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## EXPRESSION ON CATHOLIC CAMPUSES, pt. I

# UD faculty, students petition against St. Mary's president

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Staff Writer

Catholicism and higher education both emphasize the ability of words, symbols and metaphors to change the world. Mount St. Mary's University (MSMU), a Dominican, Catholic school tucked away in the hills of the Catoctin Mountains near Emmitsburg, Maryland, operates and lives by a mission statement similar to that held by many Catholic universities and colleges around the world, including the University of Dayton. Its words conjure a mental picture of an atmosphere bolstered by freedom, trust and relationship:

"In order to enable individuals to understand and to challenge or embrace the cultural forces operating on them, Mount St. Mary's...encourages each student to undertake free and rigorous inquiry leading to a reflective and creative understanding of the traditions which shape the communities in which we live."

Picture that same university's president telling a room full of his faculty members about a proposed retention plan that, according to MSMU's student newspaper, The Mountain Echo, and multiple nationwide news sources, would use a student survey administered at first-year student orientation to single out struggling students and after a few weeks attempt to convince them to leave. This would boost MSMU's retention rate, as the class size reported to the Department of Education is not counted until later in the academic year.

The survey would include deeply personal questions, such as whether the student felt depressed or believed their family could afford four years of college education.

This plan was part of the promised dramatic change that Simon Newman, hired last year from the world of high-stakes finance, was hoping to implement to make the university more marketable and increase enrollment, according to The Washington Post.

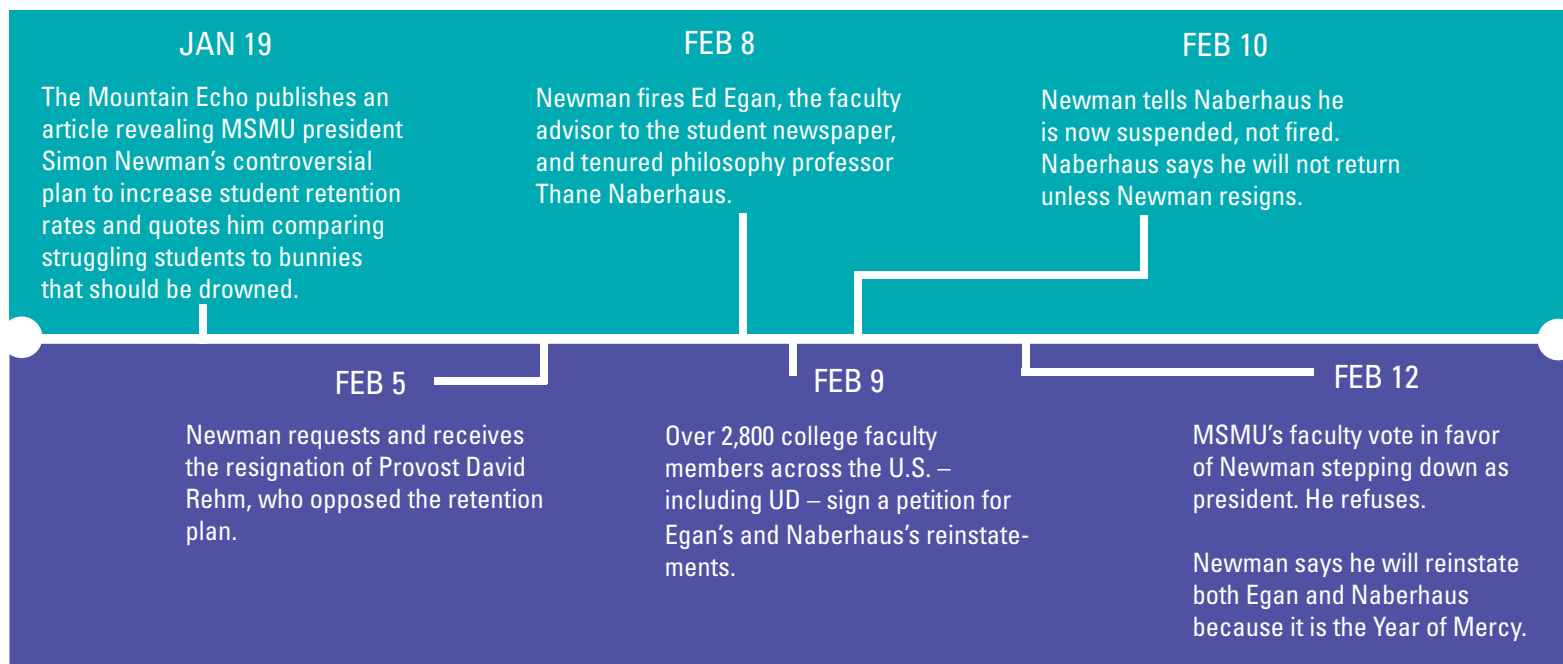


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Some faculty and administrators were uncomfortable with the implications of that plan, and in response, Newman told them that "[the retention plan] was hard for you because you think of students as cuddly bunnies, but you can't. You just have to drown the bunnies...put a Glock to their heads."

Newman's statement—and his subsequent firing of two professors and a provost—have set the Mount St. Mary's community aflame over the past few weeks, igniting fierce reactions, protest and debate across the world of higher education.

After The Mountain Echo reported on the discussions around the retention plan and Newman's words in a special Jan. 19 edition,

all hell broke loose.

The president asked for and received the resignation of the university's provost, David Rehm, who had expressed concern to Newman about the ethical implications of the plan, according to Inside Higher Ed. Rehm, however, retained his position as a faculty member.

Newman later fired Thane Naberhaus, Ph.D., a tenured philosophy professor who opposed the proposed policy, via a personal letter that accused of him of breaching his "duty of loyalty" to the university. In the same letter, Newman deemed Naberhaus persona non grata and barred him from university premises. The same day, Newman dismissed Ed Egan, the

director of MSMU's pre-law program and the faculty advisor for the student newspaper.

Word about the unfolding situation at MSMU spread quickly, and within a few days, over 8,000 faculty and scholars from around the world signed a digital petition calling for the university to reinstate Naberhaus and Egan immediately.

The petition notes that Pope John Paul II's apostolic constitution on Catholic education, Ex Corde Ecclesiae, calls for "the freedom of conscience of each person [to] be fully respected" and expresses a "concern that the professors were fired "without any academic due process as required under [American Association of University Pro-

fessors] guidelines and the customary standards of tenure."

At the time of publication, 30 UD professors, lecturers and graduate students had signed the petition.

"I signed out of solidarity," said Andrew Slade, Ph.D., an associate professor and the chair of UD's English department. "In particular, to what appears to have been a summary firing of a tenured faculty member and a long serving non-tenured faculty member. I see the action as an unwarranted breach of trust between faculty and the president."

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## Trending

- Saying "please" won't cut it**

After Apple was ordered by a federal court to help unlock an iPhone used by an attacker in the San Bernardino shootings last year, CEO Tim Cook released a letter warning of far-reaching implications.
- Learn to save the world**

The Society of Women Engineers will host speaker Amy Baxter, founder and CEO of Buzzy Shots, who will discuss entrepreneurship and women in STEM fields. March 1, KU Ballroom, 7 p.m.-8 p.m.
- Sweet discrimination on my mind**

On Friday, Georgia's state senate passed a religious freedom bill that would potentially allow for tax-funded organizations to discriminate against gays and lesbians by denying them services.
- Maybe not the best battle to pick**

Over the weekend, firefighters called for police assistance after a man attempted to fight them for trying to extinguish his truck, which had caught fire outside his home.
- UDHRL Cribs: Sophomore edition**

Rising second-years are encouraged to attend this chance to learn more about living spaces available to them in one of two one-hour sessions. Thursday, March 3, McGinnis Multi-Purpose room, 5 p.m.-7p.m.
- It's good to have a safety net**

In a joke that got a little too much traction, Nova Scotian radio host Rob Calabrese created a website welcoming Americans to the Canadian island of Cape Breton, in the event they flee a Trump presidency.
- Know the signs**

Join Peers Advocating to Violence Education in attending a 90-minute workshop aimed at teaching students how to identify and mitigate partner violence. March 2, Miriam Hall 121 and 213, 7:00 p.m.
- AdBlock, please catch up**

Last week, Mitsubishi Electric revealed that it is currently developing an "aerial display" that will display images into seemingly-open air. We don't want to experience pop-up ads on that scale.
- Fitty**

A judge has ordered rapper 50 Cent to bankruptcy court after he posted several photos online featuring himself with piles of cash. 50 Cent filed bankruptcy last year, and owes upwards of \$30 million.
- The politics of disaster and how to avoid it**

Join Phi Alpha Alpha in hosting UD alum Jason Enia, Ph.D., who will present a talk based on his research regarding nuclear international politics and disaster mitigation. March 7, KU 310, 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.
- Something you never thought you needed**

Caterpillar, the company you probably know for its construction vehicles, recently unveiled a new smart-phone that comes with a built-in thermal imaging sensor. Neat.
- Another one bites the dust**

After a disappointing outcome in South Carolina, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush announced that he is suspending his 2016 presidential campaign. Cue the violins.
- Like Oprah's book club, but with Flyers**

Join students in a discussion of "Me Before You," by Jojo Moyes, with free food and a chance to win credit at the UD bookstore. Reservation on OrgSync is required. March 2, Roesch Library Collab, 6p.m.-7:30p.m.

\*Cover cutout: Nick Shultz, third year civil engineering student, participates in the UD Dance Marathon, raising over \$27,000 to benefit Dayton Children's Hospital  
 Chris Santucci / Multimedia Editor  
 For more photos, see our gallery at flyernews.com/ud-photos

## SUSTAINABEAT

## Partnerships build garden, community in unexpected place

JULIA HALL  
Staff Writer

With the onset of spring, green buds are arising in unexpected places: Dayton's urban agricultural sites. The Hanley Sustainability Institute has sprouted a new partnership with both Mission of Mary Cooperative and East End Community Services to embark upon a new project in the Twin Towers Neighborhood in Lincoln Hill. This project entails the utilization of a five-acre plot of land in Twin Towers to create a community building space and urban farm.

