lineup of 2003-2004 consists of
- "The Diviners," a play by Jim Leonard;
 - "Lobby Hero," a play by Kenneth Lonergan;
 - "The Glory of Living," a play by Rebecca Gilman;
 - "The Robber Bridegroom," a musical by Alfred Uhry;
 - and the ever-so-popular and cost-efficient potpourri that is the "Student Directed One Acts."

The start of the season begins with the opening of "The Diviners," on Oct. 3, 2003 at 8 p.m.

"The Diviners," recipient of a "Best Play" award at the American College Theatre Festival, chronicles the story of a drifting preacher in search of a lost faith during the Depression.

Paralleled quite often by critics to the work of Steinbeck, "The Diviners" will be presented through Oct. 19 at the McAuley Theatre, located on the Outer Drive campus.

Shows will be every Thursday, Friday and

Saturday at 8 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m.
For ticket information, call 313-993-6461.

The parking wait continues

Increased UDM enrollments only adds to the search for a parking spot

BY RACHEL KUTSKILL
STAFF WRITER

Student in car: 1
Parking spot: 0

Finding a parking spot at the University of Detroit Mercy is a daily hassle for many students every day.

Each morning, they can be seen driving up and down rows of parked cars, hoping and praying for an empty spot.

Or becoming resigned to wait for another car to pull out.

The availability of parking on the McNichols campus is so limited that students have had to make their own parking spots at the end of rows or along the curb.

But that solution — creating your own



parking spot — comes with its own price: Public safety has been writing parking tickets for cars that have wandered outside the designated yellow lines.

With the increased number of freshman coming in this year, making up 38 percent of the students residing on campus, UDM has just simply run out of space.

And not only has the number of registered students increased, but the Outer Drive campus has now consolidated classes

Computers 24/7? No

Student union lab won't be open all night after all

BY LENORE JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Computer labs open 24 hours a day. That was the buzz floating around campus in several newsletters and flyers.

But the buzz was just that: noise.

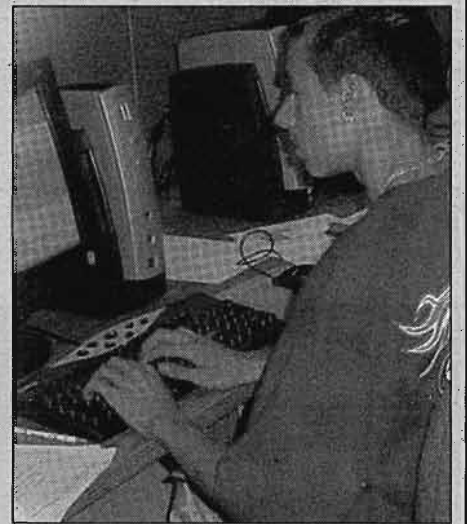
Because all computer labs on campus are managed by students, and students need to sleep, it's unlikely that the labs will be open 24 around the clock, according to Emma Yousey.

Yousey, the Student Tech Team coordinator for Academic Computing at the University of Detroit Mercy, said that the labs' hours are tailored to the needs of the students.

In fact, she said, the hours are adjusted based on usage: For example, a head count is done every hour every day to keep track of the number of students using the Student Union Computer lab.

The stats are then studied and used to accommodate UDM students' time.

Yousey said that this kind of study indicated that more students keep late



Students can use computers in the Student Union until 2 a.m.

hours on Monday through Thursday.

But late isn't around the clock, she said.

Instead, the computer lab is open from 7 a.m. until 2 a.m.

Not to worry, though: Yousey said that lab hours "will be adjusted to accommodate midterms, and final exams."

In the end, although there are no 24/7 computer labs on campus, the existing hours seem to fit students' needs just fine, Yousey said.

at McNichols, creating an even bigger parking jam.

So what's a student to do?

Keep searching, for now.

According to a reliable source who deals directly with the contracting companies for the McNichols campus, there are no current plans to build a parking structure or to increase the number of parking spaces available in the lots.

As it stands, out of the six parking lots located on the campus, three are accessible to students, and one of the three is shared with faculty parking, parking for Calihan and parking for a soccer field.

"I have a difficult time finding a spot to park even when I am just going to the store for a couple minutes," said Jessica Balon, a fourth-year student that lives on campus.

And what about the future?

Balon: "It's definitely an ongoing problem that is just going to get worse unless something is done about it."

'It was time to return the favor to myself'

Marcia Davis' work at UDM is part of her second life and new career

BY JUANITA DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Freshmen are not the only people who experience jitters as they embark on their college endeavors.

True, leaving a high school comfort zone, and establishing independence is a huge adjustment, but so is leaving the workforce after 28 years to return to school.

And just like a freshman starting out, Marcia Davis is ending one life and continuing another.

In August 1969, Davis started her college career at Northern Michigan University, but soon put her education on pause to join the workforce.

She landed a job with Detroit Edison, learning the system in and out, from financial statistics to office management.

In 2001, she retired — having worked her way through the company to post of Instructional Trainer.

She also was left with the question: "What now?"

For the next two years, Davis reflected on

her accomplishments: She had been married 25 years, had raised two college graduates and was surrounded by loving family.

Was there anything else? she asked herself.

"I realized that my children were grown," Davis said.

"I followed through with my promises to them, and it was time to return the favor to myself."

It was at this point she made up her mind to return to school and pursue training in Legal Administration.

"This is the first time in a long time I evaluated what I wanted," Davis said. "I was able to put myself first."

Today, Davis continues her course work while also working in the University of Detroit Mercy Liberal Arts Department as the budget manager; a job she's familiar with, that correlates with her

major — and that she enjoys doing.

"At the time I got hired at Edison, I was looking for a way to support myself" she said.

