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Students, community combat hunger and homelessness in Dayton

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The St. Vincent de Paul homeless shelter stands out in sharp contrast to the world around it. The building itself is white-washed with blue and green trim, like a beacon in a barren fall landscape. Although it's only a few hundred feet off Stuart Street, it does not reflect any of the University of Dayton's red brick campus or the heavy traffic of Brown Street. The St. Vincent de Paul Gateway Shelter for Women and Families is in another world, and its staff and volunteers work to bridge the gap between bubble and reality.

St. Vincent de Paul is the largest 24/7 provider of shelter in Montgomery County. It boasts a full staff, trained in nonviolent crisis intervention and naloxone administration in the case of opiate overdose. The shelter includes lockers for guests to store their possessions, washers and dryers for laundry, a large dining area, food and donation drop-offs, and dorms for single women and families.

Rebecca DeLong, director of development, explained the services the shelter provides: "I think the thing that is so important about what we do is that we are providing our guests with a safe, stable environment that allows them to work on the issues that brought them here."

Guests are able to use the shelter's address as their home address when applying for jobs or on their identification. Case workers visit the shelter several times a week to work with people toward a goal of stable housing.

"The ultimate goal, with the housing programs is to try to get people on their own and independent," said Hannah McGahee, marketing and communications development associate at St. Vin-



Because the city of Dayton is a food desert, buying groceries can become costly for those without access to transportation. Photo courtesy of St. Vincent de Paul - Dayton District Council.

cent de Paul.

The building is fenced in, with locked doors to the outside to protect victims of domestic abuse. Children can safely play outdoors or in an activity room inside, and Ohio laws mandate school buses stop at shelters to ensure children attend school every day. The women's shelter and the Gettysburg Gateway for Men shelter serve a combined 1,200 meals a day.

In 2014, the two shelters provided 127,000 nights of shelter. The presence of children in shelter is up 42 percent from 2014, when St. Vincent de Paul sheltered 844 children.

"Students at the University of Dayton understand that there's a homeless problem, but here at UD we're in a bubble," said Joseph Fay, junior history major and co-president of the St. Vincent de

Paul charter at UD. "Unfortunately, there's not much city funding to help out with the situation. The city does rely on organizations like Habitat for Humanity or St. Vincent de Paul to help."

The charter, with 147 members, tries to volunteer every weekend, at the women or men's gateway shelters or the food pantry. The group was recently approved to do home visits, in which they visit clients' homes to see if they need help with services like furniture donations.

"Poverty is a vicious cycle," Fay said. "As much as St. Vincent de Paul does help, there's more that can be done to break that cycle... You realize that the only reason why I can help is because I have the privilege to do so."

The other co-president of the charter, junior Jordan Stoltz, reflected on the memorable

moments of her service. She's been surprised by the amount of friendly people she met, and hopes that the people they serve feel they're not alone.

"We don't always know the situation of someone who is without a home or living on a tight budget—we don't know the whole story. I believe that having a good heart toward all of humanity is important. After all, we're all broken in one way or another," Stoltz said. "We all want to feel loved. When we work together, wonderful things can happen. And that's the beauty of it."

Other UD students are also working to eliminate hunger in the Dayton area. Junior dietetics major Danielle Dicristofano started a UD charter of the Food Recovery Network.

According to its website, this program, which encourages stu-

dents to recover dining hall food left over at the end of the night, is the "largest student movement against food waste and hunger in America."

"Right now we're only [working with] KU every Friday because KU's the only dining hall that closes over the weekend," Dicristofano said. "They'll have more food that would go to waste because food goes bad over the weekend, and they can't reuse it because they're not open.... We package up all the leftover food that they would have thrown out, and we bring it to St. Vincent de Paul. They use it to feed the people that stay at their shelter."

McGahee loves the enthusiasm from the UD community.

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WHY BECOME A MARIANIST?

When Brother José Julián Matos-Auffant, SM, joined the faculty at a Marianist school in Puerto Rico, he began sharing daily prayers and fellowship at the Marianist community. He was drawn to "teaching as a sacred calling and to religious life," he says. "It's a life that sustains me and helps me grow."

Brother José is minister of spiritual development at St. Mary's University in San Antonio.

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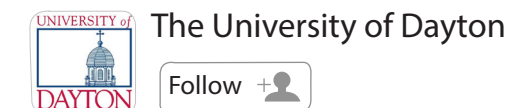
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Trending



Giving thanks, with more conversation
The Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Dept. of Housing and Residence Life will host a conversation (with food) on Native American culture, sustainability and giving thanks. Nov. 18, 5:30 p.m. KU Ballroom



Open later than you thought
The Senate recently passed a defense policy bill that bans transferring prisoners from Guantanamo Bay to the U.S., which deals a big blow to President Obama's plans to close the controversial prison.



For the feline audiophile
If you've ever had the dilemma of wanting to dress up like a cat but couldn't determine the best way to incorporate headphones to listen to your jams, Brookstone (i.e. The Sharper Image, but without the bankruptcy) has you covered. It began offering a line of kitty-eared headphones last week.



What's in a name?
You probably know that there has been debate regarding what we should call the place on campus where the houses live. In response, SGA invites students across campus to participate in a forum to listen and have their opinions heard regarding the use of the term "Ghetto." Nov. 18, 8 p.m. Torch Lounge



Soup in a bread bowl, trip to Disney
Ally Bea, a 5-year-old cancer patient was presented with a free trip to Walt Disney World by the Simple Wish Foundation. The trip was funded by donations at Panera Bread locations across the Miami Valley.



Government assistance: a handout or a hand-up?
For Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month, Table of Plenty will discuss government assistance and its effectiveness for families in need. Food will be provided. Nov. 19, 12:30p.m. Liberty Hall, Room 08



Cultrual and culinary learning
Need to up your PATH credit balance? Student organizations will host tables to demonstrate cultural practices around the world regarding fall and winter holidays. Nov. 19, 3:30 p.m. KU Torch Lounge



The walls come tumbling down
Sure, you may be the Vice-Undersecretary of Pastry in your local baking guild, but how do you know you can lead a diverse group of people? This forum will help you answer that. Nov. 20, 4 p.m. VWK Main



Yeah, we should figure this out
Last week, the U.S. Supreme Court said it will consider a challenge to a controversial Texas law regarding standards at abortion facilities, which resulted in the closure of over half of existing facilities.



Goodbye, social interaction
Not long after announcing that it would begin developing games for mobile devices, gaming company Nintendo has announced that its first round of mobile games will be available for free.



Xheel of Zortune
Last week, Nura Fountana gave perplexingly incorrect guesses to solve a puzzle on the game show Wheel of Fortune, apparently to ensure her competitor and fellow veteran did not leave the show empty-handed.



Let's talk about solutions
Join the Sustainability Club and the Hanley Sustainability Institute for a showing of REUSE. The film and discussion will focus on solutions to our waste problems. Nov. 30, 7 p.m. Sears Recital Hall



Yes, how do I internship?
The best way to land a job post-graduation is to have had an internship. How do you get that? By attending Career Services' presentation on earning internship positions. Nov. 30, 3:30 p.m. 208 L Street

*Cover cutout:
Dancers celebrate the Indian Student Association's Diwali Festival of Lights.
Chris Santucci/ Multimedia Editor

Looking into the past to change the future

Dayton Peace Accords 20th Anniversary preview

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In commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the Dayton Peace Accords, UD hosted a student panel of international students from Bosnia and Herzegovina to share their stories. The event also educated students about the events in the Balkans that led to the Dayton Peace Accords.

The student panel took place in Sears Recital Hall on Nov. 9 and was filled to maximum capacity with students and professors eager to learn about this significant, yet often overlooked, historical event that happened at Dayton.

Amy Anderson, Ph.D., executive director of the UD Center for International Programs, opened the event.

"What can we learn from the past? What can we learn for the future?" Anderson asked.

She said she hoped at the end of the day, UD students had a better understanding of the events leading up to the Dayton Peace Accords and why it is still celebrated today.

Justuf Salih, Ph.D., a religious studies professor, then addressed the room, delving into the rich and bloody history of the Balkans.

He explained how trouble in the Balkans began towards the end of the Cold War in 1989.

At the time, Yugoslavia was comprised of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia, Macedonia, Montenegro and Slovenia.

After Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina tried to claim independence, tensions heightened. War ensued in the early 1990s as the Serbians revolted against the separation and took hold of Yugoslavia.

They instigated an ethnic cleansing of Muslims, using horrific and inhumane tactics to gain control such as concentration camps, massacres and rape.

On top of this, a war within a war emerged between the Croats and the Muslim Bosniaks as both groups tried to claim land.

The war lasted four years, destroying an entire region. Casualty estimates range from 90,000 to 300,000.

In a final effort to end the war, world leaders wrote a peace agreement and, out of a variety of major global cities, chose Dayton as the spot to sign it because of its seclusion from the media.

On Nov. 21, 1995, the leaders signed the Dayton Peace Accords at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base just outside of the city. With this agreement, they hoped to establish peace in Bosnia by dividing it into two parts: a Bosniak-Croat region and the Bosnian Serb-Republic with Sarajevo as the unifying capital.

The second half of the event was a Q&A session between the student panel and the audience.

Dzeneta Begic, Tomislav Vidovic and Tamara Culum—the three students selected for the panel—are recipients of the Dayton Peace Accords Fellowship, a full one-year scholarship to UD for students from Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The panel gave the audience first-hand accounts of how Bosnia healed after the war and the situation in the area now, 20 years later.

The event ended with a few final notes from the student panel. All three of them encouraged UD students to participate in study abroad and exchange programs if possible and said that anyone who traveled to Bosnia would not regret it.

Following is an edited dialogue of the Q&A session:

Q: What kind of impact has the conflict made on your life?

Dzeneta Begic: I'm really glad that I did not lose anyone in the war. I was born in 1994, but I

know from hearing stories from my mom and dad how painful it was. Because of the impact of the war, my mom lost her first cousin to a grenade. Knowing that my parents went through all that, it's very hard.

Tamara Culum: My dad fought in the war. We are not very keen on talking about those experiences because no one would ever want to go through it. We don't talk about it.

Tomislav Vidovic: My town is mostly comprised of Muslims and Croats, who were separated after the war. One part of the city belongs to one nation, and the other part belongs to the other.

Q: What can we learn and take forward from this event?

Begic: We have beautiful places to live and beautiful places to go to and tourism, but so much ethnic tension. I don't want that to happen again or to my children.

War babies like me, Tamara and Tomislav have more hatred than nationalism in them. I've worked on a lot of projects back home that aim to maintain peace...and I feel like every time I try and do something, nothing happens. That's what hurts me.

Culum: You should appreciate everything in your life because you never know what will happen.