"This project is based on a partnership with Mission of Mary, UD Hanley Institute and East End Community Services," said Tess Keener, December 2015 UD graduate and project coordinator for the Lincoln Hill urban agriculture project. "They had been talking about using this land for years, using this empty lot for community building purposes, for more urban agriculture, then UD got pulled in the mix."

"These partnerships are huge," sophomore mechanical engineer Maddie Beban said. "I love seeing UD and its members reaching out to the community at large, especially in establishing mutual goals and beneficial relationships."

These partnerships have

been developed to engage both University of Dayton students and the Dayton community in urban agriculture, learning experiences and other communal events. Connecting students and the greater Dayton area was an important aspect of this project.

"We want the neighborhood and community to feel involved and engaged in a few different key ways from the very beginning, helping us to plan and lay out the site and to helping us to figure out the best use of the different areas," Steven Mackell, Mission of Mary's farm manager, said. "Additionally, there is all the physical work that will be going into the site itself and having community members out there helping alongside us—certainly the urban farmers like the staff at the Mission of Mary, but also UD students."

Keener shares Mackell's vision and energy and said she hopes the partnership will spark conversations among UD students about their city.

"I am really excited about having a place for UD students to go to enjoy, to talk and to interact with Twin Towers, East Dayton, [and] Dayton residents about life and about how good we have it on campus and how different it is across the street," Keener said.



The Mission of Mary Cooperative, one of the partners working on the Lincoln Hill project, operates three urban gardening plots in the Twin Towers neighborhood.

The Hanley Institute, with its goals for student experiential learning, has employed this opportunity as a way for UD students to learn outside the normal classroom setting. They hope to maintain a connection after the completion of the structures and garden.

"We have had courses be involved in proposed site design, proposed engagement doing food access surveys and such," Keener said. "Right now, we have a graphic design class working on the branding and

logo. We also have students working at soil restoration and rejuvenation."

The first planting portion of the project is forecasted to occur this spring.

"Personally, outside of my role in the course working with soil restoration, I'm excited to have an off-campus location for exploration of urban gardening and outdoor recreation," Beban said. "UD means nothing without context, and as much as we push for understanding of the greater, global world, if we

don't explore the local sphere we're wasting countless educational opportunities."

Learning associated with the new urban garden and community space will benefit the members of the community as well, particularly children.

"To have an urban setting where people can see those life systems happening is really interesting and dynamic," Mackell said. "It certainly gives a volume of learning opportunities for the community as a whole. Urban agriculture encourages people to eat and consume and purchase things locally and to support the local food economy that is happening. These are some of the advantages of urban agriculture, in addition, to getting people out on the sites actually digging in the dirt, touch, and feel, and see things growing and understanding how agriculture actually works."

*If students have any suggestions regarding the Lincoln Hill urban garden project or would like to get involved, contact Tess Keener at keener1@udayton.edu. To read more stories on UD's involvement in sustainability, visit flyernews.com/?s=sustainabeat.*

## New business program teaches students real world skills

ROWEN GRAY  
First Year, English

UD's School of Business established a new program this year: Business Wisdom through International Service and Experimental Education, or BWISE. The business students of the class of 2019 were the first to participate in this program.

BWISE was established at UD to give business students skills, knowledge and capabilities outside the classroom, which separates University of Dayton business students from students across the country.

"BWISE is having students do something, taking control of their curriculum without adding more credit hours," Paul Bobrowski, professor and dean of the school of business, told Flyer News.

BWISE is all about "making the student the owner operator," Bobrowski said.

There are three routes students can take through BWISE: service, international or experimental. Students must pick two of

the three in order to graduate.

If the service track is taken, students must complete 50 hours of service during their undergraduate career. The international track entails studying abroad, participating in an international internship or taking an international business or language course. The experimental track aims at putting the student in a real life situation either through internships, Flyer Enterprises or Flyer Investment.

"I think students, particularly these days entering UD, understand the value of the education has to be measured somehow, and UD education costs a lot of money. And they expect when they leave here that they are going to be employed and have the skills necessary to succeed in a work place," said Terrance Lau, professor and associate dean of the school of business. "And I think they recognize that there is only so much classroom instruction can do. A lot of learning has to take place out of the classroom, and BWISE is a way to formalize that."

"Over 50 percent of students

are doing these things anyways. It might not have been as substantial of a service activity: they might not have thought about it as much or written a reflection on it," said Janet Leonard, assistant dean of the school of business.

The first step of BWISE is to create an outline. Students must write goals and think about what they are doing and how it will help them in the long run. First-year students create their plan through the Introduction to Business class.

"This year, the advising office was only in charge of the service portion" Maddie Collins said, a sophomore business student and peer adviser for BWISE.

Maddie helped students find service opportunities

"Students are responding very positively to the program in general," Lau said.

"A lot of college students don't get involved or network; they focus on what's on campus," said first-year Brandon Cusick, a double major in accounting and finance who is participating in the BWISE program "Getting

experience in your community and getting experience in your field will show you that A, you want to be in that field or B, that's not for you."

Cusick said he is looking for job opportunities in the government sector of accounting, in forensics or auditing for a big firm.

For his outline, Cusick chose the experimental and service route. In terms of completion, he already has half his outline completed.

"I did an internship last semester in the fall with Catholic Social Services, and I basically did accounting stuff with payroll for a whole semester," Cusick said.

Cusick hopes to complete the service portion of BWISE next semester.

"Freshmen are sometimes reluctant in getting involved," said senior finance and business economics major James Calvano, president of UD's professional co-ed business fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi.

Although Calvano was not in the BWISE program, he has performed services through Habitat for Humanity and Alpha Kappa

Psi.

"There is a lot to learn outside the classroom, and experimental learning through this program will really be a benefit in the long run", Calvano said. He thought BWISE was a great idea, especially because it forces students to look at the big picture their first year.

"A fair number of our students already do three, but [for] many of our students who are not doing any of them, we hope that BWISE will help them get out of the classroom and out of their dorm room to say that having that kind of background experience is important to being a well-rounded business professional," Lau said. "And, it will help them get a job, too. It will give them something to talk about with employers and also give them the kind of people skills and management skills and workplace skills that we can't teach in a classroom."

*For more information or to join BWISE, visit udayton.edu/business/practical\_wisdom/bwise.php.*

# Another Civic Scholar hits road with Kasich campaign

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Staff Writer

After interning in the Ohio Statehouse this past summer, six UD students were given the opportunity to assist Gov. John Kasich in his campaign for presidency.

Senior political science major Elaine Laux was one of these students. Laux interned for Senator Peggy Lehner, state senator for the 6th district of the Ohio Senate, during her time in the Statehouse.

A coworker Laux met during her internship became involved in Gov. Kasich's campaign and reached out to Laux before the New Hampshire primaries. He asked if she and other college republicans were interested in assisting the Governor's campaign in New Hampshire.

It was an opportunity Laux said she could not pass up.

"I mean, this is what I've wanted to do since the past four or five years, and since high school," Laux said excitedly. "I hope to work in Columbus when

I graduate, in the Statehouse, hopefully for a senator or a representative."

Laux is a strong supporter of Gov. Kasich.

"I love John Kasich: I think he's a great politician, a great man and a great leader," Laux said. "I have been a great fan. I was born and raised in Ohio and lived under his leadership for the past five years."

Laux adds that Kasich has done wonderful things for Ohio, in terms of bettering the economy and providing jobs has turned the state around.

"He really has great leadership skills, and him running for president is super exciting," Laux said. "I definitely wanted to get involved and help out—it's kind of my way of giving back to him as he's given me so much to live in such a prosperous state."

Laux stresses the fact that Kasich fixed the budget deficit left by Ohio's previous governor, Ted Strickland, and flipped it into a budget surplus.

Following up on the tip from her former coworker, Laux sent out emails asking to join the

governor in New Hampshire and received responses of approval from Kasich's office. Laux and five other UD students spent five days in New Hampshire, from Feb. 5 until Feb. 10, working to convince voters that Kasich is the ideal president for America through a variety of tasks. Laux and her companions were primarily in Nashua while in New Hampshire. There, they went door-to-door and made calls to residents in an attempt to persuade them to vote for Kasich.

Laux says she expected to get doors shut in her face but many of the New Hampshire residents were still indecisive on whom to vote for so they were receptive and listened to what she and her peers had to say about the governor.

Gov. Kasich came in second behind Donald Trump in the New Hampshire primary. Trump won 35 percent of the votes, while Kasich won 13 percent.

Laux says Kasich's results in New Hampshire were incredible.

"I had the experience of a lifetime up there. It was so fun



Laux (right) worked with Gov. Kasich's presidential campaign in New Hampshire during the state's primary. Photo courtesy of Elaine Laux.

to be at the election watch party on Tuesday night and see the results coming in," Laux said. "You can tell [Kasich] was just so proud and happy to have us all of there, especially being from his home state—he really appreciated that."

*For continued coverage on the students involved with the Kasich campaign, visit [flyernews.com/?s=kasich](http://flyernews.com/?s=kasich).*

# Emmy Award-winning news anchor urges students to be aware of their biases

CLARE GALLAGHER  
Sophomore, Communication

The UD National Society of Leadership and Success broadcast a talk by Emmy Award-winning news anchor JuJu Chang on Feb. 9 for its incoming members, although non-members were welcome to attend.

Chang is a co-anchor on ABC News "Nightline" and reports for "Good Morning America" and "20/20." During her presentation, she discussed her personal journey as an Asian American immigrant, how she broke through stereotypes and faced her own hidden biases.

This event was put together by NSLS to inspire students and give them advice in succeeding in their own careers.

About 60 students, including NSLS and non-NSLS members, attended the event.

Chang discussed issues with race and gender biases and how to overcome them. She mentioned that racial biases and stereotypes still exist today and oftentimes people do not even know that they are being biased.

"Be alert for your own biases because we all have them," Chang said.

Chang gave insight on not only changing the way we see others, but also not letting these biases affect how others see us.

