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Sex a popular topic in France, not viewed as taboo

A word of advice to anyone planning to travel to France: don’t say “I’m excited” unless you’re hoping to get laid.

I learned from personal experience that the expression in French “je suis excité” does not actually mean one is looking forward to something, but is rather an indication of one’s sexual arousal.

While funny to discover, I think it’s also amusingly indicative of the French culture that doesn’t shy away from sex. From the magazines for sale in the bookstores to the news reporting on TV, it has become apparent in just my first weeks that the French have different attitudes about sex and the body.

For example, while watching the 8 p.m. news I saw two specials about sexual health and life in France. The first focused on the growing use of Viagra and similar drugs in France. The next night documented the use of porn. Apparently 48 percent of French polled say they’ve watched porn in the last year and one third watch with a significant other. The reporter talking about this was walking around a sex shop with nothing blurred out. Likewise, the camera person interviewed couples on the street about their opinions regarding Viagra.

This isn’t some obscure program on an adult channel. It’s France 2 news, the equivalent of Charlie Gibson or World News Tonight. And while it was a bit surreal to hear couples discussing their sexual lives as though they were recounting a recent election, it ultimately showed an openness to an incredibly important aspect of human life that too often gets shoved under a rhetorical rug in the states.

The human body and sexuality are things to be celebrated, not locked away under a chastity belt of “taboo” topics and “dirty” subjects. Why are we taught to feel uncomfortable about something so central to human life?

Yes, absolutely, there are ways in which the human body is exploited, from porn and product placement that ultimately degrades all people involved or watching. But there are so many more ways in which the body is celebrated and affirmed. Yet these are often missed by religious Americans because sexuality in general is ruled an inappropriate topic.

However, the ease with which French culture deals with sexuality has become tangibly apparent to me in just these first two weeks. It is not confined only to advertisements, TV programs or music videos. Simply walking around this old European city and looking at the art demonstrates just how natural and a part of everyday life sex and the body are, which leaves me feeling America could do much more to celebrate a healthy sexuality.

I’m not advocating everyone go out and buy porn or start walking around in the nude, but I think we’d all be better off if we stopped being afraid to pull back the covers.

While the majority of students came to the meeting in concern of Dayton to Dayton’s future, many students also voiced criticism over eliminating the mention of diversity from the proposed constitution.

The new constitution discussed at the meeting did not pass on a vote, with four in favor and 16 opposed. Once the SGA senate passes the new constitution, it will go to a referendum to the student body. It is undecided when SGA will revote on the proposed constitution.

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“What are those changes? we can speculate on a lot of them,” Schnerring said. “The trip will not exist as it is now if it’s going to be recognized by the university.”

While the trip would change if under control by administrators, Schumacher said the proposed changes were not made lightly, and not at the influence or recommendation of the administration, as many believe.

To discuss and debate the proposed constitution, many UD students and alumni attended the SGA meeting Sunday evening.

Among attendees was Emi Hurlburt Smith, former SGA president and class of ‘09.

Hurlburt spoke up against the proposed constitution and the changes it holds. While she agrees there are parts of the current document that need to be updated, she urged students to be aware of what the changes are.

“If people want change, they can have change. They just need to understand what they’re doing,” she said.

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According to Thomas Burkhart of Finance and Administrative Services, salary increases at UD are based on both merit and the cost of living at that time.

Last year’s raise for faculty and other employees was over three percent.

A reason that UD continues to prosper in a less than ideal economy may be because they rely more on tuition than endowment to keep them afloat, according to Gustafson.

“It’s one of the few times a place like UD, who doesn’t have a huge endowment, is better off than someplace like Harvard, which is endowment driven,” Gustafson said. “But we’ve had to tighten our belts, no doubt.”

While UD has to cut back some with budget, the university is succeeding in providing jobs which are becoming rarer in the Dayton area.

According to Bureau of Labor Statistics, Dayton’s unemployment rate was 11.8 percent as of December 2009. This is well above the national rate of 9.3 percent.

Neighboring cities such as Columbus and Cincinnati are also hurting, though less so than Dayton, with respective rates of 8.5 and 9.9 percent.

“The Midwest has been [hurt], especially Ohio,” Gustafson said. “This area traditionally has a lot of industry and that certainly has been hard hit ... people now don’t feel as mobile – they think twice about relocating because they have to sell their house. Values aren’t as robust as they once were.”

In many U.S. cities housing values rose and then fell, while in areas like Dayton, the prices never rose. Dayton residents have only experienced a substantial dip in their home worth. While this is an attractive quality for those moving to the city, many current Dayton residents are forced to reconsider moving until the economy betters itself.

As for the job situation, it lags behind the rest of the economy, but will follow eventually, according to Gustafson. There was a growth in gross domestic product in the last quarter of 2009, but the majority of employers will wait to make sure the improved economy will stick before they begin hiring more workers.

But as for UD, it continues to stand out as an institution that will continue to reward its faculty, despite the economic climate.

Gustafson attributes UD’s good fortune to conservative money handlers in finance, and an administration that doesn’t want to lose momentum on moving forward on various projects.
Four outstanding alumni awarded for post-graduate achievements

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Staff Writer

On Friday evening, four UD alumni received the highest honor a UD alumnus can receive at an invitation-only reception and dinner in KU Ballroom.

