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Human Rights Conference calls on students to save the world

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Surveying the room in front of him, President Dan Curran broke into a smile as he leaned against a podium at the opening lunch of the second biannual Social Practice of Human Rights Conference Friday, framed by swirling red and brown leaves and a dense grove of trees that take up most of the University of Dayton's River Campus.

"What a warm gathering... what a remarkable gathering of friends," President Curran said. "It may be a bit cold out, but it feels wonderful in here."

In one sense, the room was quite diverse. At each table, one could find undergraduate students posing questions to faculty and researchers from around the world. Across the aisle, activist lawyers and UN researchers chatted and debated animatedly. They were wholly different, in life experience and worldview and personal identity.

However, they came together for a singular purpose: to explore how to make change in a troubled world through research and advocacy and promote human rights in both the corridors of power and in the world's margins.

"We're inspired by Pope Francis' call to reflect on how we treat the world and one another, really," said Mark Ensalaco, the director for the University of Dayton's new Human Rights Center. "We read his call for change in his encyclical 'Laudato Si,' and we saw it in his speeches to Congress and the United Nations... the time is now."

For two days, scores of students, researchers, advocates and global figures gave panel presentations, keynote addresses and reflected deeply about the human rights violations around the world—humanitarian aid, climate change, refugees and immigrants, inequality and many more—while also engaging with the practice of rights work itself in the hallways of schools and

universities and in the field.

"If the history of the Earth was captured in a single day... we humans have lived here for only a few seconds; yet, we have caused so much damage," lamented Tariq Banuri, Ph.D., a lecturer at the University of Utah and a member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, during his address in the final panel on the environment. "There is hope yet. However, we must buy ourselves more time."

The human cost of the planet's rapidly debilitating environment set an undertone for much of the conference; though, the topics ranged widely from the threat of government surveillance to privacy rights to an examination of how much TOMS shoes actually help those in need.

One of the key takeaways of the conference was the need and call to reflect on how entire structures need to change to get to the root of problems, whether it be the pervasive inequality that has put strain on people in every country to the actual space in which human rights education operates at universities.

"Too often, those that care about the rights of others live a double life," said Cesar Rodriguez Garavito, the executive director of the Center for Law, Justice, and Society (Dejusticia) in Colombia and the conference's keynote speaker.

"Who counts as a human rights actor? Going to Washington or Geneva is no longer as effective in getting things done...we must look to those on the ground and those in the in-between spaces. We need a new narrative of human rights," Garavito said.

And those carrying out the new narrative in the years and decades ahead will be students and young people. Although they held different roles in the world of human rights, almost all the presenters had a similar message and a wish for UD students and young, passionate people around the world.

"Jump! Just jump. That's the only way," said Diana Samarasan, the executive director of the



Tony Talbott, Ph.D., discusses corporate sustainability at the Human Rights Conference at UD's River Campus Saturday. Chris Santucci/Multimedia Editor

Disability Rights Fund. "It's a wide world out there, and before we change it, we have to let it change us. The world changed all of us here. Now, it's your turn. We need you."

"You don't just need to work for Human Rights Watch or Amnesty International to care about these issues and make a difference, although [those organizations] do amazing work. You can work in business or in participatory giving, or in engineering—the possibilities are endless," echoed Mona Chun, the executive director of the International Human Rights Funders Group.

"Right, what matters is that you try and learn how power works, in order to spread it around and harness it for others," interjected Jason Franklin, the executive director of Bolder Giving.

Despite the optimism, many of these human rights problems can seem overwhelming. How can so much change for the better, when the world seems so vast and the power of ordinary people so small? How, indeed, can UD students make change on campus and in their lives

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post-graduation?

The answer, as Richard Hiskes, Ph.D., of Grand Valley State reminded the conference in his closing remarks on the environment, lies in the ability of human beings to make promises to one another.

"Pope Francis said that we have defaulted on a promissory note to future generations, and that now is the time to honor it," Hiskes said. "We have time to make things right, if only we remember how to make promises to one another, promises to the Earth, and remember that we are all connected, no matter how much distance separates us."

Sometimes, the inspiration to create and foster light in the dark spaces of the world can come from around the globe; other times, it can be born down the road on Brown Street, as Jason Pierce, dean of the college

of arts and sciences, reminded conference-goers at the closing lunch on Saturday.

"In May, actor and activist Martin Sheen gave a stirring address at our university's commencement, where he reminded us of our duty to 'heal a broken world wherever we may find it,'" Pierce said. He then paused, and looked out the large picture window at the leaves and forests outside.

"Sheen was born right down the road from this building... right here, in Dayton. People often find this city and fall in love with it...I think, as you all meet more Daytonians and UD students, you'll understand why," he said.

"When I look at our students—their passion and their energy—I know change will happen. I believe in them."

Part-time students question parking permit system

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Graduate student Matthew Deutsch, who lives across town, is registered for a night course that meets twice a week at UD. Due to the cost of parking permits for night students, however, he has had to park off-campus, which he said in an email, "adds wasted time and a security risk to [his] UD experience."

University of Dayton Parking Services offers a \$160 permit to nighttime commuter students, which allows them access to all single letter lots starting at 4:00 p.m. each day for the entire year.

"The red flag for me came up when I went on the university's website and saw that there were only two options for parking permits: an all-the-time permit and a nighttime permit," Deutsch said in an interview with Flyer News. "When I saw the price of the nighttime permit, I thought, 'That is a lot of money to only park every day Tuesday/Thursday for the semester.'"

The university's parking permits are prorated, meaning the prices are determined based on proportional distribution, and the entire cost must be paid up front. Students who are only using the permit for the first semester have the option to turn their permit in at the end of the semester and receive half of the price back.

Deutsch's class is scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30

p.m.—7:50 p.m. Although a night permit would allow him access to single letter lots Monday through Thursday after 4 p.m., these lots are available without a permit starting at 7:30 p.m. and Friday through Sunday beginning at 4:30 p.m.

After seeing the permit rates, Deutsch voiced his concerns to the university's parking services.

Christine Schramm, associate vice president for the division of student development and dean of students, commented that the cost of the permit also accounts for other variables.

"Unfortunately, parking services is more complicated than just providing a parking space," she wrote in an email to Deutsch. "It is important to understand that parking services assures security of all our parking lots across campus, the personnel to manage and secure the lots, the maintenance of the lots from clearing snow and salting, painting the lines and signage, to re-surfing lots and finally securing enough space."

Deutsch also provided suggestions for ways parking services could change its pricing system for parking permits for part-time students.

Some of these suggestions included offering a semester by semester option for half the price; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Monday, Wednesday, Friday parking permit options for additional savings or putting metered parking spots in key locations.

"This added level of having per-

mits that are only good for certain days and then pricing them to match would really be a sensible step that I would encourage parking services to take," Deutsch said.

In response to these suggestions, Schramm commented in her email: "It is virtually impossible for parking services to take into account everybody's class schedule and preference to set rates depending on how many classes a person takes—that could potentially involve over 9,000 people. There is no 'special category.' Staff, including myself and all faculty, is subject to the same rate structure."

Instead of buying a permit, Deutsch made the decision to park off campus. He parks on Irving Avenue and makes a 10-minute walk from his parking spot to Kettering labs twice a week.

Another graduate part-time student, Kevin Lapp, who is taking six credits a week including one nighttime class, shared his thoughts on the parking permit pricing.

"The cost isn't the end of the world, but when added to paying for tuition-per-credit the total becomes rather large for taking two classes," Lapp said.

While Deutsch feels that his parking permit situation for the semester cannot be resolved, he expressed that the pricing of parking permits could be solved for future part-time students if parking services offered a Tuesday, Thursday, Friday permit or a Monday, Wednesday, Friday permit.



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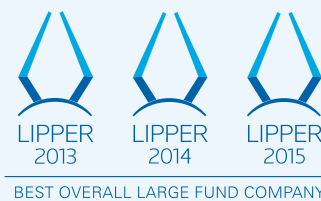
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Trending



Go see this play

The Dayton Theatre Guild will host performances of David Auburn's "The Columnist," featuring UD alumna Jenna Gomes. Weekends through Oct. 18. 8 p.m. Fridays, 5 p.m. Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays.



Nunchuk skills, tetherball skills, crossbow skills...

A 10-year-old successfully shot and killed a 13-foot alligator with a crossbow while hunting with her father near Victoria, TX. The 800-pound kill ranks first in the Trophy Game Records of the World's database.



Oktoberfest, by Toxic

Dayton's Toxic Brew Company will host a block party featuring live music, street performers, local craft beer and food trucks. Oct. 11, 1-7p.m.



7-Day Forecast: 100% chance of leadership advice

The Office of Student Leadership Programs is hosting an interactive live broadcast by National Society for Leadership and Success speaker and weather anchor Al Roker. Tues., Oct. 6, 7-8 p.m. in Sears Recital.



7-year-old zombie hunter

A Florida sheriff's department deputized 7-year-old Spencer Holt to aid in a staged zombie takeover of the area. Holt subdued the uprising using the department's well-stocked armory of Nerf guns.



Rock the vote, if you feel like it

Today begins early voting for Ohio's State Issue 3, which will allow the licensed, regulated production and distribution of marijuana and hemp products. Voting ends Nov. 3.



If you're stuck on campus over break...

The Center for Student Involvement will host a viewing of "Terminator: Genisys"—complete with popcorn, lemonade and mediocre Ahnold impersonations—in KU Ballroom Oct. 10, 11 p.m.-2 a.m.



Bones not dog-friendly

A soybean farmer in Chelsea, Michigan, accidentally unearthed the 10-15-millenia-old skeleton of a woolly mammoth. #OverthetopHalloweenDecoration



Ridesharing for the 1%

General Motors announced that it will offer car-sharing for residents of the Ritz Plaza in New York City. The service, called Lets Drive NYC, allows users access to any of 200 cars for three hours per month.



When the shopping fever strikes

Head to 3rd on Third. The "eclectic" outdoor market will be held at 1121 E. Third St. and features many Dayton vendors, artists and food trucks. Sunday, Oct. 18, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.



Better than "Evolution of Dance"

The third installment of the Hispanic Heritage Month film series includes a showing of "From Mambo to Hip Hop" in the Roesch Library Collab Oct. 14, 6:30-8 p.m.



When meeting new people is panic-inducing

Career Services will host a "Networking for Introverts" seminar, providing strategies for making and managing personal networks to help students achieve career goals. 208 L St., Oct. 16, 3:30-4:30 p.m.



Back with Black

Comedian Lewis Black will perform a benefit show for The Human Race Theatre Company at the Victoria Theatre in downtown Dayton. Sunday, Oct. 11, 7 p.m.