"It was not my first choice as a career.



Marcia Davis

CAMPUS PROFILE



Marcia Davis — shown here with co-worker Erica McDade — holds the title, budget manager, which is symbolic of her life, she said, allotting time to her family and now herself.

"It was a job where I worked in many departments and found my niche with numbers and management," Davis said.

Her current position is more than a job, she said; it's a career of choice.

Davis said her friends and family can see the change in her after returning to school and having a job she enjoys.

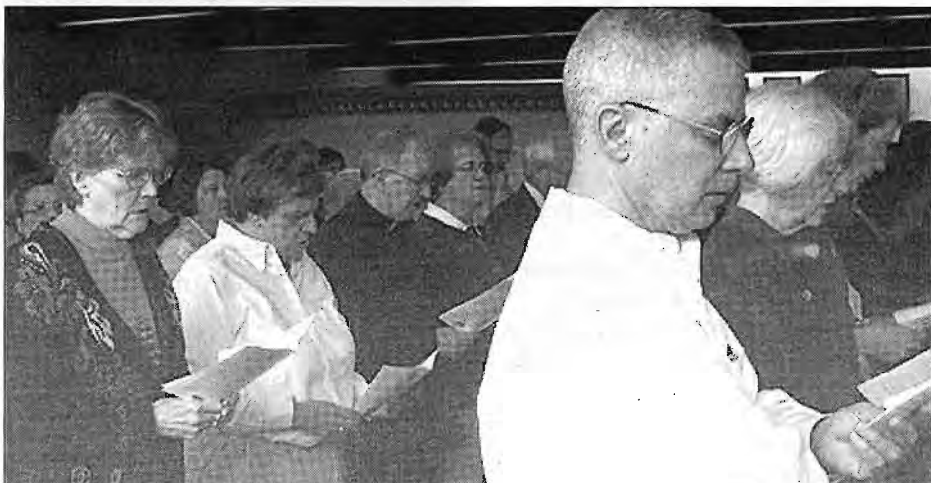
Her title as budget manager is symbolic

of her life, she said, allotting time to her family and now herself: College is about mastering time management, balancing personal, educational and work-related tasks.

"I have to reacquaint myself with studying and typing papers," she said. "It's quite different from my regular work routine."

"But I am enjoying learning new things."

Mercy Day unites the entire family on campus



Celebrants take part in morning mass (above) and other events (below) throughout the Mercy Day celebration on Sept. 24.



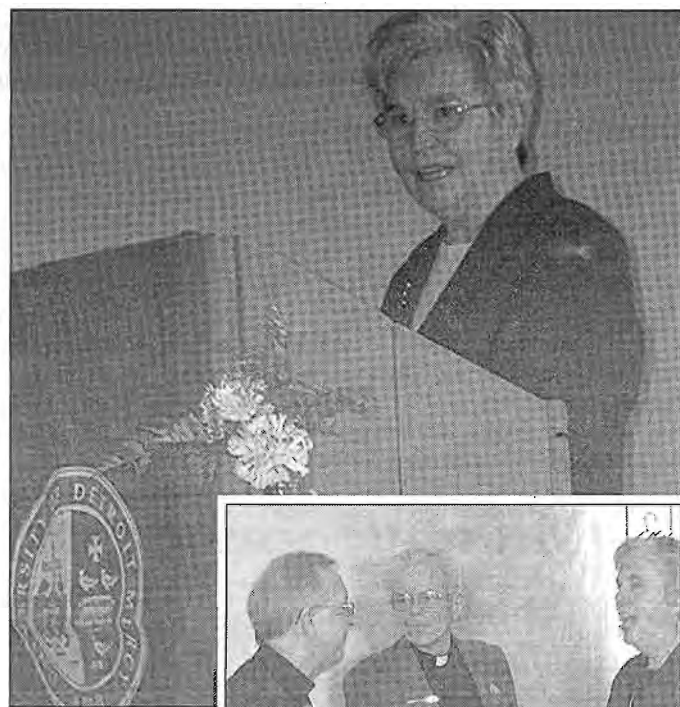
More than 70 University of Detroit Mercy faculty, staff, alumni and Jesuits joined the Sisters of Mercy on Sept. 24 to celebrate Mercy Day 2003.

The celebration began with an 11:30 a.m. mass and was followed by remarks from UDM President Maureen A. Fay.

The reflection given by Sister Mary Joel Zobro, who elaborated on the life of Sisters of Mercy foundress Catherine McAuley.

While Sept. 24 celebrates the feast of Our Lady of Mercy, it is also a significant date in the history of the Sisters of Mercy.

On that date in 1827, Catherine McAuley opened the first House of Mercy on Baggot Street in Dublin, Ireland — and 114 years later the Mercy College of Detroit was formally opened.



The many faces of this year's Mercy Day at UDM.



Acclimation: Series of events are designed to help freshmen with new surroundings

Have you been invited to compete for a scholarship?

Do you just want to take a closer look at the University of Detroit Mercy as you prepare to apply?

There are plenty of organized campus events in which you can participate.

During "Visit Days," all incoming freshmen arrive on campus with their parents to learn about academic programs, financial aid and scholarships and tour the campus.

There is also an opportunity to meet current UDM students and parents!

During "Scholarship Weekends," eligible freshmen are invited to campus to compete for full tuition scholarships.

At the same time, students and their par-

Calendar of events for UDM students	
Visit Day	Senior Summer Workshop
Oct. 18	July 14, 2004
Nov. 1	
Dec. 6.	Open House for Transfer and Graduate Students
Jan. 24, 2004	Nov. 19
	July 28, 2004
Scholarship Weekend	Tailgate Party
Jan. 30-31, 2004	Feb. 14
Feb. 20-21, 2004	

ents have an opportunity to learn about UDM.