Vidovic: I think all three nations of Bosnia should learn to respect each other—that is all.

Q: What is the biggest problem facing Bosnia today?

Begic: There is corruption even 20 years later. Bosnia is the only country in the world that has three presidents for one country. It is hard for all of them to agree because they each have different interests. They go out...and try to manipulate the masses. The biggest problem is that they are trying to divide us.

Culum: Today's youth want to get away. They think that leaving the country would solve all their

problems. Some don't want to integrate, to learn and take back with them the knowledge they gained.

Vidovic: Unemployment, but I

also agree with the Dzeneta and Tamara.

Visit flyernews.com for continued coverage of the DPA anniversary.

Dayton Peace Accords Timeline

1991

After the collapse of communism, different factions in the recently dissolved Yugoslav federation (which included Bosnia and Herzegovina) compete for power.

1992

War breaks out and Serbs take control of half the republic while Muslims and Croats control the other half; both halves perpetrate ethnic cleansing.

1993

Conflict arises among Muslims and Croats.

1995

Bosnian Serb forces overrun the United Nations safe haven in Srebrenica and thousands of Bosnian Muslim men and boys are massacred.

Nov. 21, 1995

Presidents of Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia agree upon the Dayton Peace Accords, which end the war and preserve Bosnia as a single state. The negotiations take place at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Dec. 14, 1995

The Dayton Peace Accords are officially signed in Paris, France.

Information from:

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-17212376>;
http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natolive/news_69290.htm; and
<http://www.britannica.com/event/Dayton-Accords>

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Dayton Peace Accords Anniversary Events

Oct. 17–Feb. 28, 2016:

Dayton Art Institute Exhibition "20 Years Later: In Celebration of the Dayton Peace Accords."

Nov. 19–20:

Dayton Peace Accords @ 20 Conference at the University of Dayton River Campus.

Nov. 19, 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.:

Screening of "The Diplomat" at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force (transportation is available at the circle in front of Roesch Library).

Nov. 20:

Reception at the Dayton Art Institute and recognition of 2015 Dayton Peace Prize awardee Angelina Jolie Pitt in absentia.

Nov. 21, 10 a.m.-12:00 p.m.:

Anniversary Brunch at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base's Hope Hotel and Richard C. Holbrook Conference Center.

Information from:

https://udayton.edu/m/daytonpeaceaccordsat20/conference_and_events.php

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"What can we learn from the past? What can we learn for the future?" –Amy Anderson, UD Center for International Programs



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UD students, faculty, staff stand with Mizzou

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Despite the harsh wind, UD students, faculty and administration joined in a demonstration Nov. 12 in KU Plaza to show their solidarity with the students of color at the University of Missouri and to raise awareness about matters of race at UD.

"After reading about the things that were going on at Mizzou and seeing the similarities between some of the tensions there and here, I decided that it was best that we stand in solidarity with those people," senior Adanna Smith, the organizer of the demonstration, told Flyer News. "We're not above what went on there."

At the University of Missouri, also known as "Mizzou," students of color recently faced an increase of racial insults and threats of extreme violence, including a Yik Yak post that stated, "I'm going to stand my ground tomorrow and shoot every black person I see." Student criticism about the school administration's response to these tensions—fortified by student group Concerned Student 1950, a student on hunger strike and a 30-player boycott on the football team—prompted the president and chancellor to resign.

"I can't imagine the terror those people felt as they walked into the campus they called their own and were met with death threats," Smith said. "It hurts my heart to hear that. And, it [frightens] me that it could



"It hurts my heart to hear that. And, it [frightens] me that it could have been me. I could have been a black student at Mizzou."

–Adanna Smith, demonstration organizer

Photo courtesy of Grace Poppe.

have been me. I could have been a black student at Mizzou."

UD students and faculty members came and went to the demonstration as their schedules permitted. At any given time throughout the four-hour event there were about 60 individuals participating, according to Smith.

"This is us standing in solidarity with the students at Mizzou, mostly the black students who are going through the situation with them being harassed and threatened by other students and feeling unsafe on their college campus," senior marketing major Tiara Jackson said. "And, we can relate to them as college students, especially being a black college student at a predominantly white institution."

Smith compared the experiences of students of color at Missouri University to backlash to the Black Lives Matter protest at UD in fall 2014.

"The type of hateful speech that the students in Mizzou were receiving mimics some of the things that we heard and we saw last year during our Black Lives Matter protest," Smith said. "We got on Yik Yak, 'I hate all black people,' 'Segregation should be a thing,' 'Should we go to KU [Plaza] in our soccer cleats [during the die-in]?"

Smith organized the demonstration the night before and was extremely pleased with the response

she received.

"I'm very glad that word spread like wildfire," Smith said.

During the demonstration, participants held signs ranging from Malcom X quotes to messages particular to UD, such as "C2C #BlackLivesMatter."

Several SGA members participated in the demonstration, including President Mike Brill and Vice President Hayley Clark.

"A goal that Mike and I set aside for this year was to try to make UD's campus more inclusive," Clark said. "As my role as student government vice president, I see that I am a representative of the student voice, and that when some members of our community feel threatened, I feel responsible to be here and show my support for them as well."

SGA recently passed a resolution affirming their dedication to support racial and ethnic minorities on campus.

"These types of events show that the resolution has a meaningful impact on a lot of students' lives," Brill said.

The University of Dayton Student Government Association posted to Facebook on the day of the demonstration, encouraging students to remain open-minded to others' experiences.

"In light of recent events on campus, especially today, SGA would like to make an announcement regarding the state of our community," the post said. "There have been differing opinions voiced in person and online regarding race at UD. We would like to remind the student body that we are a community full of different races, religions and opinions. While you may not agree with the viewpoints of your peers, disrespecting them is not an appropriate response."

The demonstration received further encouragement from the Academic Senate, which adopted a resolution in support of the event.

"The academic senate of the University of Dayton stands in solidarity with students, faculty, staff, alumni and administrators who demonstrated on November 12, 2015 on our campus and across the nation," the resolution, which was sponsored by Leslie Picca, Ph.D., and Andrew Slade, Ph.D., read. "Racism in all its expressions is an injury to all and we must actively work to eradicate apathy, ignorance and all manifestations of systemic oppression ... The University's Catholic identity and Marianist charism urge all of us to walk with the hurt and the dispossessed and to call for justice, to pray for mercy and to hope for the day when the fullness of community is with us."

The College of Arts and Sciences provided the demonstrators with refreshments.

"This is great," Jackson said. "We've received a lot of support

The Department of Global Languages and Cultures announces a competition for the

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and invites applications from undergraduate students who have declared or will declare a major or minor in the Department of Global Languages and Cultures before the application deadline.

- Up to \$5,000 in support for enrollment in a language-immersion, study-abroad experience at a university or other institution of higher learning in a non-English speaking country of at least one semester in duration.
- This applies to study abroad programs during 2016 fall and 2017 spring.
- Student must return to the U.D. campus for at least one semester of study following the study abroad experience.
- Applicants must have completed foreign language instruction in the target language through the 202 level or equivalent.
- The language of instruction at the host institution cannot be the student's native language.
- Application information can be obtained in the Department of Global Languages and Cultures, Jesse Phillips Humanities Center, Rm. 352 or on our Web site: udayton.edu/artsscience/languages
- Deadline for application: February 12, 2016.
- One scholarship granted each academic year.

from staff and faculty members. This is more than what I expected."

Members of the administration, including Vice President for Student Development Bill Fischer and President Dan Curran, attended the demonstration, as well.

"I'm here as a sign of solidarity with the students who are out here and the faculty and staff," Curran said. "I think the statement they're making about dignity is very important for the University of Dayton. It's the heart of our mission."

"I'm here to stand with our students of color," said Chris Fishpaw, Associate Director for Student Involvement. "There have been a lot of statements made on social media that are hurtful to our African-American student community. I think that being here today shows all the UD community that students do stand with the students of color, that faculty and staff stand with the students of color, and that we recognize that there are issues we need to come together as one to address."

"I fully support what the students are doing here," Fisher said. "We stand in solidarity with our students ... this is how you do it the Marianist way."

Clark agreed that this demonstration was in line with UD's Marianist principles.

"The Marianist tradition has a long line of social justice and standing in solidarity with members in our community who are facing injustice," Clark said. "I think to stay true to our identity

this is absolutely necessary. [We need to] make the effort to make sure our members of our community are heard and they are being taken care of appropriately."

"I was really glad to see UD students, faculty and staff come out and support the solidarity that we were participating in," Smith wrote in an email to Flyer News. "One of the impacts I think that this demonstration had on the campus is getting people talking and critically evaluating the times we live in. Also, showing that students are not going to be silent in the face of tragedy or wrong-doing."

Smith stood before the protestors with a microphone and encouraged everyone to fight racism.

"I appreciate every person who is here today, standing in solidarity and saying that they support what we are doing and what we are standing for," Smith told the crowd. "This right here today, this is strength. Today, this is community. Today, this is uplifting. Today, this is speaking out against whatever is wrong. We are strong. There is strength in numbers. There is strength in standing together, no matter what color or you are."

Following her speech, demonstrators linked arms and sang "We Shall Overcome."

Visit flyernews.com/UD-students-faculty-staff-stand-with-Mizzou/ for video and photos of the demonstration.

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“We’re always open to suggestions from the students. I love to hear ideas of how they can contribute, especially with different skill sets,” McGahee said. “Every little bit helps.”

The Center for Social Concern is also doing its part to raise consciousness about poverty in Dayton. Meaghan Crowley, a graduate assistant in the Center for Social Concern, is helping coordinate Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month, which takes place in November.

“I think a lot of students know that homelessness and poverty and hunger are all problems that happen, but I think a lot of students don’t necessarily have a personal connection or a face to put to the statistics,” Crowley said. “Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month works to put a face to the statistics, and bring personal stories of people to campus.”

“UD students might not be aware [that] Montgomery County has one of the highest rates of food insecurity in Ohio and even in the nation,” said senior Grace Sinopoli, who is on the planning committee for Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month. “The Kroger on Wayne Avenue is actually the only grocery store in the city of Dayton.”

“Dayton is a classic definition of a food desert. There are many people who live either in downtown Dayton or near downtown Dayton who it takes 20-25 min-

utes to get to a grocery store,” Crowley agreed. “Many of those people don’t have a car, many of them don’t have access to bus fare or ways of getting to the grocery store that has healthy, affordable food. A lot of people are stuck going to a convenience store to get their food for the week.”

“We love when other organizations or universities are wanting to help bring that to the forefront, as far as what people are aware of, because a lot of folks do not realize what an epidemic this is in our community,” DeLong said.