*Cover cutout: Pi Kappa Alpha tries to dance at POTH Friday. For more photos from POTH, visit flyernews.com/ud-photos. Chris Santucci/ Multimedia Editor

Muslim students celebrate religious holiday at UD

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“You don’t understand your own religion until you know others,” Anam Hussain, a senior pre-med major and officer of the Muslim Students Association, concluded with wide eyes. She reached this shrewd, developed thought after a conversation surrounding the Islamic holiday Eid al-Adha, which occurred Sept. 23-24.

“There are not really rituals for Eid. It is just ‘celebrate,’” said Rabiah Gul, a third-year law student and practicing Muslim. “It is the celebration of story of Abraham. Abraham is about to cut his son; he is actually closing his eyes. When he opens his eyes, he sees a goat instead. So, slaughtering one goat and sharing it with the community is the one particular ritual we do for Eid.”

Naima Ismail, a senior biology major, added, “The sacrificing of a goat is replicated on the last day of hajj, the pilgrimage to Mecca.”

However, this ritual is not necessarily practiced by every Muslim. Ismail was the only one of three students interviewed by Flyer News who had ever participated in this specific ritual.

“I have done it once,” she explained. “I went with my dad one year. We went to a farm—I was in Philly back then. We went out to Lancaster and slaughtered the goat and passed it out to our neighbors.”

Despite the lack of extensive structured rituals, the Islamic community, especially those on UD’s campus, find their own individual ways of celebrating this holiday.

“It is up to you and how you want to celebrate it,” Gul said.

“It is like most major holidays,” Ismail said. “People get together with family, food, presents and dressing up.”

Gul, then, shared how she usually observes the holiday: “I have a huge family with a lot of cousins. We just get together and chill.”

However, as college students away from home, it is difficult to engage in the festivities in their usual ways.

“This is not home to me, so I cannot do what I want to do,” Gul said. “A lot of people say that when they are away from family, it is hard to celebrate. Like any holiday, imagine you were away

from home. What would you do instead? It’s like that.”

The Muslim Student Association on campus hosted events for those away from home, and those who were home, to celebrate the religious occasion.

“On Wednesday, the MSA had an event in which we did a get-together and dinner,” Ismail stated. “On Friday and Saturday, we also had a get together here on campus at ArtStreet.”

“We [Ismail and Hussain] went to the same mosque. I know a lot of people meet up and pray together,” Ismail added.

Regardless that they are at school, away from their families, Muslim students at UD have carved their own means of commemorating the holiday.

“Eating for me, in terms of Eid, is the center,” Gul said.

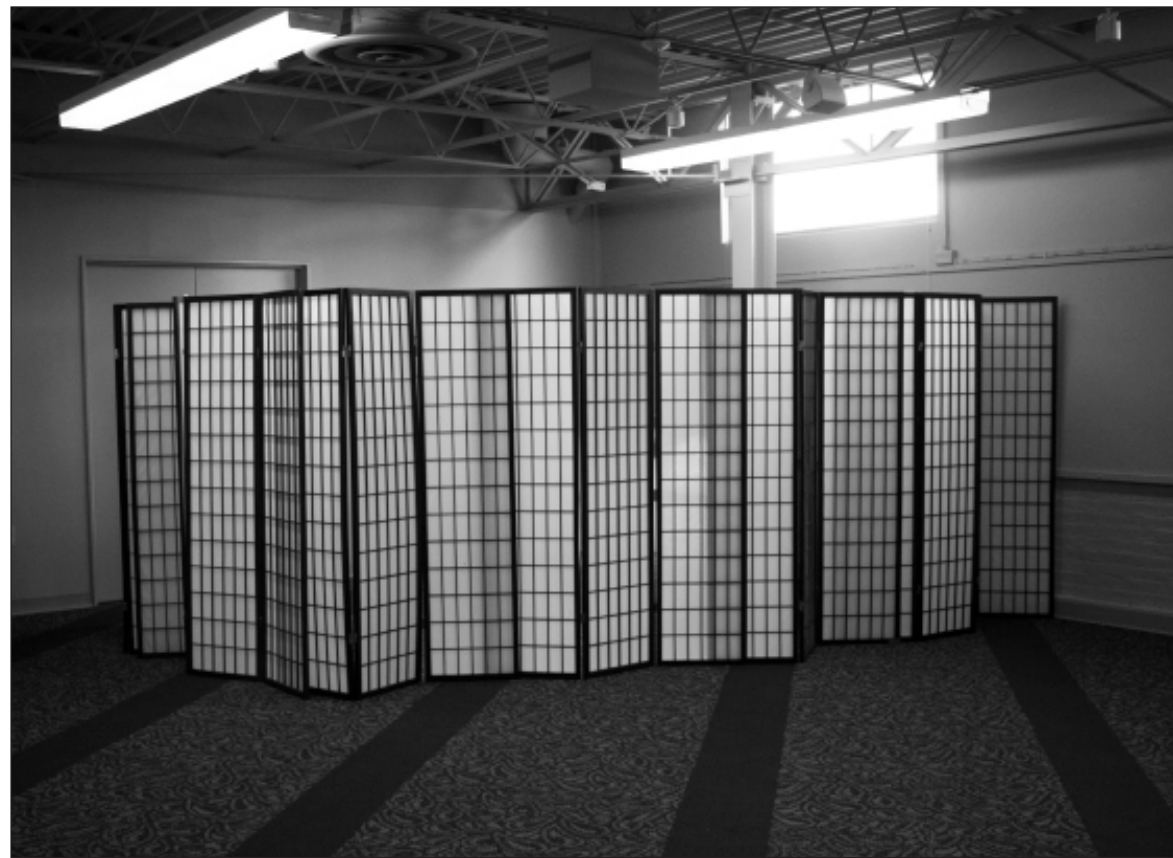
Many secular and religious holidays often involve certain foods. For example, Christians habitually mark Christmas by baking and eating Christmas cookies to celebrate. Instead, Eid al-Adha has personal and family practices for cooking and serving food, rather than foods for the whole religion.

This religious holiday is commemorated based upon the distinctive ways of the individual.

“Some people eat macaroni and cheese because that is what they like to eat,” Hussain said.

The originality that is brought to the festivities indicates a significant personal connection to the celebration. These three UD students indicate how this personal bond to religion and religious festivities can provide meaningful

“There are not really rituals for Eid. It is just ‘celebrate.’”
—Rabiah Gul, third-year law student



The interfaith prayer room includes a partition to divide the males and females for students who go to prayer. Practicing Muslims may choose to pray during the celebration of Eid al-Adha. Chris Santucci/Multimedia Editor

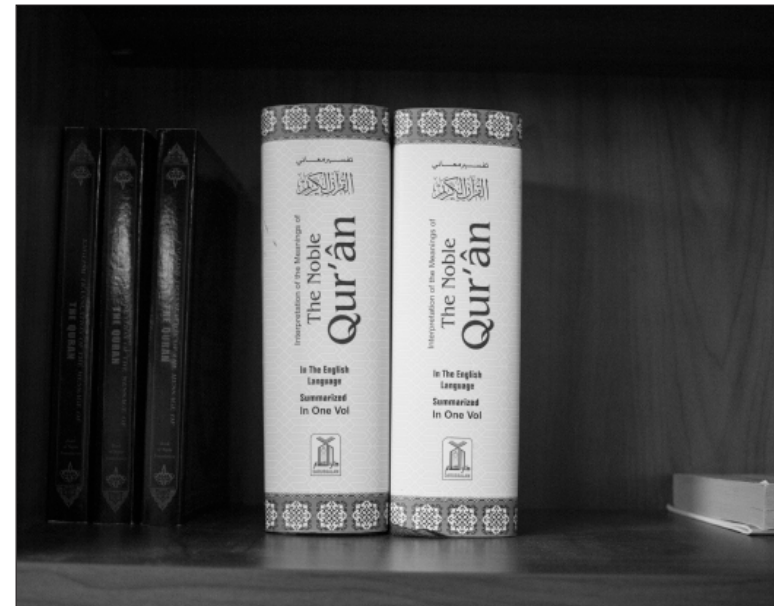
contributions to their faith lives.

UD may be a Catholic university, but its students represent such a diversity of backgrounds and beliefs. Amidst such a large population of Christian believers, the MSA is working to better establish a mutual understanding and appreciation between faiths on campus.

Hussain said an upcoming event in March is called “Jesus and Islam...”

Many misunderstandings between religions often fuel incorrect or misinterpretations of each other’s beliefs, but as Hussain said, you need to try and understand them to understand your own.

“There are a lot of similarities [between different religions] that coincide,” Ismail said. “I am comfortable because UD is very open about their faith and how they practice it, and that makes them feel comfortable too.”



The story of Abraham sacrificing a goat instead of his son is found in the Qur’an, the holy book of Islam. This religious story is at the heart of Eid al-Adha. Chris Santucci/Multimedia Editor



Religious books and items are available for students of various faiths, including Islam, in the interfaith prayer room at the Rike Center. Chris Santucci/Multimedia Editor

Inclusivity at UD: What’s in a community?

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From the first welcome event at New Student Orientation to the final speech at graduation, students frequently hear about the famous “UD Community.” However, some students have begun to critically examine who is—or isn’t—included in that community. Students in the Creating Inclusive Community mini-course are striving to make people at UD more welcoming and aware of diversity issues on our campus and in the world at large.

“That is the beautiful thing about this initiative, is that students are in a place where they want to create change,” expressed Patty Alvarez, Ph.D., assistant dean of students and director of Multicultural Affairs. “They’re able to work with their peers and faculty and staff with the goal of creating change.”

Students in UDI 377, Understanding, Respecting and Connecting II: Taking Action, are implementing action plans to improve awareness of diversity on campus through the knowledge they gained in a corresponding mini-course last semester.

Last spring, students “[explored] historical and social implications of diversity and privilege, [examined] their own privilege and dialogue with others about diversity and social justice, and [designed] sustainable actions to dismantle injustice in the UD community and beyond,” according to the course syllabus.

Leslie Picca, Ph.D., associate professor and chair of the department of sociology, anthropology and social work, had the inspiration for this mini-course when she and Ruth Thompson-Miller, Ph.D., an assistant professor in the sociology department, took a group of four students to the conference in 2012.

Since then, she and an increasing number of students and faculty have attended the conference, culminating in the mini-course last semester that enabled the university to send 50 faculty, staff and students to attend the 2015 White Privilege Conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

The White Privilege Conference is “a conference that examines the challenging concepts of privilege and oppression and offers solutions and team building strategies to work toward a more equitable world,” according to its official website.

Students who participated in the mini-course last semester had the opportunity to interact with thousands of individuals from across the nation and world committed to matters of privilege and oppression in all capacities, not only as it pertains to racism.