Students also have a chance to experience life on campus by spending a night in one of

the residence halls!

At the "Tailgate Party," students are invited to celebrate and cheer on the Titans during a televised NCAA Division I basketball game.

At the "Senior Summer Workshop," students who are high school seniors are invited to learn from admissions experts about the college admission and selection process.

At the campus "Open House," transfer and graduate students will have an opportunity to: Meet advisors, find out how to finance a UDM education and receive an on-site admission decision.

(See box for calendar of events designed to help freshmen get adjusted to campus life.)

Students are forced to pay for others' acts

Dorm vandalism leads to everyone getting a bill

BY JENNIFER FEJES
STAFF WRITER

Which of the following will result in a fine at the University of Detroit Mercy?

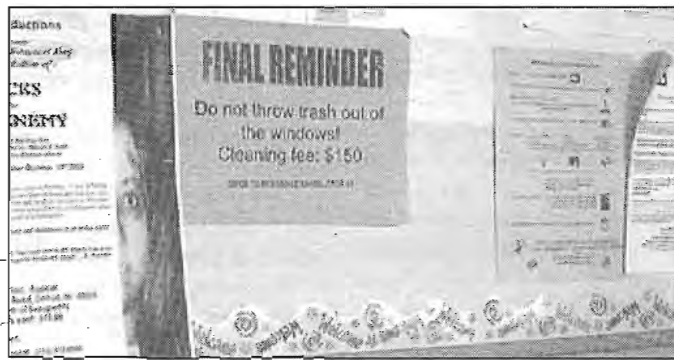
- Urinating in a dryer
- Throwing a coffee table out the fourth floor window
- Taking a running start into the quad front door and smashing the glass
- All of the above

If you answered **d**, you already know what would put a dent in your wallet.

According to Mike Cunningham, director of the UDM quads, about 108 students live in each of the four quads on the campus.

But it only takes one person to commit an act of vandalism.

The problem? If no one confesses to the act, Cunningham's only choice is to bill all 108 students in a particular building — or at least that particular floor where the



This notice in Shiple Hall is a typical warning to students of the penalties involved in vandalism.

vandalism took place.

Last year in the North Quad, for example, someone decided to break the fire extinguisher in the laundry room and spray its contents all over the room.

The person then urinated in the dryers.

Cunningham was called immediately and, with no one coming forward, had to figure out how much the damage was going to cost the whole building.

First, he had to call housekeeping to clean up the mess.

Then the campus police were called.

Because all these people don't work for free, the students pay — a lot. And since it was a weekend, the workers brought in from the physical plant were paid time and a half.

Then the actual costs of the damage were calculated and divided by the number of people in the quad.

"Students have no choice but to pay for these fines unless someone takes credit for the damage," Cunningham said.

"I hope students would develop a social conscience and realize that they would want to take it upon themselves to find out whoever it was that caused the damage that is costing them money," he said.

When a fine is going to be assessed, Cunningham has signs posted on that particular floor or throughout the building.

After that, he files reports with the billing department, and the problem is out of his hands.

For students who might consider filing a complaint against the assessment, they'll find the going tough because of the Residence Hall Application and Agreement they signed prior to moving in.

Under section 4b of the agreement, titled "Student's Responsibilities Regarding Care of Facilities," student can be held accountable for charges for damage, loss or special service for any damages they may cause intentionally or accidentally.

"When the individual(s) responsible cannot be determined," the agreement says, "an equal portion of the charges will be assessed against each student sharing the space."

In other words, the many pay the bill for the few — or the one.

Is it 'all Greek' to you? Then here's a campus primer

Groups, organizations flourish at UDM

BY MONICA THOM
STAFF WRITER

Confused about those strange symbols students wear on t-shirts and sweatshirts?

Well, those funny-looking symbols are Greek letters — which represent the different sororities and fraternities on campus.

Here's some a look at some of the Greek organizations on campus (we'll look at some more next month):

Alpha Kappa Alpha — AKA

Alpha Kappa Alpha is a sisterhood composed of women who have consciously chosen this affiliation as a means of self-fulfillment through volunteer service. Alpha Kappa Alpha cultivates and encourages high scholastic and ethical standards; promotes unity and friendship among college women; alleviates problems concerning girls and women; maintains a progressive interest in college life; and serves all mankind through a nucleus of more than 170,000 women in the United States, the Caribbean, Europe, and Africa."

<http://www.aka1908.com>

Alpha Phi Omega — AΦΩ

"For over seventy-five years, we have set the standard for college campus-based volunteerism. Alpha Phi Omega strives to help each member develop leadership skills, secure lasting friendships and provide service to others."

<http://www.apo.org>

Delta Sigma Theta — ΔΣΘ

"Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is a private, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide services and programs to promote human welfare."

<http://www.deltasigmatheta.org>

Gamma Phi Beta — ΓΦΒ

"The vision of Gamma Phi Beta is...to be a premiere women's organization with a winning spirit through:

- seeking cultural, demographic and economic diversity,
- the development of chapter, community and interfraternal leaders,
- providing programming which addresses issues relevant to women and society,
- the strengthening of resources,
- a focus on being member-driven, and
- management of the organization through volunteerism."

<http://www.gammaphibeta.org>

Kappa Alpha Psi — KΑΨ

"The founders sought a formula that would immediately raise the sights of black collegians and stimulate them to accomplishments higher than they might have imagined. Fashioning achievement as it's purpose, Kappa Alpha Psi

began uniting college men of culture, patriotism and honor in a bond of fraternity."

