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IN THE BIGS — Former Flyer pitcher Craig Stammen throws the opening pitch at his major league debut with the Washington Nationals May 21. See Page 13.

Photo by Mitchell Layton/Washington Nationals
OPENING COMMENTS

Resounding gongs, go away

We are a country at odds with itself. We often see those with whom we disagree as conspiring to destroy the America we love. At our worst, our disagreements lend fodder to those who scoff at the notion of democracy. So, here we take a little pride that this issue presents at least one story (more, we hope) that may make you not only proud to be associated with the University of Dayton but also proud to be an American and proud just to be a member of the human race. They are stories of conflict from Vietnam to the Middle East and within our own country. But they are also stories of hope and comrades, of community and family.

The topics are lofty, perhaps; the lives of some of the people, larger than life as we know it in our everyday lives. But in those everyday lives lies the seed of what is substantial. On this campus, that seed is nourished by a “front-porch” mentality that students, whether being welcomed by a fellow student on a real front porch or being welcomed anywhere in this community. One of the guidebooks to colleges refers to UD as “academically challenging yet unperturbing.” It’s fitting that the actions of those at a school called Catholic testify to the words of St. Paul that “love is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude.”

We reflect on such love at milestone events like graduations and weddings and funerals. Lately, I haven’t been in many graduations or weddings but have been reminded of the words of an aging Brother Elmer Lackner, S.C. (an administrator with so many roles he was just called “Mr. UD”), who, when asked what he did, noted he was at a point where he mainly went to funerals. And I’ve been reminded that funeral gatherings cut through pretensions and focus us on what is fundamental. Sometimes it was at a point where he mainly went to funerals. And I’ve been reminded that funeral gatherings cut through pretensions and focus us on what is fundamental. Sometimes

DOMINO RELATION

I started reading the list of dominos in the UD Magazine (“Hidden Treasures,” Summer 2009), just trying to find Boesch and Wellenborn, maybe some other “Lamont” names. I was surprised to find — upside down — John Kindel (first row, Ghin From the bottom). I am a desendent of a line of Kindels. I’ve sent a link to the UD Magazine article to my distant...

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LETTERS

WHERE ARE YOU READING UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON MAGAZINE?

Brian Baker ’99, Ben Simcik ’02 and Mark Ewell ’99 stopped at the edge of Barombi Lake in Cameroon. The site of our first cover shot, for a quick photo before delivering copies of the magazine to the village across the lake, the site of the first issue’s cover story.

Three open-air porches, completed a similar water-situation in a nearby village about ten times the size of Barombi. Where are you reading the issue in your hands right now? Send us a photo that shows the frames where you and the magazine go.

—RACHAEL BADE, ADRIAN EARHART, AMBER DILWORTH

AUTO MEMORIES

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WEISSHORN, OHIO

—JIMMI MASUURA ’47

Via Twitter

When we posted a tweet of winning an award for “in style” writing, we tweeted: “What do Harvard, Yale, Stanford, Johns Hopkins and UD have in common? http://bit.ly/UDqf7c”

P.S. I’m still bitter about that article. How do I not crack the top 100? I got beat out by the...
Welcome, Class of 2013
FICE A PORCH, ANY PORCH

The Class of 2013 arrived on campus full of hopes and expectations. In one of the most uncertain admission environments in memory, it has shaped up to be one of the most academically prepared and diverse in the school’s history.

Tweet tweet
HTTP://TWITTER.COM/DAYMAG

How big is Twitter? Big enough that Paula Abdul tweeted her Americas Cup departure. Big enough that the NHL preseason was more about tweets than tackles. Even President John Q. Adams has a Twitter feed (courtesy of the Massachusetts Historical Society).

At last count, Twitter boasted more than 40 million users (including us, @daymag). Leaked internal documents boast a goal of 1 billion users. And people everywhere seem to be talking about what, if anything, it’s good for.

Anything, it’s good for.

Rudy Flyer

Anything, it’s good for.

My brain just thinks in melodies. If people wouldn’t think I was crazy for doing so well? We’ve only scratched the surface of what we can do.

“Why would I leave after my sophomore year when the program is doing so well? We’ve only scratched the surface of what we can do.”

— STUDENT-ATHLETE CHRIS WRIGHT, ON RETURNING TO UD HIS JUNIOR YEAR

Joanne Dugan

My Dusty Road
HTTP://WWW.JOANNEDEGOAN.COM
HTTP://WWW.ROUNDER.COM

Five years ago, Michael Creamer got a call from a cousin. Could he come to the Brooklyn basement of a friend who had inherited some materials from a defunct record label? Inside the basement were 2,000 metal discs, including the Woody Guthrie recordings, one never-before-released song, “Bad Reputation.” When they were played, the sound was shockingly clear. “Everyone’s mouth just dropped,” said Creamer, who attended UD from 1973 to 1976. Renovated Records just released a four-CD box set of the recordings, My Dusty Road, in August.

Blake Mycoskie

BJSR
HTTP://BJSR.OHIO.EDU

Blake Mycoskie witnessed the effects of a debilitating disease that affects children in many Third-World countries. He also learned that the affliction, called podocadiasis, is fully preventable with one inexpensive, non-invasive treatment: shoes. So he founded TOMS Shoes, which gives a pair of shoes to the poor for each pair it sells. Mycoskie will be on campus in April to deliver the keynote address at the annual Stander Symposium.

Self-healing wire

ROBERT KAUFFMAN, UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The editors of R&D Magazine named a UD research success one of the top 100 “most technologically significant new products” of the year on July 20. The award is the second R&D 100 for Robert Kauffman, a distinguished research chemist at the UDRI, who developed the PATCH technology in response to the fatal 1996 crash of TWA Flight 800.

15 PERCENT ENERGY REDUCTION

When administrators called for a campuswide reduction in utility use this fiscal year, they had both environmental and fiscal stewardship in mind. Besides using fewer natural resources, the reductions will save about $1 million, said Jim Reaves, energy manager in facilities management. Step one: smarter thermostat management to reduce demand during peak hours.
How to apologize …

This past year, anyone with access to a television, radio, computer or Twitter account has been subjected to a roster of often groveling, sometimes seedy, occasionally tearful but seldom effective apologies by public figures exposed in scandal. Whatever happened to contrition, we asked, and is a genuine apology a dying art? No, says Jon Hess, chair of the communication department in the College of Arts and Sciences. But we’d do well not to pattern our peace-making on our public figures’botched attempts.

Taping the findings of friend and distortion Bill Bould of the University of Massachusetts, Hess assembled the following components of an effective apology.

1. Admit guilt: “If you don’t start by admitting guilt, your apology probably isn’t going to anywhere,” Hess said. “What matters in an apology is how it’s received by the offended person and whether they believe the sincerity of it …” Often, a public apology starts with an admission of guilt, but it’s followed immediately by an attack of their critics, not taking blame, minimizing or even denying what they did, or shifting the blame to someone else. If they shift the blame, it’s not an apology.

2. Show remorse: Feeling bad — reflecting what happened and the effects of the offense — is difference between empathy and insincerity, Hess said.

3. Change behavior: One’s intentions may be called into question if an apology is repeated over and over for the same offense.

4. Attempt to right the wrong: Sometimes, a person can offer some way to correct or undo the harm or compensate the person for it. “If a person’s really remorseful, they’ll want to,” Hess said. “It doesn’t.”

5. Listen: Offering listening to the other person, instead before or after the apology, can bring about a better understanding of the effects of the offense.

Spam: Don’t bite

The University of Dayton’s spam filters, most deleted it, but 5 percent repeated for more information; of those one provided credit card information, Hess said.

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On Aug. 25, the day before fall classes began, RecPlex hosted the first-year convocation as faculty welcomed new students to the academic life of the University.

Hitting the campus running
UD became one of handful of schools to offer a personal success coach to each admitted student for running Hitting the campus homesickness.

State budget spillover
The recession’s effect on the state of Ohio’s budget has reached the University of Dayton. The university’s private schools have felt the effect of the phase-out of the Ohio Student Choice Grant program. The Dayton Area Graduate Studies Institute, a consortium of graduate programs at UD, Wright State University and the Air Force Institute of Technology, is losing $2.6 million in state aid. And the Dayton Early College Academy has lost $710,000 in state aid.

Here comes the Class of 2013
When classes started on Aug. 26, the University of Dayton heralded the first-year entering class as the best academically prepared in UD history. The class’s more than 3,700 students include increased enrollment from Hispanic, Asian and international students. About 49 percent of the incoming class comes from outside Ohio.