The 2009 Alumni Awards, the only awards given by the university’s alumni association, were awarded to Col. Gordon Roberts (’74), Tim Harris (’79), Tom Dharte (’05) and Wayne Lancaster (’74). They were recognized in honor of how their post-graduation achievements continue to reflect and embody the university’s motto: “to learn, lead, and serve.”

Roberts received the highest honor of all, the Distinguished Alumnus Award. He received his undergraduate degree in sociology while at UD. Before coming to UD, Roberts served four years in the Vietnam War, an experience in which he later received a Medal of Honor, the nation’s highest military honor. He remains the only Medal of Honor recipient still serving on active duty today.

Following graduation, Roberts worked for 18 years in various U.S. social service sectors. Since then, he has returned to his work in the military making tours to Haiti, Korea, Iraq and Kuwait. Today, he works as the commander of the medical center brigade of Walker Reed Army Medical Center in Washington D.C. While he was unable to attend Friday’s ceremony, the award meant a lot to him.

“I was simply amazed to receive this award,” he said. “All I have ever wanted to do is serve my country and to do it well. Hopefully that alone pays back the tremendous investment that UD has made in me and this award lets me know it does.”

Receiving the Christian Service Award, Tim Harris represents a non-traditional path to UD alumni status. Before coming to UD as an engineering major in 1977, Harris attended his first three years of undergraduate study at Wilberforce University in Ohio. This two-part education came about because of a partnership between the two schools. The goal of the program was to give minority students aspiring to become engineers the opportunity to do so by first earning a solid base of math and science education at Wilberforce. Harris is appreciative of the opportunity the partnership between Wilberforce and UD gave him to become a chemical engineer.

“UD opened up a door that was closed to people like me,” he said. “If UD didn’t pull students through, I would not even know what an engineer was.”

Today Harris is the founder and pastor of Turning Point Family Worship Center in Indianapolis and is also the president of his Indianapolis based, chemical distribution company Harris & Ford. He believes his two vocations intersect because God has allowed his business to be successful so that he can use those resources for his ministry purposes. Harris also co-founded TM Youth Camp in Zanesville, Ohio and the TM Youth Development Foundation.

As the youngest alumni recipient, Tom Dharte received the Joe Belle Memorial Award. Having recently graduated in 2005 with degrees in accounting and finance, Dharte continues to help current UD students in their career pursuits.

He has worked closely with various UD alumni groups to launch the Select Internship Program to place UD students in elite business internships around the country. Additionally, as an employee at investment management company Blackrock, Dharte has instigated the recruitment of top UD business school students.

At the award ceremony, Dharte attributed his desire to help current students to his own experience of having been aided by UD alumni all throughout his journey to and from UD.

“Alumni shaped my experience here and played a special role for me,” he said. “I feel it’s a calling to give back to students now that I’m an alum. I’m giving back the same support that I received.”

The fourth award, the Special Achievement Award, went to Wayne Lancaster. He works as a professor in the Wayne State University School of Medicine’s Center for Molecular Medicine and Genetics in Detroit, Mich. Lancaster received his master’s degree in biology from UD in 1969, and since then has done much research centering on the relationship between HPV and cervical cancer. His research has led him to hold seven U.S. and international patents among a gamut of other accomplishments.

Lancaster believes the best thing he received from his UD education was his professors instilling a sense of curiosity in him. He attributes his doctorate degree, along with his other career successes, to these experiences in his UD graduate studies. His best advice to current students is to recognize fully all that their professors have to offer.

“Engage your professors as much as possible and seek out questions,” Lancaster said. “I believe in undergraduate studies, you get as much out of it as you put into it.”

For more information on these awards and how to receive them in the future, check out their descriptions at http://alumni.udayton.edu/Page.aspx?pid=183.
Sophomore preparing for next Olympics

Student has one interview left to join U.S. men's skeleton training team, will be second Olympic appearance

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At 20 years old, sophomore Mike Malec has been close to achieving his dream of being in the Olympics for the second time.

Malec was nine years old when he was recruited to try out for the Olympic power walking team. He placed sixth in walking a 5K, but only the top four continued on to training.

“I couldn’t tell you how that happened,” Malec said. “I was just recruited to try out in 1999. I would have trained to compete for the 2004 or 2008 Olympics had I been a top scorer.”

Malec’s need for speed continues today as he is currently in the process of trying out for the men’s skeleton developmental team. He sent in an athletic résumé, completed his first interview-processing session and has gone through a few trial runs. Next summer Malec will continue with his second interview in hopes of making the developmental team for the winter Olympic sport.

Malec’s older sister is currently on the women’s skeleton developmental team. She is his biggest influence.

In skeleton, a reversal of luge, racers push a sled, throw themselves down on their stomachs and race head-first down the track at about 70 to 80 mph. The dangerous nature of the sport led to its banishment from the Olympics between 1928 and 1948.

While on a developmental team, athletes work with Olympic coaches and trainers in hopes of getting a high record in the sporting event which leads to sponsors and hopefully a spot on the USA Olympic Team if one is open, Malec said.

Malec and his family, who are from the Cleveland area, have always enjoyed winter sports. While traveling to Lake Placid, N.Y., they pass the Olympic Training Center, which is where skeleton and bobsled training take place.