“The conference is a place not like any other place,” said Brandon Rush, a senior psychology major. “Engaging with so many people from around the country and around the world who are into [social justice], you know that you’re not alone and that the work will be worth it.”

Last semester’s mini-course

was co-taught by Thomas Morgan, Ph.D., an associate professor in the English department, and Kelly Bohrer, director of community engaged learning in the Fitz Center. This semester’s course is taught by Morgan.

Other faculty members who participated in the conference and mini-course include: Patty Alvarez, Ph.D., Amy Anderson, Ph.D., Simanti Dasgupta, Ph.D., Jamie Longgazel, Ph.D., Leslie Picca, Ph.D., Patricia Reid, Ph.D., Lisa Rismiller, Ruth Thompson-Miller, Ph.D. and Ernesto Velasquez, Ph.D.

All of these faculty members volunteered to be involved in the initiative because they care deeply about the issue of diversity.

“I’m hoping that students really feel empowered to talk with each other and to look at the issues that concern them in their lives as students here,” expressed Amy Anderson, Ph.D., the executive director of the Center for International

the UD Arena in regard to his recent anti-Muslim comments.

Students forming the mini-course are also collaborating with Dayton Peer Educators, an upcoming group that will interact with students to help explain matters of social justice. The organization will be similar to the Green Dot Peer Educators, Rush explained, but with an emphasis on “privilege and oppression” rather than sexual assault.

Ferber also mentioned that the mini-course is interested in collaborating with Green Dot.

“The best way to raise awareness is to join up with other groups who are already focusing on these issues,” Ferber said.

Building relationships with other organizations on campus and recruiting members will assist the group in spreading the message of diversity with other people and groups on campus.

The goal is to “provide ways to bring conversations about diversity

“How can we expand our definition of ‘community’ to better incorporate people or groups that don’t always feel as welcomed as the certain majority or dominant groups do?”

—Thomas Morgan, Ph.D.

Programs. “I hope they also see that there’s a committed group of faculty and staff that also care and are concerned about improving the campus community for all students.”

“This [mini-course] is not intended to be a top-down, the faculty and staff know a lot and the students don’t,” Morgan elaborated. “It’s more intended to be a growing experience for everyone involved.”

Now, students are tasked with putting what they learned in class last semester and at the conference into action.

“We had to assess what we learned at the conference and then assess what that can look like at on campus,” Rush said.

In order to accomplish this, the mini-course participants divided into several different groups to tackle specific matters of diversity and privilege on campus. For instance, one of the action-based groups is working with AVIATE to “get discussions of privilege and oppression going on in the monthly CBMs in first-year areas,” Rush said.

However, members of the mini-course hope to expand discussions of diversity beyond just first-year students. Another group is focusing on developing safe spaces where students “are welcomed and encouraged” to engage in conversations about privilege and oppression, explained Joey Ferber, a senior English major.

To further this initiative, the Creating Inclusive Community cohort hosted an open dialogue Sept. 29 in response to presidential candidate Ben Carson’s recent appearance at

to groups that already exist and help them—which is in a way helping everyone—think about diversity,” Morgan said.

“To further spread awareness on campus, other students in the mini-course are developing a social media presence and creating a logo for the initiative.

“We want everyone to know there’s a strong presence of students committed to talking about matters of diversity on campus,” Ferber said. “We want people with ideas and passion.”

“One [goal of the mini-course] is to engage with issues of diversity on campus that are not being successfully addressed right now,” Morgan said. “UD lauds itself as a community, so how can we expand our definition of ‘community’ to better incorporate people or groups that don’t always feel as welcomed as the certain majority or dominant groups do?”

Racially, the certain majority among undergraduate students at UD is the white demographic. Out of the total 8,226 full-time undergraduate students at UD, 6,397 are white, 243 identify as black or African-American, 272 as Hispanic, 939 as non-residential alien, 101 as Asian, seven as American Indian or Alaskan Native, 153 as two or more Races, 88 as unidentified and 21 from the Bangalore India Program.

“I think white privilege is those invisible benefits that many white folks tend to regularly rely on,” said Picca, who has written two books on race and ethnicity. “Oftentimes that folks like myself tend to take for granted without recognizing

that it is an unearned benefit that many people, especially racial and ethnic minorities, don’t necessarily enjoy.”

Having a space where students are open and willing to discussing matters of privilege and oppression was a draw for the students who enrolled in the mini-course.

“Finding like-minded people who are frustrated with issues of white privilege” is one of the reasons Ferber was interested in the course.

“I was amazed by what [the course] did to me and what it did to my perspective,” said Ronnie Colborn, a senior English major.

“At a space like UD, it’s sometimes easy to disregard potential problems that exist [regarding diversity] because they don’t affect the majority,” Morgan elaborated. “And, the majority is never required or forced to engage with [these issues]. That’s part of what privilege is: the ability to not pay attention to

the experiences of others.”

Beyond learning to be respectful of one another, having the capability to appreciate diversity has material effects for all students as they leave the “UD bubble.”

“I know of several companies that don’t [recruit UD students] because we lack racial and ethnic diversity,” Picca said. “If you have companies and corporations, including major Fortune 500 companies, that are not reaching out to UD students because we’re perceived as graduating students that aren’t comfortable in diverse settings, that impacts everybody here.”

Though, Creating Inclusive Communities addresses issues of diversity beyond just race and ethnicity.

“What [resonates] with me is the connection between race and gender and social class and sexual orientation and all those social identities and trying to get folks to see how they work together,” Picca said.

Students in the mini-course also learned about how to discuss matters of privilege among their peers.

“One thing that I learned was not just a better way to understand privilege, but also a better way to talk about privilege with people who are also interested in it and with people who maybe don’t have an interest in it,” Colborn said. “I think the biggest issue of privilege on campus is ignorance to it.”

With so many diverging opinions on matters regarding privilege and oppression, productive conversations may quickly become tangled in emotions due to how strongly individuals feel about these issues.

“Often in conversations like this, people of our demographic are typically afraid to be challenged in a way that they don’t want to be challenged,” Rush said.

However, Rush encouraged all students to speak with people who you know don’t agree with you to find out why someone else would hold that opinion.

“Even if your opinion differs from mine, it’s still a valid opinion,” Rush said.

Morgan said that he and the other faculty members plan to continue this mini-course in future semesters and are currently considering what changes they would like to make to it.

“The group of us that set this up have been talking about what worked, what didn’t work and how can we improve the experience of not only the students but for the faculty and staff who have been helping the students,” Morgan said.

At the time of the interview, Morgan could not list any specific changes he would like to make to the course.

Students must go through an application process to register for the mini-course.

“I’m inspired by the students who participate in these kinds of programs and are passionate,” Anderson said. “It makes me want to do more.”

FULL-TIME undergrad students for fall 2015

8,226 students total

6,397 White

939 Non-Resident Alien

272 Hispanic

243 Black OR African American

153 Two or More Races

101 Asian

88 Unidentified

21 Bangalore India Program

7 American Indian OR Alaskan Native

5 Native Hawaiian OR Other Pacific Islander

UD student logs the papal trip to Philadelphia

STEVE MILLER
Staff Writer

Saturday Sept. 26

10 p.m.: Students filed into the Immaculate Conception Chapel under the damp, dark skies of Dayton, Ohio, equipped with pillows, backpacks and excitement as we set out to embark on a pilgrimage to Philadelphia for a Mass by Pope Francis. Deciding to neglect a day of potential homework and studying was no small task for me and the other responsible students, but this opportunity was once-in-a-lifetime.

Shortly after 10, we rose from the pews in the chapel and sang a rousing rendition of the traditional Catholic hymn “Blest Are They,” as a Channel 7 cameraman creepily bore down on the faces of several unsuspecting students, who, at that point, assumed more concerned, reluctant faces.

10:20 p.m.: We loaded the two buses we had, under the direction that the first bus was “peanut free,” always having to cater to those whom natural selection has already tried to exterminate.

10:45 p.m.: We finally set sail through the misty night toward

Philadelphia, a nine-hour journey across the Eastern Time Zone. Shortly into our travels, I fell into a deep meditative state, pondering the experience in which I would partake the following day.

Sunday Sept. 27

8 a.m.: Our two buses pulled into the vast parking lots adjacent to the major sports venues of Philadelphia. As a passionate baseball fan myself, I was agonized that I was mere steps away from Citizens Bank Park, home of the Philadelphia Phillies, but would not be taking in a game of America’s pastime. But I supposed since it was for the pope, I could handle a lack of baseball.

With that in mind, we began our trek from the stadium parking lot to Benjamin Franklin Boulevard—a main drag in the heart of Philadelphia. That trek, though, was approximately four miles each way. Our pope squadron of UD students began slowly gravitating to the skyline of Philadelphia along with the several other pilgrim groups, who had arrived on buses around the same time.

The lengthy walk took us straight down Broad Street, past a frighten-

ingly high concentration of funeral homes amidst quaint shops, eateries and apartments lining El Camino Papal.

9:30 a.m.: A well-dressed man holding a Channel 7 microphone in front of a cameraman called out to our group, decorated with Dayton apparel. He asked if any of us were from Pittsburgh and explained that he had come to UD’s campus and interviewed Sean Ferguson in the spring. He then interviewed sophomore Sarah Strail on Broad Street.

10 a.m.: We continued meandering around downtown Philadelphia to get to a security checkpoint through which we would enter the Pope Zone. Several blocks on the Ben Franklin Parkway had been sectioned off as a secure zone for the Papal Mass, which ended up as a celebration of 800,000 people.

12 p.m.: After standing in a large security queue for nearly an hour, our group made it inside the gates and made our way near the back of the zone where we promptly plopped our sore bodies down on the asphalt and commenced a lengthy wait before Mass, which began at 4 p.m.

Shortly after, a formation of two Marine helicopters and two V-22 Ospreys flew overhead, presumably an airborne motorcade for Pope Francis.

3 p.m.: Pope Francis finally appeared on the several large television screens scattered throughout the boulevard. His motorcade had finally arrived, weaving through the massive crowds on an open-air Popemobile-esque vehicle.

3:25 p.m.: The Pope’s car turned a corner and headed in our direction. The journey of the previous 17 hours was finally coming to a peak for the joyful Flyers, who were among the hundreds of people jockeying for a position along the barricades to get as close as possible to the Holy Father.

Pope Francis smiled and waved as his vehicle drove by, flanked by police and secret service, as the



Pope Francis greets a cheering crowd. Photo by Steve Miller.

faithful lining the road snapped pictures and videos in jubilation.