New and returning students saw some changes — the most visible perhaps being $45.3 million in improvements and in the absence of the Old Mechanical Engineering Building. Plans for potential use of the space that building occupied and the nearby area can be seen at http://facilities.udayton.edu/construction/central-mall/.

Ratings and recognition
• U.S. News & World Report 2010 rankings list the University of Dayton as a national top-tier university and a top-10 national Catholic university. UD was also listed among “A+ Schools for B Students’’; it was the second year for UD on this list of schools the magazine says deserve a closer look.
• UD made the Princeton Review’s 2010 The Best 371 Colleges. The school was described as "academically challenging yet unstuffy.

Record research volume
The University of Dayton attracted a record volume of sponsored research, $90.5 million, last fiscal year, an increase of 14 percent over fiscal year 2008.

Much of the growth can be attributed to our continued strong business relationship with the federal government and our University’s success in winning Third Frontier grants from the state of Ohio,” said Mickey McCabe, vice president of research and executive director of the University of Dayton Research Institute.

Federal grants account for about 75 percent of research revenues while Third Frontier grants are about 25 percent. According to McCabe, Third Frontier grants provide support to institutions’ programs to acquire and retain top quality research faculty, support the development of new technologies, and make that list, which included Boston University and the University of Michigan, 29th.

And in the little corner of the world occupied by university periodicals, the last issue (“100 Things We Love About UD”) of the Chronicle of Higher Education, the last issue of the “Great Schools, Great Places” list.

In memoriam
John Westerheide ’47, the first director of the University of Dayton Research Institute, died Aug. 5 at the age of 87. By the time of Westerheide’s retirement in 1983 after 27 years as director, UDRI had grown to employ 390 full-time people and to be consistently ranked among the nation’s top-100 universities receiving federal support.

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The Methodical Madness of Move-In Day was the title of a Sept. 8 feature article in The Chronicle of Higher Education that reported on UD’s “drop-and-go” move-in service.

“Drivers will not need to get out of their vehicles,” said Mickey McCabe, vice president of research and executive director of the University of Dayton Research Institute. "They will drive to a designated parking space and catch a shuttle back to the dorm.” It worked, too. According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, UD has long been recognized as a national top-tier university and a top-10 national Catholic university. UD was also listed among “A+ Schools for B Students”; it was the second year for UD on this list of schools the magazine says deserve a closer look.

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People and programs

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Linda Berning ’82
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president and chief
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Hospital
Thomas Breitenbach,
executive officer of
Premise Health Partners
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co-founder and former
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Breitenbach, Davis and
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Initiatives. The institute
provides online faith
formation courses in more
than 20 countries.

And we’re doing our bit here
In its own small way, the University of Dayton Magazine is helping the planet, too. Beginning with this issue (Vol. 2, No. 1), we have switched paper so we continue to print the magazine in Ohio with Watkins Printing, an 86-year-old, family-owned business in Columbus. We are still Forest Stewardship Council-certified, which provides an internationally recognized credible link
between responsible production and consumption of forest products.

The magazine is now printed on FSC-certified paper that contains 10 percent post-consumer recovered paper and elemental-chlorine-free virgin pulp. The new paper, produced in the United States, also includes the Green
Power certification, which states the publication is “manufactured with electricity in the form of renewable energy
(wind, hydro and biogas).” This publication is 100 percent recyclable. And the new paper costs less.

GREEN, RED & BLUE

24 bags of
garbage:
It’s a start
A campus picnic for new students left be-
hind 24 bags of refuse.
Only three of those bags went to a landfill.
Of the rest, four headed to a local recycling
plant, and 20 bags of food waste and composta-
ble dineware were shipped to a composting
facility.
It’s a good start. With 11 percent of the
event’s waste heading to a landfill, the picnic
fell just short of the University’s long-term
goal of recycling or composting 90 percent of its
dining waste. UD has begun what will be the
largest food scraps recycling effort in Ohio and
one of the largest university food composting
efforts in the nation, said Doug Alderman, di-
rector of agricultural and environmental busi-
ness at Garick Corp., whose South Charleston,
Ohio, plant will process the compost.
At the dining rooms in Marycrest and Vir-
ginia W. Kettering residence halls as well as
those in Kennedy Union, patrons who choose to
dine in them will find compostable dinnerware.
The University is setting out to cut
its utility use by 10 percent this fiscal
year.
Achieving that will require technol-
ogy and cooperation, according to Jim
Blomma, director of general mainte-
ance and energy manager.
Technology includes:
• occupancy sensors to switch off lights and shift climate-control sensors;
• automated controls on the central
boiler plant;
• aggressive preventive mainte-
nance.
Roesch Library is looking at elimi-
nating half of its 10,000 light fixtures,
cutting electrical usage without com-
promising light levels. And academic
buildings may have more efficient
lighting, reducing use during the period of low use
like summer.

Cooperation from individuals on
campus will be critical, for example, in
reducing use during the period of high-
est electrical demand — between noon
and 5 p.m. weekdays. Electric bills are
calculated not just on the total kilowatt
hours used but also on demand, that is,
the rate at which they are consumed.
So on bright, sunny afternoons, we’ll
be turning off lights, and, when head-
ing off to meetings, turning down
computers.
Also, buildings will have target
thermometers of 74 degrees Fahrenheit
in summer and 70 in winter.

And turn out the lights

Up a dirt road with rocks
that could puncture your oil
pan in the Long Branch Envi-
ronmental Education Center
near Leicester, N.C. This
mountainside was the sum-
mmer home of Collins Brown,
left, and Kyle Jones, the
first engineering students
placed domestically through
the Engineers in Technical
Humanitarian Opportunities
for Service-Learning program.
They built structures out of
sustainable materials
constructed a solar
cooker out of a
‘70s-era refri-
gerator, and helped
with the organic
-growing of blue-
berries, raspberries
and apples. Twenty-
five students participated in
summer immersions in eight
countries, with the domes-
tic site adding an option
for students with
different inter-
nations. Said
Jones, ‘I’m of
the mindset that
you start where
you’re at and move
cut — help the people
here first.’
Putting a new face on your Facebook page

Students are becoming more cautious about putting stupid things about themselves on their Facebook pages. Employers are becoming more social media savvy.

Those are two of the findings of UD researchers doing a follow-up to their 2006 study on employer and student use of Facebook. The findings also revealed, however, that many students do not participate in LinkedIn, a social media site for professionals, as that a significant number of employers use. Fifty-seven percent of the employers surveyed used LinkedIn; only 13 percent of the students did.

The percentage of students who believe it is unethical for potential employers to check applicants’ Facebook profiles fell by about half, to 18 percent.

“What this survey shows is that students are being more realistic and they’re being more cautious,” said one of the researchers, Mark Sisson, associate director of career services. “A smaller number is bothered by the idea that this is not just a social network but it may have an impact on your job search.”

Sisson and Chris Wiley, also associate director of career services, presented results of the survey in June at the annual conference of the National Association of Colleges and Employers. They polled more than 2,000 students from UD and Wittenberg and Wright State universities and nearly 800 employers.

Employers reported that students’ job prospects have been hurt by negative information on Facebook.

“When employers find negative information,” Wiley said, “70 percent of the time it ends badly.”

The oddest finding may be that while 90 percent of students say the profiles reflect “the real me,” only 34 percent of the employers thought the student profiles reflected the real person. The finding may reflect different concepts of reality. The employers, Wiley surmised, may have been reflecting an idea many adults have of U.S. college life. “There is a belief,” she said, “that your time in college is Fantasy Island, that it’s a crazy time and doesn’t really count as real life.”

Twitter, blog, e-mail

Keep in touch electronically with the University of Dayton Magazine with Twitter (http://twitter.com/daymag) and the magazine’s Web site (http://magazine.udayton.edu).

For a quick look at UD between issues of the magazine, take a look at the blog UDQuickly (http://udquickly.udayton.edu) and subscribe to its companion newsletter, New from UDQ, by going to http://alumni.udayton.edu and clicking on “My UD.”

Send your class notes to classnotes@udayton.edu. Just want to update your record? Send information to records@udayton.edu. In either case, please include traditional information like postal addresses and land-line phones as well as cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

Former Flyer jumps to The Show

Craig Stammen, 25, a former Flyer drafted by the Washington Nationals in 2006, made his major league debut on May 22, when he was the starting pitcher for the Nats at home against the Pittsburgh Pirates. He pitched 6.1 innings and allowed four runs as Washington won, 5-4.