"Try to ensure that you are be-



Emmy-award winner JuJu Chang addressed success and hidden biases during her live-streamed presentation for an NSLS event. Photo courtesy of Flickr's Creative Commons.

ing seen as an individual for who you are," Chang said.

Chang also took questions from several students to give them advice, help increase their skills and motivate them to achieve success.

She talked about the importance of having confidence and making sure your ideas are heard.

Chang also mentioned that standing your ground and communicating clearly plays a major role in getting a message across to others.

"Your own confidence needs to grow. It's not just about practice; it's about feeling deep down inside that your ideas matter,"

**"Be alert for your own biases because we all have them."**

—Ju-Ju Chang, news anchor

Chang said.

Chang also talked about how important it is to increase your skills while you are still in college. According to Chang, building your brand on social media says something about your ability to communicate.

"Whatever job you're looking for, your first employer is taking a risk on you," Chang said.

She talked about reducing that risk by demonstrating you have the skills to perform the job.

All of Chang's answers to student questions related back to having confidence and achieving goals. She encouraged the students to work hard and not to give up.

"I could relate to a lot of the questions the other students asked," Lauren Schimmoeller, a senior in NSLS said. "It was nice to hear her experience because she's so successful. It gave me the inspiration that if she can do it, I can do it."

It was required for the new members to attend this event to

officially become a member of NSLS. Nationals also required JuJu Chang's broadcast to be one of the events.

"Nationals chose it to get students inspired and have someone to look towards who's had that leadership and experience," Jackson Mallady, the president of UD's chapter of NSLS said.

The NSLS mission is to help people discover and achieve their goals, which was the core of Chang's talk.

"It gives them the ability to interact and gives them opportunities they otherwise wouldn't have," Mallady said. "They're achieving goals in getting one step closer in terms of getting advice."

*For all coverage on NSLS and its events, visit [flyernews.com/tag/the-national-society-of-leadership-and-success/](http://flyernews.com/tag/the-national-society-of-leadership-and-success/)*

## CENSOR (cont. from cover)

“Fear and mistrust are antithetical to the practice of free inquiry that are the hallmarks ... of a Catholic university.”

Una Cadegan, Ph.D., an associate professor of history at UD who recently published a book entitled “All Good Books Are Catholic Books: Print Culture, Censorship, and Modernity in Twentieth Century America,” expressed similar feelings. “I wanted to indicate support for the friends I have at St. Mary’s and to aid in bringing attention to this situation,” she stated.

After receiving intense public pressure, President Newman seemingly changed direction and sent Naberhaus a letter on Feb. 10, informing him he was now suspended—not fired—and offering him the chance to go through a “conciliation” process with Newman and university officials. Naberhaus stated he would not return until Newman resigns, according to The Washington Post.

In another contradiction, Newman recently announced at a faculty meeting that he was reinstating both Naberhaus and Egan as a “first step of reconciliation and healing in the Season of Lent and the Year of Mercy.” As of publication, the outcome of negotiations between the university and its fired—and reinstated—faculty members has yet to be confirmed.

On Feb. 12, MSMU faculty voted 87-3 to call on Newman to step down immediately. The president has refused to step down, and the university’s board of trustees con-

tinues to support him, according to The Washington Post.

The broader MSMU community has been plunged into a state of uncertainty, hostility and questioning, according to multiple news reports. Some students support Newman, even holding signs with his name at university sporting events; many others have written editorials and joint letters in multiple outlets to express concern that Newman is taking the university away from its Catholic roots of compassion.

As this situation unfolds, community members of Catholic universities and colleges around the world—including the University of Dayton—will undoubtedly reflect on what it means to be in community with one another, whether debating policies in an academic senate meeting or engaging difficult questions in the classroom.

“The pressures on Catholic higher education are real, and we have to respond creatively to them,” Cadegan reflected. “Our response, though, should draw on the resources of our own traditions – the long history of Catholicism and of the universities that grew out of it – and not solely on business strategies. Working together, these approaches could do something genuinely creative, successful, even transformational. If they are kept in isolation, or pitted against each other, no one will win.”

The ongoing MSMU saga is a testament to the truth that words, however intentioned, are immensely powerful. Although small, they create something out of nothing; in the same moment, they can destroy.

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# PORCH PROFILE

## The Men of 1518 Frericks

JANINE COSTELLO  
Porch Correspondent

**FN: How did you all meet?**

Bryan Kinch: We all lived on six middle in Marycrest except for Danny.  
Danny Ulbricht: I was MVP pick-up of junior year. I met Erik and Alan through the skiing and snowboarding club.

Kevin Poynton: Kinch knew of me in high school.

Erik Kurcz: Steven was my roommate freshman year.

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

Alan George: I'd probably have Worst Jokes.

DU: Erik is Most Likely to Burst Through the Door and Scream Obscenities.

EK: I was gonna say Most Likely to Sleep on the Couch.

KP: Alan is Most Likely to Have a Long Shower.

BK: We could also throw in something about how long Alan takes in the bathroom.

AG: But bad jokes trump.

EK: Puns, mostly.

DU: Steve's the Best Dressed.

DU: Kevin is Most Likely to Be on the Phone with His Mom.

EK: Bryan has Best Hips. "Hips Don't Lie" is his favorite song to dance to.

**FN: What is on your bucket list for this semester?**

BK: My bucket list is to get rid of Kevin and Erik.

KP: Have a last house dinner in a micro-brew or something.

DU: I don't wanna make it a goal to go to Tim's senior night.

BK: House bucket list is Kevin goes to Tim's once.

EK: Go in the hot tub at the Rec. The first time I've been in the pool was two weeks ago.

BK: Win a frickin' intramural T-shirt.

Steven Goodman: Win an intramural shirt because we've lost to the same people every year.

AG: I have no idea what to say... my bucket list is to come up with something.

BK: Kevin wants to learn how to swim.

EK: Kevin would be Captain Catholic.

**FN: What is your most embarrassing moment at UD?**

AG: Freshman year, Flyer Consulting did an audit of the ski club and Erik was supposed to go but he couldn't make it, so he texted me last minute to go, and when I walked in the door, they were already presenting and everyone was in suits. I was



Danny Ulbricht, Alan George, Bryan Kinch, Kevin Poynton, Steven Goodman and Erik Kurcz prefer to speak in gibberish around their house. Photo by Chris Santucci/Multimedia Editor.

in jeans and a T-shirt, and they were like, "Look, a member of ski club is here."

DU: Sophomore year, we got written up on the first day because we were making mixed drinks with a blender.

BK: I had been at college for four hours of my sophomore year and got written up.

SG: Our friend, who shall remain nameless, didn't recognize the two people standing at the door and threw the door open and it was an RA.

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

BK: Erik would be running Bloomberg. Alan would be the world's No. 3 DJ.

SG: And he'd still be making terrible jokes. Actually, they'd probably be worse.

EK: Bryan would be making non-GMO organic coffee soap.

KP: I'll probably have 13 kids.

BK: Steve's gonna be president of

The Onion. Alan, I picture you as some kind of Bigfoot.

EK: Steven will be president of The Onion.

KP: Danny will be back in Europe.

EK: I'll be becoming the wolf of Wall Street.

**FN: What is your spirit animal and why?**

DU: I'm a wolf. I'm a roamer, and I'm noble.

BK: I would say that I'm a squirrel probably... could you guys see that? I'm an insane person.

AG: I'd be a mountain lion—I'm from Colorado.

EK: I'd be Perry the Platypus.

AG: He used to disappear freshman year.

EK: I still have a habit of disappearing, bouncing around and coming back hours later with no explanation.

DU: Kevin, what about a sheep because the lord is your shepherd?

KP: Alright, I'll be a sheep.

AG: What animal writes really well?

SG: The general consensus is that

I'm an owl.

AG: Purdue Owl!

**FN: Do you have any advice for underclassmen?**

AG: Crest is the best.

SG: Always leave your door open freshman year.

DU: Get involved with organizations early. There's bound to be one you like here, and it's a good way to meet people early on.

KP: Get involved, get out of the woodwork and don't wait until you're a junior.

BK: Go to downtown, go to Fronana.

AG: Enjoy your easy classes—it gets worse.

EK: Save two or three easy classes for senior year.

KP: Talk to professors.

DU: Remember names.

KP: If you have two giant arm chairs, push them together and make a boat. Copyright that.

**FN: Anything else you would like to add?**

AG: So, junior year we called our house "chalet."

DU: Now we're il chateau.

BK: English is the second most-spoken language in our house.

DU: We use slang extensively.

BK: And yelling in gibberish.

AG: Like, if you wanna try a bite of someone's food, you say, "Can I zibble that zabble?"

SG: Our house GroupMe is "yelling in noises."

AG: We have different words for things: a burrito is a burtango.

KP: Milk is "cow juice" or "nectar of the bovine gods."

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# ArtStreet's GHETTO installation goes international

RAY MAHAR  
Staff Writer

A certain conversation has been spreading at the University of Dayton surrounding the nickname of the South Student Neighborhood. Students, faculty, staff and alumni have used the word "ghetto" to describe the university's student neighborhood since the '60s. It's also the word used to describe a part of a city, especially a slum area, occupied by minority groups. The nickname for our campus neighborhood has sparked both controversy and discussion among the UD community.

The GHETTO installation featured at ArtStreet in February 2015 recently launched internationally. Queens University in Canada will display the exhibit from Feb. 20 to March 16. The international scope of the discussions stemming from this exhibit is what ArtStreet and Institute for Arts Nexus (IAN) Director Brian LaDuca is most antic-



GHETTO was launched in the White Box Gallery on Feb. 24, 2015 and almost exactly a year later, opened internationally. Photo by Andrew Yedlick '16.

ipating.

The exhibition "GHETTO: A Retail Art Installation addresses the issue of the term "ghetto" in an artistic, four-dimensional display. The fourth dimension appeals to emotion, where people implicitly reflect on the material being displayed.

"It's a sort of history lesson: People will learn and observe the past lives of people who experienced the ghetto," LaDuca said.