“Seeing the Vicar of Christ in person was unlike anything I could have ever imagined,” sophomore UD student Alexander Mingus said after the trip. “The feeling that I had was one of pure joy, and it was amazing to see that everyone else around me was having that same experience.”

4 p.m.: The Mass began, and Pope Francis was accompanied by Cardinals and Bishops from the Philadelphia area and beyond. The readings were proclaimed in Spanish, Vietnamese and English. The faithful who had been in a frenzy over the Pope’s arrival minutes prior had subsided into the solemn celebration.

“It was incredible to see that many people congregated there for one reason, praying together,” sophomore Noelle Jacobs said. “It was really cool because people in front of us at Mass were from Brazil, so it was amazing seeing people from all over.”

6 p.m.: The Mass concluded and the Book of Exodus came alive in Philadelphia. The crowds departed the boulevard and pushed back towards Broad Street to make the

trek back to the bus parking lot outside the city.

The excitement and joy, though, had not been squashed. On the journey back, we witnessed dancing in the streets and singing.

8 p.m.: After all of our students (miraculously) arrived back at the buses, we departed for Dayton.

Monday Sept 28

3:25 a.m.: I awoke to the deceleration of the bus and looked out the window to take in our destination—which was the middle of nowhere. The bus driver pulled over on the side of the highway, halting our return that was already a bit delayed. It appeared for a moment that our bus had broken down, but the heroic driver soon restarted the vehicle and resumed our trip.

6:30 a.m.: The bus pulled up in front of the Immaculate Conception Chapel, back at UD, and our journey was finally complete—an hour and a half before my first class of the week. It was an exhausting, whirlwind experience that I wouldn’t trade for anything.

PORCH PROFILE

JANINE COSTELLO
Porch Correspondent

FN: How did you all meet each other?

Joshua Tovey: Brian, Sean and I lived in this house last year and we wanted to continue living here this year. We like having a presence on campus and being a part of MSC. So we put a squad together and that’s how the 11 of us live here now.

Dominic Sanfilippo: A lot of us were good friends before we started living in the Marianist house.

Ryan Phillips: We all share the same values. There is a certain time of the week that we have a meal together and pray together – we embrace all the Marianist activities that come with living in this house.

Ryan Mulligan: And we also have mass in the chapel upstairs every Monday!

DS: We had the coolest surprise by having a roommate who joined last second this year... Jeremy Liu! Jeremy, how do you like living in this house?

Jeremy Liu: Yes, it is great! We have great roommates and everyone treats me like a homie. We play music together and they taught me their religion and American culture. For example Josh taught me to not make noise when you’re eating...

JT: I consulted people before I said that!

JL: And after you take a shower, keep the floor dry!

JT: OK, but we also taught you about football.

Sean Ferguson: Jeremy, who’s your favorite football team?

JL: The first game I ever saw was a Steelers game, so I side with them.

DS: Well, now that we’re on the topic of Jeremy and sports... Jeremy once balled with Kobe in China!

JL: Kobe Bryant came to my hometown and played with my friends and I. He passed the ball to me and taught me a game called “mamba shake”.

DS: It was funny because we met Jeremy on the first day and are all starting to get to know each other and one of the first things he tells us is that he balled with Kobe in China. We didn’t believe him at first... but the proof is in his profile picture.

DS: Sam is most likely to be a basic white girl and drink a pumpkin spice latte from Starbucks.

SB: I’m a gold member... AE: We all know Sean is most likely to be struck by lightning.

RP: Most likely to charm 10 girls would be Andrew Eckrich.

DS: Yeah, Andrew is basically like, “Sometimes I play the banjo and look so casual doing it”.

JL: I will introduce my homie Josh Tovey. He is the king of fashion. You should know there is a Trinity clothing store over here! I always say, “Wow Josh, you are my idol. Wow”.

* Josh and Jeremy hug*

Bryan Westerlund: Ryan Mulligan is most likely to call someone a chum.

JT: B-West is most likely to be mar-



(L to R, top to bottom) Jeremy Liu (Yunjia Liu), Sam Brickweg, Sean Ferguson, Dominic Sanfilippo, Ryan Phillips, Bryan Westerlund, Jack Schlueter, Jorge Mario Bergoglio (Pope Francis), Ryan Mulligan, Joshua Tovey, Ben Ziegler, Brother Tom Pieper. Not Pictured: Andrew Eckrich and RJ Schratz. Chris Santucci/Multimedia Editor

ried and not tell any of us. He is also most likely to wake up with his hair looking perfect... The man with no flaws.

DS: But really, every time he wakes up in the morning his hair still looks like that.

AE: Jeremy is most likely to post something to Instagram.

BW: Yes, and most likely to be taking a selfie.

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

JT: I can do this one with no problem. Ryan Phillips just got a job as an athletic director at a big ten school.

DS: No, an athletic director at a big ten school who’s going through a scandal.

JL: Enjoy your life, play music and make good friends. Remember to work – JUST DO IT!

JS: Watch out for the mob *all look at Dom*

JT: Visit 1903 Trinity for Monday night mass at 9 or any other time!

JL: Freshmen, if you want to know how to dress then just dress like Josh. If you’re afraid then come to Josh for help.

DS: Go outside of your comfort zone.

RM: Don’t be afraid to fail.

All: Get off campus, UD will be here when you get back.

FN: Is there anything else you guys would like to share about yourself?

JL: #Unique New York

All: Go flyers and God bless!

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BW: We think it is really important to explore the city of Dayton, it has a lot to offer.

FN: Do you guys have any big plans for fall break?
All: Shooting a fall catalog.

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

RP: “Don’t let Dom touch your coffee mug?”

All: Yes, never let Dom touch your coffee mug.

RP: The last time Dom used my coffee mug he had an incident where he dropped it in the toilet. The whole thing shattered and he left it there for 8 hours.

SB: “Warning: Brothers do not live here.”

RM: “We don’t cook, we learn.”

JL: “When Jeremy is cooking, look out!”

DS: “Go Pope Francis!”

SB: “Get off our lawn!”

FN: Is there anything else you guys would like to share about yourself?

JL: #Unique New York

All: Go flyers and God bless!

Editor predicts fall break social media posts

MARY KATE DORR
A&E Editor

It's here, everyone. The time you all have been waiting for since move-in day, when you realized you would have to cope with housing's poor excuse for air conditioning throughout the long end-of-summer months: fall. With fall comes not only the sudden wardrobe change, stock piles of candy in every grocery store, and horror movie marathons on every channel, but our beloved fall break where we can return home to a regular-sized bed. And family, I guess. This also means that Snapchat, Twitter and Instagram will be blowing up with the ever-cliche "home" posts, because what else is there to do at home anyway? (Note: Take no offense, as I am guilty of every one).

| Status | Photo/Video | Offer, Event + | Post |
|---|-------------|----------------|------|
| PETS | | | |
| I don't know where this influx of animal snapchats is during the summer, but come fall break, everyone and their mother is flooding Snapchat with videos of their reunion with their dog. Can we make this an everyday thing, people? Having a social media feed clogged with repetitive material is only annoying when said repetitive material does not have giant eyes and a wet nose. New social media rule: more puppies, less of everything else. | | | |
| FAST FOOD | | | |
| You probably stopped here before even entering your front door. Once fall break hits, so does a filtered photo of Portillo's/Canes/Skyline/Swenson's with a few heart-eyed emojis and the caption "reunited with bae." I don't care where you are from, you are guilty of this. No other reunion compares to the greasy food you have been craving since pulling out of your driveway in August. | | | |
| REUNION WITH HIGH SCHOOL FRIENDS | | | |
| You know what they say, some are silver and the other gold, and whoever was your friend when you had braces and a Bump-It is a friend for life. Whether you're visiting them on their campus or lucked out and have a crossover in fall breaks, you're bound to snap a pic of your best friends from high school because you missed them and it's just really hard to re-tell that inside joke you made up in ninth grade. Side note: No one understood it then, no one understands it now. | | | |
| A COZY NIGHT IN | | | |
| What's this? A picture of a house that isn't littered with college students? A FLOOR? I haven't seen one of those in ages! This photograph is often taken from the couch, accompanied by a mug of coffee and a stray family member who is unaware that you are documenting watching "Grey's Anatomy" with your cat. Throw in a blanket and a "good to be back" caption, and you too can master this classic snapshot. | | | |
| PICTURE OF COLLEGE FRIENDS WITH SARCASTIC CAPTION | | | |
| "We can't stay away from each other." "Look whose back." "Long time, no see." "Stop stalking me." Usually taken at a restaurant or coffee shop while said college friend is not looking at the camera because they are on their phone. Bonus points to you if this person is your roommate. Do you really need to spend any more time together than you already do? | | | |
| PUMPKIN SPICED ANYTHING | | | |
| Ah, a Starbucks cup with your name scribbled and misspelled next to the ever-popular "PSL" order. The likelihood that dark nail polish and an infinity scarf are also somewhere in this photo are strong, even though it's probably still at least 70 degrees outside. This post isn't limited though. Why stop at a latte? Pumpkin bread, pumpkin muffins and basically every other pumpkin flavored carbohydrate are targets for these seasonal and festive social media posts. | | | |
| NETFLIX | | | |
| The ultimate reality of your time spent at home: A photograph of a screen, illuminating your dark bedroom despite it probably still being daylight, with your current Netflix binge as the focus. Why spend time socializing when you get enough of that at school? Everyone knows fall break is less about catching up with your family and more about spending some quality time with the fictional characters you are too emotionally invested in. If you manage to pull yourself from the depths of your comforter at any point during this break, more power to you my friend. | | | |
| Happy fall break Flyers, and don't forget to document every motion you make on social media to make all of your other friends jealous! #Midterms #FallBreak #Freedom #Home | | | |

On the Fly kicks off year with performance, new cast

SCOTT PETERSON
Staff Writer

Sears Recital Hall is filled with more people than it can hold. The audience sits restless, waiting in anticipation for the show to start. Music is playing while even more people file in and stand in the back of the theater. The lights go down and the music is turned off. That's when the University of Dayton's very own On the Fly, a comedy troupe that preforms both sketch comedy and improvisational theater inspired by audience suggestions, takes the stage.

For those who are unfamiliar with improv comedy, let me explain what an On the Fly show experience is like. Improv comedy is when the actors create a scene, characters and jokes on the spot. This comedy is created by playing improv games for the audience. One of the more famous examples of this, which you may be familiar with, is the hit show "Whose Line is it Anyway?"

On the Fly kicked off their season with a performance in honor of UD's parents weekend on Sept. 18,

their last show before welcoming the newest members of their troupe, who have yet to be announced. The group is excited to reveal who the newest members of On the Fly are. "They are all really talented students, that's why we took them. We are excited to see what they do once they get a better sense of the rules," cast member Norb Wessels said. "We hope the audiences love them as much as we did."