<http://www.kappaalphapsi.com>

Kappa Beta Gamma — KΒΓ

"Sororities and fraternities like Kappa Beta Gamma are created by and for individuals seeking a personal and academic support network. Members strive to develop a unique bond with each other, make significant contributions to communities around the area and achieve personal growth through leadership and academic excellence. The eternal connection you share serves to enrich you as individuals, as an organization and as members of the community."

Is there life after campus?

Entertainment is limited nearby, but options explode elsewhere

BY CORISSA CASTEL
STAFF WRITER

The weekend has finally arrived. After a grueling week of classes, the word "Friday" is a clarion call for students to let loose, relax and have a good time.

This begs the next question: "Is there anything to do?"

For some students, spending the weekend on campus is ideal; it often eliminates the hassles of going out for the night.

"You can just hang out in a relaxed atmosphere," said sophomore Katrina Klemp.

"When you are in the company of good friends that's all that really matters."

'Rush' is here for several groups

BY MALLORY OLSEN
STAFF WRITER

For the past few weeks, freshman women have been busy with Pan Hellenic Formal Rush, attending parties, preference teas and meeting with the sororities of Kappa Beta Gamma, Sigma Sigma Sigma and Gamma Phi Beta.

Currently, the sororities are in their continuous open-bidding phases, picking up more girls outside of the designated Formal Rush week.

"Rush is certainly a busy time," says Anne Labut, a member of Kappa Beta

Gamma.

"It's a chance for the girls to get to know the members of each of the three sororities and choose which group they fit with best."

Those interested in joining a sorority can obtain more information by signing up.

Recruitment posters are located in the basement and first floor of the Briggs Liberal Arts building.

Students may also see fellow students on campus wearing their letters: ask them a question about any of the three organizations.

Kappa Delta Rho — KΔΡ

Since 1905, Kappa Delta Rho has initiated more than 23,000 members. Currently, there are approximately 17,000 living alumni. The history of KDR is the individual history of all our undergraduates and alumni. That history continues every day, chapter by chapter, as undergraduates demonstrate their academic and chapter achievements. Our alumni are leaders in their professional fields, and the list of their achievements is

endless.

"Lambda Theta Phi has set out to accomplish these goals through responsible political and social action."

<http://www.lambda1975.org>



Goodnite Gracie Jazz and Martini Bar are excellent options.

In the other direction is Downtown Detroit, the host to many unique entertainment venues.

With staples such as Greektown, the three casinos and Second City, the downtown area is always lively.

And for those who are not yet 21, there is always Windsor, loaded with bars and dance clubs — but have your picture I.D. ready for the border crossing.

And there's always something for everyone just a little farther out to the north in Pontiac.

You can catch the big game with a great meal at Smokey Bones BBQ & Sports Bar or treat your ears to the dueling pianos at J.D.'s Keyclub.

Both cities are relatively close and provide numerous clubs that cater to a variety of preferences.

So, when the weekend rolls around and you find yourself thinking, "Is there anything to do?" you'll be happy to know that there is life outside the fences of campus.

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University archives to be part of national history initiative

UDM's project "Black Antislavery Writings, 1760-1829," based in the Black Abolitionist Archives, has been chosen as one of the major "We the People" projects under President Bush's new history initiative.

President Bush launched the initiative, which is being funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, on Constitution Day, Sept. 17, 2002, after several studies indicated that many young Americans have at best only a passing knowledge of our nation's history.

UDM's Black Abolitionist Archives houses about 650 documents, including slave narratives, poems, speeches, freedom petitions, essays, and letters written by blacks during the period of 1760 to 1829.

In the coming years, UDM hopes to publish its collection in two volumes. The first volume will highlight 1760 to 1807 and the second will cover 1808 to 1829.

"Our goal is to encourage and strengthen the teaching, study, and understanding of American history and culture," said UDM History Professor Roy Finkenbine.

New associate dean named at McAuley School of Nursing

UDM has named Judith H. Lewis associate dean for the McAuley School of Nursing.

Lewis was previously the associate professor and director of Nursing Education at the University of Akron College of Nursing.

She received her BSN and M.S. degrees in nursing at Ohio State University and obtained an education degree from the University of Cincinnati.

"We are excited to have Judith join the McAuley School of Nursing team," said Dr. Suzanne Mellon, dean of McAuley School of Nursing. "We look forward to having her here this fall."

NCAA 'Final Four' will be at Calihan Hall in 2009

UDM's Suk Hi Kim, professor of Finance and an international business expert, has published a book entitled "North Korea at a Crossroads."

The publication is a comprehensive analysis that covers the period from the division of the peninsula in 1948 to the future of North Korea beyond 2003.

Topics include the Korean War, famine, the economic collapse of the 1990s, Kim Jong Il, "rogue state" status and President Bush's "axis of evil" remark made during his 2002-State of the Union address.

The final chapter considers the case for reconciliation.

"I feel this current international crisis will eventually be resolved peacefully through dialogue," Suk said, "because North Korea holds South Korea, Japan, and tens of thousands of U.S. troops hostage."

'Senioritis'

There's really no cure for this affliction

BY YOLANDA BRANTLEY
STAFF WRITER

Finals, term papers, graduation, job fairs, and money.

Seniors really have a lot on their mind.

Nevertheless, university seniors tend to get excited and sometimes forget about important things — like graduation and, in some cases, even the fact that there are midterms and finals.

What's this called?

"Senioritis."

And it can be contagious.

"Senioritis" is best known among high school seniors, who display their immaturity during their senior year.

High school seniors tend to skip class and party, yet brag about graduating.

In college, though, students are more mature, so their "senioritis" takes on other symptoms.

Instead of skipping school and partying, the "senioritis" infecting university seniors manifests itself in fears about: finding a job after graduation, money, term papers and the stack of college loans that have to start being paid back in six months.