“There’s plenty of issues in this world to be concerned about. As students we have tests, we have homework, we’ve got these stressors of what to do after graduation. But, the purpose of being a student is to learn and to grow and to become more aware of what’s going on around you,” Crowley said. “How are you supposed to know how your studies are going to fit into the grander, global scheme of things unless you go and stretch yourself and learn more about people who are different from you? Especially something like hunger and homelessness—in my mind, there’s maybe nothing more important than people [who] are hungry.”

If you are interested in donating to the shelter kitchen, visit stvincenatdayton.org/what-does-the-shelter-kitchen-need. If you are interested in volunteering with St. Vincent de Paul, visit: stvincenatdayton.org/get-involved/volunteer-form.

UD speaker encourages students to strengthen ‘citizen muscle’

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During the University of Dayton Speaker Series event on Nov. 12, civics educator and entrepreneur Eric Liu encouraged the students at University of Dayton to exercise their civic power by participating in their communities and country.

This request is founded in Liu’s hope that the next generation will become active members of society.

His personal career has mimicked his desire for an enthusiastically involved and empathetic American culture. Liu was a speech writer for former U.S. President Bill Clinton and founded a nonprofit organization, Citizen University.

“I started Citizen University to not only build skill, but to create a culture where people start talking about this stuff again, caring about this stuff again,” Liu said in an interview with Flyer News. “People from the left and the right coming together and realizing that even though they differ on issues, they share an interest in making sure that the game is healthy. That the underlying game of American democracy is not rigged or broken.”

He depicts the apathy of modern-day America through a metaphor: “People are losing their citizen muscle.”

In order to exercise our civic muscles, Liu indicates that the public must condition them. To partake in society, people must make themselves aware of current events, history and culture.

“I think being informed, not

only about the news, but about our history and our common culture is so important because this is a country that has nothing holding it together but a few ideas on paper and a shared history of dealing with these ideas,” Liu said.

Liu also joked, “Many times people can name a judge from American Idol before they could ever name a justice of the Supreme Court.”

Liu bridged a connection between awareness and power.

“If you do not know what is going on, and you do not know who is deciding stuff and who has the power to do that,” Liu exclaimed, “or, if you say you don’t care, all you are doing is handing power over to someone else to run your life, to make your choices or determine what your frame of possibility is.”

Liu works with his organization, Citizen University, not only to inform, but to generate excitement surrounding the opportunities to become responsible and active citizens.

“In 2016, we will be launching projects in a few cities around the country to rekindle the joy of voting, and return to what used to happen in this country until the arrival of television,” Liu said.

To reinstate such an atmosphere, he strives to reinvent, “This festive, creative, raucous, participatory feeling in the best way tribal kind of stuff like you would see before a football game or MLS soccer game. [We want to return] some of that spirit to elections in cities.”

Additionally, Liu explained his work on another project.

“We created this project,

Sworn-Again American, which takes the precedent of naturalization ceremony,” Liu said. “We came up with something like that, a ceremony, a shared ritual, for everybody - not just for new immigrants becoming brand new Americans, but for all of us who have had the dumb luck to be born here, but have never thought of the content of our citizenship or never have in a sense been asked to renew our vows.”

While at the University of Dayton, simulating excitement for participating in the democratic process, Liu shared in a dinner and discussion with a group of students and faculty discussing citizenship.

Jeff Malik, a graduate student pursuing a master’s degree in public administration participated in these events.

“Eric Liu reminds us of the necessity of becoming active, engaged citizens in our communities,” Malik said. “Especially at a time in which major political and social conversations are revolving around immigration, race, economic status, and even what it fundamentally means to be an American, he encourages us all to be more than observers.”

Liu offered suggestions not only to these students, but also UD’s campus, concerning how to begin transforming into informed, engaged citizens.

“Do not feel like you need to become a super-citizen all at once,” Liu reassured. “Start with what you care about and start small.”

PORCH PROFILE

JANINE COSTELLO
Porch Correspondent

FN: How did you all meet each other?

Megan Schone: It was freshman year.
Brie Sandrige: Well, freshman year, Megan wouldn’t talk to me and I had to log into her Facebook and accept my own friend request.
Kaitlyn Richards: Brie and I stayed in the same hotel for move-in weekend freshman year, and she was really dressed up to go out to dinner with her parents. I remember this because I thought she was wearing fake eyelashes, and I was so nervous that all the girls at UD would be the type to wear fake eye lashes when hanging out with their parents. Not the best first impression...

BS: OK, but by the way, my eye lashes aren’t fake!
Maggie Quinn: Megan and I roomed together freshman year.
KR: Ellen and I went to high school together.

Kathleen Tabb: Maddy and I went to high school together also.
Alex Migley: Maggie and I roomed together freshman year.
BS: So, we’ve all known each other for a while now.

Lauren Gunn: Wait! What about me?
Kelly Collins: Lauren... we met you freshman year when you were wearing a duct tape Natty Light Halloween costume.

MS: Can we please attach a picture of that?
LG: No!
KC: I think my hair is graying.

FN: If you had to give everyone in your house a superlative, what would it be?

All: Yes, we do these all the time!
MS: Brie is Most Over-Rated Human.
BS: Megan is Most Likely to Not Finish Her Sentences.
ALL: Kelly Collins is Flirtiest!
BS: Maddy is the Biggest Tease.
Ellen Grichocinski: Kathleen is Most Gluten Free.
KT: Hey guys, it’s 6 p.m. on a Friday and I’m still gluten free!
LG: Kaitlyn is Most Masculine or Biggest Boy.
KR: Ellen is the Best Mom.
EG: I don’t like being called a mom!
KR: Well, you don’t get to pick your superlative.
MQ: Alex is Most Fit.
AM: Most fit?
BS: Yeah, no, Alex is Most Likely to be Eating Popcorn.



Due to a miscommunication between the roommates, this photo is not an accurate representation of 414 Kiefaber. For a photo of all 10 roommates, visit flyernews.com. Chris Santucci/Multimedia Editor

MW: Maggie is Maggie “Plus One” Quinn.

BS: Always a bridesmaid, never a bride!
LG: Uh, girls! Still don’t have one...
EG: Lauren’s the spiciest!
BS: We hate to tell you this, but you are everyone’s favorite roommate.
ALL: Very true.

FN: If you were to be visiting for your 10-year reunion, what would everyone be up to?

KT: Everyone would be drunk.
KC: I can promise you, none of us would be married or in a relationship.
MS: Except for Lauren! She would be married and would be the first to have a baby.
KT: Lauren would be having her baby, and we would all be in the delivery room in Miami Valley.
BS: Wait, can we change the question to, “If Lauren was having a baby in eight years, what would we all be doing in the delivery room?”
KT: Yeah, I still think we would all be drunk... the B.A.C.’s are not doing too hot.
BS: Auntie Brie would not be paying attention whatsoever.
EG: Kathleen would be taking

DLM orders... aka Dorothy Lane Market orders. It’s her favorite place.

MW: Maggie would be the nice one holding her hand.
BS: But Maggie would also have a plus one chilling in the waiting room.
LG: Ellen would be pacing the room in tears.
EG: That is very correct. Brie is still not paying attention to the situation at all.
MQ: Megan would be the most awkward human in the situation.
MS: And Maddy would probably just faint.
EG: Kelly is going to be putting holy water on her forehead.
BS: Kaitlyn just got a Wendy’s 4-for-4 and isn’t there—she’s watching the game.
KR: Ugh and I’d probably be wearing basketball shorts.
LG: Kaitlyn would walk in to the delivery room saying, “Sorry I’m late guys. The game was on.”

FN: Is there any advice you want to give to first-years?

KT: Please don’t come to our house and drink. We will get in trouble.
BS: But like, come to our house.

It’s fun. Also, get good grades now because you’ll regret it later if you don’t.

KC: Study abroad!
KR: Go to the gym.
LS: Definitely stay skinny for as long as you can.
BS: Never have meal plan money left over on your card.
KT: Take classes with all of your friends.
MQ: Love the ones you’re with.
All: Typical Maggie quote.
BS: Get a boyfriend if you can. And go to a lot of themed parties, so you aren’t forced to actually look cute all the time.
LS: But if you do go to a themed party, don’t dress as a Natty Light can.
MS: Do not steal signs from houses because you will end up breaking your nose.
KT: Alright, throw me under the bus while you’re at it!

FN: If you could change anything about UD, what would it be?

BS: I wish we could have an underground pool.
EG: Or a lazy river.
LG: It would be amazing if we had a lazy river on campus that we could jump in to take us to all

of our classes and throughout the student neighborhood!

MQ: You have definitely been thinking about that one for a while haven’t you?
KC: Butter Cafe should accept Flyer.
KT: Dorothy Lane Market should deliver.
BS: It would be nice if DD’s would just permanently be parked outside of our house.
KC: But in reality, I don’t think we would ever want to change anything about UD.
MQ: RT that.

FN: If our house were to come with a warning label, what would it say?

MQ: Be careful on the stairs.
FN: Is there anything else you guys would like to share about yourself?
All: We would like to let everyone know we have an 11th roommate. His name is Kevin J. Hogan. Cheers to our 11th roomie.

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Despite weak plot, 'Spectre' lives up to hype

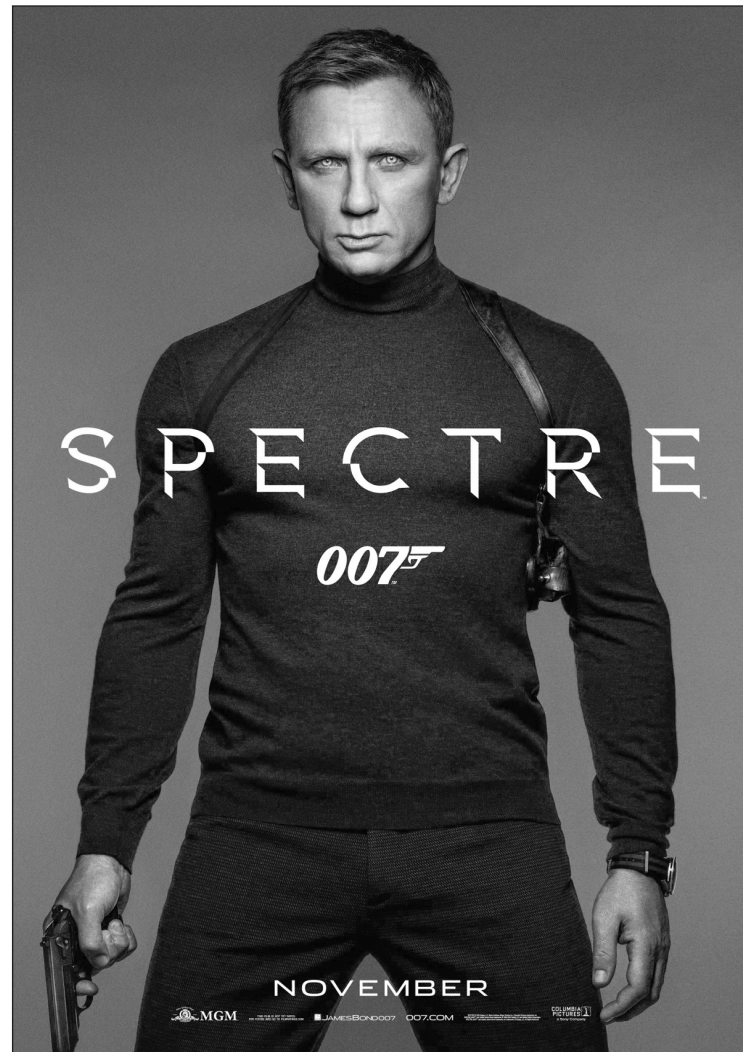
NATHAN HELFFERICH
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Following significant hype and a much-anticipated return of Britain's favorite secret service agent, Daniel Craig has once again returned to the big screen in his fourth outing as James Bond. "Spectre" marks the 24th installment of the highly successful Bond franchise and the second-consecutive Bond film directed by Sam Mendes. Sam's previous entry, "Skyfall," shattered franchise records by becoming the first James Bond film to gross over \$1 billion at the worldwide box office, along with winning Academy Awards for Sound Editing and Best Original Song. Needless to say, all of the hype and anticipation for this newest story seems fairly warranted.