Called up from the minor leagues from Triple-A Syracuse, Stammen remained in the starting rotation and had one of his best outings June 18 at the new Yankee Stadium, when he allowed no runs in 6.1 innings against the Bronx Bombers in a 3-0 win, though he did not fare as well against another power, the Red Sox, when he allowed six runs in the loss at home.

In his first start in The Show he was 4-7 with an ERA of 5.11.

“They always told me that I’d be a big-league pitcher,” Stammen said. “Sometimes you don’t believe that when you’re all the way in Class A. I had a blast. I knew my goal is to come out here and have fun. That’s what happened.”

It was a rapid rise for Stammen, who began the 2006 season pitching out of the bullpen for the Single-A Potomac Nationals. “Sometimes you have to go backwards before you can go forwards. That is what happened with me,” said the right-hander from Versailles, Ohio.

Bobby Williams, the director of player development for the Nationals, took special delight in seeing Stammen make the majors. “I was his first manager,” said Williams, who had the pitcher with Vermont in the New York-Penn League in 2005. “I first saw a good-looking player with good stuff and a good arm. I am really excited for him. He has a tremendous work ethic. He is a competitor.”

—David Driver

Add one more

Another former Flyer pitcher made it to the big time when, on Sept. 1, Jerry Levine pitched two scoreless innings for Oakland against Kansas City.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Flyers favored

Coaches and other experts predict big things for Flyer teams this fall and winter.

The head coach of the men’s soccer team in the Atlantic 10 Conference tabbed Dayton to defend its soccer championship. Last year’s season included 10 victories, a record tying 49 goals and a first-ever appearance in the NCAA Men’s Soccer Championship.

The head coach of the women’s soccer team in the A-10 also picked Dayton to finish on top. Last season the 13-6 Flyers advanced to the final of the A-10 Championship.

The Pioneer Football League coaches picked the Flyers, with 14 returning starters, to finish second. The Flyers went 9-3 last year.

A 10 volleyball coaches picked Dayton to finish second. Trailing 9-13 last season, Dayton earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Championship. The A-10 Volleyball Championship will be held in the Flower Center, Nov. 20-21.

The women’s basketball team faces a nonconference schedule featuring several top-notch teams including NCAA runaway survivors. The Flyers return all starters and their top seven scorers from last year’s 21-14 team.

The Dayton men’s basketball team opens against Christopher N 14 in the UD Arena. The team plays Georgia Tech in the first game of the O’Reilly Auto Parts Puerto Rico Tip-Off Nov. 19. Competing off a 22-8 season and making it to the NCAA second round, the Flyers are ranked by a number of media in the top 25.

Flyer fans will get their first look at both basketball teams at the annual Red & Blue Clame, Saturday, Oct. 24, at UD Arena.
MARIANISTS

Common Bond, old age and Cicero

Agony is a trait of all humanity, but the common bond of the aged is Cicero’s “Commonal Bond” at the heart of more than 300 former Marianists. Both bonds were highlighted as well over 200 members of the group met in Dayton this summer at the fourth such triennial gathering coordinated by Myron Arbach ’58.12

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Grad to guide American Marianists

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Move-in weekend, 1959

Ken [Mesolella ’62] and I were assigned to the same dormitory. Across the hall, the University did not have enough men’s housing on campus that year, so they leased part of a vacant hotel at downtown Dayton on the corner of Third and Lake. It had been converted into a dormitory for 300 male freshmen.

When we arrived at the Chibnall, Ken’s parents moved his belongings into his room on the ninth floor. It was gigantic compared to the dorm room on the other floors. He had two roommates, but there was still enough room for three single beds with separate desks and closet space for each. It was equivalent to a suite with a private bathroom.

A 15-year-old Ken had helped me with my luggage to the ninth floor, where we were sponsored. Climbing the elevator we were greeted with a welcoming committee of one, a kid who had taken up residence outside my room. He had gained entrance to the hallway from an open window at the end of the corridor. I managed to kid it with my prep school tennis racket. Perhaps I should have tried to play tennis with that mie; however, the Chibnall did not have a tennis court. Little did I know that sleeping the last bed would be the last time I used a tennis racket that school year.

A year after we arrived at College Hill, Ken’s father and I made our way over the hallway past a stair- court. Little did I know that slaying the bat would be the last time I used a tennis racket that school year.

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From Life As A Crossword Puzzle, by Noah Falck

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My machine is mechanical. When it smiles it leaves no happiness.

My machine of fame. My machine of fortune. There is a tale that speaks of a machine that wants to become something else, perhaps a beard.

The 1970s were overrun with mustaches. As a boy I studied the width of mustaches. The pitch of my mustache and the mustache. 1977: the embarrassing legend of everyone’s mustache.

She says my mustache afflicts her back. She is excluded within the tizzler arena of mustache hair. Melt your ice cream in the mustache of sunlight.

“Out our mustaches are all we have.”

The gym teacher sees a mustache. She was laughed at behind closed doors. She knew this, but also knew the power of the mustache.

Oh yeah … in the corner there was a sink that was filled and there was a bungy cord tied in a knot.

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Excerpted from Letters From Otto, a memoir by D.A. Glapier ’63 (www.glapieractions.com)
A century and a half after Charles Darwin introduced his revolutionary theory to the world, it engenders a unique skepticism.

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hink about it. No one objects to germ theory, atomic theory, the theory of gravity, relativity theory, plate tectonics. The list is long.

Only evolution remains in question.

A theory on which modern scientific advancement has depended as much as any other. A 2005 public opinion survey indicated 40 percent of Americans accepted evolution, versus 86 percent in Iceland and 83 percent in Turkey. Doing the math, that means to present Americans have a problem with Darwin.

That, of course, doesn’t make them right. It really puts them in good company. "People don’t really care whether life evolved or not. They care whether their children grow up in a moral world with the right moral values. They’re so worried that if they don’t accept some of the things in the Bible, they will lose their moral standing," said Goldman, associate professor of geology at the University of Dayton. "If you (only) could convince them evolution doesn’t mean the downfall of morality."

Goldman describes himself as spiritual but not religious. Among the myriad detailed observations collected on the voyage because it explained so much. Even better, and absolutely paramount for a scientific voyage, it didn’t say why we do anything. Today, it can’t separate completely the two spheres. But that doesn’t mean it can’t religion any slack.

"If there isn’t a factual historical basis for a religious belief, then the belief should be challenged and investigated further, not merely embraced or dismissed in a hasty fashion. Faith, properly understood, is not anti-rational or ‘blind,’” Masthay said.

Some say Charles Darwin was slow to publish his seminal work on evolution because he was afraid of offending his wife’s religious views. Others suggest he was afraid of momentum. Still others say perhaps Darwin was set in motion, not was eventually deeply impacted by spiritual ideas. Some of those things seemed to have a resonance of truth. Maybe there is a God."

Masthay, an evangelical Protestant, did not have a problem with Darwin. "I’m pretty much a science-minded person. The deepest religious questions are ones of ultimate meaning and purpose, but we don’t have a lot of sources so how we ought to think about it, that barnes said. "For many people, science has more to offer than religion, but religion seems to be more relevant to certain. For others it has pushed questions to a deeper level."

Francis Collins, the former director of the Human Genome Project, is one of the most prominent scientists advocating for both science and religion. To Collins, the evidence for evolution is irrefutable. And yet, he sees no problem advocating for faith. "Faith and science are two ways of knowing," he told the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life in May. "Pitting the two against each other doesn’t make sense. Rather than forcing a choice between two ways of looking at the world, we need both, Goldman said. "Science describes the physical world, but the Bible may be a better handbook on how humans ought to act this century, has given a lot of thought to smoothing out the rough spots between faith and science. To Collins, the evidence for evolution is irrefutable. And yet, he sees no problem advocating for faith.

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In 1969, Army Spc. Gordon Roberts ‘74 carried out a lone assault on four North Vietnamese army bunkers, saving the lives of many of his fellow soldiers. In 2005, Roberts logged more than 70,000 miles escorting supply convoys throughout Iraq, expeditions that routinely encountered snipers and roadside bombs. These days, Roberts — now 59 and a colonel — spends more time dodging media requests than mortars.