“Skeleton is one of those events where you have to know about it to even try out for the developmental team,” Malec said. “My sister and I would see them training at the OTC and wondered if we could go fast. She looked into it further and then the two of us applied to be on the team. You have to take the initiative and try out.”

The requirement for filling out an application for the skeleton developmental team is a desire to go fast. The event calls for people with speed, endurance and strength as well as a strong athletic background. Both Malec and his sister ran track and cross country as well as developed an avid interest in winter sports growing up.

During Malec’s on-track interview in Lake Placid, he raced on a skeleton track for the first time and hit a speed of 63.6 mph. He ran about 10 trial runs and engaged in other physical activity to demonstrate his athletic capabilities.

“Skeleton is a lot like luge,” Malec said. “There’s also the fact that you go down head first on your stomach. Imagine driving on the highway going about 70 mph and sticking your head three feet out the window for a minute. It’s intense. It’s like a roller coaster you can control.”

Malec’s familiarity with the OTC and involvement in sports gave him and his sister a reason to send in their athletic résumés to the U.S. Bobsled and Skeleton Federation over Thanksgiving break.

Malec is a member of R.O.T.C. on campus and spends his time trying to train for skeleton. He goes to the RecPlex at least 10 times a week, working on speed, endurance and strength. The military supports the Olympics because it provides another outlet for loyalty to the U.S., Malec said.

Malec’s parents are also supportive of his dreams, but there has been concern after Olympian Nodar Kumaritashvili died in a luge accident last week. The accident puts a new aspect on skeleton training and Malec, Malec said.

Malec is optimistic about his process of making the developmental team and he shares that excitement for his sister as well. His sister spends all her time training in Lake Placid. This consists of training on the ice for a few hours, lifting for a few hours and then recovery time during the day.

Malec works as his sister’s speed coach, pushing her to run at her fastest, and their dad, who is a personal trainer, also helps coach her.

“The only one pushing you is yourself,” Malec said. “Your supporters, coaches and everyone else will follow suit if your heart is in the sport. The feeling is awesome, but it’s so intense that you have to keep up with it. You have to want to do this.”

The following incidents were reported to the Department of Public Safety on Feb. 6 through Feb. 12. This log was compiled by Flyer News from actual police reports obtained from the Department of Public Safety.

**Theft**

**Feb. 6, 11:31 p.m.**

Officers Tittle and Fritz were investigating a crime in Stuart Complex when the suspect, an 18-year-old male UD student, stated that he wanted to report a theft. The student said that someone entered his room and took $160 from his wallet. The student believed that the same person had also taken his Xbox 360 and two games, valued at over $500, from his room as well. He suspects it was one of his neighbors, but had no evidence to back up his claims.

**Criminal Damaging**

**Feb. 7, 7:13 p.m.**

Officer Pease was dispatched to the S2 parking lot on the report of criminal damage to a vehicle. He met with a 21-year-old male UD student whose Pontiac Grand Prix’s passenger side mirror had been pulled off and the headlight cover was shattered. The student stated that he had parked the car at about 9 p.m. on Feb. 1 and discovered the damage at 6:30 p.m. He does not know of anyone who would purposefully harm his car.

**Theft**

**Feb. 12, 2:33 a.m.**

Officers Ryan and Roberts were investigating a fire alarm in Founders Hall when they were approached by a 19-year-old male UD student who stated that his laptop had been stolen. The student said that he left his HP computer in the hallway and went to his dorm room on the fourth floor for no more than five minutes, and when he returned the laptop was gone. According to the student, his computer was valued at about $1,695.55.

**Campus Watch**

**FEB. 23 TUESDAY**

**BACK FROM HAITI PRESENTATION**

Filmmaker Gerry Straub puts the power of film at the service of the poor. He shares his stories and film clips from Haiti tonight in KU Boll Theatre at 7 p.m.

**FEB. 24 WEDNESDAY**

**RIVER STEWARDS RECRUITMENT**

The Rivers Institute, administered by the Fitz Center for Leadership in Community, is recruiting for the next cohort of River Stewards. There is an information session tonight from 6 to 7 p.m. in Zehler Hall Room 104. Refreshments will be provided.

**Crime Log**

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MUSIC FOR MILES

ALTHOUGH GETTING AN INTENSE WORKOUT IS NECESSARY IN ANY FITNESS ROUTINE, IT’S NOT A GOOD IDEA TO DO EVERYDAY. AT LEAST TWICE A WEEK IT’S IMPORTANT TO GET AN EASY WORKOUT IN.

EASY DOESN’T MEAN GO TO THE GYM AND SOCIALIZE. IT MEANS EXERCISING AT A LOWER, LESS INTENSE SPEED FOR A LONGER TIME PERIOD. WHILE AT FIRST THE THOUGHT OF STAYING AT THE GYM LONGER THAN USUAL MAY SEEM INTIMIDATING, TUNING IN TO THE RIGHT KIND OF MUSIC CAN MAKE IT LESS OF A CHORE.

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SO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR IPOD AND CREATE THE PERFECT PLAYLIST FOR THE SPECIFIC TYPE OF WORKOUT YOU NEED. FOR IDEAS ON WHAT MUSIC TO USE, CHECK OUT HTTP://WWW.SHAPE.COM/FITNESS/WORKOUTS/PLAYLISTS/ROCK_YOUR_WORKOUT.