Stemming directly from themes set forth by "Skyfall," technological advancements in international intelligence have caused the British government to rethink the necessity of the Double-O part of their secret service program that gives agents a license to kill. Because of this, Bond and his team are once again facing eradication. All of these developments couldn't have come at a worse time for the MI6 team as Bond also finds himself toe to toe with his greatest nemesis: a shadowy global crime syndicate known as S.P.E.C.T.R.E. Fans of the franchise and Ian Fleming's original novels will know that this stands for Special Executive for Counter-intelligence, Terrorism, Revenge and Extortion. In this latest screen adaptation, the organization's most recent evildoings lead Bond to a man named Franz Oberhauser (Christoph Waltz).

While a majority of the success of "Spectre" can be attributed to Mendes' new vision for the characters, it's the inability to truly enhance the story. For a story that seems focused on MI6's imminent termination, the plot does little to provide resolution to the questions raised by the end of the film. Even the eloquent work by Craig and Seydoux seems slightly spoiled by a plot that's more focused on developing the action. Still, like the very best of the Bond films, the plot does a fantastic job of creating intense, breathtaking action sequences that are a treat for Bond fans old and new. Often a staple in the Bond franchise, the opening pre-title scene in "Spectre" is one to be seen, as it raises the bar with yet another jaw dropping action sequence, involving some of the most unique camerawork you'll ever see from an action/thriller film.

Amidst all the hype that has surrounded "Spectre," there's much speculation about whether or not Daniel Craig will reprise his role as James Bond. Many have come to regard his groundbreaking era of films as one of the best in the franchise's



Before hitting theaters early this month, "Spectre" was highly anticipated by Bond fans worldwide. Photo courtesy of 007.com.

...one thing is for certain: 'Spectre' further proves that Daniel Craig has cemented himself as one of the greatest James Bond actors of all time."

role as M with yet another commanding performance.

On top of these returning characters, "Spectre" also introduces Dave Bautista as Mr. Hinx. Hinx can be likened to an updated, more believable version of the often-wacky henchmen portrayed in previous Bond films. It's no surprise he becomes a fan favorite. Waltz, as expected, dazzles as the conniving villain, a role that provides him with a lyrically sardonic dialogue that he delivers with gusto.

Unfortunately for all these achievements, the only flaw of "Spectre" is the plot and its

physis he puts on the relationship between Bond and Madeleine Swann (Léa Seydoux) that proves to have a lasting impact. With a story that shakes the foundation of what has culturally become known as a "Bond girl," Madeleine is a force for Bond in a manner we only last saw in "Casino Royale" when he meets Vesper Lynd. This is only helped by the fact that the on-screen chemistry between Craig and Seydoux seems effortless and organic as it grows with emotional resonance throughout the film.

Unfortunately for all these achievements, the only flaw of "Spectre" is the plot and its

53-year history. While a more traditional Bond formula was used to find success in "Spectre," it's still Craig's unique approach that gives the film its own identity. While no conclusions have been made concerning Craig's future with the franchise, one thing is for certain: "Spectre" further proves Daniel Craig has cemented himself as one of the greatest James Bond actors of all time.

RATING: 3.5/4



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ArtStreet installations evolve into terrifying reality

MISSY FINNEGAN
Staff Writer

The pressures and fears in college and in the real world constantly surround us.

The goal of the third ArtStreet White Box Gallery installation in a series of six, titled FEAR, is to engage with those fears in today's political, social and personal climate.

"It's not all rainbows and unicorns," Adrienne Ausdenmoore, associate director of ArtStreet said. "Any college student or person in this world is facing increasing pressures due to constant stimulus."

The interactive exhibit is meant to provoke thought and dialogue between participants.

According to Ausdenmoore, FEAR, as well as the other installations at ArtStreet this year, "is meant as an opportunity to see, think and potentially have a dialogue dealing with sight, sound, space and emotion."

Building off THIRST, the exhibit prompts participants to question what will happen when something they have been thirsting for and then obtained is taken away or never actually gained.

There are two stations on opposite sides of the exhibit that call participants to tangibly en-

gage in finding their fears and what will end those fears through magazine clippings. With a wide range of responses visible in the basket on the table, it can be an intimate moment of conversation with yourself, as well as a collaborating discussion with others.

Creative Lead Krista Franklin utilized her literary and visual talents to evolve the previous exhibit, CONSUMPTION, into FEAR. There are still evidences of the initial exhibits, THIRST and CONSUMPTION—from the collapsed table and responses on the walls to the barrel in the center with shredded paper pouring out of it. Underneath the overflow of paper, there is fabric from CONSUMPTION and under the fabric, sand anchors the barrel from THIRST.

The masks laying on the table represent what individuals hide behind in their lives due to fear.

"Seemingly simple objects can have a lot of impact when they are in a certain space," said Adrienne Ausdenmoore, associate director of ArtStreet. Simply looking at the small paper airplanes that hang daintily from the ceiling wouldn't evoke the "fight or flight" response without the other real, revealed fears filling the space.

Although all the installations are linked together, FEAR is an

experience in itself and viewing of the previous exhibits is not vital to the true experience.

FEAR will not begin to transition into UPHEAVAL until early December in the White Box Gallery at ArtStreet.

FEAR can be viewed in the White Box Gallery between 8 a.m. and midnight Monday-Friday, and from noon until midnight on Saturday and Sunday. The White Box Gallery is closed during holiday breaks and intercessions.

For more information on FEAR or the following ArtStreet exhibits, visit udayton.edu/artstreet.



FEAR combines elements of both THIRST and CONSUMPTION to create an entirely new, interactive exhibition. Photo courtesy of Missy Finnegan.

UD alum veers from degree, publishes short stories

CARI ZAHN
Staff Writer

Calling all bookworms: It's the beginning of the end! Christmas break is well on its way, and as life get more stressful, it is likely that every student is looking for a way to relax. Close your textbooks, because it's finally time to read for pleasure.

"Safe Inside the Violence," a collection of 13 crime and literary fiction stories by 2006 University of Dayton alumnus, Christopher Irvin, was released earlier this month, on Nov. 10. It was published by 280Steps, a publishing house that specializes in crime fiction.

Irvin studied Business and Entrepreneurship during his time at UD. He spent some of his free time in high school and college writing and outlining stories, but never really focused on learning

to write.

Though he didn't put a lot of time into writing when he was young, Irvin said he was always a reader. As a young adult, he read a lot of fantasy and science fiction books. He recalled one English class that he took at UD: "Literature of the Occult," taught by professor James Farrelly. Irvin said this was one of his favorite courses at UD.

In 2009, Irvin took classes at a creative writing center in Boston called GrubStreet, where he was able to sharpen and hone his writing skills and develop his talents at his own pace.

"It wasn't a formal program, but it had a lot of really good writing classes," Irvin said of the program.

He has been writing seriously since 2012. Though writing is not how he makes his living, Irvin is inspired by his job in law enforce-

ment.

As what Irvin considers his most personal work to date, "Safe Inside the Violence" was hugely inspired by his family and his home in Boston, Massachusetts. Among the most special stories to Irvin are "Union Man," written after his first son was born and "Digging Deep," which mirrors the setting in which he lives and is based off of his own family.

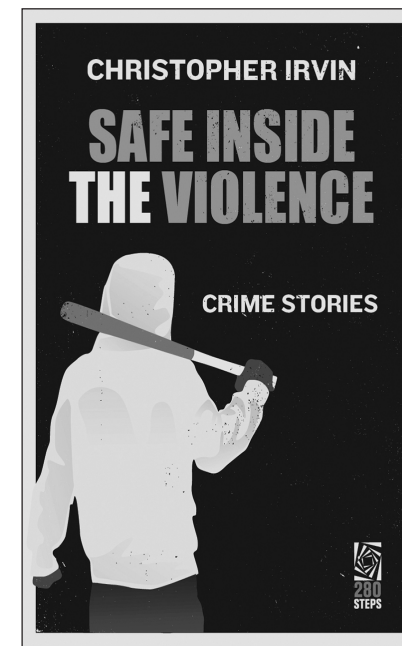
"Safe Inside the Violence" will please readers looking for darker literature and crime fiction. Irvin's stories focus on everyday people who are impacted by crime. Readers can expect to be put in the shoes of people on the fringes of society and learn what they see or feel.

Irvin's debut collection has an underlying theme of family and highlights life in big cities. Though Irvin has written and published other works including his novella,

"Burn Cards," he says this collection of short stories is his favorite published work to date.

"I have such a soft spot for short stories and short story collections," said Irvin. "There's a lot you can get out of a short story." Irvin has had short stories published in different publications, but "Safe Inside the Violence" features four new short stories that have never been published before. Irvin is excited about the release of his short story collection because it gives readers different perspectives of a single theme or genre all within one book.

Christopher Irvin will give a reading of his work "Noir at the Bar" at Cafe Kerouac, 2250 N. High St., in Columbus. The reading will take place on Dec. 21.



"Safe Inside the Violence" hit shelves earlier this month. Photo courtesy of 280Steps.

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fneditorial REACTING DIGITALLY TO TRAGEDY

Less than a year after the “Charlie Hebdo” shootings, Paris was again struck with tragedy: Six simultaneous bombings. Several hundred dead and wounded. Borders closed.