In June of 2008, he became Medical Center Brigade Commander at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Soldiers at Walter Reed generally fall into one of two categories: the wounded and those who care for them. From a squat metal hulk known as Building T-2, Roberts commands the 2,500 caregivers: Army doctors, nurses and other medical staff. His responsibilities are largely administrative — payroll, training, promotion — but he regards his paperwork with the same unbending sense of commitment that once led him to storm enemy platoons.

“In that box comes a requirement for 250 to 300 signatures a day,” says the colonel, a small man with sad eyes and an endearing crooked smile. He retains a boyish informality, frequently tacking “and stuff” on the end of otherwise eloquent sentences. He points to the inbox on his desk, which is flanked by a row of Sharpies and ballpoint pens in neat formation. “Everything in that inbox will be in the outbox when I leave at the end of the day. I made that commitment because those

The Medal of Honor citation for Gordon Roberts ‘74 praises his ‘gallant and selfless actions ... in keeping with the highest traditions of the service.’ In Vietnam in 1969, that meant extraordinary heroism that saved fellow soldiers pinned down on a hillside. At Walter Reed in 2009, it means commanding 2,500 caregivers as they heal lives.

BY ANDREA APPLETON
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A COMMITMENT OF MORAL OBLIGATION
are things that affect the soldiers’ lives and stuff.”

Roberts wears the Army’s standard-issue pixelated camouflage and desert boots to work and, like many of his brethren, has an upright carriage and a penchant for acronyms. But the colonel is also a man apart. His sense of duty — to his country, to the Army, and above all, to his soldiers — is the old fashioned kind. Webster’s lists numerous definitions for “duty,” including “full-time military service” and “an obligatory task.” One gets the sense that Roberts lives by the sort that Aristotle and Cicero would recognize: the force of moral obligation.

Roberts first joined the military three days after his high school graduation, at the height of the Vietnam War. “It wasn’t a calling for me,” he says. In his patriotic hometown of Lebanon, Ohio, joining up “was simply one of those things you did.” (The GI Bill was an added incentive. No one in Roberts’ family had been to college.) Both of Roberts’ brothers chose the Navy, but something drew Roberts to the Army. Perhaps, he says, it was the fact that they share the same birthday, June 14. On that day in 1775, the Continental Congress created an army to fight Great Britain, a precursor to the modern Army.

Roberts went through several levels of Army training before being stationed in Germany. About a year after enlisting, he was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division and shipped off to Vietnam. On July 11, 1969, he was 19 years old and deep in combat in the A Shau Valley, nicknamed “Death Valley” by the division’s helicopter pilots. The platoon was sent to attack enemy bunkers that were decimating a fellow company. But as they approached, grenades and automatic weapon fire rained down on them from an enemy fort on a hill above. At first Roberts dove for cover with his fellow soldiers, but then, foreseeing massive casualties, he charged the closest enemy bunker alone, firing as he went. He continued on to a second bunker, until a burst of fire knocked the rifle from his hands. He seized another rifle from the ground and kept attacking, destroying a third bunker with a handful of grenades. He fought through hostile fire and finally joined the company his platoon had been charged with saving. It wasn’t Roberts’ only act of bravery in Vietnam — he also received two Silver Stars and a Bronze Star — but it is the one that followed him home.

President Nixon himself presented Roberts with the Congressional Medal of Honor.
Roberts calls himself a “dirty boots soldier,” and given the chance, he says he wouldn’t take any senior command position. “I think I’d be comfortable in leadership positions of one sort or another,” he says with a smile.

He went on to serve in Korea, Kuwait, Egypt and as part of several domestic posts. And then, in 2005, he once more headed for the battlefront of an unpopular war, this time to Iraq. But despite his disillusionment with the Army, Roberts, never quite “able to sign up for officer training,” “left the service because the forces were all volunteer,” he says. And during that time, he watched the Army change. “As the forces became all-volunteer, the Army became more attentive to its soldiers,” he says. It needed to retain them, as well as create good ambassadors for further recruitment. And, in the absence of the draft, the public became more supportive as well.

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But at no age, the attention — both negative and positive — was too much for Roberts. “It was overwhelming,” he says. He remembers a line from John Denver’s “Rocky Mountain High,” a folk song of the era. “I said something to him — ‘a place he’d never be before,’” says Roberts. “That’s very significant.”

At the time, Roberts had no desire to become a career military officer. After he returned from Vietnam, he had failed to supply him and his soldiers with the weapons and adequate food. When he came home, Roberts weighed only 107 pounds, was well under too. In Vietnam, he had to clean his own clothes — “a normally unpleasant task,” he says. They were dressed in “basic fatigues that were very simple, but it took a decade — long after the war was over — for that weapon to come forward,” he says. “I needed to be able to focus on recapturing my reasonable energy, my mental health,” he says. “The overall effect was that they really didn’t — for that weapon to come forward, “he says. “It needed to retain them, as well as create good ambassadors for further recruitment. And, in the absence of the draft, the public became more supportive as well.”

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THE FAMILY

THREE STORIES
This is the story of a house never lived in, a house below a pine forest with knurled knees that anchors the rocky slope that would otherwise tumble to the village below.

It is a story of that house’s three stories — each floor built for a son and his bride — and the civil war that kept them away, and the family that brought them together again.

It is the story of Joseph Saliba, three-time graduate, professor-turned-provost, a boy from Lebanon, and his path to UD. We tell his story not because it is so remarkable, but because it is so familiar. There is a house, a search, a sense of belonging, and, in the end, a HOME.
Joe, adding that his mother’s family was well-educated. “My relatives — on my father’s side — made tremendous fun of him: ‘You’re wasting your money. ... What are you going to get back from education? ... They’re going to come back and work at home.’

In second grade, Joe started at Collège de La Sagesse in Beirut, 45 minutes from Bteghrine. Each Tuesday, his father and mother drove through the crowded city streets delivering wine and arrack, a distilled spirit, and stopped at La Sagesse for lunch with their sons — Joe, then Georges and Tony — eating sandwiches and passing across the table a bag of candy. But Joe was keenly aware that he was different — the son of a winemaker, not a diplomat or international businessman like his classmates — and that he was homesick. But he had his studies. And he had soccer.

As a teenager, Joe had aspirations — soccer pro and airline pilot. These professions were glamorous, something that would set him apart from the thousands of professional engineers churned out by Lebanon’s universities. He fulfilled one dream. Joe was one of the youngest players drafted to the professional team of La Sagesse — known in Lebanon as Hilmet — “wisdom.” As he cut literature and philosophy classes to attend practice, his nation fell into civil war.

On his office computer, Saliba pulls up photos from his soccer days and challenges his visitor to spot him in the lineup. He stands tall and thin above his teammates, a mop of black hair hiding his forehead and ears. He points at a broad-shouldered man in a black jersey. “This is our goalkeeper. He got killed. And he was our captain.” His finger moves to a man on his left, a defensive player — “and he got killed in the civil war. The goalkeeper got killed on the green line, and this guy got killed at the port.” Saliba, a second-string defensive player, was moved to starter.

He graduated, and it became evident the country would not heal itself in time for this restless 20-year-old to begin flight school. “It really truly came down to me to carry a gun and fight, or I had to flee,” he says. “The neat thing about our high school is that its most prominent educational objective was to serve both the Christians and the Muslims. One third of my classmates were Muslims, and I just couldn’t see myself going and fighting against the people I lived with and that I considered my dear friends. That was not part of the equation. We have studied together, we have eaten together, we have lived together, and now I’m going to go kill them? That just didn’t make any sense.

That was ’76. I left Lebanon.”

The oldest son of Elias and Emile had no plan, no destination, just the family’s wishes that he learn and be safe. He climbed in his Uncle Joe’s full car and joined a caravan that wound through the Bekaa Valley and up the mountains. They were warned, and the family was very fright -ened. The caravan would wait for no one. The last car in yesterday’s caravan was ambushed. Do not fall behind.

Halfway up the mountains, nearly to the ridge, Uncle Joe’s car got a flat.

“My cousin and I changed that flat tire faster than NASCAR people,” Saliba recalls. “We were so scared. Everybody was praying. Not a word was uttered — the whole trip, not a word was uttered.

People on the road swore at them, made them feel like dogs for not taking sides, for not fighting and killing and dying. The car caught up to the caravan and made it to the Syrian border. Saliba boarded an airplane for Brazil, then 50 days later to Bordeaux, France, believing he would play soccer, wait out the war, return to his family and move back into the one-story house. The war would not end until 1990.