On The Fly's first performance of the year provided students and their parents a fun and interactive event to attend on Friday night of parents weekend. It also gave each member of the cast their moment in the spotlight. This allowed a chance for the audience to get familiar with these actors throughout the show, and for performances later in the year.

The highlight of the night was a game called "Scrapbook." This game is played with two cast members and a member of the audience. The cast members all create different poses for a series of pictures. While they do this, two other cast members narrate a scene in which they are looking at a scrapbook of the pictures. Juniors Wessels and



On the Fly welcomes parents from audience on-stage to participate in skits. Chris Santucci/Multimedia Editor

Matt Beebe played the scene as if they were reminiscing about Hanukkah. This scene was a standout because of how little knowledge the actors had about the subject they were given. The characters created for this game were reminiscent of Garth and Wayne from "Wayne's World."

"It was basically Matt and I trying to make a scene about something we had no general knowledge about.

Like we didn't know anything about Hanukkah, so we had to replace this lack of knowledge with comedy," Wessels said. "It worked well because the audience loves to see you struggle but still wants you to succeed."

Over the years, On the Fly has grown into one of the most prominent performing groups on campus. Any seasoned fan will tell you to get to the theater at least an hour

early if you want to get a seat. The popularity of the group didn't grow overnight. After beginning in 2006, it took years of dedication from its cast members and a loyal fan base to reach this level of success. "I would hope it is because we are doing something right and people are enjoying themselves," Wessels said.

Agape Latte leads students in discussion of faith

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As college students, it can be sometimes difficult to incorporate faith into the hectic schedule of day to day life. Agape Latte, a new series brought to the University of Dayton this year, is a monthly social gathering for students to meet and discuss faith and religion. The meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month in Kennedy Union's Hangar.

From Boston College to UD, Agape Latte is a program dedicated to a sharing of stories, coffee, and conversation. In the early 2000's a group from Boston College wanted to bring up more questions about the state of faith beyond talk of the scandals being brought up during that time. Following up on this goal, the group went on to found The Church in the 21st Century Center whose aim was to become "a catalyst and a resource for the renewal of the Catholic Church in the United States." Agape Latte was established as the center looked for an environment to talk about these topics in a more relaxed environment. As Agape Latte grew, more and more universities started taking note of what was going on, including UD's Josh Tovey. When Josh discovered the

idea of Agape Latte, he knew he wanted to bring it home to UD and set the plan in action. Josh talked to Joan McGuinness Wagner from the Office for Mission and Rector and together the two of them brought together a com-

mittee, which started planning Agape Latte back in January. Fast-forward to Agape Latte's first gathering on September 8. Brother Tom talked to a Hangar full of students sipping on coffee and snacking on cookies about his struggles with perfectionism and rules in his faith life. His talk

isn't a sermon. There's no Scripture. It's just a story he's telling. His story. And while his story is intense, there is a casual tone to the way it's discussed. No one is taking notes; the audience is not in a small, candlelit room in

ways with our friends. The bigger conversations are these big peak experiences that end up feeling surreal the next morning. Agape Latte offers deeper talks over coffee and cookies with a couple hundred other students. The and their ability to connect with the student audience. As a result, the committee spends most of its time determining the speakers for events. In determining the speakers for the event series, the board for Agape Latte looks first at the person and what position he or she occupies in the campus community. The goal in this is to see what new ways the stories can reach students. This month's speaker is Daria Graham, the Director of Student Leadership Programs who was chosen for her remarkable faith story and her differing perspective from Brother Tom.

The next Agape Latte is Tuesday, October 13th in the Hangar. Check out and like their Facebook page for updates on the series. If you're looking for a chance to get involved and experience more of Agape Latte than the average cup of Joe, talk to the staff in the light blue shirts at the next event for opportunities in setting up hospitality, food, music, and speakers.

To hear Bro. Tom's full talk from the first Agape Latte, visit soundcloud.com/flyer-news-multimedia.



Brother Tom speaks with students at UD's first Agape Latte in KU's Hangar. The next Agape Latte will meet Tuesday, Oct. 6. Photo courtesy of Agape Latte's Facebook page.

program aims to bring this kind of conversation into the fabric of our day-to-day lives, to "crack the door open" to faith, to vulnerability, and to talking over a cup of coffee that isn't just about the weather. Meeting this goal hinges first and foremost on the speakers

a chapel. There's even a student in a bean costume in the back of the audience. It's just a story in the Hangar and that's the entire point of Agape Latte.

In our lives most of our deeper conversations, our "real talk," happens while we're on retreat or up until 4 AM in our dorm hall-

Kentucky Headhunters to play Land of Illusion

ALLISON KURTZ
Music Critic

The Kentucky Headhunters will be playing at Land of Illusion in Middletown, Ohio, on Oct. 9. The Kentucky Headhunters are a Grammy award-winning, Southern rock and blues band with decades of on-the-road experience. Their most recent album, "Meet Me In Bluesland," was released in June and they have been touring in support of its release for the past few months.

The Kentucky Headhunters include Fred Young, Richard Young, Greg Martin, Doug Phelps and Anthony Kenney. All brothers or cousins, their influence comes mainly from their parents and growing up together in Edmonton, Kentucky. Formed in 1986, they've been making music ever since.

"Meet Me In Bluesland" was recorded with the late Johnnie Johnson. Johnson was Chuck Berry's keyboard-

ist and has been a major influence throughout music history. The Headhunters had the chance to meet Johnson at the Grammys. Richard Young, rhythm guitarist and vocalist for the Headhunters, states they spent the whole night getting to know Johnson; creating a lasting friendship. In 2003, after a memorable performance by Johnson and The Rolling Stones in Texas, Johnson and the Headhunters recorded "Meet Me In Bluesland." While it has been recorded for some time, they decided to release it this year.

Their upcoming show at Land of Illusion is in support of "Meet Me In Bluesland" and is sure to be a good time. Land of Illusion is a scream park with several hunted houses. When asked if they've ever performed anywhere like this before, the answer was no, but they sure are excited. Richard Young went on to explain that Halloween is a big deal in their household, so this show is right up their alley. "I got all excited," Richard Young said

when he found out about the show.

The audience can expect a lot of spontaneity at this show. Richard Young explained that they have 14 albums to play off of, and after touring together for so long they no longer need a set list. The band is very focused on the audience and starts the show with a "skeleton" of a set list and builds it as the show progresses. By planning the show this way, you're guaranteed to hear some new songs as well as the classic Headhunters tunes. Don't miss this established band playing in the strangest venue around.

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The Grammy award-winning Kentucky Headhunters will be playing at Land of Illusion in Middletown Oct. 9. Photo courtesy of Kentucky Headhunters.

forum

fneditorial IT'S TIME TO REALLY TALK

Late last week at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon, Christopher Harper-Mercer took nine lives in an introductory composition course before taking his own. The gunman signaled out Christians by asking those in the class about their religion. If they said they were a Christian, Harper-Mercer shot them.

This sort of event is disturbingly frequent in the U.S., not to mention the fact that we are the only developed country in which this sort of violence continues to happen. According to the Washington Post, in the first 274 days of 2015 there have been 294 mass shootings. "Mass shootings" result in four or more victims, including the shooter. Some of these shootings are well-known (those in Charleston, Virginia and now Roseburg, Oregon), whereas others are less reported. The Washington Post cites, this year alone, 11 wounded in a shooting at a Georgia barroom and six outside of a nightclub in Tulsa, Oklahoma—just to name a few.

One of the first rumors circulating about the Umpqua gunman was that he suffered from mental illness, loudening calls for increased mental illness treatment. While mental illness could play a role in his actions, as it has been said after other mass shootings, this is too often used as an easy answer to "why did they do it?" A 2006 Institute of Medicine journal article argues the link between mental illness and violence is sensationalized. The total number of people with mental illness actually adding to the pool of violence is much less than what is portrayed, according to the University of Washington Mental Health Reporting website.

Is it possible that it was just hatred that drove him and other shooters to kill?

Solutions to mass shootings are something we have never agreed upon as a country. Some say getting rid of guns would fix everything. Others want more treatment for mental illness. Others say background checks are the panacea to this epidemic. Regardless of whether any one, or all of these, would solve the problem to any degree, we need to focus on the bigger question: Why do these shootings continue to happen over and over? Why can't we as a country finally discuss what isn't easy to talk about? The systemic oppression. The prejudice. The hate.

"Your assumptions are your windows on the world. Scrub them off every once in a while, or the light won't come in."

—Isaac Asimov, 1920 - 1992

Next speaker must unite House



LEO SCHENK
Columnist, Junior

John Boehner is resigning from his position as speaker of the House and also from his position as representative of Ohio's 8th District, effective at the end of this month. Since 1991, Boehner has been a representative, and since 2011, he's held the speakership during one of the most divisive times in recent congressional history, with aggression from the far-right leading to a government shutdown in 2013 even with Boehner's moderate influences.

Growing up in southwest Ohio, I have lived under the direct influence and benefit of Boehner's actions for the entirety of my life, as he has worked in concert with other Ohio lawmakers to bring jobs and power to the state. Since 2011, Boehner has led the House of Representatives in a decisive attempt to moderate the harsh forces on both sides of the political divide. This has not always been possible with the growth of the far-leaning-right con-

servative wing of his party in the last election, at the expense of moderates on both sides of party lines. Now, after four years in the speaker's seat, Boehner has had enough of the harsh treatment from his own party and those outside of it, and after a heartfelt meeting with Pope Francis, is resigning.

The far-leaning Republicans and Democrats in Congress and in the presidential race are looking to make big gains from the power vacuum left by the speaker's sudden resignation. It is tempting, for supporters of either side, to willingly back their power plays in Congress—but it is foolish.

According to an Aug. 9 Gallup poll, congressional approval currently sits at roughly 14 percent, and the last five years have some of the lowest approval ratings in decades. This can be attributed to the increasingly factional nature of the legislature preventing both sides from working together, causing them to appear useless in the public's eye. Boehner and his centrist leanings were the pull toward a government that worked well, without constant fear of shutdowns. Since I was a junior in high school, there have been federal funding crises nearly every year, with one in 2013 leading to an actual shutdown. Now, with the conservative and liberal forces in both parties growing stronger, there are fewer and fewer reasons for Congress to put the functioning of

the government at the forefront. This will most likely lead to more crises, and more wasted tax dollars on short-term funding solutions at the federal level, which cost far more in the long run.