The horror of these attacks reached nearly every inhabitable part of Earth, and the response everywhere was the same: solidarity. Nations from Australia to Brazil to Belgium to the United States made statements about the attacks and lit iconic buildings with the blue, white and red of the French flag.

These reactions spread into our digital world online as hashtags and posts. Facebook created a filter that imitates the French flag on your profile picture. A modified peace symbol with the Eiffel Tower at the center traveled rapidly through Instagram feeds, especially among celebrity accounts.

While these posts may come from a good place, is social media the best place to show solidarity in the face of tragedy?

With Paris, that answer is yes—if that yes comes with a real-life commitment.

Parisians reached out to strangers, offering up shelter for those in Paris without refuge the night of the attacks, making the hashtag #PorteOuverte, or #OpenDoor, a trending topic.

In one instance, Rohan Singh Kalsi tweeted Nov. 13, “Anybody who’s stranded in Paris and needs shelter and somewhere safe, any Sikh Gurdwara (temple) will be happy to accommodate #PorteOuverte.” The tweet has been retweeted over 15,000 times.

But a lot of these hashtags didn’t lead to real open doors. Al Jazeera reported some of those cases. Another visitor at a restaurant feared returning to his hotel, located near the theater where 100 were killed. He said he was not short of retweets and responses offering to ask friends to house him, but not one became a reality.

After the state of emergency was declared the night of the attacks, however, the restaurant let the visitor and all the other patrons stay, turned on the lights and opened bottles of wine for them.

An English grad student told Al Jazeera he and four other friends ran into a courtyard after the attack and were spotted by a woman, who asked the student and his friends if they needed a place to stay. Then, she offered them champagne and snacks. They stayed up late into the night, watching a movie, waiting for the night to end.

Social media is a tool to help us show our support to those we may otherwise never reach, but we need to remember it is just a tool. The true support comes from the ones opening their doors.

“Our most basic common link is that we all inhabit this planet. We all breathe the same air. We all cherish our children’s future. And we are all mortal.”

—John F. Kennedy, 1917-1963

Congress, quit ignoring debt ceiling



CHRIS ZIMMER
Columnist, Senior

The U.S. government owed \$18.153 trillion on Oct. 30 and swelled to \$18.492 trillion the following Monday.

This came as no surprise, though. As they say, “History repeats itself.” When the Treasury Department lifted the debt ceiling in 2012, our national debt increased by \$40 billion in one day, and \$100 billion after nine. When the debt ceiling was lifted again in 2013, our national debt surged by \$300 billion the following day.

The media was quick to label this as a victory for President Obama, but they forget to mention the loser: the American people. We, the people, do receive some benefit from the marginal \$80 billion in military and domestic spending. Seniors don’t want to lose their benefits, and numerous employees in the public sector get to keep their jobs.

But who pays for it? I want to echo what Sen. Rand Paul (R-Kentucky), said on the floor before the vote. “The right’s going to get more military money,” he said. “The left’s going to get more welfare money. The secret handshake goes on and the American public gets stuck with the bill.”

Forbes estimates each taxpayer would have to shell out more than \$155,000 each year just to get us back to the break-even point right now, and that number is only going to increase as we are expected to be \$20 trillion in debt by 2020.

Our politicians are sweeping the national debt under the rug. The bottom line is our leaders are ignoring the problem instead of tackling it. I hate how pundits will make the argument that our country is and will always be a nation of debt, or how this won’t affect the well-being of our society. Debt is not necessarily a bad thing, but if it exceeds our Gross Domestic Product (GDP)—we have a problem. This has been the case since President Reagan took office in 1981. No wonder our taxes and the prices of goods and services increase. No wonder our dollar is inflated. No wonder corporations go through layoffs and send jobs overseas.

Some might say this nagging is hypocritical because I, like many, am attending or have attended school with the help of student loans and will more than likely purchase a house with the help of a mortgage. But can we, for instance, just get more cash from our computer printer whenever we need it? No. There is a double standard between the U.S. federal government and us citizens. We face the reality of living with debt, while the state does not.

This isn’t your stereotypical, conservative, satirical response of “Thanks Obama.” This is a plea to everyone in the U.S. to call out current Congress and White House administration for crippling our generation and those after us.

Monday, for most, is the most hated day of the week. We rest up and participate in leisurely activities over the weekend to rejuvenate ourselves for whatever lies ahead in the following week. I love the quote from Carrie Bradshaw, character of the TV show “Sex in the City,” who said, “Monday is the perfect day to correct last week’s mistakes.” While many of us attempt to do this, it’s evident there is a small minority of the population who doesn’t. Our elected officials who represent us in Congress and in the White House.

I was saddened to hear President Barack Obama signed legislation that raised the U.S. debt ceiling on Monday, Nov. 2. The bill passed the House of Representatives 266-167 and in the Senate 64-35. According to the Treasury Direct, this legislation resulted in the amount of debt our federal government owes to increase by \$339 billion.

WORD ON THE STREET

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How appropriate/effective were the social media responses to the Paris attacks?



“It’s important to raise awareness of the events that happened, but it’s also important to remember that there are atrocities that happen every day.”

ANAMARIA KARRELS
Senior
Human Rights and International Studies



“I think it’s been pretty effective. There’s been a ton of support I’ve seen on Facebook.”

CAMERON LENARD
Junior
Mechanical Engineering



“Changing the Facebook profile picture to the filtered French flag is a good way to show your solidarity, but it’s also not really helping anyone.”

KATIE NORMAN
Senior
Spanish and Sociology



“It’s important for people to feel a sense of solidarity...it’s important for us to feel united.”

KEVIN SEALS
Senior
Chemical Engineering



“I think it’s great because it brings awareness, but I think there needs to be more interventions made.”

KALEIGH HUDAK
Senior
Exercise Physiology

Columnist: Racism isn’t gone, only changed

TEMIRA LEWIS
Columnist, Senior

While I acknowledge the inclusivity and sense of community offered to me by those I choose to surround myself with at this university, to ignore that racism exists here would be a disservice to the preservation of my humanity and the humanity of all people of color.

Recent events at universities nationwide, specifically at the University of Missouri and our very own UD campus, have again brought to light issues that have been prevalent since the birth of our nation and have created a sense of tension in places where community is said to be valued and promoted. Too often, when the members of our “community” who are most affected by these problems speak up, it is labeled as whining, overreacting, or worse, cited as “reverse racism,” doing little other than intensifying the problem, hindering effective dialogue and preventing proactive change. And while it is fair that every student and citizen is permitted to express their opinions in the manner they choose, it is also fair, and quite necessary, to examine these ideals for what they are and whose culture they promote, especially within a greater societal context.

I know that many students here are so very tired and annoyed of hearing about race, as they have made clear time and time again. In a perfect world, the goal of a peaceful coexistence—where issues of race no longer needed to be discussed—would have already been attained, as it is a struggle millions worldwide have been tirelessly working at for centuries. But we don’t live in a perfect world. And until people are no longer plagued by the experience of racism, the inconvenience of hearing about it must persist.

As a black female student at this university, my personal experiences with racism have been few and far between. The rare occasion of slurs from white peers and racist comments across various social media platforms aimed at African-Americans in general are tolerable at best. What I find most striking is the effort we put into circumventing the acknowledgment of how these acts reflect and contribute to structural racism and the violent degradation of black humanity. As a part of an institution based on Marianist values, one that is presumed to be committed to diversity and inclusion, I am concerned by the willingness of so many students to overlook and neglect such a serious issue, presenting it as the result of a society that is obsessed with political

correctness and unharmed feelings. In the past, the manifestation of racism was explicitly apparent and, therefore, more easily recognized, as it was upheld by laws, policies and language that clearly depicted the divide in equality. Today, however, people seem to struggle to understand the pervasiveness and

consequences of the systems of inequality that are at work. From how the media reports on black victims and perpetrators of crime to the unequal treatment of African-Americans by law enforcement, these personal biases are not isolated posts on social media, but reflect a climate of racism that directly affects our perception of the black experience.

Furthermore, it is needless to say how people in positions of power who hold these discrim-

inatory views can act in ways that disadvantage black Americans. Whether they are future police officers, educators or employers, simply ignoring racism will not absolve these people of their detrimental influence in restricting the self-determination of those they affect. And let us not forget that one

ed. Then, make an effort to understand what they mean in the larger context, rather than immediately invalidating them. The University of Dayton is a wonderful institution, but that does not mean we have no obligation to make it better, more welcoming and more encompassing of the

“Too often, when the members of our ‘community’ who are most affected by these problems speak up, it is labeled as whining, overreacting, or worse, cited as ‘reverse racism,’ doing little other than intensifying the problem...”

values it was founded upon. UD is full of bright, sound individuals. It astonishes and disappoints me that so many students would be against cultivating an environment that promotes respect and equality for those who attend it.

If you want to get your voice heard, email Opinions Editor Steven Goodman at goodmans1@udayton.edu.

So perhaps before complaining about how bothersome it is for students on campus to talk about their experiences, to explain to their community why they feel the way they do, first listen—actively and intently—to the thoughts being present-

First steps to building community

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College students have once again brought instances of on-campus racism to attention through the recent events at the University of Missouri. Here at UD, we have been experiencing similar concerns, albeit away from the scope of national media. The back and forth on Yik Yak and Facebook, specifically related to debates over the nickname “The Ghetto” for the student neighborhood parallels the negative online culture created at the University of Missouri where a white male student made death threats to black students via Yik Yak.

We could be the next national story. We could be the next University of Missouri. These debates show differing definitions of “community” on campus and a widespread inability for many to see past their own perspectives. Yes, I am specifically addressing white students: We need to listen to and believe the stories of our peers in order to acknowledge that inequality exists and move closer to effective change.

University of Missouri leaders failed to listen to and trust the stories of black students. Stories that didn’t fit with the narrative

these leaders knew and were comfortable with. As a “community,” we have failed to trust the stories of our peers simply because they shake up everything that we know as normal.

It may be hard to grasp, but our existence and presence as white makes us accountable for the racist system in which we live, regardless of our beliefs, intentions and actions. The acknowledgment that “yes, we benefit from our race” is necessary to get past the first mental roadblock. Once we recognize our role in a racist history and national system, the serious work of understanding how such racism affects our beliefs and lifestyles can truly begin. Acknowledgment that racism is not the plague of some but an infection to all is perhaps the most important first step towards empathizing with those different from ourselves.

I urge all students, staff, faculty and administration at the University of Dayton to talk less and listen more—to be open. Don’t be comfortable in what you know. Strive to learn something new and question, without defensiveness and with curiosity. Accept that experience is subjective and that everyone’s experience is valid. If you are comfortable, you are missing something. Understanding takes willingness to learn

from discomfort and pain. It takes being open to change.