When the family said “United States,” they really meant “Dayton,” specifically the University of Dayton. His mother’s cousins, the Sawawas, lived in Dayton and would tell those back in Lebanon of the Maronists and this wonderful university where you’d feel at home. There came Saliba and John Samaha, one of the first Maronists in Lebanon. The American-born son of a family in a neighboring village had graduated from La Sagesse in 1991. He was then joined by more Maronist brothers who built a school down the road from Bteghrine. Joe, already enrolled in the Maronite school in Beirut, tagged along with cousins who were still there for summer school. Joe immediately identified with the Maronists. He was too young to understand chauvinism or religious nuance, but he clearly understood their devotion to Mary and how they used her as an example of living a Christian life.

Later in Bordeaux, Joe realized that while he was a good soccer player, he couldn’t immediate-ly compete with the international players many years his senior. He would be a “projet” for any coach, and he could not afford to wait for a pro

**SECOND STORY**

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contract. He was attending college but barely making it, missing meals and living in poor housing with Tony and Georges, who joined him to attend high school in safety. In 1976, Joe knew he needed to leave for the United States — and in his family, that really meant Dayton. On campus, he embraced his studies as a civil engineer, completing his bachelor’s in two years while still struggling to understand English. John Thompson, his business ethics professor, allowed him to write his papers in French. In 1979, Joe's brother Tony arrived to study at UD, followed in 1980 by brother Georges and 1986 by sister Hanane.

Joe completed his master's, started his Ph.D. and met Dorothea Lien, a lovely computer science student who was born in Holland and who won his heart. They planned to travel to Lebanon in 1984 and marry, return to Dayton for Joe to finish his Ph.D., and he back in Lebanon within a couple years.

In Bteghrine, his father had prepared for the day Joe would come home. As is customary, Elias had built a second story onto the family home: Joe and Dorothea would live there while Elias and Emiline finished raising their family. The deed would be transferred to Joe's name, and the eldest son would become caretaker of the property for the family. Joe would teach at the American University of Beirut and help in his father's business. He would be home soon. The war continued, and the young couple was frightened as they traveled to and from their exile as temporary. By 1983 I'll be back, he said. I'll see you then. In the meantime, some- why neither children nor parents lived there. J o e " a May trip to Bteghrine was largely unplanned, an added stop on an official itinerary. As provost, he and UD Presi- dent Daniel J. Curram were reaching out to students in Middle Eastern countries, forging partnerships with governments and schools to offer a UD edu- cation to international students.

Joe did not want to go home. He told no one he was coming. In the years his cousins had fled from snipers and bombs, Joe got an education, raised a family. He was anxious, guilt-ridden. He was scared to death.

"I had such mixed emotions. I didn't know how my cousins would react to me, how I was going to react," he says. "Is there still a sense of belonging? Am I just going to be disappointed? What am I going to say? How are they going to react? What am I going to say?"

He didn't have to say a word. As he stepped out of the car, he saw cousin Elias and she saw him. He paused five seconds as her mem- ory searched for little Joe in the stranger's face. Then Elias broke into a run and they embraced, sobbing like babies.

Every relative he met accepted him like family who still lived next door, from his 90-year-old aunt who lives on the home's first floor to cousin Georges, with whom he built their summ- mer sleeping area.

Cousins and classmates had also fled during the war, some deciding to make their homes in other countries. But they had all come back to visit — except for Joe and his brothers. "I had never intended to stay away so long. Even after he and Dorothea had children, he still planned to move back to Lebanon. But as the children grew, and as siblings settled in Dayton and northern Kentucky, it became ap- parent a move home was too likely — or maybe that the loca- tion of home was moving. "I felt that my home was Dayton," he says. "All the indicators inside — the voices — were saying 'stay.'"

In 1987, his parents left Lebanon for Kettering, Ohio. The family was reunited, and there they would stay. In Lebanon, family is everything — your best friend, your insurance agent, your grocer. In second grade, with his move to boarding school in Beirut, that had begun to slip away. Class- mates and teammates filled the unseen gap. In Bordeaux, he had a year with his brothers. In Dayton, he found community with other Leba- nese students and the Marianists who bought pizza and beer and invite the international students over for community meals. And slowly the gap began to fill. "It was easy once my par- ents and my brothers were here," he said, "but it isn't the same." His children and their cousins — in so are — are very close, but they don't share meals together, hunt the steep Lebanese slopes or build summer sleeping areas.

Instead of one house with three stories, there are six houses within 60 miles. But there is family, and there is belonging. And that is the meaning of home.
Springtime on the Dayton campus is unique. So is springtime in the Palestinian Territories.

BY ZAC SIDERAS ’11

STUDENT ABROAD

THE STREETS OF THE VILLAGE OF ARTAS outside Bethlehem (top left).

THE DEAD SEA IN ISRAEL (bottom left). The trip gave me an opportunity to bust out my bright green floral swimsuit, which has traveled with me everywhere I have gone the last three years. That, however, was its debut appearance in the swimsuit capital of the world. No one had anything on quite like it, and it certainly drew some interesting looks. Since I sink like a rock whenever I swim, I thought I was going to become the eighth wonder of the world when I got in and sank. Much to my amazement, I actually floated. It’s amazing how much salt is in the water. It’s like having battery acid poured in your eyes if you are splashed. Not a great place for water wars.
I had the opportunity to study at Birzeit University in the West Bank of the Palestinian Territories. This experience gave me the chance to continue studying Arabic and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict at a Palestinian university. Before the trip, family and friends asked me to provide updates on my experiences, musings and travels during my three-month journey. The result was a five-part series of e-mails about daily life in Ramallah written throughout my trip.

This was my second experience abroad at UD. Two summers ago, I studied Arabic intensively at our university partner, Al-Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco. During this trip, my failure to send more than a few photographs led to jokes about whether I had actually gone. It looked as if in the West Bank, I was going to repeat my failures as a photographer. In a February 2009 e-mail, I wrote about a hike through the hills of Ramallah:

It was some of the most beautiful scenery I had ever seen, which led me to curse my family for the genetic predisposition to forget our cameras in those sorts of situations and important events. (At this point I should note that since we gave my mother a digital camera for Christmas a couple years ago, she has defeated this curse. However, I have yet to hear it myself, and it demonstrates my lack of photographic journalism for this trip and many others.)

To the surprise of many, I returned with several hundred photographs taken between February and April 2009 by myself and traveling companions during our trips throughout the West Bank and Israel. I also brought back stories to go with them. This article tells some of these stories and, I hope, provides a fresh perspective on the daily life of Palestinians.

Zac Sideras, a UD senior majoring in international studies and history, is studying this fall at American University in Cairo, Egypt, through a David L. Boren Scholarship. He continues to send e-mails home.

A VIEW OF THE CENTER of the West Bank city of Ramallah, the administrative center of the Palestinian Authority. This photo was taken from Stars and Bucks Café, which will serve you coffee at all hours of the day. I prefer the killing taste of Arabic coffee. While everyone smokes here, I haven’t quite decided what’s more hazardous to your health, the coffee or the cigarettes.

THE NABLUS TRIP included a trip to Al-Najah National University. Not long after this shot, I (second from right) found myself in a five-on-five basketball game against the university’s women’s basketball team. The real challenge was how to play defense on five girls, three of whom wore the hijab. It took us about two minutes to figure out the nature of the game. When one guy got knocked down forcefully, we had to take a time out and reconfigure our defense. It was an extremely physical game, and I guarded their enforcer, who was much bigger than I and throwing elbows. I had no chance.

THE OLD CITY OF NABLUS (left), the largest West Bank city, is very old. Founded by a Roman Emperor in A.D. 72, Nablus has been governed by Romans, Byzantines, Ottomans, Egyptians, Englishmen, Jordanians and, now, Palestinians.
WITH A GROUP OF FRIENDS and a local historian, I hiked to the village of Artas outside Bethlehem. Above, we walked through the valley toward greenhouses where villagers grow vegetables. THE GREENHOUSES sit at the foot of the Church of the Enclosed Garden, now “occupied by the sisters of the Hortus Conclusus, who came from Montevideo to make their home in the country of Jesus,” according to the official Web site of the city of Bethlehem. The historian guide told us that the sisters offer classes for the village’s young children before they go off to primary school.

THE HIKE TO ARTAS began with a stop in a Bethlehem meat shop, where we bought food we would grill later that day. Though all of the meat is sold like this, no one got sick.