The installation utilizes a retail art experience, displaying different

articles of luxury brand GHETTO merchandise. People pass through, developing some sort of consciousness of the term. It is a way to educate and engage in the history and controversy of the topic in a more controlled setting.

"It's two different schools coming together to address an issue and create some sort of dialogue," LaDuca said.

That's what LaDuca claims is most important. People have to react to it in some way.

The social commentary that results from the installation is powerful. Some defend tradition. Some argue against privilege. Some didn't realize this word could harm other people. If these conversations are happening at the exhibition launch at Queens, the exhibit is accomplishing its mission.

The installation will be placed near Queens' most popular coffee shop, similar to our university's ArtStreet Cafe. As students there pass by during these upcoming weeks,

dialogue will result.

It is hard to confront controversial topics and change daily vernacular. Certainly, UD has faced similar struggles, as students and alumni, and some faculty and staff, resist the renaming of the ghetto to "student neighborhood," while many others fight for it. The installation is a tool to help its audience understand the negatives of the word before knee jerk reactions against it. If there is understanding, there can be more empathy in the debate, as in any debate. GHETTO works to provide that understanding.

There are no future plans after Queens to place GHETTO in other parts of either country. LaDuca said there are 17 other universities in the United States the GHETTO research team found that are engaging in discussions similar to the one on our campus. Perhaps the success of Queens will allow for further usage of GHETTO to spark conversation both domestically and internationally.

# Author combines philosophy and philanthropy to promote literacy

MISSY FINNEGAN  
Staff Writer

What happens when gods and philosophers work together? Author Dylan Callens uses a combination of philosophy, history and religion in his humorous novel to answer this question and contribute to society in the process.

"Operation Cosmic Teapot" is Callens' attempt to solve a set of personal philosophical questions that especially came to light throughout his years as a college student, questions he feels are universal. Questioning God and the reason for living is what drew Callens to philosophy. He eventually came to his own realization that there was no God.

"I began to think more in line with existentialism. I wanted to know what my role was in the world, if there was no God," Callens said. "The book is a reflection of these questions and my struggle with them."

The deep philosophical themes and questions are hidden in a plot of dark comedy. He portrays heaven as a corporation in which philosophers, such as Nietzsche, flee to go on a quest for their rainbow bridge.

The plot originated with the idea that God was an employee of Heaven Inc., but he was too busy to perform miracles. This continued to build as Callens was teaching Nietzsche's madman parable and had the imaginative thought

that Nietzsche could be God's boss, and the plot developed from there.

The main characters' personalities are similar to how he thought they would have been in their lives, although each character was molded to serve a specific purpose.

"Nietzsche had a terrible life and seemed to hold God accountable for it," he said. "So, I began to play with that idea as a basis of the novel."

According to Callens, the novel took a long time to develop and although it had its low points, it was an overall enjoyable process: "I was constantly tweaking the plot and would write in small spurts."

Callens is from Ontario, Canada, where he developed, wrote and published his novel, which took a total of six years. After the book was released, Callens came up with the idea to take some of the profit and donate it to World Literacy Canada (WLC).

Callens' philanthropic drive connects with the University of Dayton's Determined to Develop, a service organization devoted to bringing awareness and financial assistance to issues in Malawi, Africa. One of Determined to Develop's major emphases is on education and literacy.

"Literacy contributes to the development of the entire nation. Literacy, along with an education, prepares people in developing nations to face any obstacles that come their way," junior RosaLia Stadler said. Stadler is

a member of Determined to Develop and this past summer, took part in the practicum in Malawi, where she spent nine weeks researching how parents influence their children's education.

"I found a lot of parents are supportive of their children, but don't necessarily positively influence their children's education at home," Stadler said. "This is because a lot of the parents are illiterate and are unable to help their children with their school work."

UD's Determined to Develop raises awareness about the work the nongovernmental organization Determined to Develop does in Malawi promoting education for youth, especially for young women. It came to UD after alum Matt Maroon graduated and saw the need for development in Malawi. "As a club, we raise money which is used to pay for the education for the children that Determined to Develop sponsors," Stadler said. "You don't have to spend time in a developing nation to help literacy. There are so many events on campus that raise money or collect books to help boost literacy both abroad and here in the U.S." This is the basis of Callens' drive to donate his book profits to WLC.

"They do work around the globe to help promote literacy, and I wanted to choose an organization who didn't focus just on Canada," Callens said. "Our literacy rate is high and reaching students that have difficulty reading, [which] is good but it's a problem

more so in developing nations." Ten percent of the profit from "Operation Cosmic Teapot" will be donated to WLC to help illiteracy in countries such as India and Nepal.

"World Literacy Canada has 60 years of experience delivering literacy education," Callens said. "They believe

that illiteracy is both a cause and a consequence of poverty and see literacy as an essential element in the struggle for equality."

To purchase "Operation Cosmic Teapot" by Dylan Callens and support WLC, visit [cosmicteapot.com](http://cosmicteapot.com).

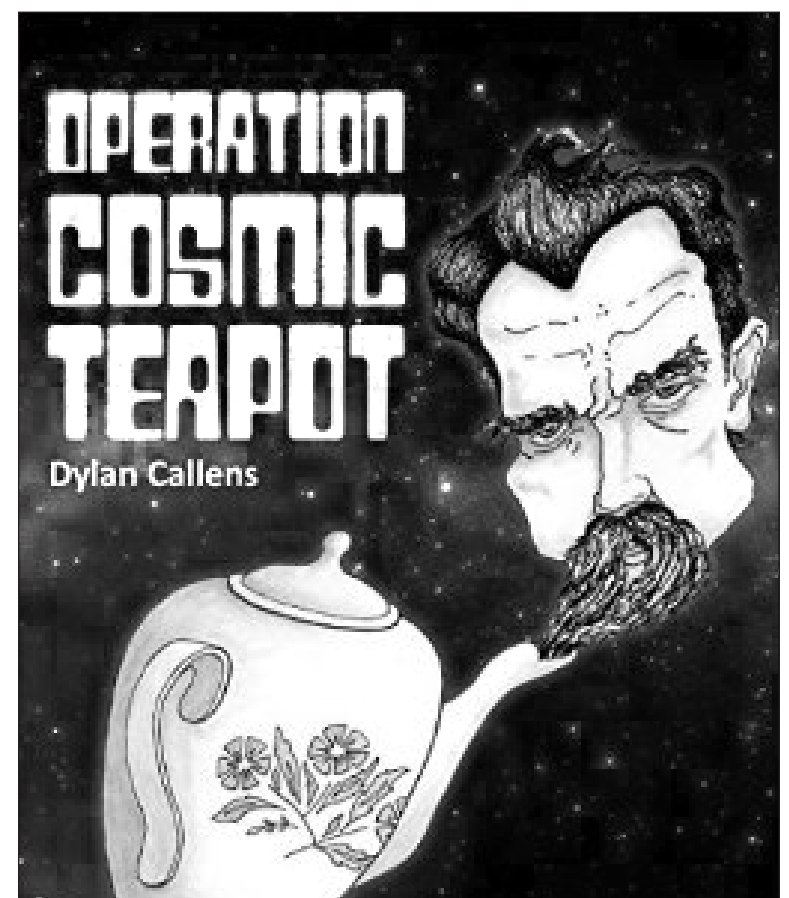


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# On The Fly steps up games at Midwest's largest improv festival

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Staff Writer

The University of Dayton's improvisational club On the Fly left the UD bubble to perform in its first improv festival at Ohio State University this month.

On Valentine's Day weekend, On the Fly traveled to the Bellwether Improvisational Comedy festival. The festival was put on by OSU and its improv group, 8th Floor Improv. The festival was open to both college and professional comedy groups.

Since 2010, the festival, formerly known as "Improvfest," has worked to inspire collaboration among collegiate improv performers. It is currently the largest improv festival in the Midwest—and one of the largest in the United States.

"Ever since I was a freshmen, On the Fly has wanted to get into this festival, but there was confusion about contacts," On the Fly President Anthony Dalpiaz said. "So I looked at OSU improv group called 8th Floor Improv. I emailed them late in summer and this August. The president emailed me around December and said a spot opened."

This festival provided new challenges for On the Fly because it involved long form improv. This is a change for the group because members are used to performing short form improv during their Dayton shows.

"[Long form improv is] a series of comedic scenes generated normally by a one word suggestion from the audience," On the Fly Vice President Norb Wessels said. "There is no gimmick or game to play. It's just the performers creating a scene. It differs from short form in that short form is more like games." Short form games are typically played in On the Fly performances. An example of short form is a game called "Sit, Stand, Lean." In the game the actors create a scene, but as they do it one actor must be standing, one must be sitting and one must be leaning at all times. As the scene continues, the participants switch these roles.

The group spent time practicing long form in the weeks before their performance. The new long form improv game that they learned was called "The Village." "It's a game where every scene that you see takes place in one

village. Everyone starts with a suggestion and makes a two-person scene. We go down the line until the entire group has done the scene. We then stop and ask how much time as passed then do the scene again," Dalpiaz said. This game was debuted at their Valentine's Day show prior to the festival.

The Bellwether Festival lasted two days. During the day, the performers could do workshops to better their improvisational skills. The workshops included ways to develop a character in a scene, as well as the building of a scene itself.

"The best scenes are those that really delve deep into the relationship of the characters," Dalpiaz said.

For the festival performances, each group was assigned a time slot. The collegiate groups performed early in the night, and the professionals followed them later on. On the Fly had the first time slot on the first day. After their show, the team was able to learn from the professionals.

"They are very polished and very confident. They know when to cut a scene that isn't working. That way, you completely for-

get about the last scene," Dalpiaz said.

On the Fly hopes to return to the Bellwether Festival in the years to come. This short drive to Columbus has helped the group better their performance skills.

"We will use the whole experience at Bellwether to launch our-

selves to become better, smarter performers," Dalpiaz said.

Follow On the Fly on Twitter at @OnTheFlyImprov and like the On the Fly Improv Facebook page to stay up-to-date on the hilarious and exciting news of UD's improv group.