This is a difficult thing to do. We tend to feel comfortable in the “way things have always been.” But remember, that “way” is just one of many.

(Personally, I feel that I cannot express the extent of my true feelings about the blindness and delusion on this campus because such expressions would be dismissed by readers or simply unpublished. President Curran: You feel comfortable in a space of protest with the same students you have yet to defend in a personal, public statement. What will it take for UD to hold itself to its own standards of social justice and publicly condemn those who plague our community with hatred? A hunger strike? National television? Community members: There are people on campus trained in having these difficult conversations. Don’t hesitate to reach out. Don’t accept that you are currently the best version of yourself. Challenge each other to grow.)

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Alumnus argues ‘student privilege,’ not ‘white privilege’ at UD

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Under the Flyer News headline “Writer examines white privilege from own perspective,” the author provides a long dissertation on how difficult it can be for a minority student at UD, including the following observations/comments: “The minority person is not respected and treated with understanding for who they are as being a distinct individual from a unique background. This applies not just for people of different skin colors but to people of all kinds of differences. Better understanding of others situations applies to the use of the word ‘ghetto’ to describe our student neighborhood.”

It appears that the concept of “white privilege” is the latest in the “divide us” strategy of the left. Perhaps the next move will be for “reparations,” and other actions, intended to level the playing field for those who are victims of the white culture they live in.

I would like to suggest, perhaps, a different perspective. The headline should read instead: “Student privilege at UD.” Since I live about a half mile from campus, I am out and about, walking and running through the neighborhood on a daily ba-

sis, and sometimes on campus in various buildings for events. I would suggest that the “privilege” at UD extends to virtually all students, who are essentially attending the college-equivalent of a five star resort.

When eating on campus, I have observed that the food in the cafeteria surpasses many fine Dayton restaurants. There are multiple, delicious looking entrees at virtually all hours. When attending UD in the ‘60s, on the other hand, the food was so terrible that residents would have to go next door for the 10-cent McDonald’s to have a full day’s meal. You got your serving, and that was it. Sunday breakfast consisted of one serving of eggs, bacon, pancakes and such that could feed about 25 students in the dorm of 500 residents, and when it was gone, we would come back later in the morning for the next serving. But there would not be another serving.

Second semester, we did get unlimited milk, but the standard fare remained “mystery meat”: meat loaf, chopped steak, Salisbury steak, hamburger steak, ham loaf. I see lots of students running around the neighborhood these days, likely trying to burn calories from all the delights and avoid the obesity epidemic?

And regarding student housing in “The Ghetto.” It really

“It really was a ghetto in the 1960s, and burning couches in the street was a good way to get replacement furniture the next year, as by the spring, most of the seating devices were worn out and bug-infested.”

was a ghetto in the 1960s, and burning couches in the street was a good way to get replacement furniture the next year, as by the spring, most of the seating devices were worn out and bug-infested. Today, however, the following is how students are living in “The Ghetto.”

2015: The new house on Stonemill...five housemates, five bedrooms, three full bathrooms and energy efficient dishwasher, washer and dryer. The house is blue on the outside, and “green” on the inside with airtight windows, an efficient HVAC system that will warm the cockles of your nostalgic heart, not to mention new carpeting and new, not moth-eaten furniture.

All of the off-campus housing is surrounded by student-owned cars. Few had the privilege of individual transportation way back when. The real privilege

was being admitted and attending a fine university that we all came to love, despite the lack of amenities or privileges that no one expected. We did not obsess with the food, housing and transportation deprivations, but were happy to hitch-hike, not fly, to watch the Flyers playing Michigan, Kentucky and UCLA with Lew Alcindor, and the great success of the football team, thumping the likes of Cincinnati, Miami, Louisville, OU and Toledo.

At 212 Rubicon St.: There were seven housemates in three bedrooms, no AC, no washer or dryer or dish washer, so dishes were always dirty. The next year, we solved the dirty dish problem by assigning one of each utensil to each housemate, one frying pan and one sauce pan for cooking.

Now, some might observe, “Well, you get what you pay for, and at \$35,000 a year, all students

should expect, and be entitled to, living at a five star resort level at UD.” I would be willing to guess that UD has a large bureaucracy in the student aid office arranging grants and scholarships for most attendees, particularly those who are “disadvantaged.”

So whatever the color—white, black or brown—I would suggest that someone needs to expand the privilege investigation. The current student body should appreciate all of their “privilege” and enjoy the opportunity of being at UD.

Student on probation advises caution in neighborhood

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As I am sure most students are aware, Saturday, Oct. 31, the 400 block of Kiefaber Street was the scene of many rowdy students showing their Halloween spirit.

At first glance, this was an incredible scene: The whole student community coming together to share what was a beautiful day throughout Ohio. Students dressed up in elaborate costumes singing and dancing with their friends and doing whatever they could to have the time of their life. I was just as much a part of this mass as anyone, dressed in my Superman onesie, I could not have been having a better time, until things started to get a little out of hand.

It started with a few harmless chants, but then in the crowd, you could feel a sense of anxiousness.

It was only a matter of time before something bad was going to happen.

And just like that, a glass bottle came from who-knows-where and crashed down on to the street, breaking into a thousand pieces. A few other bottles were broken, and plastic bottles were thrown in the direction of the surrounding police officers.

After these immature actions from a handful of students, the police began to break up the masses of people and called for them to return to their houses. During the time the police officers worked to break up the people, I kept my eyes on the crowds and watched three students placed in handcuffs because of their actions. The student that made the biggest impact on me was arrested all but 10 feet away from me for having a backpack holding beer while underage. Seeing that look on this person’s face

was devastating, but prompted me to write this article.

Being a student on social probation because of underage drinking, I can relate to this student. Resisting the urge to drink underage is something that is very hard to do, especially in a generation like our own, when it is almost normal for a person to drink before the age of 21.

Because of the stress to fit in and pressure from peers, most students will consume alcohol before legal age and there’s really nothing anyone can do about that. But, the mistake that one student made that afternoon was carrying the alcohol around with him. If a police officer or resident assistant sees someone underage with an alcoholic beverage, they will write you up. And your standing in school will be jeopardized.

The consequence is fair because these are the rules set by the university. And with these rules, they are

doing what they can to best protect our safety.

The reason behind this is not to tell people to avoid consuming alcohol because that is an individual’s decision and, frankly, none of my business. But by writing this, I want to urge underage students to be smart and not carry alcoholic drinks around “The Ghetto” because it is asking for trouble.

I also want people to hear the voice of someone who has had to deal with being on probation for the last year and make it known that no decision is worth making if it could put you in disciplinary trouble with the school. Make decisions that you know are best for the entire student community, and if we can do that, our time left at UD will be even more amazing than we can imagine. #FlyerNation.

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FOOTBALL

Flyers secure PFL championship with 10-0 record

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It’s not every day you see a two-minute offense that relies heavily on the run. Then again, it’s not every day Dayton secures the Pioneer Football League Championship and a NCAA Football Championship Subdivision playoff berth. Dayton came into this game undefeated and exited undefeated, beating Marist 28-21 to celebrate 33 seniors’ last time at Welcome Stadium.

It was all defense to start the game, as Marist was held scoreless and Dayton had a lackluster 110 total yards in the first half. Sophomore cornerback Christian Searles got going right away with a pick-six on the fourth play from scrimmage. It was Searles’ fourth interception of the year and first touchdown of the year.

The defense wasn’t perfect in the first half, but shut the Marist offense down when it had to. Senior cornerback Nolan Harmot intercepted a deep pass to stop a Marist drive and Jack Crain was able to bully his way through the offensive line and block a would-be 44-yard field goal.

On the offensive side of the ball, Dayton would go into half with a 1-in-8 third down conversion rate and a possession time of just 11:51, six minutes fewer than Marist. However, Dayton was good where it mattered, the red zone. The Flyers scored on both their first-half trips inside the 20, coming out with a field goal and a touchdown.

Senior kicker William Will knocked in a field goal from 37 yards out. Freshman running back Tucker Yinger, who had the hot hand on the day, helped set the field goal up after a 28-yard run.

The other red zone score came from redshirt-sophomore running back Jack Adams, who scampered in from 16 yards out on a fourth-and-one carry in the first minute of the second quarter to give the Flyers a 17-0 lead, which they would take into halftime.

Dayton wouldn’t find the end zone again until there were 53 seconds left in the game, almost a 45-minute drought.

Marist came out for the second half scorching hot, scoring



Redshirt first-year quarterback Alex Jeske crosses the goal line to give the Flyers a 26-21 lead with 53 seconds remaining. Jeske proceeded to complete a pass to redshirt first-year running back Jared Ruffing for a two-point conversion that gave UD a 28-21 lead, which became the final score. The Flyers clinched the PFL title for the first time since 2010 and are heading to the NCAA FCS Tournament for the first time in school history. Chris Santucci/Multimedia Editor

in two plays after a 41-yard punt return that gave Marist a short field to work with.

They would score on the next drive again, this time in five plays. Marist running back, Marcelus Calhoun, who had 156 yards and three touchdowns on the day, rushed in from three yards out for his second score of the day to bring the game to within three, 17-14.

On their ensuing possession, Dayton worked its way to the 21, where it set up for a field goal. This time, Will swung it wide left.

Dayton would get the ball back after a Marist punt and set up for another field goal. Will booted that one through the uprights, extending Dayton’s lead to six.

Halfway through the fourth, Dayton was again closing in on the red zone before senior wide receiver Cory Stuart fumbled the ball running upfield after a catch.

Marist took over and marched down the field before Calhoun once again found the end zone to give the Red Foxes a 21-20 lead.

After what looked like the makings of a blowout in the first half, Dayton found themselves down one to a surging Marist team.

However, Dayton would show everybody in the stadium why it was 9-0. In heroic fashion, the Flyers rallied all the way down the field. Yinger ripped off an-

other big run down to the 5-yard line before redshirt first-year quarterback Alex Jeske kept it on a zone-read and found the end zone. Up five, Dayton would go for two and cash it in, as Jeske floated a pass to redshirt first-year running back Jared Ruffing for the conversion.

With the crowd as rowdy as could be, Dayton’s defense did its part and prevented a Marist last-second touchdown to seal the Flyers’ victory and 12th PFL title, the program’s first since 2010.

“It’s unreal, I can’t even put it into words right now, it’s definitely something special,” Yinger said.

Searles joined Yinger in shock. “I don’t think it has really hit me yet, but it feels great,” Searles said. “We’ve put in a lot of work to go 10-0, we have had an unbelievable season and we’ve been able to bounce back from being down by handling adversity.”

Both Yinger and Searles had to step up in crunch time, however neither of them, or the team, were fazed by the position they were in.