Reality sinks into the minds of the seniors real quick.

And how do students on the University of Detroit Mercy campus view "senioritis"?

Actually, the first question might be: Are you a senior?

The answer is that to be in senior standing, a student must have 90 credit hours.

So far, so good.

But are students "ready" to be a senior, facing graduation?

The fact is that over the years, student accumulate many term papers — some good, some bad.

But where are they?

Most programs at UDM, for example, like architecture and communications, require the production of a portfolio of projects, papers and relevant events from a student's college career.

This portfolio can be useful in that job interview after graduation.

Portfolios should be in a three-ring binder and should always include a resume and cover letter.

Depending on the program, the more the better when it comes to the material included in a portfolio.

In the end, though, a portfolio is merely a reflection of a student's college career.

Another common concern for seniors contemplating graduation is the payback of student loans.

The majority of loans that come through UDM have a six-month grace period after

graduation, but paying \$100 a month as soon as possible can help reduce the pain — especially if no job looms on the immediate horizon.

For those going into the education field, however, there is some good news: Student loans can disappear if a graduate teaches with a school district that meets certain state guidelines, such as Detroit, Highland Park and Dearborn, to name a few.

For those feeling a bit consumed by "senioritis," a piece of advice is to keep in touch with an advisor; someone who can keep a student on track and remind him or her what's needed — and when.

In the end, of course, "senioritis" at UDM still includes the traditional parties and hanging out, but, as in life, it's all a matter of balance.

UDM comes to the rescue of those losing dental care through state cut

On Oct. 1, the Michigan Department of Community Health eliminated dental coverage for the elderly, the mentally ill, the developmentally disabled and the low-income.

But it appears that the University of Detroit Mercy is poised to fill that void.

According to Dr. Mert Aksu, DDS, the assistant dean of UDM's School of Dentistry, the university is offering help to those who will be affected by the cut.

Aksu said that poor dental health sometimes results in increased incidents of low birth weight in infants, cardiac problems and other possible health issues.

As a result of the offer, "the School of Dentistry is anticipating a large increase in

the demand for reduced fee dental care," Aksu.

UDM's dentist programs are offered the university's Outer Drive campus and at the Detroit Medical Center. UDM offers reduced rates of up to 50 percent and free care at various clinics in Detroit.

Any individual over the age of 4 is eligible to receive these benefits.

According to GERALYN LASHER, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Community Health, the cuts were part of a larger plan that would help preserve medical and prescription drugs coverage for lower income people.

For more information, call (313) 494-6750

Looking for something of interest?

UDM offers wide variety of organizations, groups to fit anyone's preference

The University of Detroit Mercy is a campus that defines diversity.

As a result, it shouldn't be surprising that there is a wide selection of clubs and organizations on campus to meet just about every student's needs and interests.

UDM has more than 50 clubs and organizations that bring students together to build skills, make friends, develop networks and have fun.

Do you enjoy friendly competition?

Consider the intramural basketball, billiards, volleyball or whiffleball—and the regularly scheduled winner-take-all euchre games in the Grounds coffeehouse.

Like to perform?

Then check out the "Theatre



Company," the "Detroit Titans in Motion" dance squad, the improv comedy troupe or the campus radio station.

Want to make a difference through community service?

UDM's Student Volunteer Association,

the Student Senate, and fraternities and sororities are among the many campus groups that provide opportunities for students to give back.

Below is a list of groups and organizations on campus:

The many organizations on the UDM campus

Professional Organizations (Student Chapters)

- American College of Health care Executives
- American Institute of Architecture Students
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers
- National Organization of Minority Architects
- National Society of Black Engineers
- Society of Automotive Engineers
- Society of Women Engineers

Honor Societies

- Alpha Epsilon Delta (Pre Med, Pre Dent)
- Alpha Sigma Nu
- Psi Chi (National Honor Society in Psychology)

Ethnic Associations

- Chinese Student Association
- Minority Student Association
- National Pan Hellenic Council
- Panhellenic Association
- Student African and American Network
- Taiwanese Students Association

Intramural sports (See story on Page 7)

Special Interest

- Campus Crusade For Christ
- Computer Science Club ACM Student Chapter
- Council on Family Relations
- Detroit Titans in Motion (Dance Team)
- Engineering and Science Student Council
- Grounds Board
- Honors Program
- Impact
- Interfraternity Council
- International Student Union
- Outdoor Activity Center
- Pep Band
- Student Social Work Association
- Student Volunteer Association
- UDM Boy Scouts (Improv Theatre)
- WUDM Campus Radio

Fraternities/Sororities

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Theta Tau Chapter
- Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated (Delta Psi Chapter)
- Gamma Phi Beta Sorority Inc., Zeta Nu Chapter
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity
- Kappa Beta Gamma Sorority
- Kappa Delta Rho National Fraternity, UDM Alpha Gamma Chapter
- Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc.
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated, Rho Nu Chapter
- Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity
- Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity
- Sigma Pi Fraternity International, Gamma Alpha Chapter
- Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority
- Theta Tau
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

NEWS NOTES

NCAA 'Final Four' will be at Calihan Hall in 2009

Although the Detroit Pistons are holding training camp at Calihan Hall this fall and the UDM Titans will start their season Nov. 22 against perennial powerhouse Duke — the biggest news out of Calihan may be made in six years.

The NCAA site-selection committee announced this summer that the Detroit and its host school UDM — will host the Final Four in 2009.

The decision came after UDM President Dr. Maureen A. Fay, General Motors Chairman and CEO G. Richard Wagoner, Jr. and Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick made presentations to NCAA committee members during their Detroit site visit.

In addition, UDM Athletic Director Brad Kinsman traveled to New Mexico with the site-selection committee for a final presentation.