WE GRILLED LUNCH AT THE POOLS OF SOLOMON (above), which, despite their name, were probably constructed under the Romans during the reign of Herod the Great to supply water to aqueducts that served Bethlehem and Jerusalem. After lunch, a rock-throwing contest commenced across the width of Solomon’s Pool. Getting a rock across is no small feat. I would guess it was at least 75 yards across, if not farther.

A MURAL ON A SCHOOL WALL surrounding a Palestinian school demonstrates the role of the arts in Palestinian political expressions.

WE SPENT TWO DAYS with one of our professors touring Galilee villages destroyed during the 1948 war. Among the scars of war we saw was the remains of this house, once Palestinian but now located inside the grounds of an Israeli kibbutz.

THE REMAINS OF A RAMPSH in Acre in Israel’s north, the site of multiple 12th-century invasions by European crusaders, that served Bethlehem and Jerusalem. After battle, a rock-throwing contest commenced across the width of Solomon’s Pool. Getting a rock across is no small feat. I would guess it was at least 75 yards across, if not farther.

ISRAELI SECURITY MEASURES are an ever-present fact of life in the West Bank. Here, a military road and security zone separate a Palestinian village from its farmland.

THE LEMON TREE: AN ARAB, A JEW, AND THE HEART OF THE MIDDLE EAST
Awesome book. In addition to the fantastic story it tells about a real situation, the historical background to the conflict is beautifully and brilliantly written.

PALESTINE AND THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT: A HISTORY WITH DOCUMENTS
This history, edited by Charles D. Smith and now in its sixth edition, is the text used by associate professor Ellen Fleischmann in HST 334, History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. It’s a good read with a balanced viewpoint. Great maps, pictures and documents.

ANOTHER SITE ON THE GALILEE TOUR was this Greek Catholic church in Bet. According to our professor, the surrounding village was destroyed by the Israeli Defense Forces in the early 1960s, sparing only the church. Today, the church is continually occupied by area youth worried that it is a target for annexation by Israeli settlers.

SUNSET FROM THE ROOF of the Episcopal Technical and Vocational Training Center in al-Tireh on the edge of Ramallah in the West Bank. One of my favorite places to hang out.
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At the same time, science and religion con-
tinue to affect each other. At the most basic
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biology at UD, acknowledges that religion or spirituality
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Richard Steinbrunner has led a remarkable life. It has been 50 years since he graduated with a degree in psychology. In that time he has gone through two marriages, had two children, and enjoyed a career as a clinical psychologist. He has also fought battles with disabilities as people, "I am just such a remarkable life," he said. Steinbrunner, born with cerebral palsy, has faced many challenges. "In the 1950s I had to get special permission to be a student at the University of Dayton. My wife also had cerebral palsy, and the Catholic Church refused to marry us. When we had our children, it was difficult to find a doctor who would work with us." Over the last 50 years, some barriers for people with disabilities have been removed, due in part to Steinbrunner's drive and spirit. Steinbrunner spent most of his career at the Columbian Development Center in Columbus, Ohio, where he worked with mentally and physically handicapped clients. His own disability gave him unique insight into their needs. "When we were going through these things, he said. "I understood their struggles." He later worked for the state of Ohio evaluating county programs for the disabled. During his tenure, Steinbrunner helped create a state-level Office of Disabilites, which was the first in the nation. He also served as director of the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council, where he helped create a state-level Office of Disabilities. He then realized, "I knew that it's really important to look beyond someone's disability." Steinbrunner said, "I knew that it's really important to look beyond someone's disability. I knew that it's really important to look beyond someone's disability. I knew that it's really important to look beyond someone's disability."
If you want to stage a yearlong celebration that reaches 5 million people over 87,000 square miles, put Cay Smith Hellaevir at the helm. A native of Minnesota, she’s a historian and the head of the Minnesota Historical Society. She was elected to the board of directors in 2007, and she’s been its president since 2009.

As the society’s chief executive officer, Smith oversees the society’s budget, which is $16 million. She’s also responsible for the society’s three main missions: preserving the state’s history, making it accessible to all, and making history relevant to contemporary issues.

Smith says the society’s most important work is preserving the state’s history. “It’s not just about preserving the past,” she says. “It’s about making sure that the past is relevant to the present and future.”

The society has a wide range of programs and services, including exhibits, publications, educational materials, and tours. It also manages a number of museums, including the Minnesota History Center, which is located in St. Paul, and the Minnesota Zoo, which is located in Apple Valley.

Smith says the society’s biggest challenge is finding ways to engage people in history. “We’re trying to reach out to people of all ages and backgrounds,” she says. “We want to make sure that history is accessible to everyone.”

The society’s budget is funded by a combination of state and local government funding, private donations, and grants. Smith says the society is always looking for ways to increase its funding, including through partnerships with other organizations.

Smith says the society’s success is due to the hard work of its many dedicated volunteers and staff members. “We couldn’t do it without them,” she says. “They’re the ones who make it happen.”

Smith says the society’s most important goal is to continue to preserve the state’s history and make it accessible to all. “We’re working to ensure that Minnesota’s history is told in all its diversity and complexity,” she says. “We want to make sure that everyone can learn from and engage with our history.”
Sleeves rolled up

HOLLY DIFlORA '72

About three years ago, Holly DiFlora and her husband, Richard, opened a home rehabilitation business, and Holly set up a related real estate office, Holly Real Estate. They discovered that the Dayton neighborhood, historic South Park, was an "ideal place to revitalize the city." About three years ago, Holly DiFlora's husband and Dave Gasper '84 also wanted to revitalize the city. He started a home rehabilitation business, and Holly set up a related real estate office, Holly Real Estate. They discovered that the Dayton neighborhood, historic South Park, was an "ideal place to revitalize the city.

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"Looking beyond the balance sheet

Deshon Hervey, a partner at one of the world's largest accounting firms, says he's a product of good mentorship. Now, he's also a producer of it. "I'm at the point where I'm involved with people who are looking to me be their leader, someone who can have the open and honest conversation that can help them succeed in business," he said. "In times like these, we rely on the relationships we've built with clients who are going through tough times," he said. "I'm at the point where I'm involved with people who are looking to me be their leader, someone who can have the open and honest conversation that can help them succeed in business," he said. "In times like these, we rely on the relationships we've built with clients who are going through tough times," he said.
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Across Pearl Jam’s next album — Backspacer took Hot Chili Peppers got involved.

Each year the race follows about 10 leatherback turtles as they head to or from nesting beaches, and the public can track their preserving their habitats. The Great Turtle Race is a fun way to get

Wallace started his career studying songbirds at UD but be

Among those scientists is Bryan Wallace, the science adviser

be where I am.”

In 2006, two grants launched a business — Backspacer was first made in the Ghettos. They mixed, baked and bagged their wares in a tiny Cincinnati apartment, and everywhere they went, they smelled of extra virgin olive oil and maple syrup.

“This is where we call the Baggs at,” said Kate Menninger Desmond of McCalvins’ which she started with college roommate Marie McCabe ’02. Three years, several package designs and four kitchens later, McCalvins’ has a four-star variety in 130 Cincinnati-Downtown Kroger stores, and a half-dozen Cincinnati-area grocers. And, they’ve hired a commercial baker.

KATE MENNINGER DESMOND ’02

Granola empire

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But with an in-labraual baker, we’re able to produce a lot more granola than we could ever make in our

DOLING SPRINGER

Karen Menninger Desmond, creator and owner of granola company McCalvins’, is the 2009 UD Alumnus of the Year.

She was honored at a ceremony and banquet during Football Weekend Oct. 17 at UD’s Alumni Center.

“Karen Menninger Desmond exemplifies dedication to the University of Dayton in a multitude of ways. Not only is she an alumnus, but she has also taught and mentored countless students at the University of Dayton and has given back generously of her time and talents,” said University PresidentAA..
In her first year after graduation, sport management major Maggie Biedenharn was happy to be promoted to a director position with the Central Hockey League (CHL).

Not yet three years old, she’s now playing ball with the NBA’s Memphis Grizzlies as an associate of corporate sponsorship sales.

Biedenharn, a former soccer and tennis player at UD, is making a profession of her love for sports. She sells advertising and sponsorship, including signage, print advertisements, and radio and TV commercial spots during games.

“I love the organization and the business side of things,” Biedenharn said. “I think sports are going to grow a lot more.”

There are perks. She minglels with players, cheers at games and has a drawer full of Grizzlies T-shirts. But playing and working are totally different, and she says she’s not afraid to step up to the plate without challenges.

