The Dayton community celebrated the 15th anniversary of the Dayton Peace Accords last weekend with a series of events including a banquet at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Hope Hotel and Conference Center and a policy forum in the University of Dayton’s Kennedy Union, both of which were open to the public.

The events commemorated the 1995 signing of the Dayton Peace Accords which ended four years of war in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The original Dayton Peace Accords were initiated in the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Hope Hotel and Conference Center and were then officially signed in Paris, France, 15 years ago, bringing an end to years of ethnic cleansing and divisions in the former Yugoslavian countries. Over several weeks in November 1995, leaders from Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia gathered in Dayton to make an agreement about bringing peace to the region.

“The Dayton Peace Accords provide concrete evidence that diplomatic interventions can be a critically important element in bringing an end to violent conflict,” said Dr. Paul Benson, dean.

Midterm elections result in power shift nationally, change of leadership in Ohio

Megan Harrell
Lead Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Nov. 2, Republican candidates across the state defeated their Democratic counterparts in all major races for statewide office, federal office and state legislative office. This landslide resulted in Republicans increasing their already substantial majority in the Ohio State Senate, retaking the Ohio House of Representatives and five federal Congressional districts switching from Democratic to Republican leadership, according to The New York Times’ election results.

With 49.4 percent of the votes, Republican candidate John Kasich won the race for governor against incumbent Democrat Ted Strickland. In addition to the governor’s race, Ohio Republicans won four other statewide offices: state treasurer, state auditor, secretary of state and attorney general. Kettering native and University of Dayton alumnus John Husted will serve as Ohio’s next secretary of state.

In the race for United States Senate, with 57.3 percent of votes, Republican candidate Rob Portman won against Democratic candidate Lee Fisher.

With sunny skies and warm weather, take your fun outside this week, because winter is on its way slowly but surely.

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of the College of Arts and Sciences. “They also provide evidence to those of us in Dayton that even relatively small, quiet Midwestern cities such as Dayton have a role to play in the international arena.”

The Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Hope Hotel and Conference Center was chosen for the drafting and signing of the accords in 1995 because it was secure and convenient, according to Benson. It was easy for representatives from nations around the world to fly to and kept participants away from press.

The banquet kicked off the celebration weekend on the night of Friday, Nov. 5, and was followed by a policy forum on the morning of Saturday, Nov. 6. The forum included guests from the United Nations, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Bosnian government.

Dr. Margaret Karns, a professor of political science at UD, sees great importance in commemorating the signing of the Dayton Peace Accords.

“They (the Dayton Peace Accords) brought peace to an extraordinarily ferocious place, to the Bosnia area,” Karns said. “This is a peace that is held.”

While peace has been brought to the country, Bosnia and Herzegovina is still struggling to build a government that works for its citizens. Saturday’s policy forum in KU focused on the current state of the country and international support. The forum began with a welcome from Benson and followed with a series of panels titled: “Brief on the Current Situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina,” “Real Life in Bosnia and Herzegovina,” “Immigrant Transition Panel,” “U.S. Policy Direction and Future U.S. Policy Options in Bosnia and Herzegovina,” and “Applying Lessons Learned in Bosnia and Herzegovina to Other Conflicts.” Each panel featured guests from Bosnia and Herzegovina who spoke extensively on the needs of the country and current lifestyles of citizens of the country.

“The policy forum that UD is hosting is rather unique in that is brings together not only policy experts and diplomats from Bosnia and from the U.S. but also ordinary Bosnian citizens and refugees from the war,” said Benson.

Zeljko Bozic, one of the panelists for the “Real Life in Bosnia and Herzegovina” presentation and a citizen of Bosnia, explained how the country is still recovering from the Bosnian War. Bozic emphasized the importance of education, an aspect of Bosnian society he believes must be improved to make citizens into quality, skilled workers.

“There is potential in us,” Bozic said. “We just need a regulated political system that can help us achieve that.”

The policy forum served as a discussion of how the U.S. can continue to support Bosnia and Herzegovina. Fifteen years after the signing of the Dayton Peace Accords, the country still requires assistance from foreign countries as it works to motivate citizens and spark a productive government. UD students actively participated in the forum discussion on international affairs and global politics.