"We are proud to be hosting one of the greatest sporting events in the world," Fay said.

"This decision is a great honor for our city and our university."

Titans will open basketball season against Duke

A season-opener at perennial Top 10 contender Duke, a game at defending Big Ten champion Wisconsin and a home game against Butler on ESPN2 highlight the 2003-04 Detroit Titan men's basketball schedule.

The exhibition season ends against Rochester College on Nov. 19, and then the Titans travel to Cameron Indoor Stadium to open their regular season at Duke on Nov. 22.

It will be just the second game ever between the Titans and Blue Devils.

Two days later, the Titans will host Western Michigan in their home opener.

Detroit will play 10 non-conference games before opening its 2004 Horizon League schedule at UIC on Jan. 3.

UDM will play at Wisconsin on Dec. 6.

On Feb. 14, UDM will host rival Butler in a nationally telecast game scheduled for noon on ESPN2.

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The 11th Annual Adcraft "Advertising as a Career" symposium will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 8, at the DaimlerChrysler Tech Center in Auburn Hills.

Tickets are \$10 and includes lunch. They will be available at the door on the day of the event. To purchase tickets in advance, send a check or money order to the Adcraft office.

Adcraft is a non-profit organization that promotes the advertising industry.

It sponsors the career symposium each year in an attempt to inspire and inform college students about the organization.

The symposium is open to all college students and entry-level members of the advertising industry.

Scholarships and networking opportunities will be available. Business casual attire is required.

— Nicole Fenech

Soccer player found his life at UDM

Ablaye Camara left his family behind in Africa to find a new beginning

BY DENNIS MAGEE
STAFF WRITER

"UDM changed my life."

— Ablaye Camara

Now a junior at the University of Detroit Mercy and a forward on the Titan soccer team, Ablaye Camara was born in the Republic of Guinea in West Africa.

And although he has a sister who lives in Detroit, he couldn't be father from home: the rest of his family, including two brothers and another sister, live in West Africa.

But UDM has acted as a home-away-from-home since his arrival, and has served his needs perfected.

Camara was recruited by coaches across the country who saw him play three years ago. But he declined offers to play at other big-name schools.

Instead, he chose UDM: "I liked the small size of the school, and small classes are positive for education," he said.

An on-going influence in his life was his father, and when he died in July 2002, that influence changed to inspiration: "Every game I play is for my father."

"When I prepare for a game, I go some where quiet and think about my father and feel his presence," he said.

Camara has been playing soccer since he was 2; his first organized game was at the age of 7.

The reason he decided to play is soccer because he was not only because it was the most popular sport in his country, but because "my father used to play it and I developed a love for it."

"I practice everyday of my life," he said. "Also, I have a soccer imagination, which means I imagine a lot about soccer to improve my game."

The style he likes the play is called 3-5-2: three defenders, five midfielders and two forwards.

"I like this style," Camara said, "because I will be one of the midfielders that attack and help my team score."

Career Expo helped UDM students link up with employers

BY JENNIFER FEJES
STAFF WRITER

Students across campus flocked to Calihan Hall on Oct. 2, to participate in this year's version of the annual Career Expo at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Those who attended, were encouraged to bring their resumes and explore their possible career options with dozens of different companies that were looking for all kinds of applicants to fill positions such as interns, new entry or management.

Among those attending the expo and recruiting new employees were Infinity Broadcasting, Lear Corp., Visteon Corp. and Daimler Chrysler.

According to Jennifer Doyle a representative at the university's Career Center, the expo "is an excellent place to begin networking for your future."

The sting of summer bees abates with the arrival of fall

BY JOSEPH ALEARDI
STAFF WRITER

Students appear to be breathing a little easier, thanks to the arrival of fall — and cooler temperatures.

Why?

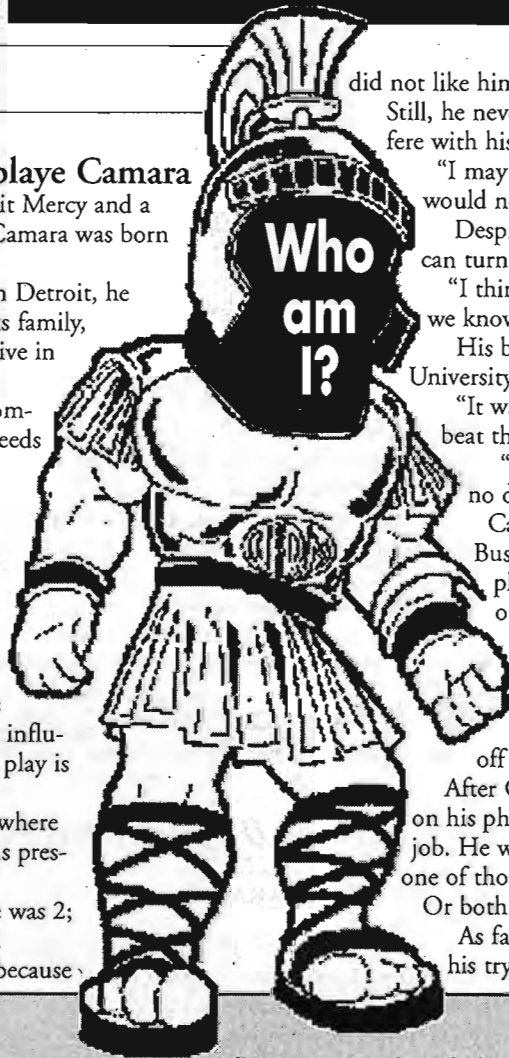
Well, it had to do with some small insects flying around classrooms — and around campus:

Bees.