Like any sport, it takes practices and a competitive edge.

Biedenharn recalls the most valuable thing she took from UD in her communication skills. Preparing presentations, memorizing speeches and getting better ideas before pitching classes — she remembers them well.

“I had it (public speaking). Everybody does,” she said. “But you take that fear with practices. That’s what I did, and that’s what helped me get to where I am today.”

— Brian Baluk ’10

In the NBA

The morality of accuracy

Video: Wilkowski ’08

Photographed archives, films, artifacts and art preserve the gruesome history of Nazi Germany at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

But the lingering impact of this horrific crime often goes beyond the word holocaust. For Wilkowski, an intern in the museum’s Division of Senior Historian, Wilkowski is part of a team of historical researchers who investigate, uncover and make public the details and events of the Holocaust.

Wilkowski, who majored in history and German, wrote for the museum’s online Holocaust Encyclopedia and helps answer inquiries from government agencies, scholars, professors and students.

Although his work is routine — dates, events or recommended readings — others require some intricate digging and phone calls, such as determining the fate of a missing person or speaking with the wife of a World War II hero.

This is where the museum’s work gets brainy and difficult, Wilkowski said.

“It’s not just history, it can be negatively affect someone’s published work...”

Be more important, off-base conclusions could be drawn from secondary research and sources.

Wilkowski believes false accusations, like those in the book ‘Death’s Company’, only be with reference to an honest and accurate history of the Holocaust.

— Jason Page ’10

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New faces
The annual Alumni Leadership Council in September saw several changes in the leadership of the National Alumni Association. Linda Berning ‘70 became the new president of the board at the conclusion of the term of Frank Ceraci ‘79. Kevin Maloney ‘79 became president-elect of the National Alumni Association board. Stacy Bartko ‘03, president of the UD alumni chapter in Detroit, was named chapter council at-large representative to the NAA board. Joining her as fellow new board members are Ray Blakeney ‘93, Maureen Geraghty ‘82 and Steve Junker ‘84, Rick Granite ‘88 is the board’s new treasurer.

Red and blue face off
The men’s and women’s basketball teams’ annual intrasquad scrimmage will be Saturday, Oct. 24, at UD Arena. Doors open at 9 a.m., and admission is free. Visit http://www.daytonflyers.com for more information.

Golden Flyers celebrate
This year’s Golden Flyers fall luncheon will feature guest speaker retired Maj. Gen. Ed Mechmeiche. At the time of his retirement in 2004 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, he was the Air Force’s last Vietnam-era former prisoner of war still serving. The luncheon will be held Thursday, Oct. 8.

Don’t let the Red Scare have all of the fun
About millennials, employees born between 1980 and 1999. In response, the two women wrote their book, which argues that companies should decrease millennials turnover by working with the generation’s demands, which generally, she said, will actually improve companies.

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Still a Family: A Guide to Good Parenting Through Divorce / LISA RENÉ REYNOLDS ‘90
Lisa René Reynolds was teaching a six-hour parenting class for divorcing parents with children when she decided to write a book on parenting through divorce. “Other divorce books focus on mediation, money, arrangements, who gets what,” she said, “but parenting initiatives need more than a few chapters to be helpful.”

Homeland Security and Federalism / MATT MAYER ‘93
Matt Mayer, the former head of the Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, offers “a rational risk model to guide where our limited resources are spent.” He rooting his argument in the premise that “best practices from outside the Beltway ... vindicate the role of federalism in solving America’s complex challenges.”

Complete Guide to Investing During Retirement / THOMAS MARCHELLI ‘83
Thomas Marchelli offers retirement investment tips for retirement through investments in the stock market. “We’re at the point where people are afraid to invest in the stock market,” said the former investment and business consultant. “But if retirees want to increase their meager savings, they have to put it where it can grow at a significant pace. They must invest.”

Keeping the Millennials / JAN FERRI-REED ‘75
As president of KeyGroup, a consulting and training company, Ian Fees Reed and this company’s CEO noticed their clients complaining...
A fresh look at business networking

The way Jim Meaney ‘74 sees it, “This isn’t rocket science.” He’s talking about business networking through his alumni chapter in Columbus, Ohio, where Meaney has taken the lead on a new approach to make business networking events “more than just a get-together at a bar.” They call it Business Connect.

Step One: Get out of the local watering hole and get to a place where alumni do business. Meaney works with area alumni to host networking events at their places of business, whether it is a real estate firm or a CPA’s office.

That leads to Step Two: a business-to-business approach that is less job fair and more about connecting members of the local UD business community with each other for long-term, mutually beneficial relationships. LinkedIn is also part of the mix. The chapter’s LinkedIn group, UD Business Connect Central Ohio, has more than 100 members.

The Columbus model’s success is being shared with other alumni chapters, said Tracie Johnson ’08, assistant director for alumni outreach. “What’s been intriguing is seeing how chapters are adapting it when they learn about it,” Johnson said. “Columbus has a good model to start out with, but I like seeing how chapters are making it their own.”

The Phoenix chapter has experimented with the new networking approach. Charlotte took the model and worked with alumni of another university to develop a speed networking event, complete with interest cards filled out ahead of time. People are coming in to get something tangible, and those structures provide so much more of a focus,” Johnson said. “It’s the same as a service event — we want people to come out feeling good. We want them to walk away from an event knowing they are going to be contacted. That was worth my three hours,” especially in those stressful economic times.

For Meaney, it’s a way of helping himself while strengthening the entire UD community. “I’ve met people I otherwise wouldn’t have known, people of all different age groups,” he said. “You never know when you’re going to need help. Everybody we talk to at Business Connect went to Dayton. I think people want to help.”

“We want them to walk away from the night thinking, ‘That was worth my three hours.’”

The Columbus alumni chapter in Columbus, Ohio.

Puerto Rico

The sun-soaked island of Puerto Rico may have it all — from awe-inspiring beaches and mountains to a tropical rain forest to the unflappable iguanas lounging near the hotel pool. If you look closely, you’ll even spot the occasional Dayton Flyers bumper sticker.

Comfortably sandwiched between the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea, this U.S. territory is the home of more than 200 alumni who will show off their slice of paradise during the 2009 Puerto Rico Tip-Off. The Dayton Flyers will square off against Georgia Tech in the opening round on Thursday, Nov. 19, at the Coliseo de Puerto Rico in the capital, San Juan.

Manuel “Tito” Casanova ’93 is pumped, knowing the tourney will bring national exposure for the Flyers — and a boost for the re-energized alumni chapter that was launched in the summer, largely by former admission director Myron Ashbach ’89 and a group of parents.

Families participate in some alumni events, including new student picnics, last year’s boisterous Dayton-Xavier game watch at Shannan’s Pub, Christmas off Campus service outings to a children’s shelter and retirement home and an annual “mingling” — a reception featuring fla- ventious Puerto Rican fare, such as chicharrones (fried chicken), albondigas (meatball stew) and piononos (fried plantain rolls).

Devoted to family, Puerto Rican students discover a home away from home on UD’s supportive campus. “If I were to say what was the most important time of my life, I’d say UD. I became a man there. … The sense of community we found there never leaves you,” said Casanova, a U.S. probation officer for the district of Puerto Rico and newly named chapter president. — Tony Rimi

Puerto Rico

FIVE DON’T-MISS SIGHTS IN PUERTO RICO

1. EL TURQUÉ NATIONAL FOREST

The only tropical rain forest in the U.S. National Forest system, this pristine oasis of waterfalls, exotic ferns and rare tree frogs is one of 28 finalists in the "One of the Wonders of Nature” global competition.

2. OLD SAN JUAN

Beneath the earth in dramatic underground caves and sinkholes — and a spectacular tropical underground river. Well worth the two-hour drive from San Juan, Casanova says.

3. JAS CAMUY CAVE PARK

Beneath the earth in dramatic caves and sinkholes — and a spectacular tropical underground river. Well worth the two-hour drive from San Juan, Casanova says.

4. BEACHES

Puerto Rico boasts 300 miles of shoreline. It’s not hard to find sandy beaches for water sports or stroll, but Casanova recommends ones on the west side of the island, such as Combate and Rincon, “a surfers paradise.”

5. LA CORDILLERA CENTRAL

The central mountain chain of Puerto Rico crosses the island from west to east, featuring striking views and small mountain towns with restaurants offering typical Puerto Rican cuisine.