“Most UD undergraduates were very young children or had not even been born when war was raging in the Balkans and when reports of atrocities were appearing on the news,” Benson said. “It is important for UD students to learn about this sad chapter of the history of the Balkans and also to think about the complex lessons that the Dayton Peace Accords can teach us about ethnic politics, ethnic hatred and peace-making.”

UD to switch from Lotus Notes to Gmail

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Staff Writer

The University of Dayton will change its e-mail system from Lotus Notes to Gmail in fall 2011, a switch the administration hopes will improve data storage and feature a more user-friendly interface.

Students, faculty and staff should expect to continue using Lotus Notes until the university announces the exact dates and information concerning the switch later this school year.

Karen Bull, director of business services for UD Information Technologies, said discussions concerning the Gmail switch took place between administration and staff across different campus units, but the decision was ultimately made by the President’s Council, a board of faculty members from throughout the university.

“There are a number of reasons for making the move to Google,” Bull said. “We currently allocate 100 megabytes of storage to students and 200 megabytes to staff and faculty. Gmail offers each user seven gigabytes.”

In addition to increasing data storage, students and staff can look forward to quicker disaster recovery. Data will be stored on Google’s servers, so in case of a power outage or natural disaster, e-mail accounts can be more easily accessed off campus.

Financial factors also swung the decision in Google’s favor, according to Bull. While Lotus Notes has software license fees, hardware and data backups, Gmail is free for universities.

In addition to these benefits, the number of administrators needed to oversee university e-mail functions is expected to decrease after the transition; those extra administrators will be reassigned to other projects, according to Bull.

However, there are a few possible drawbacks to making the move to Gmail next fall, Bull said.

New applications that Gmail immediately offers its users cannot be tested out in the UD system, so they may not work as originally programmed. For example, Google has an application called Google Docs that allows users to create and share documents and spreadsheets, but the university will most likely not support Google Docs until it is confident its e-mail system can sustain it.

Connor McNamee, a sophomore pre-med and German major, currently has a Gmail account and said he thinks the move to Google is a good idea. McNamee has his Lotus Notes forwarded to his Gmail account. This puts him among the 40 percent of UD students that no longer use their Lotus Notes account, according to Bull.

“I did not like the interface of Lotus Notes,” McNamee said. “It was not very clear and difficult to navigate sometimes.”

LDAP usernames for students, faculty and staff will not change during the transition to Gmail, according to Bull. The new addresses are expected to move to username@udayton.edu, and any e-mails sent to a student’s Lotus Notes will be forwarded to the new address.

To forward your e-mails from your Lotus Notes address to Gmail, go to address.udayton.edu, click on “Mail Forwarding” and enter your information.
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The current construction in KU Field on a new fountain began in October and is expected to be complete by next month. THERESA BERHENS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Laundry prices raised due to new equipment

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Laundry prices in University of Dayton residence halls and apartment complexes have increased for the first time since 2003.

Laundry prices have increased by 50 cents per wash and dry since last school year at all residence halls and apartment complexes, according to Judy Cooper, assistant director of operations in Residence Life. The cost to wash a load of laundry has increased 25 cents from $1.25 in 2009 to $1.50 in 2010. The cost to dry a load also increased 25 cents, from 75 cents in 2009 to $1.00 in 2010. These prices are expected to stay steady and should not increase more in the near future.

The main reason given for the price increase is the updated equipment in residence halls and apartments and the cost to maintain them, according to Cooper. This summer, Stuart Complex and Virginia W. Kettering Hall’s laundry rooms received all new equipment. In addition, Marycrest Complex’s south laundry room received all new equipment, Lawview Apartments received new washers and Campus South received new dryers. In summer 2009, laundry equipment was also replaced in all Garden Apartments. Residence Life anticipates other laundry areas will receive updated equipment within the next two years, according to Cooper.

All of the new washers will save on water and electricity and are rated by Energy Star, a government initiative to promote more sustainable appliances, Cooper said. They use one-third of the amount of water as the old washing machines. In addition, the washers are 30 to 33 percent larger than the previous machines.

The cost to replace the laundry equipment was several thousand dollars, so the cost per load increase is necessary to offset the cost to update and maintain the equipment, Cooper said. There is also the added expense of installing and maintaining card readers at each of the locations so students who use Flyer Express can pay for their laundry, according to Cooper.