“We approached it with the mentality that we were going to score, I don’t think anybody else [on the team] had any other idea in their mind,” Yinger said. “It happened and we got the ‘W.’”

Searles and his defensive company had the opportunity every defensive player relishes, to shut out the opposing offense to come out with the win.

“We, as a defense, try to maintain poise, stay calm and just make plays,” Searles said. “We were really confident that we could make a stop and win the game. Everybody was calm and just wanted to finish the job and send the team out on a good note.”

Not a lot of teams are able to grind it out when the game is on the line, but Dayton makes it look like a walk in the park. According to coach Rick Chamberlin, the outside appearance seems to match what he sees from his team.

“I’ve been saying it week after week, it seems like every game is like this,” the eight-year head coach said. “The best part about this team is its poise. They don’t panic. Whether we’re behind, or there isn’t much time on the clock, or we’re in a fourth-down situation, they don’t panic, they just stay within the system and just do what they know they need to do.”

Nothing is sweeter than being undefeated with one game left in the season and having already secured the PFL Championship, but doing that at Welcome Sta-

dium, in front of a screaming crowd, is complete bliss.

“Being home in front of our own crowd and to hear the music and feel the energy, that’s an advantage for us, that helped us win today,” Chamberlin said. “As important as the catches the runs and the tackles were, the home crowd and the energy it gave us was just as important.”

Dayton will face off against Drake at 2 p.m. Saturday to close out its regular season with an opportunity to finish undefeated and to secure sole possession of the PFL title.

Having already clinched the league’s automatic playoff berth, the Flyers will learn their matchup in the NCAA FCS tournament on Sunday.

VOLLEYBALL

Flyers’ consistency leads to undefeated A-10 record

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After coming so close to an undefeated conference season last year, the Dayton volleyball team came back with a vengeance this year after losing only one conference game during the 2014 season.

This year, the Flyers are entering the 2015 Atlantic 10 championship with a perfect 14-0 conference record and a 23-5 overall record. With an undefeated in-conference record, they are the favorites to win the A-10 tournament championship for the second year in a row.

Last year, the Dayton Flyers volleyball team finished with an overall record of 30-6, an Atlantic 10 title and a trip to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

“The one [conference] match we lost last year [against George Washington] fueled us for this year because last year, we definitely

should have gone undefeated,” sophomore setter Jane Emmenecker said. “So this year that became one of our goals. GW gave us a reality check of ‘we do always need to come to the table prepared.’”

Although they played a great 2014 season, the Flyers continued to work toward their success by improving their game.

“We’re doing pretty much the same things this season that we did last season,” head coach Tim Horsmon said. “We are working at the same rate and the expectations are the same. We’re just trying to get better every day.”

Horsmon also credits the team’s success to the ability of both the coaches and the players.

“We have great players in our program that work hard and have brought in, and I think they are really coachable and do what you ask them to do,” Horsmon said. “They are good character kids.”

The Flyers are currently on a 20-

game winning streak and Horsmon said they plan to keep up the good work, simply, by doing what’s been working for them best: playing their game.

“We’re preparing for the championship the same way we’ve prepared all year,” Horsmon said. “We’ve really tried to get ourselves ready for this moment and just continuing to grow and challenge them. At the end of the year we’re going to play our best volleyball.”

The team follows a “Play One Way” motto, meaning they strive for consistency.

“They’ve prepared us great in the past few months, so I feel like they are just going to keep doing what they’ve been doing because it’s been working,” first-year defensive specialist Margo Wolf said. “So we’re just focusing on getting better.”

The Flyers clinched an undefeated conference season with Saturday’s 3-1 road win over Saint Louis.

Dayton ran through A-10 play with a 14-0 record, and was taken to five sets only three times in conference play.

They are scheduled to play Ohio University shortly after the conference tournament, which begins Saturday for the top-seeded Flyers, as they earned a bye into the semifinals.

While the team has been focusing on finishing the conference undefeated, another A-10

championship and competing well in the NCAA tournament, they are also working toward next season.

During the 2016 season, the Flyers will not have a senior class, forcing the current sophomores into premature leadership.

“The upcoming junior class is ready to take on leadership roles,” Emmenecker said.

“We are being taught by our leaders now, and that will play a big role next year because we have such great people who are inspiring us to

be like them next year.”

Wolf agrees that everyone is preparing themselves for a shift in leadership next season.

“Everyone is going to have to step up and help lead the team,” Wolf said.

Horsmon isn’t worried about the loss of five seniors and contributors. Although he said they will be missed, he has confidence in the strength of the rest of the team.

“We have a bunch of great returners. We have some freshmen this year that will be ready to step into some of those roles and we have a great recruiting class coming in,” Horsmon said. “We’ll be ready to go.”

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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Despite win, Flyers challenged ahead of Vandy game

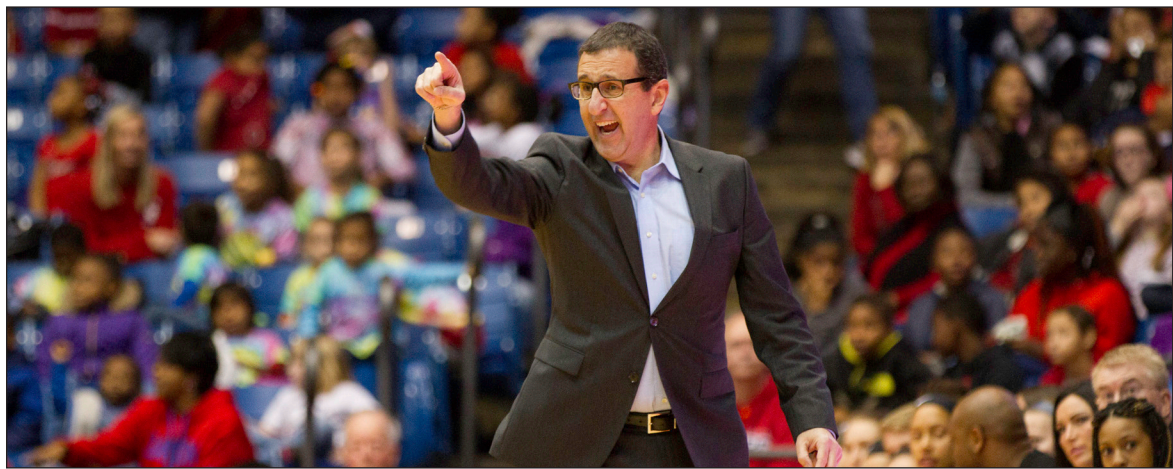
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The Dayton women’s basketball team defeated Yale 81-75 to open the 2015-16 season Friday afternoon at UD Arena in front of a raucous crowd of 10,159. It was the annual School Day game at the arena, and the team welcomed about 9,000 elementary school students from around the area for a day of basketball-themed education.

In addition to taking in the Flyers’ win, the kids were tasked with answering several different basketball-related math questions posed by recordings of the players on the arena’s video boards.

The main question the Flyers had to answer was how they were going to stop Yale senior guard Nyasha Sarju. Sarju poured in 18 points in the first half on 7-of-9 shooting, including 3-of-4 from 3-point range, and finished the game with a game-high 30 to go along with nine rebounds, also a game high.

“Our defensive execution was very, very poor, and they got a lot of good looks,” Dayton head coach Jim Jabir said after the game. Jabir pointed out the fact that Yale had an entirely new coaching



Despite the season-opening win, Dayton head women’s basketball coach Jim Jabir saw a lot of room for improvement leading up to the Flyers’ game Wednesday night against power-conference school Vanderbilt. Chris Santucci/Multimedia Editor

staff, led by first-year head coach Allison Guth. That fact meant the Flyers were basically coming into the game unaware of how the Bulldogs would play, since this was the first game for each team.

“We didn’t have the ability to scout them, so it was new,” Jabir said. “We didn’t adjust or adapt, and once we knew what they were doing, they got a lot of really great looks. They run good stuff.”

It was a back-and-forth affair throughout the entire first half, with the Flyers taking an 18-13 lead after one quarter (the women’s game is now played with four 10-minute quarters). Yale countered with a 27-22 second

period, knotting up the halftime score at 40.

The Bulldogs shot just under 54 percent from the field in the half, while the Flyers only converted on 36 percent of their shots. Dayton made up that deficit through extra possessions—the Flyers forced nine Bulldog turnovers—and from the free throw line. The Flyers made seven more free throws (12) in the half than Yale did.

The second half was just as tightly contested, with the Flyers clinging to a 60-58 lead heading into the fourth quarter. They pulled away just enough in the final frame to seal the six-point victory.

19 points, 11 of those coming from the free throw line, where she only missed one attempt. She was 4-of-12 from the field and chipped in with six rebounds.

“I think it’s pretty important [to be efficient from the free throw line],” Deane said. “I wish I could have done both, but I think free throws are all about confidence and technique, and I know that I work on them every day. So, it was definitely comforting to be able to go to the line and knock down free throws but I know I should have made a lot more shots that I made today.”

The Flyers host Vanderbilt on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at UD Arena, and Jabir didn’t mince words about the possibilities if Dayton doesn’t improve on Friday’s performance, even though it produced a win.

“We lack a certain toughness right now, and we have to really get this fixed very, very soon,” Jabir said. “Vanderbilt’s coming in from the SEC [Southeastern Conference] on Wednesday, and [that] will be a blowout if [this] happens again.”

Dayton’s improved defense had a lot to do with the win. The Flyers still shot only 41 percent from the field overall, but finished the game with eight steals, and forced 19 total turnovers by the Bulldogs. They also forced Yale to shoot just 33 percent from the field in the second half, a far cry from its first-half numbers.

“The statistics make the point for us,” Jabir said. “They shot 53 percent in the first half and 33 in the second. And that had a lot to do with us. In the second half, as well as the first, we’re responsible.”

Senior guard Amber Deane, a preseason All-Atlantic 10 First Team member, led the Flyers with

COLUMN

Wrapping up the season-opener’s basketball action

STEVE MILLER
Staff Writer

It’s safe to say that the University of Dayton’s campus is a more energetic place now that basketball season has officially begun. With both the men and women’s teams winning their season openers at UD Arena on Friday, spirits are high as both squads look to compete in the Atlantic 10 and return to the NCAA tournament. Here are the things we learned about Dayton basketball from the opening victories:

Volume

Volume equals length times depth times height. The men’s team substantially added to two of those dimensions between the end of last season and the start of this one. Eleven different Flyers scored in Friday’s win—compared to the seven scholarship players who carried Dayton through last season. Redshirt first-year Steve McElvene, who stands at 6-feet-11-inches, will be a force to be reckoned with this season. He made his presence felt in the opener with six rebounds and three blocks in 19 minutes. Charles Cooke, Xeyrius Williams and Ryan Mikesell, all in their first year at Dayton, each had blocks in the game as well.