For more information about your chapter, visit the chapter pages at http://alumni.udayton.edu/
**McDaniel commits $1 million endowment for Flyer Angels**

Ron McDaniel ’69 likes to take the road less traveled. Perhaps it’s no surprise then that he’s committed $1 million to his alma mater to start an endowment for Flyer Angels. It will be one of a handful of undergrad-uate angel investment groups in the country when it launches in 2010.

Under the proposed program, entrepre-neurship majors would partner with a local an- gel organization to evaluate busi- ness plans and recommend invest- ments in start-up companies.

"While most university angel programs operate at graduate pro- grams or through networks where alumni invest in other alumni, Flyer Angels will benefit primarily under-graduate students," observes Matthew Shank, dean of the School of Business Administration.

"There are very few universities in the country that offer this sort of opportunity for their students.”

Entrepreneurship is the fast-est growing major in the business school — largely due to its ranking as the seventh best undergradu- ate program in the country. “We’re looking at this new program as an educational tool for students, one that also will aid economic develop- ment in our region and help keep our entrepreneurship program in the upper echelon of programs na- tionally," says Dean McElrath, chair of the management and marketing depart- ment and NCR profes-soor of global leadership development.

McDaniel, owner of Western-Cullen-Hayes, a Chicago-based railroad signal and safety manufac- turer, cultivated an entrepre-neurship spirit working more than half a century in the railroad in- dustry. His company makes cross-ing signals and other equipment to improve railroad safety.

He’s also a steam train enthusi- ast who’s made more than 35 photographic trips since 2000 to a quest to visit every country in the world. His train trips wind through impoverished villages in far-flung places like Zimbabwe, Pakistan and Ukraine. It doesn’t shock him to spot a pig running through a vil-lager’s house in rural China or to watch South African women gather lager’s house in rural China or to watch South African women gather "I often wonder if I had been born in some of these places, what would life have been like for me?" Instead, with pragmatism and perseverance, he found his own path in life. His plans for studying engineering were thwarted when his family needed him to work. Married at 19, he took a job as a trainee draftsman with the Hayes Track Appliance Co., a railroad sup- plier in Richmond, Ind., but quick- ly realized he needed to be on the business side. So, he started eve- ning business classes at Earlham College and eventually traveled to Dayton to finish an accounting de-gree at night by the age of 20.

What advice would this non- traditional University of Dayton student offer to today’s entrepre-neurship students?

"Believe in your convictions," he says. "Don't consult too many people because they will tell you it can't be done to the point that you believe it can't be done. Recognize opportunity— but, above all, "Chase the things you enjoy.”

—Teri Rizvi

**MAKING THE GRADE**

As those 1860, 1865, and 1870 report cards witness, the boys of St. Mary’s Institute during its earliest years were graded in subjects like elocution, sacred history and French. Outside their classroom in the 1860s, there was a bustling business in the Catholic Press, a "thought for what he is today Zehlern Hall in 1865, a barn and stables on the site of today’s Alumni Hall in 1864, and the groundbreaking and construction of the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception in 1864 and St. Mary Hall, fin- ake. He was his company’s chief inventor, obtaining 112 patents during his lifetime giving and be- tions. He became president of the Oneco Co., in 1904 and adapted to the times, developing register systems for buses and taxi- cabs. He was his company’s chief inventor, obtaining 112 patents during his lifetime giving and be- tions. He became president of the Oneco Co., in 1904 and adapted to the times, developing register systems for buses and taxi- cabs. He was his company’s chief inventor, obtaining 112 patents during his lifetime giving and be- tions. He became president of the Oneco Co., in 1904 and adapted to the times, developing register systems for buses and taxi-
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APPEN, Germany — I spent one year at the University of Dayton.

Big smiles appearing on the class’ faces.

“No, not Dayton as in spring break and Flori-

da — that’s Dayton in Ohio.”

These are the words I always use when in-
troducing myself to another class of soldiers at the Center of Pastoral Care for Non-com-
mmissioned officers in Appen, near Hamburg.

But what makes spending a year at UD so special that it is worth mentioning to the soldiers? What made it an integral part of my life, a place where I can say I have my roots?

A closer look at the last issue of the Univer-
sity of Dayton Quarterly (“100 Things We Love About UD,” Summer 2009) gives a vivid account. I read every single page — as I always do — very thoroughly. And in reading it, I related to every point mentioned — good, dear and cherished memories. Like campus Masses; the warm and hearty welcome on campus; the good atmosphere among col-
leges; students, faculty and staff; the helpful and friendly support for new and international students like me and for my mom, who visited me, who doesn’t speak one word in English, but who felt at home at UD immediately . . .

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standing and ministry with the soldiers here at Appen. “Learn, lead, serve,” are the catchwords when I talk about leadership, service and re-
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Earning the title of stew-dent-tah

The walls of my dorm room (one of the best I have ever seen) were alive with prints of Manet, Van Gogh, Cezanne and Manchini, Aristotle and Aquinas, Keats and Kerouac, Stravinsky and Puccini, and many more. I have not experienced this feeling of ministry and the Marianist spirit to the military in his min-
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now as I am writing these lines, watching out of the garage window, the buildings with their white window frames, I’m reminded of UD and all the good, fun and in-
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That is my University of Dayton story; that is what ministry is, and that is what community is. And even living on the base has some things in common with the

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Schools at the center

It’s hard to imagine a world where children aren’t ready for kindergarten. Yet in our own backyard, some 5-year-olds can’t recognize letters in the alphabet. Amber Rose ’05 has embarked on a mission to change that. As the newly named director of education for The Salvation Army’s under-construction Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center Dayton, she’s teamed with professor Shauna Adams, an expert in early learning, to provide hands-on educational kits to young children.

Amber’s life path took focus when she interned in UD’s Fitz Center for Leadership in Community. There, she learned the art of connecting faculty, staff and students to the needs of families and children in Dayton’s poorest neighborhoods.

“The best gift we can give kids is a love of learning,” she says. “That’s why she brought our engineering students out to Kiser School, where they helped seventh- and eighth-graders program and build robots. Ohio Achievement Test scores jumped — and students learned math and science could be fun.

At the University of Dayton, we believe students, from the richest suburbs to the poorest communities, learn best in a community of challenge and support. Yet all students don’t have that opportunity. The greatest untapped intellectual capital can be found in our nation’s highest-poverty neighborhoods. According to researchers from Jobs for the Future, one in 10 students from the lowest socioeconomic quartile earns a college degree, compared to half from the top quartile. Many children reach kindergarten already up to two years behind those from stronger economic backgrounds.

We’re ahead of the curve and in a strong position to take a national leadership role in closing the gap. The University of Dayton specializes in innovative education reform in urban classrooms, public and Catholic. Consider:

■ The Fitz Center has transformed five newly built inner-city schools into neighborhood school centers in the wake of three decades of busing. Each school is partnering with a trusted nonprofit organization in their neighborhood — from the Salvation Army to East End Community Services — to create strong community schools.

When the bell rings in the afternoon, these schools turn into neighborhood centers, complete with tutoring and service-learning projects such as streetpeace — an effort by students in the Ruskin Neighborhood School Center to improve the streets of their diverse neighborhood through peaceful initiatives. Hundreds of our students volunteer in those neighborhood school centers.

■ For more than a decade, teacher education grad-

uates have blended their skills and faith to teach disadvantaged youth in urban Catholic schools. As part of the two-year Lalanne program, these new teachers teach, live and grow in faith together, and earn their master’s degrees. It’s a model that’s working. More than 90 percent stay in teaching, half in Catholic urban schools.

■ The Dayton Early College Academy, a national model for early college high schools, continues to make the grade. For the third year running, all DECA graduates have been accepted to college. This year’s class was offered $1.4 million in scholarships — a record of nearly $54,000 average per student. We are the only Catholic campus in the country to operate a charter school.

We know the status quo in urban K-12 education is unacceptable. We need to create more new educational models. It’s about making sure youth from all walks of life are prepared to go to college and succeed.

As we embark on another new academic year, Amber Rose reminds us the first day of classes always starts early.

It starts when a child starts learning.
A land of shade trees and brooks once known as Oak Grove became in turn cow pasture, swimming hole, brewery and community garden. In 1925, it became the University of Dayton Stadium, dedicated Oct. 17 as coach Harry Baujan’s football Flyers beat John Carroll 17-0. More than three decades later, the stadium would be renamed Baujan Field in honor of his 40 years of service to UD.

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