Student Government Association speaker of the Senate and sophomore class senator Grant Dosch has met with Residence Life and is continuing to look into the issue of higher laundry prices. Dosch said prices should have been raised this school year and is investigating the matter for the student body.

“All in all, I am just confused as to why the prices went up,” he said. “UD is saving money on water and electricity due to the high efficiency of the new equipment, but Housing is charging students more for laundry.”

Facilities Management and Residence Life have control over the laundry prices, but UD’s laundry service is contracted through an outside vendor. Students’ laundry money is used to pay general building and operating expenses including utilities such as water, cleaning the facilities, painting and repairs. Laundry revenue is split between the vendor and the university. The university receives 58 percent of the split, according to Cooper.

“Our laundry prices are in line with other educational institutions that have similar updated equipment and maintain their laundries to high standards,” Cooper said.

The following incidents were reported to the Department of Public Safety from Oct. 19 through Oct. 27. This log was compiled by Flyer News from actual police reports obtained from the Department of Public Safety.

**Theft**
Oct. 19, 11:21 p.m.
Officer Pease was dispatched to Rubicon Apartments. While the complainant was walking to Rubicon Apartments from Roesch Library, he was approached by a vehicle on the 900 block of Alberta Street. The car’s passenger asked to use the complainant’s phone. Once the complainant gave the passenger his phone, the car drove away.

**Criminal Damaging**
Oct. 21, 1:23 p.m.
Officer Little was dispatched to Rogge Street on a criminal damage report. The complainant stated that sometime between 12 a.m. and 1:23 p.m., someone had broken the rear passenger side window of his black 1997 Dodge Avenger. There are no known suspects or witnesses at this time.

**Criminal Damaging**
Oct. 24, 11:17 p.m.
Officer Roth was dispatched to Marycrest Complex on a theft report. The complainant stated he was missing a “Halo: Reach” video game as well as $20 from his room. He said he was visiting friends and when he returned at 3 a.m., the items were missing. His roommate had gone across the hall at 2:30 a.m. and left the door unlocked.

**Theft**
Oct. 25, 5:59 p.m.
Officer Watts was dispatched to Marianist Hall on a theft complaint. The complainant stated he was doing laundry on Tuesday, Oct. 16. His clothes were still in the dryer when he checked at Oct. 17 at 12 p.m. When he returned at 8 p.m., his clothes were strewn about the room, and he was missing a hoodie, a T-shirt and a pair of sweatpants.

**Theft**
Oct. 27, 9:52 p.m.
Officer Orrill was dispatched to Marycrest Hall on a theft report. The complainant stated that his HP laptop computer was stolen. He left his room at 7 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 27, but did not lock his door. Upon his return at 7:45, his door was open, and the computer was missing. The silver HP laptop computer is valued at $1,500.
ELECTIONS
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In Ohio’s 18-member U.S. Congressional delegation, Republicans picked up an additional five seats, leaving only five Ohio Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives. Nationally, Republicans took 60 seats in the U.S. House, resulting in the Republican Party regaining control of the House of Representatives.

Congressman Michael R. Turner, a UD alumnus and member of the U.S. House, who represents the majority of the city of Dayton, won re-election by a 65 percent vote. This is 2 percent higher than his previous vote of 63 percent.

Kevin Loilli, the president of the UD College Democrats and a senior political science major, is not particularly happy with the outcome of the elections, he said he was not surprised by the results. Loilli said the most unexpected aspect of the election was how Republicans gained power in the U.S. House of Representatives, picking up the most seats since 1948.

Loilli also said he was most upset about the results of the governor race in Ohio. “The loss for Governor Strickland was a loss for Ohio, as governor elect Kasich has not formulated a clear and strong plan to the voters,” he said. “I am most concerned about the future of education in the state and the notion of privatization for many aspects of the government, which will most likely be connected to Kasich’s background and contacts.”

According to Loilli, the election results are concerning, especially because the rhetoric to cut spending has been endorsed by Republicans.

On the other hand, Jamie Leaver, treasurer of the UD College Republicans, said she is thrilled about the outcome of both the national and state elections. Leaver thinks the results will give Republicans the chance to prove they can restore the economy. “Our economy is suffering more than ever, and the results of this election prove that it’s time for new leadership,” Leaver said. “Under Ted Strickland’s leadership, Ohio lost thousands of jobs, and it’s time for Ohio to stop suffering. I know that John Kasich has the ability to create jobs and stimulate Ohio’s economy.”

