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To Whom it May Concern:

In 2013, UD launched a new effort to encourage students to leave their cars at home and utilize alternative modes of transportation to promote sustainability and greater connection to the Dayton community. Under the program, first year students who pledged not to bring a car to campus for two years were entered into a drawing to win a bike. One hundred bikes were awarded to students and nearly 300 students committed to leaving their cars at home for this inaugural effort. Winners were given a bike, helmet, and lock along with information about alternative transportation and sustainability, and they are encouraged to use their new bikes for both transportation and recreation on the region's extensive bike trail system. This program was made possible through collaboration of many different facets of campus, including Facilities Management, Campus Recreation, Enrollment Management, and Dining Services.

Related to the bike program, termed "When are two better than four?", UD is collaborating with community partners as the new bike connector linking several regional trails opened through campus. UD provided land and roadway for part of the link and funded part of the construction. These efforts added over 300 miles of existing trails and bike lanes in the Dayton area, and aligns with Dayton's Bronze-level Bike Friendly city status.

While many college campuses are making efforts to limit their carbon footprint, the bike program at UD is unique in that it actively promotes alternative forms of transportation and encourages recreation simultaneously. The benefits for the environment, student health are significant.

Please let me know if there are any questions or concerns. I may be reached at (937) 229-3651 or mpautz1@udayton.edu.

Regards,

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