STEPHANIE VERMILLION

RUN TO THE BEAT OF YOUR FAVORITE DRUMMER.

IF THE THOUGHT OF HEARING FEET Pounding on the treadmill, a SQUEAKING ELLIPTICAL MACHINE OR GRUNTS OF THOSE MACRO MUSCLE MEN POWER LIFTING MAKES YOU WANT TO SKIP OUT ON THE GYM, IT’S TIME TO

CHANGE THE STATION.

ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO MAKE YOUR WORKOUT WORTHWHILE IS LISTENING TO MUSIC. DIFFERENT GENRES PRODUCE VARIED RESULTS, WHICH AFFECT YOUR EXERCISE IN MULTIPLE WAYS. SOME MUSIC MAKES YOU RUN AT SPEEDS NEVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE, OTHER MUSIC KEEPS YOU MOTIVATED TO WORK OUT FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME.

THE KEY TO SUCCESS THROUGH MUSIC IS FIGURING OUT WHAT WORKOUT YOU NEED FOR THE DAY AND CREATING A PLAYLIST TO HELP YOU STAY MOTIVATED. IF USED CORRECTLY, EXPECT YOUR FITNESS LEVEL TO SOAR AND THOSE NUMBERS ON THE SCALE TO DROP.

TUNE IN FOR INTENSITY

TO GET A HIGH INTENSITY WORKOUT OUT, TRY SETTING YOUR PLAYLIST TO SONGS THAT RAISE YOUR HEART RATE. WHILE YOU MAY NOT HAVE A HEART RATE MONITOR ON YOU AT ALL TIMES, FIGURING OUT WHAT JAMS GET YOU GOING IS SIMPLE.

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IT’S IMPORTANT TO GET AN EASY WORKOUT OUT. TRY FIGURING OUT WHAT JAMS GET YOU GOING.
Joseph Daun wants to make your mind spin.

In 2005, the internationally recognized artist created an interactive work titled “Wheel.”

“I have always been interested in how people set their goals,” Daun said in the description of his work. “This piece was particularly interesting because people stood on the outside of the cage waiting to run on the wheel, but they weren’t allowed to run on the wheel, which I believe made the act of running on the wheel even more attractive. We all struggle to challenge ourselves in positive ways.”

“Wheel” is one of Daun’s major works that is on display now through March 11 in the Rike Center Gallery. Presented by the department of visual arts, the exhibit features Daun’s sculptural installation and performance art.

The exhibit showcases two large sculptures that test a viewer’s level of comfort with machines, fun, toys and the idea of rest, according to Joel Whitaker, the show’s curator.

“The work is fun and a bit threatening, but very engaging,” Whitaker said.

In his artist statement, Daun said his sculptures are interactive.

“The work does not function until someone interacts with it,” he said. “My creative research is connected with asking questions. The machine and the idea of functionality intrigue me. I am trying to address functionality, the way things work, and hope that I am doing this in a way that makes these ideas accessible to a large audience.”

Todd Hall, Rike Center Gallery coordinator, said the gallery committee works to select shows each year that are unique.

“Not only are we committed to choosing artists and designers with a high caliber of work, but also select those whom we believe can create a discussion with the viewer,” he said. “I think the works of Joseph Daun are very interesting and thought provoking that ask us questions and create an urge or desire within us.”

Hall said the exhibit is special because each viewer will have his or her own way of seeing and interpreting Daun’s pieces.

“The work is fun and imaginative, lending itself to an array of storylines,” Hall said. “College is about exploration and innovation, and art can be the answer or release you’re looking for. This exhibit will awaken energies from within you, and I would urge that you come to all our events… It’s a break from the books, the java or simply a place to consider, evaluate and dream.”

A closing reception for Daun’s exhibit will be held 5 to 7 p.m. on March 11. The Rike Center is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays.

For more information, contact Hall at (937) 229-3261.
Wicked Witch of West casts spell on Dayton

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Toto, I have a feeling we’re not in Dayton anymore.

In fact, while the entire “Wicked” scenario made me feel like Dorothy in Oz, I think what impressed me the most was that while sitting in the Schuster Center only five minutes from campus, I felt I was back in New York City two years ago where I saw it on Broadway for the first time. This time around, it was just as good, if not better than before.

Now, I’m no musical guru. I can’t act out a scene without laughing and can’t afford to pay the window damages if I tried to sing.

However, one thing I realized when I saw it opening night is that “Wicked” is not just for the savvy artist. Actually, the story meets the needs of many college students’ ideas for entertainment.

Wicked is a spinoff of “The Wizard of Oz,” only this time the Wicked Witch of the West, Elphaba, gets to tell her side of the story, in which she and Glinda the Good Witch of the South were actually past best friends, and the wizard was actually powerless and evil, trying to corrupt Oz. Elphaba was the one trying to save Oz, but since everyone believes the wise words of the wizard, she got a bad rap.

Elphaba’s two and a half hour clarification of the truth is not just for Broadway lovers. It actually has all the essentials to make a hit show on MTV or the ultimate romantic comedy.