Members of On the Fly (L to R): Elizabeth Todia, Michael Painter, Anthony Dalpiaz, Caleb Williamson, Matt Beebe, Johnny Antonini, Annie Scott, Bobby Swanson, Norb Wessels and Chad Mrocza pose with OSU's buckeye mascot on campus. Photo courtesy of On the Fly.

# Album review: Australian rock group could be next big 'thing'

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Australia is best known for the Sydney Opera House, exotic animals, ocean reefs and the oh-so-fashionable Ugg boots. Though not well known in America, the Australian rock band Hands Like Houses is looking to become the next best thing from the land down under with the upcoming release of its third studio album, "Dissonants."

The highly anticipated album is set to release Friday, following a wave of momentum generated by its most recent singles "Colourblind," "I Am" and "New Romantics." "Dissonants" boasts familiar inspiration through producer James Paul Wisner (Paramore, Underoath), who produced the band's breakout album "Unimagine" in 2013. Needless to say, the band has high hopes that "Dissonants" will propel an Aussie takeover in America's rock nation.

"Dissonants" comes roaring in with the opening track "I Am,"



The Aussie rock band ended the U.S. leg of their world tour back in November. The tour served to promote their new album. Photo courtesy of AltPress.

which touts masterful lyrics to set the identity for the band's third album. "If I will make a change, it's by my words and not my name." Words are most definitely the driving agent in much of the success Hands Like Houses finds in "Dissonants." Soon after "I Am" comes the hit single "Colourblind," which features

impressive range in both guitar and vocals. A soothing soft-rock sound scattered throughout the track makes its crescendos all the more enjoyable.

"New Romantics" brings even more energy to the album with a catchy, upbeat vibe. "Glasshouse" is another track off the album that has been receiving

high praise. Its ability to keep you on your toes by cycling through fresh and evolving sounds will have you pressing repeat on this one. "Division Symbols" proves to be a nice break from some of the heavier rock that is spread throughout "Dissonants" and brings an armada of powerful lyrics.

As the eighth track of the album, "Momentary" provides one of the most unique listening experiences on the album. A soft opening and outro are reminiscent of an Imagine Dragons sound while a recurring entrance of well-paced drums breathes life into the track. "Motion Sickness" delivers powerful lyrics worth pondering that complement a wide range of vocals from lead singer Trenton Woodley.

Closing out "Dissonants" is "Bloodlines," a track that combines a soft, underlying guitar throughout its verses with stratospheric choruses. The big finish that "Bloodlines" ends on leaves the listener yearning for another track.

Even though Hands Like Hous-

es hasn't redefined rock, they definitely have potential to revitalize Oz rock in America. Passionate vocals, meaningful lyrics and a nice blend of instruments make "Dissonants" an album with 12 tracks that are all deserving of your time. Proving to be a great medium between pop rock and heavy rock, "Dissonants" appeals to a wide range of musical interests. With more albums like this, Hands Like Houses appears to be well on their way toward Australian distinction.

To sample Hands Like Houses, visit [flyernews.com/australian-rock-group-could-be-next-big-thing](http://flyernews.com/australian-rock-group-could-be-next-big-thing). For more on the band and when they're performing, visit [handslikehouses.net](http://handslikehouses.net) or [facebook.com/handslikehouses](http://facebook.com/handslikehouses).

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### LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF TRUTH

When editors at Mount St. Mary's student newspaper, the Mountain Echo, decided to run a quote from an email chain written by the university president, they lit a fuse:

"This is hard for you because you think of the students as cuddly bunnies, but you can't. You just have to drown the bunnies...put a Glock to their heads."

Context: According to the article published by two Mountain Echo writers, Catholic university Mount St. Mary's President Simon Newman sent out an email about a plan to administer a survey at St. Mary's student orientation with questions addressing "key factors that determine motivation, success and happiness." The president's office developed the survey.

The president soon followed up by explaining the "short term goal" of the survey is to increase retention rates by dismissing 20-25 first years within a month of their arrival, based on responses to this survey. The dean, assistant provost and others soon became privy to the email chain and advised the president against going through with the culling.

Shortly thereafter, some dissident voices were silenced. The president fired the paper's advisor Ed Egan for what the university stated was a violation of "code of conduct and acceptable use policies." The president fired a tenured philosophy professor who opposed the policy for a "breach of loyalty." He asked for and received the provost's resignation.

After a whirlwind of national media attention, followed by some waffling on his claims, the president wrote a letter to the editor detailing the plan more thoroughly—and the Echo published it. The Mount Echo editorial board also responded directly to its part in the media attention, ultimately stating, "We stand with the Mount community as pursuers of truth..."

Here at the University of Dayton, the mission statement reads, "The University encourages its members to judge for themselves how institutions are performing their purposes, to expose deficiencies in their structures and operations, and to propose and actively promote improvements when these are deemed necessary."

Thirty University of Dayton faculty members and grad students signed against the actions of the Mount St. Mary's president and in support of this mission.

Regardless of how this situation unfolds, we, the members of the Flyer News editorial board, pledge our support of the Mountain Echo editorial decision and those UD faculty and students who have signed their support to pursue truth despite the powerful actors involved, and we restate our own dedication to the pursuit of truths in the Dayton community.

"The real value of freedom of speech is not to the minority that wants to talk but to the majority that wants to listen."

—Zechariah Chafee, 1885 - 1957

## Presidential hopefuls like Ohio sports teams



CHRIS ZIMMER  
Columnist, Senior

I've always feel left out when it comes to American professional sports and the playoffs. My Cleveland Browns have only made it to the NFL playoffs once since rebooting the franchise in 1999. My home state hockey team, the Columbus Blue Jackets, have only made it to the playoffs once since their formation in 2000. While my Cincinnati Reds made it into the postseason in 2010, 2012 and 2013, they've been "no-names" since winning the World Series in 1990. I feel the same way about American politics and the presidential election.

I knew I wasn't going to hop on the socialist bandwagon with Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., or support the criminal, Hillary Clinton, when the campaigns launched last summer. I surveyed the Republican field and found one candidate whose ideology and political stances aligned with mine: Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky. I saw him as the next president of the United States of America. I was in

the dumps after my candidate dropped out of the "presidential playoffs" after the Iowa caucus, but I respect his choice to focus on his senatorial re-election and still be a voice of liberty and common sense on the hill.

Some people think the guy is a lunatic for his filibusters, and others think he became a politician to continue his father's legacy; but I believe the ophthalmologist at his word: He wants our country to return our principles of liberty and limited government. Sounds like he'd hit home with a lot of Republicans, right? I guess not. He might not have the charisma of Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fl., be as entertaining as real estate mogul Donald Trump or have the loudness of Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Tx., but the man knows the Constitution better than any conservative in the race, and knows what domestic and foreign policy legislation must be passed for our country to succeed.

I think it will take more time for the American public to warm-up to his progressiveness. He wants to enact term limits on members of Congress, end the costly "war on drugs" and repeal the 70,000-page IRS tax code. He's against the unconstitutional mass surveillance of NSA spying and he isn't pushing the unconstitutional gun-control agenda, either. He's for dissolving the Federal Reserve and returning our currency back to the gold standard. Most of all, he wants states and local communities to reclaim their power. If the Founding

Fathers were alive today, I believe he would receive their endorsement. I think the biggest problem is that the American people aren't ready for such a radical change in our government.

I'm truly at odds on who to support for president now that Sen. Paul has withdrawn. Former Republican Gov. Gary Johnson is running as the Libertarian nominee for this election again. He matches up with Sen. Paul on most issues, but I doubt a third party can win the general electorate. While Sen. Cruz claims he's the libertarian's choice, there are too many things I don't like about him. So who am I getting behind now? Former Ohio Gov. John Kasich.

Yes, I might be biased since I grew up in the Buckeye State, but Gov. Kasich has helped lift Ohio out of the recession. Kasich has a plethora of experience: serving one term as state senator, nine terms as a member of the House of Representatives and two terms as Governor. He inherited a lot of economic problems of the recession and leadership of Gov. Ted Strickland; however, Kasich worked with our state's legislature and business leaders to fix them. What other Republican can say they cut taxes, created private sector jobs and turned an \$8 billion dollar deficit into a \$2 billion surplus—and actually back it up? I believe he could do the same for our country, too. I really hope my Ohio governor won't disappoint me like my Ohio sports teams.

## WORD ON THE STREET

For all responses, visit [flyernews.com/word-on-the-street](http://flyernews.com/word-on-the-street).

## How do you feel about censorship at the University of Dayton?



"I feel like it's pretty good. They censor just enough. I think more would be too much, and I think less wouldn't be enough."

EMILY DEVOTO  
First Year  
Early Childhood Education



"Overall, they do a really good job at informing us of things that go on around campus, especially with concerns for our safety. But I think at times they do hide certain key details that we might want to know."

JENNIFER LIPTAK  
Junior  
Human Rights



"I feel like [UD is] kind of open to everything, and they're not afraid to publish anything. I feel like they tell you what's really happening. They're not trying to make it sound different."

CAITLIN ACEVEDO  
First Year  
Biology



"The only thing I can think of is [that] I feel like sometimes a bigger issue takes over all the attention and sometimes other things are kind of looked over."

TESS ISEMANN  
Sophomore  
Mechanical Engineering



"I would have to agree [that it's] not much of an issue. I think we kind of do things right here."

RILEY JOHNSTONE  
Junior  
Mechanical Engineering

# Steinem, Albright disguise politics as feminism

BRETT SLAUGHENHAUPT  
Sophomore, English

To be a woman in modern times is to live in a constant contrary state. With feminism growing in speed and strength every day, the expectation is that we find men and women treated in similar fashions—as equals. However, as we are all human, bound to our nature of making mistakes, every progressive step forward is met with an equal and opposite step backward.

Take the statements made during a recent campaign rally for Hillary Clinton by notable feminists Gloria Steinem and former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright:

“And, when you’re [a young woman], you’re thinking, where are the boys? The boys are with Bernie...” Steinem stated.