Dayton shutout Southeast

Missouri State for the first six minutes of Friday’s game, largely because of their size and ability to disrupt opposing shots. In the end, UD had 52 rebounds to Southeast Missouri’s 36.

Ryan Mikesell

Learn the name, Flyer fans. The 6-foot-7 first-year from St. Henry, Ohio, sunk five 3-pointers in his collegiate debut on his way to 21 points to lead UD.

“It’s the same concept. The ball just has to go through the hoop,” the ever-relaxed Mikesell said after the game with much less sarcasm than you would believe.

Head coach Archie Miller rang Mikesell’s praises Friday night.

“Being able to make the three’s as consistent as he was tonight was nice to see because he gives us another guy who can shoot the ball,” Miller said. “You can tell he’s going to help our team.”

Foul, but don’t foul

This season, the NCAA referees are to call stricter hand checking and body bumping fouls, and it was apparent Friday night in the men’s game. Much to Miller’s disdain, UD was called for 26 personal fouls, allowing SE Missouri to the bonus in the first half and double bonus in the second.

If fouls were called this way last

year, the Flyers would have been toast. With just seven players, fouling out was detrimental.

“If you foul we were going to lose the game. I think we have to continue to feel that way,” Miller said Friday. With the added depth, the Flyers can still be aggressive defensively, but will have to adjust to the new calls.

Rebuilding

It was evident early on that 2016 would be a rebuilding year for Dayton women’s basketball. With leading scorers Ally Malott and Andrea Hoover graduating in 2015, the shoes to fill are larger than anyone would like. Seniors Jodie Cornelie-Sigmundova, Amber Deane and Kelley Austria are ready to take the reins.

Deane, last year’s A-10 Sixth Woman of the Year, led the Flyers with 19 points in the opening 81-75 win over Yale Friday. Cornelie-Sigmundova secured 7 rebounds in the game.

“Everyone’s role shifts, even the newcomers have a new role just by being here,” junior center Sachia Grant-Allen said in a press conference after the Flyers exhibition win over Gannon on Nov. 6. “Everyone needs to give a little bit more, whether that’s running more in transition...or

shooting more or being a leader.” Dayton was picked to finish second in the conference in the Atlantic 10 preseason coaches’ poll.

Offense

Up-tempo offense will be the key to the women’s team yet again this year.

“We’re going to shoot the ball and score it, and we’re going to run,” head coach Jim Jabir said after the exhibition game. Dayton averaged 76.5 points per game last season. The key, though, is balancing a fast offense with a stalwart defense.

“Usually what you emphasize is what you get good at. We’ve emphasized our break from the beginning,” Jabir said. “And now we have to draw back a little bit and also emphasize getting stops and playing better defense.”

Sophomore Step-up

“Your freshman to sophomore year is the biggest jump,” Archie Miller said before the season about Darrell Davis.

Davis, who led the Atlantic 10 in 3-point shooting percentage as a first-year last year, scored 15 points in Friday’s win.

“He’s going to play a big role for us, he’s going to play a lot of minutes,” Miller said of his guard’s performance. Davis’ eight rebounds in the game were second only to

junior forward Kendall Pollard’s 10. On the women’s team, sophomore guard Jenna Burdette has her own stepping up to do, having been a starter during last year’s tournament run.

“I love Jenna, I think she’s a great point guard and she makes us better,” Jabir said. “I want to see her more aggressive, I want to see her score more. She’s steady and I trust her.” Burdette scored 12 points in 34 minutes in Friday’s win.

So come out to the Arena

While Archie Miller’s facetious wish for the university to cancel classes Tuesday afternoon so that students could support the Flyers in their game against Alabama may not have come to fruition, energizing UD Arena is imperative for the student body.

Going into Tuesday’s matchup, the men’s team had won 23 consecutive games on Blackburn Court and they don’t want to slow down.

Meanwhile, if you want to see some points scored, the women’s games are exhilarating to take in—not to mention the women consistently make free throws better than the men’s team. On Friday, the women were 26-32 from the free throw line, while the men were 22-37.

It’s basketball season. So put down the books, and go Flyers!

MEN’S SOCCER

Flyers win Atlantic 10 title, clinch NCAA tournament berth

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The Dayton Flyers men’s soccer team will return to campus from Virginia as champions of the Atlantic 10 conference. All the hard work put in by the team paid off this past Sunday when the Flyers bashed Virginia Commonwealth 4-1 in the conference tournament final.

Along with being crowned champions of the A-10, the Flyers secured a spot in the upcoming NCAA tournament that kicks off on Thursday (For more info on their tournament matchup, check flyernews.com/flyers-win-atlantic-10-title-clinch-ncaa-berth). The Flyers have not taken part in the NCAA tournament since 2008, when they lost in the first round.

The Flyers previously faced VCU in the last game of the regular season on Nov. 7, and had the opportunity to win the conference’s regular season title, but the Rams upset them after the Flyers were holding a 2-0 lead in the 84th minute. The Rams leveled the game moments later, and scored the winning goal in overtime to deny the title to the Flyers.

The A-10 conference tournament took place in Fairfax, Virginia, on the campus of George Mason, and the Flyers went into Sunday’s final confident after claiming victories against Duquesne and Rhode Island in the quarterfinals and semifinals.

Head coach Dennis Carrier, who notched his 300th career win as a head coach against Rhode

Island, said the team knew what to expect going up against VCU. They simply had to stay mentally sharp for the entire 90 minutes. It would be critical for the Flyers to score first and maintain the lead. Similarly to their first confrontation, it didn’t take long for the Flyers score on the Rams, 15 minutes to be exact.

Senior midfielder Kissima Bojang fired the ball past the VCU goalkeeper to score his fifth goal of the season, after junior midfielder James Haupt set the shot up for him from outside the 18-yard box. The first half ended with Dayton in the lead with a score of 1-0.

The Flyers extended their lead in the 60th minute when senior defender Alex Amankwaah curled a shot from a free kick into the goal. The Rams

responded 10 minutes later and added a goal to their score sheet.

The Flyers sealed the game with two goals in the 72nd and 79th minute from senior forward Maik Schoonderwoerd (his 10th this season) and senior defender Carlos Sendin.

The Flyers dominated the game and had 22 shots on goal throughout the match, whereas the Rams only managed 9.

The Flyers set a new record of 55 goals in the season thus far, through Sunday’s game, which is the most in school history.

Several Flyers were named to the A-10 All-Tournament team. The Flyers selected included graduate student midfielder Amass Amankona, who was also named the tournament’s Most Outstanding Player and is a candidate for the national Senior

CLASS award. Bojang, Haupt and Sendin were also included in the All-Tournament team.

Carrier hailed Amankona as a special student athlete and said Amankona is a key difference maker.

He also said that advancing to the tournament is special for both the university and the athletes. He says the journey to this point in the season wasn’t an easy one and was filled with tough challenges, and that the team must continue to persevere in order to continue getting positive results.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Mikesell, Davis propel Flyers to season-opening win

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It will be a different year of Flyer men's basketball.

Dayton showcased its depth, height and talent Friday night in a season-opening, 84-53 victory over Southeast Missouri State. First-year forward Ryan Mikesell led UD with 21 points, including five 3-pointers, in his collegiate debut—after growing up watching the Flyers.

“Coach is always harping on me about shooting the ball, and if I'm open, just shoot it,” the young forward from St. Henry, Ohio, said after the game. “And my teammates did a great job of finding me when I was open, and I was just letting it fly.”

Sophomore guard Darrell Davis tallied 15 points including two 3-pointers in his 23 minutes, building off his first-year season, in which he led the Atlantic 10 Conference in 3-point shooting percentage.

The star of the night, though, was Mikesell, proven by his consistent ability to convert scoring chances and his teammates and coach's statements.

“Anytime you get to start off your career with one of those, it should give you great confidence,” head coach Archie Miller said in a postgame press conference about Mikesell. “Ryan's a worker. He's a competitive kid. He has great confidence about himself.”

Mikesell didn't start but played 26 minutes in total—tied with sophomore Kendall Pollard for the most playing time. He drained five of seven 3-point attempts and tallied eight rebounds and four assists, while not turning the ball over a single time.

“It's always a good thing,” Davis said of Mikesell's performance after the game. “Especially someone like him, a freshman coming out and producing in that way. It means that he's going to be a great player.”

Davis himself was 2-for-6 on 3-point attempts and corralled eight rebounds.

“Seven defensive rebounds from your guard is fantastic,” Miller said. “Darrell is a much



First-year forward Ryan Mikesell goes up for two of his game-high 21 points during Saturday night's 84-53 win over Southeast Missouri State at UD Arena. Mikesell's performance ranks as the third-highest point total in a Flyers' first-year debut, only behind Chris Wright (22, 2007) and Marcus Johnson (23, 2006). Chris Santucci/Multimedia Editor

better player than he was a year ago ... had some good looks tonight that he didn't make, but if he has one of those nights where he's capable of banging three or four 3's, he has a spectacular [game].”

Davis' 15 points were second only to Mikesell's 21 for the night.

Dayton as a team had 52 rebounds to Southeast Missouri's 36, showing the Flyers' added height. Four UD players measure taller than 6'6”—Mikesell, Sam Miller, Steve McElvene and Xeyrius Williams. Last season, the tallest Flyers were Bobby Wehrli and Kendall Pollard, both 6-foot-6.

Although the Flyers raked in

points, they also raked in fouls—as did the Redhawks. Dayton was called for 26 personal fouls and Southeast Missouri, 28. This season, NCAA referees have been instructed to more strictly call hand checks and other personal fouls, evident by the three Flyers who finished the game with four fouls.

“I was really disappointed in the fouls. Twenty-six personal fouls is unacceptable. They're calling them. Right now, a lot of hand checking, a lot of body bumping. And we [will] have to get better at it,” Miller said. “A year ago, we couldn't foul. It was a desperation. If you foul, we were going to lose the game. I

think we have to continue to feel that way, and hopefully tonight will help us.”

Miller, of course, was referring to last season, when Dayton only had seven scholarship players. This year, that number is up to 11.

All 11 of those players scored Friday night, and Miller got walk-ons Joey Gruden, Michael Schwieterman and Jack Westerfield in on the action for the final minute of the game.

The Flyers play next Tuesday afternoon against Alabama at 1 p.m. at UD Arena.

“Hopefully the whole university doesn't go to school on Tuesday and they all can come over here,

and we can put as many people [as possible in UD Arena],” Miller said. “I think Tuesday should be a very unique day for us. It's the [ESPN College Basketball 24-hour tipoff] marathon, everybody's playing during the day. And to be at home, at 1 o'clock against Alabama, I think it'll be one of the better crowds that we have.”