The unpopular, green-skinned girl, Elphaba, and the popular, beautiful blonde girl, Glinda, are forced unwillingly to become roommates. After a few weeks, the two girls become best friends, and Glinda even gives Elphaba a makeover and the rundown on how to be a guy magnet.

Think Rachel Leigh Cook in “She’s All That,” only with a bright green skin tone.

While friendship overcoming all odds is touching, twenty-something things need some drama. No fear: A rebellious, brainless hunk comes to town to stir things up. Not only does he provide eye candy for the audience, comparable to your favorite TV sitcom, but he also creates a love triangle between himself, Glinda and Elphaba. “The Situation,” Sammi “Sweetheart” and Ronnie, anyone?

On top of being green, subpar to Glinda and in love with Oz’s newest stud, Elphaba has major daddy issues. Her dad is governor of Munchkinland, but because she’s discolored and an embarrassment to the family, he doesn’t shower her with rappers, Hummers or $1000 dresses on her super sweet 16th birthday.

Instead, he devotes all his attention to the younger sister, Nessarose, and makes sure Elphaba knows she is unwanted.

“Wicked” isn’t just for the drama lovers though. With flying, crazy monkeys, multiple fight scenes, a country-girl-gone-thief stealing ruby red shoes and murder via water bucket, those seeking action will be satisfied.

Combine this all-inclusive plot with music, set design, sound design, costume design and lighting all by Tony Award winners, and the experience is unforgettable. It has broken box office records in every city it has been shown in, and now Dayton residents, including UD students, are lucky enough to participate in what New York Times describes as “the defining musical of the decade.”

Whether your reason for going is to find out who gets booted out of the love triangle, the dirty secrets revealed about Elphaba’s father, why Elphaba is not so wicked after all or simply to engage yourself in the art of musicals, seeing a Broadway show of this magnitude without having to travel is affordable, exciting and an altogether wickedly awesome experience.

“Wicked” will be showing at the Schuster Center through March 7.

For more information on tickets, go to www.ticketcenterstage.com.
I appreciate what you’re saying, but ... “If they really want student involve
happens when they do, why would students want to be a part of SGA discus
So while we hear SGA telling us get out there and get involved, if this is what
forward. That suggestion was one of, if not the only thing agreed on that night.

What may be the worst part is that after all of these opinions are voiced and

If working as a community toward a constitution everyone agrees on involves
point.

Who is to decide what is a valid opinion and which is not? Apparently our

One student pointed out the obvi-
ousness of SGA’s agenda at the meeting. In defending himself the SGA speaker

one student body president isn’t even listening to his own students’ comments, she
is told not to speak because it’s nit-picking and a direct attack on Jewell.

If SGA really wants the student body to get involved they have a hard time
showing it. One SGA member told the crowd that they still are learning as a
student government leaders think they can. One student pointed out the obvi-
ousness of SGA’s agenda at the meeting. In defending himself the SGA speaker
at the time, Jeff Schumacher said “As chair I do have power to ignore any stu-
dent to move debate toward certain things.” This only proved more valid that
point.

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Word on the street...
What are you giving up for Lent?

“Fast food and skip-
ping class.”
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“Chocolate and pop.”
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“Catholicism.”
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The press may be arrogant, tyrannical, abusive and sensationalist,
just as it may be incisive, probing and informative. But at least in the
context of prior restraints on publication, the decision of what, when
and how to publish is for editors, not judges.”

William J. Brennan, former U.S. Supreme Court justice, 1976


Lean cuisine:

Ash Wednesday kicked off one of the highlights of my year: Lent.

To some, these 40 days of reflection and prayer can seem tedious; to me, they serve as a chance to attain something I have been striving for since September: my Daytona body.

Yes, friends, that exotic trip to Florida is only two and a half months away. With the looming prospect of spending a week in a bikini, it is time to kick my lifestyle into high gear.

Some Catholics find that fasting is inconvenient and no fun at all. Of course it isn’t, but what dieting is?

Instead of focusing on your hunger pangs and that delicious milkshake The Galley is offering, try reflecting on your normal caloric intake.

With all of those snacks you’re refraining from, you are saving yourself from a hideous extra pound or two. By-yah! Your thighs are thanking you.

But wait — the good news doesn’t end here!

Think of everything you can give up! Chocolate, soda, Cousin Vinny’s ... All evil temptations put on this earth to defer you from your ultimate Daytona body.

Say goodbye to these late night binges — you have a goal to meet and that means cutting out all of the extras. And I do mean all of them.

When you really break it down, you will realize that you overeat. Obesity is an epidemic, people! Thankfully, your friendly neighborhood opinions editor has got your back.

As a survivor of the Freshman Fifteen, I consider myself an expert on weight gain. When I came to college, I went to the Cre- staurant and buffeted like it was my job. I have since learned the ways of the Annual Lenten Forty Day Fast.

Now I can look back on that dark period at the start of my freshman year and learn from it. I know that pretty much all I did was eat extras. The bread on the bun of my chicken patty, the sauce on my spaghetti, even the lettuce on my burger was giving me calories that I definitely did not need.

Here is my recommendation. Stick to three main food options and do not, I repeat, do not stray from them.

If it isn’t water, celery or rice cakes do not ingest it. This may not be the most favora-

ble Lenten sacrifice, but wait until Daytona rolls around. You will be thanking me. Forty days on this diet and you will be smokin’ hot.