In addition, Leaver said the outcome of the election will not only help Ohio, but also help restore the U.S. economy.

“I think the newly elected Republican majorities in the U.S. and Ohio will enact legislation that will help lower unemployment rates and stimulate the economy, something that Democrats have failed to do over the past two years,” Leaver said.

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**FRANK STANKO**

*A&E Editor*

Last Saturday, Nov. 6, The Dayton Art Institute, in conjunction with the University of Dayton, unveiled “Marking the Past/Shaping the Present: The Art of Willis ‘Bing’ Davis,” on display through Sunday, Jan. 30, 2011. Student admission with an ID is $8, and general admission is $10.

“Marking the Past” is a return to The DAI for Davis, a former student of the art institute in 1947.

“It’s not my first DAI show, but it’s the best one I’ve had,” Davis said. “Marking the Past,” which includes nearly two dozen examples from the over 400 oil-based pastel drawings in Davis’ “Ancestral Spirit Dance Series,” is aptly named, according to Will South, The DAI’s chief curator.

“In each drawing, there are patterns and colors derived from traditional African textiles, which is the artist’s way of recognizing and honoring the past, as well as letting the past help guide him in the present,” South said.

Davis said planning for “Marking the Past” has been a collaboration between him and UD students.

“Several students will assist me with the exhibit, and even earlier students have been interviewing throughout the year,” Davis said.

Davis also said he wants visitors to “Marking the Past” to get a lot out of the exhibit.

“I hope students, faculty and the university community will see a community-based, quality exhibit that artistically expresses and reflects the black experience,” he said.

The DAI is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursdays, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. General admission to The DAI is free.

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**‘Coalesce, Depart’ leaves reviewer somber**

**SARA DORN, STAFF WRITER**

“Coalesce”: to merge into a single body or group; “Depart”: to change or vary from a pattern.

“Coalesce, Depart,” the Department of Visual Arts’ senior exhibition, is on display in the Bike Center Gallery through Thursday, Dec. 2.

Women, self reflection and pop culture are three of the many themes of this modern and versatile gallery. That versatility was sometimes distracting from the imaginative art forms in the exhibit.

I admit, my first thoughts regarding this exhibit were that I didn’t really have the time to be there, I have no knowledge of art and it was probably just another cliché demonstration of pop culture. That assumption was true. The overall idea of the presentation was a bit overused.

However, I appreciated the intricacy of many of the pieces. I also can say the exhibit holds true to its title.

I entered the main showroom to find a mirror behind a sea green curtain. At my feet were a pair of red sparkling child size slippers atop a pillow. It was very odd and slightly messy, and I looked awful in the green lighting. The piece is titled “Pay No Attention to the Man Behind the Curtain,” by Matthew Szozda. After I analyzed this model, I was more disheartened than before.

However, I discovered a collection of materials, products, photos, paintings, collages and music that would perfectly interest the college community. “Pay No Attention to the Man Behind the Curtain” literally inspired reflection by incorporating a mirror and “Outea Branding and Packaging,” by Cara Muller, and encouraged relaxation — an ideal state of mind for deep thought.

Miller’s simple display of a package of herbal tea was my second favorite exhibition. I can’t emphasize enough how vital a role search plays in my life, so this simple encouragement of it was refreshing. To me, it is one of the most important aspects of a healthy and fulfilling life. This was an incorporated theme I adored.

Overall, my favorite piece was Rachel Thrash’s “Poem for a Blackbird.” I was obviously lured by the pretty pearls and glittering objects embedded in the tiny birds’ nests made from “acrylic and found object,” according to the program. If artists included an unnecessary theme that interfered with the impact of reflection. Death was prevalent. Bones, starving children, desperate women and poverty were common characteristics, and they are not topics I want on my mind when I’m reflecting and drinking herbal tea. These images were also depressing in the context of philosophy.

I departed “Coalesce, Depart,” in a odd mood. Herbal tea, pregnant women and African tunes are quite the abnormal combination. I left somber and a bit dejected.
I was transfixed by the set of “Spring Awakening”: a plain floor with a chair in the center and a heavily adorned back wall. Audience members could find anything from random paintings and a chair, to a blue wing and numerous lights attached to the wall.