“There’s a special place in hell for women who don’t help each other,” Albright declared.

Both women are referring to the current competition for the Democratic presidential nomination between Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders and the demographics both are pulling for. After the minority vote, the support of the female vote is vastly important to both potential candidates as each comes closer to clinching the nomination. Sanders currently has the upper

hand when it comes to the millennial female vote, much to the surprise of Clinton: At the most recent primary in New Hampshire, Sanders had 82 percent of the votes coming from women under 30.

While this might strike one as interesting, it should not be a time in which one’s autonomy or loyalty is called into question. To suggest that women are blindly backing Sanders only because their male counterparts are or that a woman is a traitor to her own gender for not being on Clinton’s side is a ridiculous argument. Making the implication that feminism is better served, and possibly only served, under a woman, as Steinem and Albright have done, is to lock men out of feminism. This sentiment is counterproductive to everything that feminism stands for and alienates the male gender from being involved in the fight that so many have been imploring them to become a part of.

Steinem and Albright’s statements are politics disguised as feminism, nothing more. That these two renowned feminist leaders would try to manipulate their fellow women into believing what they want them to is a very poor example to make for the up-and-coming women finding their way in the largely misogynistic world of politics. One cannot argue that men and wom-

en are equally capable of effective leadership, then assert that a candidate’s gender is what makes them a better candidate--or have that argument made for them by Steinem and Albright.

Of course, Clinton and Sanders are going to be bringing different points of view to the table, affected by many different aspects of their life. To assume that gender does not play any sort of role in their nomination would be ignorant and post-feminist, but it should not be any sort of clinching factor to one’s choice—that assumption is equally ignorant. Instead of using any sort of gender-card, how about one exemplifies their better leadership simply through beliefs and policies?

It is entirely contradictory to have equality of the genders and then expect people to base their decisions strictly off of gender. Once we stop viewing things in black and white, male and female, gay or straight, we will begin to see things for the nuanced ways that they are; society will be all the better for it.

*To share your opinion, email Opinions Editor Steven Goodman at goodmans1@udayton.edu or flyernewseditor@gmail.com.*

## POLL RESULTS

TOTAL VOTES: 18

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### QUESTION:

How do you feel about censorship at the University of Dayton?

### RESULTS:

It’s a minor issue on campus.	39% – 7 Votes
It’s a major issue on campus.	33% – 6 Votes
It’s not an issue.	28% – 5 Votes

# Alumnus offers takeaways from sudden loss

ANDREW KOERNER  
Alumnus, Class of 2015

My name is Andrew Koerner. I am a member of the class of 2015 as well as a local Daytonian. I’ve written various satirical articles over the past year. Since I’m not that far removed from college, you may even know me from class. Regardless, I’m taking a break from satire this issue to shed light on something different.

A month ago, my mother died suddenly at Miami Valley Hospital. Her death was unexpected, and it was exactly as hard on me and my family as you can imagine. I could write a novel about her influence on my life and how painful this period of my life has been, but that’s not what I’m writing about.

As I mentioned, I am a local Daytonian and up until I graduated from UD, I never knew a home other than Dayton. As a result, when I went to college I had the privilege of being 10 minutes away from my parents, as well as a good portion of my immediate and extended family. During this time of adjustment, I’ve reflected on how fortunate I am to have been in that scenario.

Even after I graduated, I only

moved an hour away to Cincinnati, and I’ve been able to visit home frequently; the last time I saw my mother was just after Christmas and from that point until her death had been the longest stretch of time I’d gone without seeing her in a three-year span. Both of my parents moved away from their hometowns around my age, and many of my closet friends are hours away from their immediate family, as well as where they grew up. It’s hard for me to imagine what that must be like.

The love and support I’ve received over the past four weeks has been overwhelming at times and every effort each person has made has meant the world to me. In addition to my immediate family, many of the friends I made during my time at UD have been at there for me during the most difficult portions of this ordeal. In addition, they’ve shown me the same sort of love that a mother shows her child. With UD being a Marianist university, I believe that is no accident.

So the point I’m trying to make is that if you are far away from the ones you love, every minute you spend with them goes a long way toward a lifetime of peace; I know that not

everyone has the same sort of scenario as me, where I got to see my parents on a regular basis for my entire life. It’s hard for me to imagine living eight hours away from home and only getting to see family a couple of times a year.

I can’t tell you who the people who matter most to you are, but my mother was not only my mother--she was my best friend. I miss her every day but rejoice in knowing I spent so much time with her throughout the course of our lives. If tragedy does strike, do not be afraid to ask for help. I can guarantee you that there are more people that love you than you realize. The day after my mother’s funeral, I got a call from the university: I was informed of a monthly mass of remembrance of those members of the UD family who have died. They went on to say they would honor her again in March because of how sudden her death was but also simply because “they wanted to.” Never forget the big picture--there’s an entire family of Flyers here for you. I can testify to this.

*Dedicated to Barbara Diane Koerner*

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# The federal government's love affair with the 'war on terror'



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In mid-January, Gallup released a poll which showed that for the first time in over 10 years, the majority of the American citizenry are no longer satisfied with the way the government is handling the "war on terror." Who could blame them? From the revelations of Edward Snowden to the horrendous security situation in the Middle East following the removal of U.S. troops, there's not much good that the public as seen in the government's policy toward terrorism. Basically, this gradual shift is because of two things: the American public is becoming aware of both how horrendously the United States has been acting toward their citizens,

as well as being told, erroneously, that the government is handling the situation perfectly and everything is going according to plan.

Research has been coming out, with increasing frequency, that the government's overall terrorism policy has not been working. According to the National Review, the TSA has been gaining increased capabilities and funding, with no one being able to adequately explain why. The agency reported that the implementation of "whole body scanners" has had no effect on the prevention of terrorism, a \$200 million program for behavioral detection has returned with no success, as well as allowing 16 people through the system, who were later proven to be associated with terrorism. On top of that, only 5 percent of explosives and weaponry sent through TSA security to test their effectiveness were actually found. They failed their own test, spectacularly. All of this does not paint a rosy picture of airport or transportation security against terrorism in the slightest.

On the digital front, the NSA's arguably unconstitutional mass-surveillance programs have been entirely unhelpful in the thwarting of any terrorist attacks, The Intercept reports. This is because the vast majority of plots are still prevented through the same job that the FBI and CIA

ment needs its unlimited surveillance of everyone on the planet back. This scare tactic is clearly not working to convince the public as well as they may hope.

For instance, when the news continually reports on the state of affairs in Syria, there's no confusion about the effectiveness of operations to prevent these terrorist organizations. When ISIS is able to launch attacks in major NATO capitals, such as the attacks in Paris, fewer and fewer people would actually believe that the government's terror policy is successful. One can only be lied to so many times; eventually the government's lie that their failures are going to be successes with just a bit more power over the people begin to sound a tad ridiculous.

Mr. Rogers, not nearly as benign as the name would suggest, claims that the government's power to monitor all international communications is totally necessary to fight ISIS and international terrorism, but most people are becoming more and more aware of how

ineffective that actually is, just from the results which have now been made public. Logistically, there is no way to sift through that much data, it's a classic "needle in the haystack" problem, where the haystack is literally billions of communications every day. All of these things come together to push public opinion on the actions of the government down further and further. As it turns out, people do not like being lied to.

The gradual shift in public opinion on terror policy is an excellent one. The government cannot be allowed to break the Constitution just because of security rhetoric that does not actually carry any meaning. The American people are being educated on what is occurring, and this must continue because the only thing that can stop the government's power grabs is knowledge of them by those who are affected.

**"One can only be lied to so many times..."**

have been doing since before Sept. 11, and the massive expansion of governmental powers regarding surveillance. All of these failures and civil rights violations are doing nothing to deter the government. It seems like their motto is "So what if it didn't work? Let's just keep going with it."

The Guardian reported that Mike Rogers (a former chair on the House Intelligence Committee) is using the existence of ISIS to claim that the govern-

# Flag-obsessed writer gets moment in the spotlight

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Vexillology: If you know what that is you may stop reading now and commiserate with me later over the horrible insults I'm sure you've also fielded as a result of your trivial knowledge. Vexillology is the study of flags and flag design, as described by Roman Mars during his TED Talk in March 2015. Mars hosts the popular design podcast "99% Invisible" and apparently hangs out with fellow flag enthusiasts, making him a veritable scholar of vexillology.

Believe it or not, there's some news in the world of vexillology right now. New Zealand is holding a referendum from March 3 to 24 to decide whether or not to replace the current national flag with a new design.

The incumbent flag, adopted in 1902, features a navy blue field with the Union Jack occupying the upper left corner and four red stars of the Southern Cross on the right side. The new design combines New Zealand's silver fern with the stars of the current design, removing the Union Jack completely. The silver fern is a popular symbol of New Zealand and is the prominent logo of the nation's All Blacks rugby team.



New Zealand's referendum is great news because it gives me the opportunity to educate my peers on the beauty of flags and analyze New Zealand's choice in terms of Mars' principles of flag design.

The first principle? Simplicity. "The flag should be so simple that a child can draw it from memory," Mars explains. In fact, the flag design should fit neatly in a one-by-one-and-a-half-inch rectangle because at a distance of 15 inches from your eye, said rectangle appears about the same as a three-foot-by-five-foot flag would from 100 feet away.

Both of New Zealand's options are fairly simple flags. The fern is actually simpler than the Union Jack; however, the Jack is so recognizable that it doesn't add too much complexity.

The second principle, according to Mars, is "use meaningful symbolism." This is where the

new flag can really step up the Kiwis' vexillological game. The Union Jack is incredibly symbolic...of the British Empire. It's also featured on the flags of Australia, Fiji and Tuvalu, as well as several Canadian provinces and even the state of Hawaii. All, by the way, were once part of the British Empire. If New Zealand really wants to continue to lump themselves in with literally one quarter of the Earth's land mass, then they should continue with the Union Jack.

On the other hand, the silver fern is a plant endemic to New Zealand, meaning exclusively found in the nation, and is perfect symbolism for the new flag. It's already featured on the country's coat of arms, its one dollar coin and many unofficial logos.