Oh, and just for clarification — I know that there are the rookies out there who endorse the whole “Sunday is a day off” mentality. I have one word for you: weak. If you truly want this, you will recognize that eating on Sundays is simply cheating. I expect better of you.

Remember, sacrifices must be made to get your ultimate Daytona body. Follow my handy guidelines and you can’t go wrong.

Or you could always eat in moderation and exercise.
Students ignoring duty to be politically informed

KAYLEE HARRINGTON, SENIOR

This is not an election year. I know this, it’s obvious everywhere I look.

And everyone is telling me that what I’m about to propose is a bad idea, that I will fail, because it is not an election year.

Well guess what, people, government doesn’t end once the president is sworn in.

Remember how excited we were during the election? Who grew up under President Bush, under terrorism, under two wars.

Then here comes McCain and Obama, talking about how it is our time. That we can be the next great generation with our computers, mobiles, Facebook and Twitter. And we responded with smiles and passion.

I forget how many McCain and Obama signs I saw in the windows of the Ghetto leading up to November of 2008. It was a good time, no, a great time to be a voter.

I watched the State of the Union this year and at the end we stood up once doesn’t seem so bad. Where is everyone when I look.

I know this, it’s obvious every time, no, a great time to be a voter.

We’re in college, now is when we have the time to decide where we stand on issues. When we have the time to research, listen and argue.

So I invite you, all of you, read this letter, to e-mail me with your story. We have the time to research, listen and argue.

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As the president reminded Congress in his State of the Union, we sent them to D.C. to serve us. The responsibility lies with both parties to govern.

And we have our own responsibility to watch these men and women and judge whether we believe them fit for duty.

Staying inside this weekend? You might want to rethink that.

Drinking in the dorms is risky in the winter. RAs know that there is little motivation to walk outside in the freezing weather. This is obvious, but often overlooked by the majority of the campus.

Students this time of year usually stay inside their dorms to drink or pregame and often gather together in the “fun” rooms.

With numbers such as 15 people and counting, the room can be extremely risky to be in. Noise can easily be detected from outside the hallways and, even sometimes, doors are left cracked open.

A few weekends ago this year, there were over eight rooms written up in Campus South from just that weekend. That’s one room per floor, minus the Club 6 Floor. And sadly, that’s in Campus South — the notorious apartment complex with the all famous “pong pantry.”

None of the rooms are soundproof, those are easy to get caught in seeing as how small they are.

RAs tell us during the beginning of the year, “Just be smart!” Simply, when drinking this weekend, leave the beer games for the Ghetto. But, looking at the facts, maybe drinking in the dorms should be rethought.

UD students should be safe in their drinking habits, especially when drinking in the dorms. All consequences associated with drinking in the dorms can be easily avoided by taking proper precautions.

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Be careful, cold weather increases risk of penalty when drinking in dormitories

Even riskier is drinking in the smaller dorms, like Marycrest, Stuart, Marianist and Founders. Those are easy to get caught in seeing as how small they are.

None of the rooms are soundproof and one single drop of a pong ball could send RAs right to your door.

Whatever the reason for getting written up, it is a problem during the winter. Write-ups accumulate and can majorly affect your housing.

Thinking about it, getting written up once doesn’t seem so bad. But looking at it differently, it is important to note that one write-up can be three violations, such as noise, alcohol and common good.

Of course, you have a chance to share your story with your facility coordinator in a write-up meeting, but it is not easy to come out of that meeting with a clean slate.

It is also important to mention that, usually, when you are written up, you are with your roommates and future roommates.

Thus, multiply the number of violations you are accused of by the number of roommates that were with you and you’ll find yourself easily in the double digits, points-wise.

UD’s “Spring” break is really taking away from our winter migration vacation.

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Men’s Basketball

DAYTON DROPS ANOTHER ON ROAD

Duquesne gets vengeance for loss at UD Arena; turnovers kill Dayton in 73-71 loss

JOHN BEDELL
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This is starting to become a bad habit.

Dayton dropped yet another heartbreaker on the road to Duquesne Sunday, 73-71. Damian Saunders scored 20 for the Dukes, including 16 points in the second half and the go-ahead basket with 25 seconds left to bury Dayton.

Dayton, which dropped to 18-8 (7-5 Atlantic 10), has now lost eight games by a total of 27 points. The Flyers were their own worst enemy in the game, turning the ball over an abysmal 21 times, something that can’t be done on the road.

“You can’t play them without taking care of the ball, “cause if you don’t, you got no chance,” Head Coach Brian Gregory said. “It’s amazing that with 21 turnovers you’re even in the game at that point. I’d rather not have 21 turnovers and 10 by your senior guards.”

Chris Johnson led Dayton with 21 points, but shot only 6-16 from the field. He did not make a two-point field goal in the game. Chris Wright added 15 for Dayton, but only had two points in the second half, in part due to foul trouble. He picked up his fourth foul with over 11 minutes left and had to sit for the next seven minutes.

The game was close throughout, with neither team leading by more than seven points. Dayton enjoyed the lead for most of the first 30 minutes, until Saunders converted a three-point play to give Duquesne the lead 49-48 with 12:40 left.