The musical, centering on the trials and experiences teens from every era may encounter as they transition to adulthood, shocked and amazed me. The actors were phenomenal, nearly flawlessly performing songs, choreography and lines. Knowing the show came with a “mature audience” warning, I was expecting some activity not normally seen, but really had no idea what I was in for.

“Spring Awakening” opens with the main female character Wendla (Elizabeth Judd) singing an outcry that her mother hasn’t prepared her for life as she should have. The first thing I learned about Judd is that she wasn’t nervous about showing her body, appearing in an old-fashioned — think late 1800’s — slip of sorts. The second thing I learned was that she had an incredible voice — smooth and strong, it rung through the theater.

As the show progressed, I was introduced to the male characters, who portrayed typical teenage boy attitudes quite well. There were varying personalities, seen in standard groups of friends, but each one was executed masterfully. Melchior (Christopher Wood) captured the audience with his charisma and, once he broke into “All That’s Known,” his talented vocal chords did as well.

Raging about sex and life, the ensemble hit the mark with its unforgettable song performances. By chance, Wendla and Melchior have a moment of private time halfway through the first act, when they realize they have suppressed feelings and urges that have not been acted on before. Judd and Wood have the ability to make this scene smooth and intimate, though all that happens physically is the holding of hands. With “The Word of Your Body” setting the tone and overshadowing with lyrics like, “Haven’t you heard the word of my wanting?” and “Oh, you’re gonna be wounded/ Oh, you’re gonna be my wound,” this scene is an intense moment of realization for the characters and the audience. I knew at this point something more was to come about of the Wendla-Melchior relationship.

Shocking is a good word to describe how the relationship progressed. For those who are not super-fans of “Spring Awakening,” and maybe have never even heard of it, I’m about to reveal something pivotal in the plot line. When Wendla and Melchior meet for the third time, the language is intense and romantic. As a romantic myself, I couldn’t help but feel warm and happy inside when the characters talked about hearing each other’s heart beat and kissing for the first time. The shocker! This scene quickly progressed to sex. I was not so warm and happy inside at this point. Judd and Wood executed this scene very well, but it was all so sudden and a little bit awkward to see on stage.

As the moment happens, the lights quickly went down on stage signaling intermission. Thank goodness. I was enjoying the music and the acting, but was ready to be finished with that scene. As the lights came back up for Act III, I’m not sure why I was surprised when the first scene literally started where the last scene had stopped. I got to see everything once more.

I realize this scene is what the rest of the play hinges on, so awkwardness aside, I understood why it was there. In addition, showing the innocence and naïve nature of Wendla in her adolescence stage — not truly knowing what she was doing — could really connect with many teens anywhere from a few hundred years ago till now. At this point, I’ll stop giving away plot lines just in case you’re planning on seeing the show, currently touring the country, in the future.

To see “Spring Awakening” is an opportunity to experience music and lyrics that are extremely and very catchy. As musicals go, this one definitely represents the rock side of the music industry. The lyrics are metaphorical in their meanings, which is better, I believe, than having the characters come right out and say things.

The way the songs and movements are expressed on stage, I was really able to see the young adolescent nature of the characters and the confusion when moving into adulthood, not knowing how to feel or what to do with their new feelings.

Covering a wide range of topics including sex, abuse, religion, homosexuality, suicide and so much more, “Spring Awakening” was a lot to take in. It took me literally hours to really process and understand what had happened and what type of a statement Steven Sater (book and lyrics), Duncan Sheik (music) and Frank Wedekind (author of the play, “Spring Awakening,” which the musical is based on) were making with this show.

I’ll say it again. The cast was phenomenal, and the set was terrific. No detail went unnoticed or untouched in this musical.

If you’re looking for a high-quality musical that will make you feel every emotion you’ve ever known, this is it. Just be prepared for some shocking statements, songs and scenes.

I was a little overwhelmed, but am thankful I was able to witness the immense talent that was on stage that night.
OPINIONS

“The improvement of understanding is for two ends: first, our own increase of knowledge; secondly, to enable us to deliver that knowledge to others.”