Bees — or in many cases, yellowjackets, which are actually wasps — seemed to own the University of Detroit Mercy campus at the start of the semester.

In fact, even though the school year had

STUDENT PROFILE



An on-going influence in his life was his father, and when he died in July 2002, that influence changed to inspiration: "Every game I play is for my father."

Some of his favorite soccer players are (of course) his father, as well as players like Diego, Ronaldo and Seydoy.

And if he could play for one soccer team it would be Real Madrid: "I like their style of play."

Camara says he gets along with all of teammates on the soccer team, but in his freshmen year some of his teammates

did not like him for some reason.

Still, he never let the differences on the soccer field interfere with his social life.

"I may have a problem with them on the field, but I would not have a problem with them off the field."

Despite his team's 3-5-1 record, he believes they can turn it around.

"I think we can win the Horizon League because we know our weaknesses and we are fixing them."

His best game individually was against the University of Illinois-Chicago.

"It was tied at 3 (and) I worked the defense and beat the best in the Horizon League."

"(It) made me believe if I play my best that no one can stop me."

Camara's major in Economic Certification in Business International Relations is something he plans to fall back on if soccer doesn't work out.

And if he's not studying or playing soccer he likes to watch a lot of television, preferably comedies, movies, sitcoms — and sports: basketball, football, tennis and play-off baseball.

After Camara finishes school he said he will work on his physical ability and get stronger and then get a job. He wants to go to Europe or Asia and try out in one of those regions.

Or both.

As far as returning home, he said he'll wait until his tryouts are over.

He likes Detroit, but he doesn't know if he'll stay: "If a good opportunity comes along, I will stay in Detroit, but if I leave (it's) because I want to play soccer."

One lasting memory Camara will take from UDM is the athletic department.

"Especially Steve Coder, who deals with my grumpiness day in and day out and still teaches me principles on life, soccer, and teamwork," he said.

He also said he'll miss Coach Maurice Lupenec — "who believes in me."

DETROIT AFTER DARK



Annual bike ride gives students unique view of city

BY NICK SMITH
STAFF WRITER

The 15th annual University of Detroit Mercy Midnight Bike Ride was held on Friday, Sept. 26, with dozens of students starting out on a 35-mile ride in the dead of night.

The ride, which began at 10 p.m., took travelers on a five-hour, Detroit Police-escorted tour of the city.

Leaving from Parking Lot A on the McNichols campus, riders passed through Palmer Park, Indian Village and then past

the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Later that night, they made stops on Belle Isle, at City Airport and at the Lafayette Coney Island.

Monica Leonard, dean of Student Life, said the night ride provides students with a unique perspective of the city.

"This gives students a chance to actually look at the city as they ride," she said.

For those who couldn't finish the long ride or needed to stop, there were two vehicles pacing the riders.

just begun in September, students felt like they'd been fending off bees — and their stingers — for months.

And it wasn't always a non-contact situation.

"I felt something on the back of my head and scratched it," said one student. "I went to grab it and before I knew it, it had stung me."

Fortunately, that student wasn't allergic to bee venom. But he did have to leave his classroom: "I never did go back until class was over, just to get my stuff," he said.

Had he been allergic, and had no anti-venom handy, he faced serious conse-

quences, including death.

And he didn't find much help around campus: the only thing he could find for the pain was rubbing alcohol.

"I didn't want to have to sit and fill out papers at the health center for just a little sting," he said, adding that he was concerned for those who got stung and were allergic, "especially if they forgot their medicine."

Now that cooler weather is here, the attack of the campus bees is abating — although they could still be found buzzing around campus during last week's Indian Summer.



Softball field named in honor of Buysse family

BY LISA FERGUSON
STAFF WRITER

The end of September sounded a happy note on the University of Detroit Mercy campus when the Titan softball field was renamed in honor of Roger Buysse and his family.

The dedication took place on Sept. 28, led by Sister Maureen Fay, president of UDM; Brad Kinsman, UDM athletic director; Keri Gaither, UDM senior women's administrator; and Bob Wilkerson, UDM head softball coach.

The re-dedication of the softball field and complex formally known as "Titan Field" was just one of the many highlights of

the second annual Titans Athletic Department Parents' Day on campus.

The Buysse family was chosen because of their generous donations they've made to the softball program over the years.

Roger Buysse, a graduate of UDM (BS-1950 and MBA-1955), is the person responsible for the former Titan Field's new seated bleachers and new score board.

"UDM is now the only Division-I complex to have chair back seating in the state of Michigan," Wilkerson said.

"The work that has been done to the field makes ours one of the most unique parks in the mid-west, if not the country.

"It adds even more to the campus as a whole with its charm," he said.

Buysse also is responsible for the cement dugouts and under ground sprinkler systems that were constructed a few years ago.

"We now have one of the finest softball facilities in the country thanks to the generosity of Roger Buysse and his family," said UDM Director of Athletics Brad Kinsman.

"Their support has enriched the campus



Titan Field was renamed "Buysse Ballpark" on Sept. 28 in honor of the Roger Buysse family's contributions to the campus.

and the athletic program immeasurably and will have an impact for years to come," Kinsman said.

"It is only fitting that this field be dedicated in honor of the Buysse family."

The women's softball team captains Andrea Sikora and Corissa Castel presented the Buysse family with two official Titan softball

jerseys.

Roger Buysse also threw the first pitch on the mound of his new ballpark, prior to the softball alumni game.

"We are very fortunate to have such a generous donation given to our program," Wilkerson said. "We can't thank him enough."

It's all intramural

UDM campus offers sports activities outside the mainstream

BY LINDSEY PASQUINZO
STAFF WRITER

Intramural sports have always been a big draw on the University of Detroit Mercy campus — but this year will be bigger than ever.