The potential replacement for speaker, Representative Kevin McCarthy of California, is a conservative Republican, who says, according to The New York Times, he will take into account "the faction whose rabble has been roused." This means a speaker much more amenable to the idea of shutting down the government for, say, defunding Planned Parenthood. The idea of a House majority completely willing to hold the basic functions of government at a halt for the advancement of a socially conservative policy, not debating these things in legislature, but using loopholes in massive bills to advance what they think is the superior moral compass, is not a representative body I want.

Speaker Boehner is resigning to give himself peace of mind after his discussion with Pope Francis last week. This will most likely be a good move for him and his family, and I wish him the best of luck. However, with increased partisanship looking to be the new norm instead of a soon to be passing trend, hopefully whoever becomes the next speaker can manage to bring together these wildly disparate groups of political ideologues.

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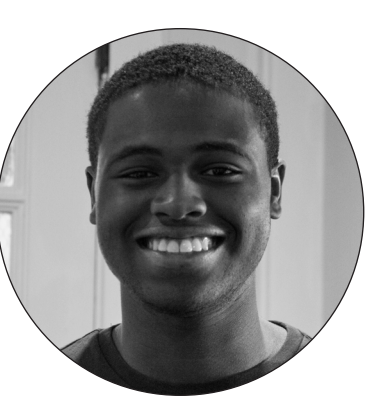
"I feel very safe because I know that it's a good community and...that public safety...does a very good job of keeping us safe."

ELIZABETH MICHALENKO
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Mechanical Engineering



"I feel pretty safe on campus...UD definitely emphasizes community, and I think that really affects how we treat each other on campus."

KRISTIN ABBARNO
Senior
Psychology and Sociology



"I think UD is a pretty safe place, but you never know what could happen...but I feel UD police do a good job of keeping us safe."

DEVIN MALLETT
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"Since we're sort of in a confined bubble, we have a false sense of security sometimes...but I've never felt unsafe on campus."

MAEVE MEIER
Senior
Chemistry and Art History



"I feel pretty safe because I'm used to the Dayton community...it can happen anywhere, you just have to take precautions."

RYAN BELL
First Year
Communication

After the school shooting in Oregon, how safe do you feel on campus?

Writer responds to backlash against student neighborhood column

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As I sit here and write this article, I would be remiss if I didn't express my frustration at a trend I have seen on campus. It seems to me that when black students on this campus decide to stand up or speak out against something that is important to them, we are met with high disapproval ratings. I saw this trend last year during the Black Lives Matter protest, I see it when people realize that there are organizations and services on campus that are intentional about supporting black students, and I undoubtedly noticed it when my fellow classmate Kwynn Townsend-Riley wrote her piece about calling the student neighborhood a "ghetto."

Why is it that when black students bring light to issues we are "ignorant," "misinformed" or, my favorite one, "RACIST"? Let's be very clear: Just because someone offers a new perspective or provides you with information you don't agree with does not make them misinformed. Standing up for BLACK issues and uplifting BLACK people does not in any way, shape or form mean that black people are racist. What it does mean is that we have to take extra steps to make sure that we remain uplifted and empowered

in the face of opposition. We will continue to speak up and speak out. We will never be silent! No matter how many times we are reminded that we "only" make up three percent of this campus's population. No matter how many times we are told we don't belong. No matter how many times people try to derail, diminish or destroy a movement put in place to empower those who are told they are powerless. We will make sure our voices are heard.

I read Kwynn's articles and thought to myself, "Thank God there is someone out there willing to take the time to inform people about why calling the luxurious student neighborhood that houses an overwhelming affluent demographic of students a 'ghetto' is asinine and offensive." So, imagine how shocked I was to see and hear such negative pushback. Everyone likes to pretend the

"Why aren't you angry about the actual issue, but rather at the idea that you may have to change something you are used to in order to benefit everyone and not just almost everyone?"

word "ghetto" is a word of the past, or that it was only ever used to describe Jewish living arrangements during the Holocaust. However, people like to conveniently forget what racial implications lie behind the more modern use of the term. When someone says that something or someone is "ghetto," it is usually stated as an insult and aimed at black people. It is sometimes used to describe other low-income minorities. But I can guarantee it is never used toward affluent white people. The word "ghetto" is not only used to describe low-income living arrangements, but it is also used to describe black features, mannerisms or habits that have not yet been deemed a societal norm. In other words, white people have not yet appropriated it. The word is offensive, and it is not all of a sudden this wonderful synonym for community be-

cause a group of affluent people "like the way it sounds." The term "ghetto," both in the present and past sense, is a symbol of oppression—not unification. If I walk down the street and call you ugly, and then justify my statement by saying, "Well, when I say 'ugly,' what I really mean is pretty," it does not change the meaning or impact of the word. The term "ghetto" is an ugly word, and—no matter how hard anyone tries—they can never make it have a pretty meaning. It is way past time for people on this campus to start checking their privilege. Next time you think to try and invalidate the experiences or feelings of someone else, check yourself. Why aren't you angry about the actual issue, but rather at the idea that you may have to change something you are used to in order to benefit everyone and

not just almost everyone? What have you accomplished by demeaning someone for speaking about their experiences? Why don't you take the time to listen with the intent to understand what black students are saying, rather than listening with the intent to maliciously respond?

So, Ms. Kwynn, I would just like to say thank you for stepping up and speaking out. You have my unyielding support. You are not alone! I am here and so are plenty of other people. I am willing to stand with you, for you, behind you or beside you. With that being said, I would just like to correct one thing from your last article, though: If anyone has anything to say to US...WHAT'S GOOD?!

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Columnist elaborates on white privilege



KWYNN TOWNSEND-RILEY
Columnist, Senior

The homes were dilapidated. I know what the neighborhood was. I am well aware of the identities of the previous occupants of the neighborhood: a neighborhood I am grateful to live in now. But the fact is, we can all agree that the houses, the neighborhood, is not a ghetto. We all know what a ghetto is, and it is not that. We are a Marianist and Catholic institution. So why can't we, as a community, mature and stop using this word?

I am absolutely appalled by the amount of negative feedback I have received from this "community." But I guess I should have known better. I was told that this is a community. No one said this is a community comprised mostly of ignorance. I see the Yik Yak posts, the tweets, the Facebook shares, the emails. I see and hear it all.

Any student body that refuses to see the harm inflicted on students by incessantly calling a neighborhood a ghetto is not a community I am proud to say I am from. Please know that your anger is not going to silence me—only fuel me! The University of Dayton needs to finally release a statement addressing the mistreatment that occurs every day to students of color on this campus.

The University of Dayton can say something! Ben Carson said that he would never vote for a Muslim president, and he was welcomed to the Dayton Arena with open arms. The University of Dayton could have said something. After all the hate stirred after the "Black Lives Matter" protests at UD, the University of Dayton could have said something. I am tired of not taking more classes about my history or Muslim history or any history besides the story of pillage and plunder. I am tired of not being heard. I am tired of the discrimination that occurs on this campus being brushed under the rug. This does not feel like a community to me. A community celebrates together and hurts together. Right now, I am hurting and I feel as if I am the only one. This needs to change NOW. I need Dr. Dan Curran and Dr. Benson to change this. We need someone to speak for us. We need speakers for Hispanic Heritage Month. For Black History Month. We need someone to CARE for us! It is absolutely disheartening what many students of color experience on this campus—and that no one seems to care. This needs to change! There is no point to increasing diversity without increasing the resources for the diverse student populations. I will not stop until I see this. Dr. Curran and Dr. Benson, what's good?

Everyone likes to pretend the

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Writer examines white privilege from own perspective

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I appreciate Kwynn and her sentiments and the others who have shared their thoughts over the last year. It shows that all of these people care about the university. My purpose in writing this is to share an additional perspective in the hopes that it will advance this dialogue and ultimately benefit the UD community. I believe I understand Kwynn's feelings and points, as a white person coming to terms with my own privilege, perhaps I can bring some perspective and relatability to the points brought up in Kwynn's article. The first time I was introduced to the concept of white privilege, I wasn't quite sure what to think, and I was resistant to the idea that I had, and will continue to have, advantages in life, or perhaps the lack of disadvantages in some cases, just because of my skin color. Hearing such an idea can feel like an unsubstantiated personal attack on my identity and my world view: two fragile subjects. As humans, we want to be right, not wrong, so when I had to consider that the beliefs I had grown up with might not be the full reality, it was mind-wrenching and paralyzing at times. How much easier it is to simply dismiss challenges and continue with a view of the world that seems to be working well for me as an individual! I had grown up hearing that a

"Though a person's skin color doesn't constitute their identity in itself, it helps to form it."

person's circumstances do not determine their fate, and while this can ultimately be true, I forgot that one's background remains consequential to one's life's path. I used to think about how when I was a child, the concept of "race" didn't seem to exist to me. Different people looked different, but I didn't necessarily question why. Not too long ago, I used to think: "Why are we still talking about race as a society — it seems to be a construct, a harmful one, not reality. Wouldn't it be better if we acted unaware as children, followed Martin Luther King Jr.'s words to judge people by the content of their character, not the color of their skin, and simply ignored skin color?" Through learning about privilege and people's identities, I came to realize that race is an indelible trait of human beings; not one from which to shy away. Though a person's skin color does not constitute their identity in itself, it helps to form it. It is respectful to a person to recognize their skin color as a natural characteristic of who they are. Race is something that should be embraced, not shamed, which is why the true purpose of understanding white privilege is not to feel disliked or bad, but to understand how

the physical trait of fair skin affects one's life situations and interactions. In turn, the hope is that this greater awareness will increase understanding of the perspectives and situations of those not considered "white." In order for a white person to grasp the concept of white privilege, one must resist the temptation to immediately defend one's own position from a supposed attack. Then, it can best be visualized by considering the perspective of someone not considered white. Someone without this classification is a minority in the United States, and especially on UD's campus. Thus, try to imagine what it would be like to live in a world in which you don't look like most of the art, pop culture and leaders you grow up seeing—the image discretely presented as the societal norm? It's important to keep in mind the status of those not included in the definition of the majority. What if you represent a minority group with different historical cultural practices than those you commonly encounter every day like on UD's campus? Starting along this path of thought will help to explain why those identified as racial minorities are not always appeased, let alone satisfied, to

hear whites say they are completely welcoming and never discriminate. This good intention by whites seems to imply that the other person will be treated just as if they were one of the white's pre-existing group, but this fails to recognize the full personhood of the other. 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. While I have heard disputes about the neighborhood's history dating back to the NCR days and don't have a full knowledge of it myself, I don't see history as being the crucial factor in determining the name of our neighborhood. History can still be taught and preserved even if terms, symbols and/or institutions aren't widely present or in use today. However, I think it's a given that the neighborhood's name will be whatever is most popularly used, and it seems near impossible for a word to be censored out of use. Instead, we must consider how the

use of the word "ghetto" may affect others and could potentially minimize sensitivity to and awareness of issues in more appropriately named modern and historical ghettos. Though word meanings change over time, language has immense power. Would we be perpetuating a word like "ghetto" if members of our community had been implicated as victims or perpetrators in some of the horrific tales of ghettos in history? I'm confident we can discern a more accurate, positive label for our university's most cherished example of community. The adjustments available to us are ones of greater consideration and intentionality in both word choice and actions. If we claim and desire to be a true community, then the concerns and well-being of the entire community should be taken seriously. Every individual wish cannot be accommodated—such is given in a "communal" setting. However, it's harmful to all when individuals' ideas are suppressed without full understanding and consideration. Doing so will lead to greater misunderstanding among community members and could cause frustration to fester, resulting in greater conflict. I am interested in putting aside self-satisfaction and being fully attentive to others in order to make our community a more welcoming joy to all. I hope each of you, my fellow Flyers, feel the same.