Rules three and four are "use two to three basic colors" and "no lettering or seals," respec-

tively. For the most part, national flags of the world are much better than cities, states and provinces at following these rules. Thankfully, neither of New Zealand's designs violate these rules. But if you're not from Chicago, there's a great chance that your city's flag does. Remember, flags are meant to be flown at a distance, wave in the wind or be draped on a pole. None of the above conditions are suitable to read lettering or study detailed seals.

Further, if you think lettering or seals are necessary on a flag in order to identify it, you've already violated the second principle by using lousy symbolism.

The fifth principle is "be distinctive." Again, the Union Jack itself violates that rule for every nation that boasts it outside the United Kingdom. New Zealand's current flag is almost identical to Australia's. The only exception is

that there are six white stars instead of four red ones on the Aussies'.

Distinction among flags is a problem elsewhere in the world, too. Did you know that the nations of Chad and Romania have the exact same flag? It is three vertical stripes of blue, yellow and red. Indonesia and Monaco also share a flag, a red band atop a white one, which is only the inverse design of Poland's flag. Come on, nations of the world, be distinctive!

While New Zealand and Australia aren't quite that bad, at least one could use a makeover.

Many Kiwis who are against the flag change are so-minded because of the amount of money it would take to switch everything over to the new design. The referendums themselves have already cost the nation millions, and many citizens agree that tax dollars are better spent elsewhere.

But as long as a flag is in the news, I'm interested. Design is everywhere, and these basic design principles can be applied to much more than flags. So look up from your phone sometime and see what else can use a facelift. And the next time you hear someone talking about flags, keep the word "nerd" from escaping your larynx and join the conversation.

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## FOOTBALL

## Dayton offensive lineman Morgan transferring to Oregon

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From Illinois to Ohio and now Oregon, Dayton redshirt junior offensive lineman Zac Morgan will put another stamp on his football career.

Morgan played football, wrestled and ran track at Providence Catholic High School in New Lenox, Illinois, where he garnered attention from schools all over for his athletic abilities.

"I had scholarships to a few FCS schools and walk-on opportunities at some big time schools," Morgan said in an interview with Flyer News. But, regardless of those opportunities, he chose to play football at the University of Dayton.

"I choose to go to UD because when I came on a visit it just felt right to me. I fell in love with the campus and the people, and it will always go down as one of the greatest choices I ever make," Morgan said.

The 6-foot-7, 280-pound left tackle announced recently that he will transfer to the University of Oregon after graduating from UD this spring.

Morgan isn't the only one who is happy with his decision to go to UD for the first four years of his college career.

"We liked his size, he had decent feet and we just thought he would

fit here, both personally and academically, which is important to us—not just the type of athlete he is, but the type of person he is, as well," Dayton head coach Rick Chamberlin said.

With his decision in hand, Morgan headed off to Dayton where he earned playing time his sophomore year and started both his junior and senior years at tackle. During his tenure, he received multiple accolades for his work.

He was named to the Pioneer Football League (PFL) honor roll three times and was also twice named Second Team Academic All-PFL. For his contributions on the field, he earned the team's Stan Kurdziel Outstanding Lineman Award the past two seasons and was named First Team All-PFL last year.

Chamberlin saw a correlation between his on and off the field accolades.

"To succeed in the classroom, you have to be disciplined, you have to prepare, you have to rise to the stressful situations," Chamberlin said. "It goes hand in hand. If a young man is successful in the classroom, then he's going to be successful on the football field."

However, those awards were never the main focus when he stepped on the field every Saturday.

"We [offensive linemen] just care about winning and protecting our

QB and RB's and giving them the best opportunities to be successful," Morgan said.

And that he did, as he helped block for the 2014 Flyers team that led the PFL in rushing yards.

Coach Chamberlin noted that the offensive line, as a whole, was a strength for this year's team as well and had a direct hand in them going 10-2 this past season and winning the PFL championship.

Morgan also spent his years protecting the blind side of the quarterback, a revered position on the offensive line. Not many players are cut out for that responsibility, but Chamberlin thought his features and skills made it capable for him to play there.

"Zac's length made it harder for defensive lineman to get by him because he had such good feet," Chamberlin said. "A lot of our offensive lineman could've done well there, but because of Zac's physical features, it made it tougher for players to attack [quarterback] Alex [Jeske] from his blind side."

Morgan could be counted on each and every game. That's why Oregon came knocking on his door. They saw what he was doing to Pioneer Football pass rushers and wanted to see if he would be interested to play a year for them. According to Morgan, that's the only outside offer he received to play next year, and



Dayton offensive tackle Zac Morgan (#70) will transfer to Oregon after graduating from UD in the spring. He will be immediately eligible to play as a graduate transfer. Chris Santucci/Multimedia Editor

with great people surrounding the organization and an opportunity to start, he just couldn't pass it up.

Oregon is a perennial contender in the FCS, college football's highest division. The Ducks played in the inaugural College Football Playoff two years ago, falling in the championship game to Ohio State. The team went 9-4 last year and is known for featuring one of the most explosive offenses in the game. Because he redshirted his freshman season at Dayton, Morgan has one year of eligibility remaining and will not have to sit out a year due to being a graduate transfer.

Chamberlin and others are happy for him, even though it means finding someone to fill the void he has left.

"There's two things that can be taken away from him leaving for Oregon," Chamberlin said. "One, our coaches can recognize talent, and they saw it. And the other is what kind of players we can attract to the University of Dayton."

With moving on to Oregon, there's one memory that will never fade from Morgan's memory.

"The most memorable moment I've had at UD is definitely our game versus Marist this year," Morgan said. "We clinched the league title with that win, and all our friends and family came on the field afterwards. Being able to share that with everyone is something that I will never forget."

## COLUMN: MAKING SENSE OF COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Crazy season setting up for even crazier NCAA Tournament

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*Tempus omnia revelat.* Time reveals all. It's an infallible theme of sports, and what we're left pondering here in late February with absolutely nothing clear in college hoops.

Despite last week's lackluster defensive performances, we Flyer fans have been treated to a stellar year of classic college basketball in Dayton. And considering the fact that Archie Miller and his core have won five NCAA tournament games in the past two seasons, March could very well be one of the most electric months of UD's basketball history. But as always, it only takes one loss to overshadow a superior season.

Dayton's Cinderella status is rapidly evaporating. The secret weapon of underratedness is being quashed by the national recognition of quality basketball on Blackburn Court. Suddenly, the Flyers have been lumped into a pool

of really good, but few great, college teams. And the notoriety has caught up them, as it has to many ranked teams this year.

Just take a look at the AP rankings each week or a glimpse at the recent slate of games, and it's not hard to find underperforming powerhouses, strong showings from minor conferences and, of course, a whole lot of upsets. In the last week, No. 3 Oklahoma was defeated twice, by Texas Tech and No. 2 Kansas; No. 4 Iowa took a loss against Penn State; No. 5 North Carolina and No. 7 Virginia both lost to Duke; No. 6 Maryland lost two consecutive games against Wisconsin and Minnesota—both unranked—and No. 10 West Virginia lost to No. 24 Texas.

Granted, programs like Duke and Wisconsin are no pushovers even during their down years, but this goes to show there's absolutely no solidity in the top 10. Should UD get the opportunity to play against a powerhouse next month, this fact should excite us.

Villanova, the current No. 1 team in the nation, has historically played poorly in March. In each of their past five NCAA tournament appearances, the Wildcats have been knocked out in either the first or second round. A Final Four appearance in 2009 was their last deep bracket run. I'm not counting on them to play like champions this year either.

And yes, programs like Kansas, North Carolina and Oklahoma—Dayton's 2015 season dagger—are formidable powerhouses that may populate the Final Four from year to year, but remember, no team is immune to upsets.

And that's why Flyer fans should also be terrified.

For the first time in a while, Dayton won't be underdogs going into March Madness. Barring a complete collapse in the closing weeks, UD could actually be favored for a first round tournament game. And even if they aren't, any team that has done its homework would play Dayton as seriously as they'd play a top

seed.

We've started to see this in the recent weeks. Duquesne came about as close as any Atlantic 10 team had to knocking off the Flyers at UD Arena Feb. 9 when Scoochie Smith helped Dayton eke out a two-point victory. Later that week, the Flyers met a Rhode Island team that hung in for the entire game and would have won had Darrell Davis not knocked down one of the biggest shots of his life in the final seconds. Then, the late luck finally turned against UD when St. Joseph's forbade a comeback and, for the eighth consecutive time, defeated Dayton in Philadelphia.

Finally, St. Bonaventure handed the Flyers their first conference loss at home since St. Joseph's won there in January 2014.

There isn't a team out there who's not hungry for a victory over the Dayton Flyers. We're no longer that little March bracket buster or February thorn-in-the-side. We were the No. 15 team in the nation for a short while, and

that comes with a burden—a burden that this team's core is just now getting used to.

The fact is if the Flyers are going to graduate from a Sweet Sixteen hopeful Cinderella to a real contender, this is the year to do it. Yes, we got filleted, battered and fried by the one top 10 team we've played this season, the 90-61 loss to Xavier on Nov. 29, but Miller and company have come a long way since then.

They've had to grind for 40 full minutes in many of their wins, and they identified their weaknesses in last week's losses. It's that mentality that will carry them should they make another run. But don't forget there are other schools who want to be what the Dayton Flyers were in 2014 and 2015.

I won't make any predictions, but I will tell you that March will be saturated with upsets. Whether that includes a Flyer team getting knocked off in an early round or UD blazing to a regional final will only be revealed by time.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Decimated Flyers drop three in a row as season nears end

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The Dayton Flyers women's basketball team has had a rollercoaster ride of a season to this point.

With only two games left on the regular season before the Atlantic 10 conference tournament, the Flyers' record sits at 13-12 overall and 6-8 in conference play.