Not only are more sports being added to the program, but Marygrove College is being added to the action.

And this combination of more sports — and more competition — was best summed up by UDM student April Savalli:

"It's going to be much more exciting and bigger this year."

The list of sports for men and women is an arm's length long:

- men's and women's football
- co-rec softball
- men's and women's basketball tournaments
- co-rec volleyball
- floor hockey
- men's and women's punt, pass, and kick contests
- men's and women's home run derbies
- men's and women's basketball
- men's and women's dodge ball
- men's and women's volleyball
- men's and women's billiards tournaments
- men's and women's soccer
- co-rec sand volleyball
- men's and women's 3-on-3 basketball tournaments
- men's and women's track meets and
- a co-rec whiffle ball tournament.

"It's much bigger this year," said Michael Simon III, vice president of intramural sports.

"With adding more sports and Marygrove College, we're hoping by doing that we will get more students participating in intramural sports," he said.

Students living in the dorms can very easily form teams with others on their wing, floor or building.

Also student organizations are a great place to recruit friends to join a team.

All intramural sports are for men and women and will take place either at UDM or Marygrove College.

For more about UDM intramural sports, look for flyers around campus or call the intramural office at (313) 993-1743.

Athlete drug testing begins

Violation of mandatory checks could mean suspension, expulsion

BY MELISSA HARAKAS
STAFF WRITER

The University of Detroit Mercy has instituted a drug-testing program for all student-athletes that could lead to suspension or expulsion for violation.

"The implemented program is a step further than previous ones in previous years," said Sara Esper, UDM's assistant trainer, "in order to ensure the health and well-being of the student is maintained."

Under the program, the Athletic Department randomly selects student-athletes from the 16 sports teams for drug testing at any given time.

"Drug testing can also be done if we suspect any sort of illegal use," Esper said.

The rules call for selected athletes to provide a urine specimen within 24 hours.

When athletes are selected, a member of UDM's Sports Medicine staff escorts them to Concentra Medical Center (CMC).

At this certified laboratory the student must produce a urine sample under the direct supervision of a CMC staff member.

The drug testing performed at CMC is designed to look for

1. Street drugs, such as marijuana, opiates and amphetamines,
2. Anabolic steroids and
3. NCAA banned substances.

Once a student joins one of UDM's team, he or she is made aware that the use of any of these substances is illegal.

"(The students) are given a list of all illegal substances that the NCAA has banned," Esper said, adding that "they are also told that if they are taking anything they need to let us know so we can approve it."

"Also, if they have any questions about anything they are taking to ask our staff," she said.

The punishments for violation are severe — including one for a failure to appear for

the test: the student will be suspended indefinitely.

If the athlete tests positive for an illegal substance, the Athletic Department will take immediate action.

For a first offense, the athlete must seek counseling and will be suspended from a minimum of one game.

Depending on the offense, an athlete could be removed permanently from the university.

According to university officials, most student athletes have few problems with the drug testing program.

"I think it's the right of the school to test its athletes," said Sara Crum, a senior on the Women's Basketball Team.

"There should be no question with athletes when it comes to the use of illegal substances," she said.

Speaker talks about student health

Expert says there are no shortcuts to excellence; every drug has drawbacks

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Student and athlete health were the twin topics on the agenda at Calihan Hall Sept. 22, when Dr. Ted Lambrinides, director of Exercise Science at Thomas More College, gave a talk on topics ranging from ergogenic aids and sports nutrition to drug and alcohol abuse in collegiate athletes.

In particular, Lambrinides focused on drug use and the effects it has on a student-athlete's body.

For example, he said, some products, such as creatine, is used by most people because it's supposed to help build muscle faster during a work out and will get an individual in shape faster.

Most people, he said, think that by taking large amounts of this substance will result in bigger muscles faster.

That isn't the case, Lambrinides said: "It only helps about 30 percent of people while it does nothing for the rest."

When it came to general student health, Lambrinides took on some of the more popular drugs and held them up for examination.



First was ecstasy, which he called the most illegal drug used in the United States. Even more troubling for Lambrinides was the fact that of those using ecstasy, 66 percent also reported using alcohol and 43 percent admitted to binge drinking.

Not surprisingly, he said, drinking causes many problems for people, especially teenagers.

And, at most universities, "weekends" for students start on a Thursday night, which can have ramifications right into the classroom: Lambrinides said that the more drinks a student consumes, the more that person's GPA will be affected.

Likewise, he said, alcohol not only slows down your reaction times, but also impairs judgment at a critical time: Right after the party ends.

A case in point: According to

Lambrinides, teenage pregnancies occur mostly between 3 and 5 a.m.

Getting back to the student-athlete, Lambrinides said that in order for athletes to be healthy, they need to ask themselves some questions, such as:

- Do you eat breakfast every morning?
- Do you eat at least three meals a day?
- Do you eat from all four-food groups?
- Do you have a well-balanced pre-game and post game meal?

If a student answered yes to all of these questions, then he or she is on the way to a healthy diet, he said.

"In order to have a healthy diet you need to consume a variety of foods balanced by a moderate intake of each food," he said.

In addition, in order for athletes to perform well they need to be well-hydrated, Lambrinides said: "You need to maintain a safe body temperature."

For pre-game meals Lambrinides said they should be eaten two to four hours before the event and should consist of low fat, little fiber, moderate protein and mostly carbohydrates.

A recovery meal should be eaten two hours after an event and don't stop there: An athlete should continue to eat every two hours so his or her body recovers all that has been lost, Lambrinides said.

Chocolate milk, for example, has all the minerals to help an athlete recover faster, he said, adding that in any case, an athlete need to drink a lot of fluids after an event to get hydrated again.