Flyers soccer teams improving

STEVE MILLER
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After wrapping up competitive nonconference schedules, the Dayton men and women's soccer teams kicked off its Atlantic 10 seasons over Oct. 2-4. The men downed Duquesne with a late goal Saturday night, while the women's team knocked off both Saint Louis and George Mason to start 2-0 in the A-10. The men's team, who went 5-4-1 in nonconference play, traveled to Pittsburgh for their conference opener against the Duquesne Dukes. Coming out of the half down 1-0, junior forward James Haupt hit the equalizer from 30 yards out in the 67th minute. Senior defender Carlos Sendin drilled the game winner with a header in the 89th minute to send the Flyers home with a 2-1 victory and a 1-0 conference record. The Flyers outshot the Dukes 32-9 in the contest, and had a 9-2 advantage in shots on goal. The Dayton men play at Saint Louis Wednesday to continue A-10 play. The women's team kicked off conference play in Saint Louis last Thursday against the SLU Billikens. UD finished nonconference play with a 2-7

record. Senior midfielder Nicole Waters notched the game's lone goal—a lofted shot from the left side of the box to the far post of the goal in the 61st minute. A solid defensive performance by the Flyers limited the Billikens to six shots on goal, and UD came home with a 1-0 victory. At Baujan Field last Sunday, Dayton took on the George Mason Patriots, who were coming off a 5-0 routing of St. Bonaventure. Sophomore forward Alexis Kiehl put the Flyers up early with a goal in the 18th minute, off an assist from Waters. Waters also assisted senior forward Ashley Campbell in the 24th minute, extending Dayton's lead to 2-0. After Mason answered with a goal of their own, freshman midfielder Beth Kamphaus notched the first goal of her career, corralling a rebound off the post and hitting it past the keeper for Dayton's third score of the day. The Patriots answered minutes later to make the game 3-2 at the half. Campbell scored the game's final goal in the 63rd minute, padding the Flyers' lead. Campbell's second goal of the match was her sixth of the season. Campbell is now tied for second

on the all-time scoring list for Dayton women's soccer, joining Karen Kazmaier on the list with 52 goals. "I thought that we started well. We kept our shape in the attack well, and we were dangerous as could be," head coach Mike Tucker said in a postgame video posted on Dayton Athletics' official website. "Defensively, we were organized just enough to get by." "They played a little bit differently than I thought they would," Tucker said of George Mason's attack that had scored five goals in their previous game. "But we thought that if we could take away the flank play from them that it would take a big part of what they want to do." Flyer goalkeeper Kaelyn Johns only had to make two saves all game behind a solid defense. The two consecutive A-10 victories come as a relief to the Flyers, who struggled through the nonconference part of their schedule. "We'll get better," Tucker concluded. "And we're starting to get a few more people healthy and a few more people were confident in putting in the match." UD women's team continues Atlantic 10 play at home Thursday against Davidson.

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Columnist: Think carefully about Ohio marijuana legalization



CHRIS ZIMMER
Columnist, Senior

and share up to eight ounces of homegrown marijuana and four flowering marijuana plants. If a person is at least 21-years-old but using marijuana recreationally, they can purchase, possess, transport, use and share up to 1 ounce of marijuana. Anyone with a certification for a debilitating medical condition can use medicinal marijuana. Only licensed Marijuana Product Manufacturing, or MPM, facilities would be able to manufacture, process and package marijuana-infused products. The proposed amendment would be added to Section 12 to Article XV of the Ohio Constitution. **Some of the gritty details:** There are eight investors who will control 10 indoor production facilities in Butler, Clermont, Franklin, Hamilton, Licking, Lorraine, Lucas, Delaware, Stark and Summit counties. The investors include so-called "state-celebrities," singer Nick Lachey, former Cincinnati Bengals defensive end Frostee Rucker, anesthesiologist Dr. Suresh Gupta, WEBN 102.7 FM radio host Frank Wood, philanthropist Barbara Gould, University of Cincinnati bas-

ketball legend Oscar Robertson, former general counsel of The Kroger Co., Paul Heldman and Woody Taft, a descendant of President William Howard Taft. The amendment would allow a maximum 1,159 retail stores, which can only sell from the regulated facilities and can't be located within 1,000 feet of any house of worship, public library, public or chartered elementary or secondary school, state-licensed day-care center or public playground. Medicinal marijuana would only be sold by licensed nonprofit dispensaries to individuals with a note from their doctor. Production plants would be taxed 15 percent of their revenue, and retail stores would be taxed five percent of their revenue. Fifty-five percent of tax revenue would go toward the Municipal and Township Government Stabilization Fund, 30 percent would go to the Strong County Fund and 15 percent would go to the Marijuana Control Commission Fund. **Is it the right move?** Based on the evidence provided to us by scientists and doctors, we all know marijuana is safer than alcohol and tobacco. The

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the Office on National Drug Control Policy have also admitted that driving while under the influence of marijuana is a lot safer than driving drunk, too. But is that enough to convince Ohioans? The biggest beef people have with Issue 3 is the fact that it will create a monopoly. While the campaign advertises this amendment will take money away from the drug dealers, still only a few will be getting rich off of people's drug use. Advocates who want to end the marijuana prohibition but want a free market of the industry, are saying to be patient and join the "Legalize Ohio 2016" campaign. I completely agree that creating a monopoly is wrong. We live in a nation where we adhere to the idea that we all have the opportunity to prosper and make a living however we wish, as long it complies with the law. I am very indifferent about this issue, and I need to reflect on all the pros and cons before casting my vote. The most convincing reason I see for the immediacy of this legislation is the heroin and

opioid epidemic in my home state. According to the Columbus Dispatch, there were 6,462 overdoses from 2008-2013. Close to 15,000 people have died since the turn of the century. You can't read or watch the local news without hearing about some heroin related arrest, overdose or tragic accident. Ohio is facing a give-and-take situation. Maybe if we allow a so-called "safe-drug," harder drug consumption will go down—but this goes against the gateway theory, which I believe to be true. At some point, a tolerance is going to build up, and that high you get from that joint or bowl won't be the same. And you're going to want to move on to something else. It's without a doubt the war on drugs is coming to an end. Since President Richard Nixon started the war in 1971, more than \$1 trillion in tax payer money has been spent. The feds spent \$15 million and local/state governments spent \$25 billion in 2010 alone. It's time not just for Ohioans, but for the entire United States, to decide whether or not we want marijuana to be a part of our society.

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| 3. | Butler | 3-1 | 1-0 | 3. | VCU | 4-6-1 | 2-0 | 3. | George Washington | 4-5 | 1-0 | 3. | George Washington | 13-5 | 3-0 |
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| 5. | Drake | 2-2 | 1-1 | 5. | Massachusetts | 4-3-3 | 1-0-1 | 5. | Rhode Island | 5-4-2 | 0-0-1 | 5. | Davidson | 7-10 | 2-2 |
| 6. | Morehead St. | 2-3 | 1-1 | 6. | Richmond | 3-6-1 | 1-0-1 | 6. | Saint Louis | 4-3-1 | 0-0-1 | 6. | Duquesne | 7-10 | 1-2 |
| 7. | Valparaiso | 1-3 | 1-1 | 7. | Saint Louis | 7-4 | 1-1 | 7. | George Mason | 4-5-1 | 0-0-1 | 7. | George Mason | 6-11 | 1-2 |
| 8. | Marist | 1-4 | 0-2 | 8. | George Mason | 5-5 | 1-1 | 8. | VCU | 2-6-2 | 0-0-1 | 8. | Fordham | 7-13 | 1-3 |
| 9. | Stetson | 1-3 | 0-2 | 9. | La Salle | 4-5-2 | 1-1 | 9. | St. Bonaventure | 1-9-1 | 0-0 | 9. | La Salle | 6-13 | 0-3 |
| 10. | Davidson | 0-4 | 0-2 | 10. | Saint Joseph's | 6-5 | 0-2 | 10. | La Salle | 4-6-1 | 0-1 | 10. | VCU | 6-12 | 0-4 |
| 11. | Jacksonville* | 4-0 | 2-0 | 11. | Duquesne | 5-6 | 0-2 | 11. | Davidson | 3-4-3 | 0-1 | | | | |
| | | | | 12. | Davidson | 4-7 | 0-2 | 12. | Duquesne | 2-6-1 | 0-1 | | | | |
| | | | | 13. | St. Bonaventure | 3-6-2 | 0-2 | 13. | Massachusetts | 1-10 | 0-1 | | | | |
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COLUMN

MLB playoffs could provide several good storylines

STEVE MILLER
Staff Writer

2015 was a revolutionary year in baseball. There's no simpler way to put it. Down went the heavy favorite Washington Nationals and their vaunted starting pitching rotation, the Boston Red Sox and their bolstered roster, as well as 2014 American League MVP Mike Trout's Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim.

It was out with the old and in with the new as Kris Bryant took the National League by storm in his debut season with the Chicago Cubs. Baseball's number one prospect turned into its number one rookie in a matter of months. Since his April debut, Bryant leads National League rookies with 26 home runs and 99 runs batted in.

The Cubs, who many predicted might have needed one more year to be a playoff team, contended neck and neck with the St. Louis Cardinals and Pittsburgh Pirates all year for the NL Central division crown and qualified for the NL's one-game wild card playoff for the right to face the Cardinals in the divisional round.

Pittsburgh, undeterred by last year's devastating home wild card loss to the San Francisco Giants, was led by Gerrit Cole and an impressive pitching staff to a second place finish in the NL Central and are faced with yet another wild card game.

The NL was led the whole year,

though, by the Cardinals and an incredible year of pitching. St. Louis' team earned run average stands at 2.92—and that's entirely without ace Adam Wainwright, who was sidelined before the season with a torn Achilles tendon. Unfortunately for every other playoff team, Wainwright is set to return for the playoffs.