John Locke, British philosopher, essayist

SCI:
Science requirements for non-majors insulting to students, liberal education model

Do you know what an electron is?
It’s used in various complicated ways throughout our world but the basics are fairly simple: a subatomic particle with negative charge that’s found inside every atom. Yet during one of my most recent science classes, I was informed by the professor that such a concept was too complicated for me.

“If you were chemistry majors,” she said in a sweetly patronizing voice, “you would have to know about these things called electrons. But since you’re not, it doesn’t matter.”

This was in SCI 210, part of the integrated natural science sequence required of all students in my major, International Studies.

It’s also a requirement for many other humanities, social science and education majors. In fact, the majority of my class was majoring in education, making this intentional instructional ignorance even more confusing when you consider we’re teaching teachers it’s OK to not really understand the world around us.

The idea behind these courses is to enable non-science majors to be educated in the sciences. In the same way, philosophy and history credits are required of all students, even those whose careers are unlikely to use science, as part of a well-rounded “liberal education.”

Yet my question is this: If we champion this well-rounded education our students receive, why do we hold our non-major science requirements to such low standards?

You would never hear a professor in Philosophy 103 say, “Well if you were philosophy majors, you’d have to know about this guy called John Locke and the idea that all people are created equal, but since you’re engineers, that doesn’t really matter for you.”

Do we as an institution believe that the humanities ultimately matter more in life? Is it better for a student to be versed in the Ten Commandments than the periodic table?

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Word on the street...
What’s your opinion on Lil Wayne’s recent release from jail?

“Glad to have him back.”

JT REGAN, SOPHOMORE
MARKETING

“He’s an awesome rapper. ... He proved he deserves to be out by giving back to the community.”

SCOTT JACKSON, FRESHMAN
UNDECIDED BUSINESS

“I know nothing about that. That’s not my type of music.”

KALI HERMAN, FRESHMAN
DIETETICS
HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVES POSE HEALTH DANGER

When discussing the ever-so-delicate topics of abortion or the use of hormonal contraceptives, there is usually a tie to personal beliefs or religion on one or both sides of the arguments. Therefore, it may be very alarming for some of us to hear these topics can be directly related to another big issue: breast cancer.

I recently came across an article by Jenn Giroux, executive director of Human Life International America and a registered nurse in Cincinnati, Ohio. In the article, she referred to a statistic from the Surveillance Epidemiology and End Results data at the National Cancer Institute that shows since 1975, there has been a 400 percent increase in non-invasive breast cancer in pre-menopausal women.

This isn’t a topic that I would normally pay much attention to, but upon reading this, I was absolutely amazed; I personally have a family friend with breast cancer, and I began to question why and how this statistic could be true.

Giroux’s answer came from multiple studies of the effects on women who have had an abortion or used hormonal contraceptives. She referenced studies from Iran which show abortions cause an “interruption of breast tissue development” that increased the risk of developing breast cancer by 193 percent. She also pointed to studies by the International Agency on Research for Cancer, showing “that any woman who takes a hormonal contraceptive for four years prior to her first full-term pregnancy increases her risk for breast cancer by 52 percent.”

This blew my mind. It is something that deserves serious attention. We should all be aware of the possible consequences that abortions cause by interrupting natural pregnancy cycles. We should all be attentive to the fact that pharmaceutical companies are trying to sell their products, better yet their state of mind, which says that women can take products such as “the Pill” in order to make problems go away and make life better. However, their sparkly, attractive sales pitches conveniently leave out the fact that these products have dangerous side effects. I would say such products may not be good for you, but that would be the understatement of the year; the International Agency on Research for Cancer labels products such as “the Pill” as a Group 1 carcinogen and places them in the same category as asbestos and cigarettes.

I feel like these companies should change the content of their commercials to something like, “Having sex but not ready for a child? That’s OK, just take these radioactive products and have breast cancer instead!”

Now, I realize that I’m not a doctor, a nurse or even a woman; so why do I care?

I understand that these are personal, private matters. However, these are also real, statistically significant problems, especially relevant for women in our immediate age group, as they experience constant social pressure and pressure from the media to use such products.