Dayton got 12 big points from Paul Williams, who hit four 3-pointers in the second half. He and Chris Johnson each hit a three to erase Duquesne’s 69-63 advantage, its biggest lead of the half.

From that point on it was a dogfight from which the Dukes emerged victorious. It was another Saunders driving layup with 25 seconds remaining which gave Duquesne the lead for good. Dayton was able to muster up two three-point attempts for Chris Johnson, the last of which fell short and out of bounds as time expired.

“That’s a pretty good look and we got good penetration and a good reversal,” Gregory said. “They trapped and we got out of it and got a good look. To be honest, we shouldn’t have put ourselves in that position [to need a last-second shot].”

Dayton fell to seventh in the A-10. A win would have put them in fifth. Having been a 10 seed in Joe Lunardi’s Bracketology from Feb. 15, the loss will also leave the Flyers with very little margin for error as the season winds down.

Losing at Duquesne stopped the momentum Dayton had regained with a home win over LaSalle last Thursday. While Dayton did not look its best in that game, it went on a 19-0 run in the second half to seal the deal. That play did not carry over, however, as UD delivered another performance where it did not play to its potential.

“When you play a team like Duquesne, you must play well for 40 minutes to win the game and quite honestly we did not do that,” Gregory said. “It’s really as simple as that, you have to take care of the ball and rebound for a 40 minute stretch and we did not do that.”

Dayton will now look to get back on track with a game in Philadelphia at Temple, currently 10-2 in the A-10. The Owls are also ranked in the Top 25 in both polls, the position many thought the Flyers would have been in before the season started. Still, a win puts Dayton back in the thick of things.
 Commentary

SPACK ON SPORTS
GET OUT THERE AND WATCH THE WOMEN’S TEAM!

The other day I attended the women’s basketball game against Xavier, which resulted in a really tough home loss in overtime. The ladies played their hearts out. Anyone who was there could see that they were physically and emotionally drained from playing so well, but still coming up just short.

That brings me to the real point of this, though: there weren’t enough people at the game. Everyone who was at the game was entertained, but it wasn’t enough to make the difference we see so often at men’s basketball games.

Despite Red Scare’s best efforts to get students to come to the game (students played knockout at halftime and the winner got a free trip to Dayton), it just didn’t work out, and to be honest, it was embarrassing. How people just didn’t care to come out and support their team when its archival (and ranked sixth in the nation) comes to UD Arena is beyond me.

I’ve been to several of the women’s basketball home games this season, and after going to just the first one, I knew this team was worth watching. I’ve seen a 40-point win and a 50-point win. The team is good.

They play an up-and-down style similar to the men’s basketball team. They love to run and they play 11 or 12 girls per game to make sure that the tempo stays fast all game long.

I’ve seen some of the prettiest no-look passes I’ve seen all year, in any game of basketball. I’ve seen an extremely young team play above their heads against some great teams and take it down to the wire.

Why is there this stereotype against women’s basketball? Why do people think it is going to be boring? I’ve been, and the only time I’ve been bored is when UD was up 45 points with four minutes left. Sorry, but that is going to be boring to watch in any game.

Sure, you will not see a fantastic alley-oop, or even any kind of dunk when watching a women’s basketball game, but that’s about it. You will definitely see better three-point shooting and foul shooting than we are treated to at those other basketball games. Sometimes it’s just a breath of fresh air to see a team hit free throws when they need to, and this team can do that.

The women’s basketball team was given a nine seed in the most recent women’s college basketball bracketology. That is higher than the men’s (a 10 seed from Joe Lunardi). That means they’ve theoretically got a better shot at making the tournament than the men do. Why wouldn’t you be excited to support that? Wouldn’t it be cool to see them make a run?

The team has one home game left. It is Wednesday at 7 p.m. against Rhode Island. GO WATCH IT. SUPPORT THE TEAM. Rhode Island is another important matchup, as the women will be looking to hold on to second place in the A-10. I promise, if you appreciate basketball, you will be entertained.

If that spiel didn’t work, maybe this one will. You are almost guaranteed to get some pizza during the first media timeout or have a ball or T-shirt thrown to you. There are just so many incentives to go. Take advantage of that.

I know it is a tough week of school for people with tests and papers coming up. Don’t use those as an excuse to not go. You and I both know that you aren’t going to start studying at 7 p.m. There’s no need to lie about it. Just come out to the game. I’d bet money you won’t be disappointed.

Women’s Track
Track team takes share of A-10 Title
Women’s team delivers fantastic performance to tie Charlotte at A-10 Championship

NATE WAGGENSPACK
Sports Editor

The women’s track and field team has come a long way.

Things came full circle for the team as they grabbed a share of the Atlantic 10 Indoor Championships, tying Charlotte in team points at 145.

It was Dayton’s first ever conference championship, and it came after a very successful indoor season leading up to the meet.

The team had put on strong performances in each of its meets during the indoor season this year, claiming 19 individual winners and two second place finishes as a team in their last three meets: the BGSU Challenge, the Jane Hermann Invitational and the Akron Invitational.

All things led to the A-10 meet, though, where the Flyers had come up short in recent years to a dominant Charlotte team.

Track and field is very different from many other Dayton sports because the teams do not see conference opponents until the A-10 Championship meet.