All that, along with the 100 wins

Cespedes ignited the Mets and led the team on a scorching tear to the top of the National League East, eclipsing the Nationals.

Washington struggled with its own internal personnel problems, and its hyped up pitching rotation never fully blossomed to compensate for an injury-plagued and underperforming offense.

New York, as a result, won its

1993, led by trade deadline acquisitions Troy Tulowitzki and David Price, along with AL MVP candidate Josh Donaldson. The Jays lead the Major Leagues in home runs and play in the conveniently-enclosed Rogers Centre, which will be immune to the chills of October.

Toronto has also been by far the hottest team of the second half of

fore, everybody except Yankees fans will be rooting for the Astros in the AL wild card game.

Neither the Rangers nor Astros have ever won the World Series. The Blue Jays won in 1993 but haven't even reached the playoffs since. And the Royals haven't won since 1985.

Take a step back, and you'll see that eight of the 10 MLB playoff teams are historical underdogs and haven't had playoff success in quite a while.

Who knows? 2015 could be the year your grandchildren live to see the end of the Cubs' "Curse of the Billy Goat" and the team's first World Series title in 108 seasons. Or, it could bring a slate of monotonous playoff games and the Cardinals' third title in the last 10 seasons.

I think the Cubs can win the NL Wild Card game and excite their fan base for a week before they are toppled in the NLDS by St. Louis. I predict the Mets will defeat the Dodgers and square off against the Cardinals for a repeat of the 2006 NLCS. The Cardinals will advance to their third World Series since 2011.

On the American League side, the Blue Jays will continue their hot streak and defeat the AL Wild Card winner before losing to the Kansas City Royals in the ALCS. And for the first time in 30 years, the Royals win the World Series over St. Louis in the battle of the Show Me State. Play ball!

New-look Frericks Center helps Flyers on, off court

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The Frericks Center underwent major renovations this year.

Built in 1949, it was originally called the UD Fieldhouse and was used for basketball and volleyball. It has been used solely for volleyball since UD Arena opened in 1969.

Renamed in 1992 after former University of Dayton athletic director Thomas J. Frericks, the Frericks Center underwent its first renovations back in 2003, when the locker rooms were redone.

The renovations continued on in 2004 with the additions of a new scoreboard, new lighting and banners, and in 2009 when they completed the final stages of the first renovation designed to reduce player fatigue and the possibility for injury.

This year, major construction began to upgrade the facilities once again.

The floor was replaced with state of the art Robbins Bio Channel court, the rafters and ceilings were updated, a new roof was installed, and the brand new winged D logo was added onto the floor and onto all of the banners surrounding the court.

The lobby was also transformed. It now features photos of all 16 UD sports throughout the lobby area, with a new lounge seating



The team's new locker room includes spacious wooden lockers and the new UD Athletics logo. Chris Santucci/Multimedia Editor

and interactive televisions. A final piece of this lobby will be the installations of a glass piece dividing the seating area of the lobby.

"It started with the lobby, with having a spot where all coaches could come and bring recruits through, or fans, when they are coming to volleyball games, can come in and see the history of Dayton athletics. That is why all sports are represented on the walls in the lobby," Scott DeBolt, director of the UD Arena and senior associate director of athletics, said.

The updated locker rooms were also a major renovation for the Flyers to have for practice and tournaments.

"Having a new space where we can come together and continue the legacy that has been there and set a new legacy in it, I think that is really important," sophomore setter Jane Emmenecker said.

There are some elements of Frericks that have stayed the same since it was originally built. It has the original basketball hoops and upper level wooden seating that were in the UD Fieldhouse. The rest of the building, in-

cluding the lobby and athletics offices, was added in 1985.

Frericks Center has a 5,000-seat capacity, making it the fourth largest volleyball-only facility in college volleyball.

"I think they will be continuing to climb up the ladder and be one of the great programs because we are seeing all these renovations. You know the school and everyone supports us, with all the renovations it definitely shows that," senior libero Janna Krafka said.

These aren't going to be the final renovations of Frericks Center.

"I don't think we are done yet, I think there are some things, even this year, that are possibilities on the table for us," head coach Tim Horsman said.

Some future renovations could include a new scoreboard, new curtains, new sound system, new seating, temporary seating, permanent seating in the top section and potentially creating a volleyball players lounge.

The Flyers currently have a record of 11-5 and are riding a nine game winning streak, after starting their season with a 2-5 record.

The team will play its next matches Friday at George Mason and Saturday at George Washington, both starting at 7 p.m. The team will return home Friday, Oct. 16 to play against Davidson.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Dayton basketball teams back on court as practice begins

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The Dayton men's and women's basketball teams both officially started the 2015-16 season last weekend, as teams were allowed to begin practicing Friday, per NCAA rules. The men's team held its first practice Friday afternoon, while the women kicked off their first practice of the season on Sunday.

Once the games begin, both teams will be seeking to continue the recent postseason success they've had.

"We've had an unbelievable spring. Our summer was as consistent as we've had," men's head coach Archie Miller said Thursday. "We've had great improvement. Our young players are very

mature, our freshman class in particular."

That four-man first-year class, consisting of point guard John Crosby and forwards Ryan Mikesell, Sam Miller and Xeyrius Williams, should all have a chance to make an impact this season, according to Miller.

"They're a very impressive group," Miller said. "I would be shocked if all of them didn't have their moment with our team this year like a lot of our freshmen have in the past where they help us win games."

Women's head coach Jim Jabir and his staff is tasked with following up the program's first-ever run to the Elite Eight without two of the program's best players in recent history. Andrea Hoover and Ally Malott both graduated in the

spring after leaving their marks in the UD record books, both with their three-point shooting and Malott's rebounding prowess.

The Flyers, however, do return the other three starters from last year's squad: Seniors Kelley Austria and Jodie Cornelia-Sigmundova and sophomore Jenna Burdette.

The women also have four first-years on the roster. Australian Maddy Dennis joins three Ohio natives, Lauren Cannatelli, Abby Duffy and Ashleigh Parkinson as the youngest members of the Flyers squad.

The public's first chance to see each team is Oct. 24 at the annual Red/Blue scrimmage at UD Arena. The event is set to begin at 2 p.m.



The Dayton men's basketball team huddles up at the start of the team's first practice of the 2015-16 season Friday in the Cronin Athletics Center. Photo by Daniel Massa.

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FOOTBALL

After lengthy journey, Kacsor still has hope for NFL

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The stat line from senior running back and reigning Pioneer Football League Player of the Year Connor Kacsor during his senior year of high school in the fall of 2010 would not surprise anyone following the Dayton Flyers football program over the last four years.

Kacsor rushed for 1,559 yards and scored 23 touchdowns through eight games of his last season at Leo High School in Indiana, where the team entered the first round of the Indiana state playoffs in late October. A buzz surrounded his play, about what might happen at football's next level.

Dayton, along with a slew of other schools offering scholarships, unlike the Flyers, noticed Kacsor's talent and made contact with the recruit, who possessed outstanding speed and field vision.

"When I watched I didn't know if we could get him," head coach Rick Chamberlin said. "I thought he'd be a scholarship guy but we still made contact."

Already Leo's all-time leading rusher, Kacsor's career journey shifted course with just one play during that first round playoff game, the last of his high school career. Kacsor tore the ACL in his right knee, sidelining him for the remainder of the season.

Suddenly, the scholarship schools that were recruiting Kacsor stopped calling.

The promising recruit became a potential liability to the more high profile programs. Virtually, only one school remained in contact – the University of Dayton.

"They were the one team that really stayed with me," Kacsor said.

Chamberlin and the UD coaching staff were in touch with him right after the injury, sending their apologies about the twist of fate and a promise to stick with him.

The conversations continued into January of 2011, when Kacsor committed to becoming a



Connor Kacsor fights off a tackler during the team's 31-27 win over Kennesaw State on Sept. 26. Kacsor is the program's all-time leading rusher and has his sights set on playing in the NFL. Chris Santucci/Multimedia Editor

Dayton Flyer, altering the landscape of the Flyers' backfield for years to come.

"It was just nice to hear that Dayton really believed in me and had faith," Kacsor said. "They reassured me."

Fast forward five years and the ACL tear reads like a blip on the otherwise steady progression of a once midlevel division I prospect, now All-American FCS tailback, that has caught the eye of NFL scouts and league opponents alike.

Last season, against Georgetown College, he recorded the most rushing yards in a single game by a Flyer with 301 yards, the only 300yard game in the 100year history of UD football.

UD running backs coach Mark Ewald joined the coaching staff after Kacsor's redshirt freshman season and has witnessed the evolution of the tailback firsthand. Among several improvements is Kacsor's gaining 25 pounds of "good weight," according to Ewald.

The program now lists Kacsor at 211 pounds, but Chamberlin estimates closer to 215.

During his freshman season, he weighed 190 pounds. The innate speed and vision that first caught the UD coaching staff's attention is now complemented by an ability to punish PFL defenders between the tackles.

"He's got a burst, that top-end speed that a lot of guys don't

have, but he's continually gotten better," Ewald said. "He can run away from you but he has the ability now to plow through people and he's done a great job of getting yards after contact."

It's a skillset that could translate to the next level, according to Ewald.

In 2015, the stat line appears similar to the high school numbers. A junior season where Kacsor rushed for 1,547 yards and 17 touchdowns precedes a senior season where he has led the Flyers to a 40 record while rushing for 152 yards per game and six touchdowns.

Kacsor, who entered the season as UD's all-time leading rusher with 2,975 yards, has earned a

shot at a chance to compete for an NFL roster spot, or at the very least to continue his football career after he graduates from UD in December with a finance degree.

"As a young child [playing in the NFL] was really my dream... the opportunity is now presenting itself," Kacsor said.

Scouts from the San Francisco 49ers, Cleveland Browns, Kansas City Chiefs and the Indianapolis Colts have all shown interest. The Colts traveled to Welcome Stadium to watch him practice last month.

"Coming from our level, there's not a whole lot of opportunities," Chamberlin said.

"Connor matches up well. He may not be a FBS type of running back so if a team's going to take a chance on a guy from a level like this, they want to make sure there's more to him than just the talent that he's shown."

According to Chamberlin, that includes the work ethic Kacsor has already demonstrated and the intelligence to fit in with the best football has to offer, regardless of the level of collegiate play.

Coming from an FBS program, Kacsor understands the work ahead required to make this dream possible but remains grounded by the fact that he has yet to win a PFL championship, the ultimate team prize that has alluded him despite all of the personal accolades.

Kacsor thinks with a team he believes in, that goal is attainable. Winning a championship is an achievement he wants to check off his list, before turning his attention to his career dream of playing on Sundays.

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