It's been a season full of close losses, winning streaks, losing streaks and a lion's share of injuries, but not consistency. Dayton started the season 6-1, with wins over Wisconsin, Vanderbilt and Louisville. In their win against Toledo on Dec. 2, the Flyers lost one of their best players, senior guard Kelley Austria. She tore her ACL in the game and was lost for the season.

Since that game, the Flyers went on a losing stretch, going 3-8 but then were able to go on a five-game winning streak, and have now proceeded to lose three games in a row. This can't only be contributed to the loss of Austria, but also injuries to other key players, such as senior guard Amber Deane, who hasn't played since the Flyers' loss to Gonzaga on Dec. 11. There is also no clear timetable for her to return, with only two regular season games left. Austria and Deane's injuries are the team's two notable long-term injuries, but along the way the Flyers have had numerous players miss games due to injury.

It's been a season unlike any other for head coach Jim Jabir, who's had to make a lot of adjustments to the team. The injuries have created a domino effect, forcing players into unfamiliar roles, which has caused Jabir to monitor players' minutes more closely, both in practice and games. It's been a season of tough luck, but Jabir still appreciates his team's effort.

"They haven't quit—they're still working hard," Jabir said. "For eight years, we've had a lot of luck, and this year, we've had some key injuries. You can't make excuses and you can't pout. You [have] just got to keep fighting."

With the injuries, Jabir has had to rely on some younger players



Dayton freshman guard Lauren Cannatelli (right) made four 3-pointers on Sunday afternoon en route to a team-leading 18 points. However, the Flyers eventually fell in overtime to Duquesne, 76-72. Sophomore guard Jenna Burdette was three points away from a triple-double, and junior center Saicha Grant-Allen had a double-double with 13 points and 14 rebounds. Chris Santucci/Multimedia Editor

to step up and play more. Jabir sees the future arriving a little sooner, which is a bit of a silver lining to find among the unfortunate injury scenario.

"The future will be enhanced by what they are learning now," Jabir said. "We are playing a lot of young kids and they are getting valuable experience, and we will benefit from that down the road."

The Flyers were on a four-game winning streak heading into their Feb. 10 game against George Mason. The Flyers were able to win that game convincingly, 81-58, and were led by sophomore guard Jenna Burdette, who had 23 points and junior center Saicha Grant-Allen, who had 17 points. This moved the Flyers win streak to five games, dating back to Jan. 24.

Unfortunately, the five-game streak would come to an end with a loss to George Washington on Valentine's Day, 72-62. The Flyers relied on their back court to do a lot of the scoring, with Burdette

having 23 points and freshman guard Lauren Cannatelli chipping in with 19 points of her own. The Flyers got off to a slow start to the game but tried to claw their way back, and their comeback came up short. The Flyers tried to bounce back from that loss on the road against Massachusetts on Feb. 17, but the Flyers came up short against UMass, despite a career-high 26 points from junior guard Christy Macioce.

Dayton had another furious comeback attempt in the fourth quarter, led by Macioce, who had 14 of her 26 points in the quarter. But the Flyers were unable to overcome Massachusetts, falling 76-69. This pushed the Flyers losing streak to two.

In the process, the Flyers lost another player due to injury. Junior forward Andrijana Cvitkovic rolled her ankle in the game. Cvitkovic was unavailable for the Flyers as they turned their attention toward conference leaders Duquesne on Sunday at

UD Arena.

The Flyers played Duquesne tough. It was a game full of lead changes, big plays and some overtime to go along with it. The Flyers had their chances to win the game, but Duquesne was able to pull out the win, 76-72, pushing UD's losing streak to three.

It was a tough loss, but Jabir was proud of the way his team fought and the grit they had. However, he knows they still aren't getting the job done.

"It's disappointing," Jabir said. "Today we were the better team, but we are so mentally weak in so many areas, whether it was foul shots at critical times or decisions. We're just not very tough mentally and that what's disappointing—we had chances to win the game."

Dayton finished the game 17-of-30 from the free throw line, while Duquesne was much more solid, converting 18-of-22. To Jabir's point, the Flyers also committed 18 turnovers.

Cannatelli led the Flyers with

18 points. Grant-Allen had a double-double with 13 points and 14 rebounds, and Burdette was three points away from a triple-double. The sophomore dished out 14 assists, tying a single-game program record and grabbed 10 rebounds. Grant-Allen, along with many of the players, thought this was a game they let slip away.

"We gave a lot, but it was a game we felt we lost," Grant-Allen said. "I don't feel it was a game that they beat us."

The Flyers will look to bounce back from this loss at home Wednesday, Feb. 24 against St. Louis. The Flyers will finish up the regular season against Fordham at home on Sunday, Feb. 28 and then look to continue their season in conference tournament play starting March 2.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Flyers 'tripped up' last Saturday, head to SLU Tuesday night

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After surging to the top of the Atlantic 10 conference standings through the first 12 league games, the Dayton men's basketball team has lost two games in a row for the first time since January 2014.

With a 79-70 loss at St. Joseph's on Wednesday night and a 79-72 home defeat at the hands of St. Bonaventure Saturday afternoon, the Flyers now sit in third place at 11-3, and are 21-5 overall.

Head coach Archie Miller's squad came into Wednesday night's matchup in Philadelphia as the 15th-ranked team in the nation, according to the Associated Press poll. St. Joseph's received votes in that poll as well, falling outside the top 25, and proved that it belonged in the conversation.

The Flyers were playing their second consecutive game without starting junior forward Kendall Pollard, who has been sidelined with a knee injury. Freshman forward Sam Miller started in his place for the second straight time, finishing with four points, one rebound and two turnovers.

Offense was hard to come by in the first half for UD, especially from behind the 3-point line, and the Flyers faced a 36-27 halftime deficit. Dayton shot 2-of-13 from 3 in the first half and didn't finish the game much better, finishing 8-of-31. The 31 3-point attempts are a season high.

Senior forward Dyshawn Pierre played all 40 minutes against the Hawks and had a double-double with 10 points and 13 rebounds. Redshirt junior guard Charles Cooke led the team with 16 points, and junior point guard Scoochie Smith had 11 points, seven assists, six rebounds and a steal.

The city of Philadelphia has not been so loving toward the Flyers in recent years. Dayton suffered what had been its only conference loss at that point to last-place La Salle, which also calls Philadelphia home, on Jan. 9. Dayton has also not won at St. Joseph's since 2000, an eight-game losing streak.

With Dayton riding a 20-game win streak in conference games at UD Arena, expectations were high that the Flyers would turn things around against St. Bonaventure.

The Bonnies were coming off of their own loss at La Salle on Feb. 17, and desperately needed a win

to catapult themselves back into contention for the regular season conference title.

St. Bonaventure played with that desperation from start to finish, showing an energy and urgency that Dayton was never quite able to match.

"I'd like to give St. Bonaventure a lot of credit," Miller said after the game. "Right out of the gates they set the tone, had a swagger about them."

Sophomore guard Jaylen Adams provided a lot of that swagger for the Bonnies. Adams tied a season-high with 31 points on Saturday, shooting 8-of-19 from the floor and 5-of-9 from 3-point range. The 6-foot-2 guard also added six rebounds, six assists and two steals while knocking down all 10 of his free throw attempts. He played all 40 minutes and did not commit a turnover.

"He's one of the best guards I think that I've coached against," Miller said. "To do what he's able to do and never come out of the game is incredible. He set the tone very early on."

The Bonnies led by as many as 10 points less than four minutes into the game, forcing Dayton to chip away almost from the outset. The Flyers did take a temporary lead, 36-35, with under a minute to play in the first half on two Smith free throws, but St. Bonaventure ended the half on a 5-0 run to take a 40-36 halftime lead.

Dayton never led by more than two at any point in the second half. Each time the Flyers cut SBU's lead to one or two or took a lead themselves, the Bonnies had an almost immediate answer.

A put back layup from Dayton redshirt freshman center Steve McElvene tied the game at 72 with 53 seconds left. But Adams hit his biggest shot of the day on the Bonnies next possession, drilling a 3-pointer with 36 seconds left after coming off a ball screen. Dayton came up empty on its next offensive possession, and Adams solidified the result—and put a stamp on a tremendous individual performance, with four made free throws down the stretch.

"[On] the last play, to have a guy come off of a ball screen and shoot an uncontested 3, it's unacceptable," Miller said.

Saturday's win improved St. Bonaventure's record to 18-7 overall and 10-4 in league play, and SBU sits alone in fourth place just one game back of Dayton and 1.5 games ahead



Sophomore guard Darrell Davis focuses on the rim as two St. Bonaventure defenders close in during the Bonnies' 79-72 win over Dayton Saturday afternoon. The loss dropped the Flyers to 21-5 overall and 11-3 in Atlantic 10 conference play, where they now sit in third place. Chris Santucci/Multimedia Editor

of fifth-place George Washington. The top four teams at the end of the regular season get a double-bye in the Atlantic 10 Championship tournament.

"We've just got to respond," Cooke said. "It's conference time, and everybody's trying to win games—from the bottom to the top."

Dayton will have its chance to respond Tuesday night when it travels to St. Louis to face the SLU Billikens. SLU is 10-16 overall and 5-9 in conference play. Dayton beat St. Louis 73-37 at UD Arena on Jan. 27.

According to Miller, all indications

are that Pollard will remain out of the lineup for the foreseeable future.

"Kendall is not coming back any time soon from what I gather, so right now we're going to have to find a way to get better [without him]," Miller said.

One way Miller will try to achieve that is by making a change in the starting lineup.

"Steve [McElvene] will be back in the lineup, starting next game," Miller said. "We're trying to prevent him from fouling, but he's too important. We have to get him going."

The Flyers tip off against SLU at 8

p.m. Feb. 23 on CBS Sports Network. They will then return home Feb. 27 for their second matchup with Rhode Island at noon on ESPN2.

Near the end of his post-game press conference on Saturday, Miller made a statement that was perhaps aimed equally at the Flyer faithful and his team.

"At the end of the day, we're 21-5, we're 11-3 in the league and we won nine games in a row," Miller said. "We've tripped up here this week. It's not the end of the world. We have four games left, [and] we've got to find a way to win the next one."