“It makes for an exciting atmosphere,” head coach Adam Steinwachs said. “Our sport is all about the indoor and outdoor conference meet. The other meets in between are important for development, but it really comes down to this meet, which brings out the best in our girls.”

Bring out the best it did, as the women produced four individual champions and five second place finishes, en route to a 63-point Fri day and an 82-point Saturday res ulting in the shared title.

Mallory Barnes, perhaps Dayton’s most consistent performer this season, continued to show off in the weight throw, where she launched a toss of 65 feet, 11 1/2 inches to set a meet record. She broke her own record from last year, and set a school record for UD as well.

Other individual winners were Maura Bulgrin in the 5000-meter race, Katie Nageotte in pole vault and Johanna Zaccari in shot put.

The ladies fared well in the sprinting events as well, placing in the 55-meter, 200-meter and 400-meter dashes.

Charlotte, which had beaten the Flyers in last year’s A-10 Championships, turned in an impressive 131 point performance Saturday to come back for the tie. Still, the tie shows that Dayton has improved significantly to contend for the conference title.

Coming into the meet, Steinwachs said the goal was to “close the gap” between them and Charlotte.

“We feel pretty good about how we compare with the rest of the conference,” he said. “We feel we can improve on this from last year.”

Now Dayton looks to Indoor Nationals, which Barnes has already provisionally qualified for. Other Flyers such as middle distance runner Ashley Catran will look to do so as well at the Alex Wilson Invitational at Notre Dame, the last chance to qualify.

After that, the outdoor season will begin, and preparation for another A-10 title will commence. Neither season is more important, but the team tries to key on the outdoor conference championship.

“Some [of the girls] like indoor better, some like outdoor better,” Steinwachs said. “The goal is not to have a peak performance until May. Balance is important, because it is a long year and the health of the team is critical.”

The team is looking to have just as much success in outdoors as it has enjoyed so far indoors. The Flyers will be looking to contend for a second A-10 title, and qualify as many ladies as possible for nationals.

“We have a few who are capable of making it to that level so it’s a matter of training, timing, health and execution.”
Talent-laden team begins season

Baseball team looking to repeat A-10 conference title; make it to College World Series

JACOB ROSEN
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The weather last week at UD was snowy and windy, but the smell of baseball was in the air.

Fresh off a 2009 Atlantic 10 regular season championship, the Dayton baseball team held a community meet and greet last Tuesday night. Coach Tony Vittorio greeted the crowd with opening remarks before starting the program filled with pizza, prizes and conversations with the players.

Despite the harsh winter conditions, dozens of people from the community, family members and UD students made it out to the event at the Frericks Center. Vittorio began his brief speech by motivating fans with the recent success of Red Scare with the basketball program.

“We want to make the experience here just like the basketball team,” Vittorio said in an effort to encourage more support at the games. “We have a good product out there that we are very proud of.”

Vittorio is right on the ball with that assessment as following a 38-win season a year ago, the Flyers are loaded for another attempt to make the College World Series. The team fell short last season, losing in the Atlantic 10 tournament and then bypassed as an at-large addition to the field.

“Our intention is to win the conference tournament,” Vittorio said following his comments to the crowd. “That is our intention this year is to win that tournament. One by one, Vittorio introduced the players that will be responsible for an even more successful follow-up season for the Flyers. Outfielders Zach Jacob and Aaron Dunsmore, infielders Cole Tyrell and Jimmy Roesinger along with pitchers Cameron Hobson and Burny Mitchem stuck out from the crowd.

The senior Jacob ranked in the Top 10 in the A-10 in hits, runs and total bases last year, and will be vital for the Flyers again this season as the No. 3 hitter in the batting lineup. Dunsmore, also a senior, finished second on the team in hits, doubles, home runs and RBI a season ago.

Moving to the infield, Tyrell and redshirt junior Roesinger received praise from Vittorio for their leadership in the clubhouse. Their production was helpful as well, as Tyrell led the team in slugging percentage and RBI in 2009 while Roesinger collected a .401 batting average, third best in the conference.

According to the reigning freshman All-American left-hander Hobson, “the offense carried us last season.” The statistics back up his argument. UD’s team set new university records in 2009 with 448 runs scored, 665 hits, 143 doubles, 77 home runs and a .332 batting average.

This season, Hobson believes the team is capable of producing balanced contributions in terms of both hitting and pitching. He certainly did his part last year, finishing as the A-10 Rookie of the Year with a 3.43 ERA with 83 strikeouts and a 7-1 record in eight starts.

The difference is “night and day” from last season Hobson said, who along with redshirt sophomore Burny Mitchum, will be a part of one of the best 1-2 punches in the conference. Mitchem is returning from a leg injury last season that limited him to only three games, but according to his coach he could become a high-round selection during the MLB Draft in June.

Going through the players and introducing them to the crowd, Vittorio had a joke or remark for each of them. He even embarrassed sophomore pitcher Mike Hauschild by referring to him as “the poster child of the bicentennial” due to his Abraham Lincoln-like beard.

In conclusion, Vittorio said he is very proud of the team and especially the leadership of his upperclassmen for their “comradery and cohesiveness.” The season began over the weekend for the Flyers as they will look to add to the all-around success of Dayton athletics this season.