If nothing else, consider it some food for thought next time you see an ad for contraceptives or encounter the topic of abortion.
Women’s Soccer
TOURNAMENT VICTORY CLINCHES NCAA BERTH
Alexis Garcia’s goal in double overtime gives Flyers 4-3 win in A-10 Championship

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Sports Editor

The old adage says lightning never strikes the same person twice. Try explaining that to University of Dayton women’s soccer sophomore midfielder Alexis Garcia.

Thanks to her two golden goals, the Flyers secured an Atlantic 10 Conference championship at the University of Rhode Island on Sunday, Nov. 7.

Garcia first broke a scoreless tie Friday, Nov. 5, in a semifinal against North Carolina at Charlotte.

“It was just, you know, I mean it was such a good feeling. I could have never ever guessed that I would have ever scored again,” she said. “I mean nobody even expects me to score a goal, let alone in overtime, let alone twice in overtime... It happened so quick, it was such a good feeling."

The women’s soccer team celebrates its A-10 Championship at the University of Rhode Island on Sunday, Nov. 7. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY JASON LETRUMY/ATLANTIC 10 CONFERENCE.

Flyers head coach Mike Tucker was nearly speechless after the victory about the hard work of his players.

“Exhausted, relieved, excited, pick any number of those things,” he said. “It was just, you know, I mean it was kind of a heavyweight, knockdown, drag out battle, and I just feel absolutely elated for our girls, how hard they played and how well they played.”

Dayton took pride all season in their defensive abilities, led by A-10 Defensive Player of the Year junior defender Kathleen Beljan. She said she was disappointed in the three opposing scores, but remains excited for the start of the NCAA Tournament.

“It was just an amazing feeling,” she said. “As a defender, it was hard to give up three goals, but watching the rest of the team come behind us, and score another fourth one just to finish it up was just amazing.”

UD hopes to host first and second round games at Baujan Field as the tournament begins Friday, Nov. 12.

Turnovers committed by Flyers transfer guard Josh Parker in the men’s basketball team’s two exhibition games against Grand Valley State and Findlay. Parker also led Dayton in scoring in both games.

Catch made by Junior wide receiver Luke Bellman in Dayton’s 31-25 win over Drake Saturday. Bellman’s catch was a game-winning 37-yard touchdown catch with one second left to give the Flyers the victory.

Golden goals scored by sophomore Alexis Garcia in the women’s soccer team’s last two games. Garcia scored in overtime to beat St. Bonaventure in the semifinals, and in double overtime to beat Charlotte for the championship.
While new in its history, the University of Dayton’s field hockey club team continues to grow in membership and gain experience against difficult opponents from around the country.

On Saturday, Oct. 30, the team brought its 2-2 record into play against Ohio State University. After a 6-0 loss to the Buckeyes though, the team still remains positive about its future.

“I don’t think the score itself is a reflection of how we played,” said junior and club vice president Seetha Sankaranarayan. “This was a tough game because both teams were wearing red jerseys, which was extremely confusing, and OSU had four male players on their team.”

Lost scoring opportunities plagued the Flyers, and they were unable to overcome the tough competition.

“The club league we play in is co-ed, so we are used to seeing maybe one or two guys on opposing teams,” Sankaranarayan said. “But four is unprecedented.”

While field hockey is usually known as a sport for women, Sankaranarayan said male players are common on other teams, and UD even is training its own male player.

Junior Zach Dawson has been training with the team as a goalie after growing up playing the position in street hockey. Despite his lack of experience with field hockey, his teammates have been impressed by Dawson’s progression.

“We began with scrimmaging at practices to help him get a feel for the game, and he picked it up really quickly,” Sankaranarayan said. “Lately we’ve been working on shooting on him from various heights and angles so he can anticipate various kinds of shots.”

Sankaranarayan hopes Dawson’s participation will help increase male membership next year.

“What we love about Zach is that he shows up to every practice ready to work with us crazy girls, and no matter how tough the practice or stressful the game, he never, ever loses his cool,” she said.

For Dawson, being on the team has been nothing but positive.

“So far it has been a great experience,” Dawson said. “I like it so much; I’ve actually begun looking for other leagues to join throughout the year.”

Even though getting other males to play field hockey seems like a tough task, Dawson said he’ll keep doing what he can.

“I’ve tried to persuade other guys, but since field hockey is predominantly a female sport here, they are very hesitant to play,” Dawson said. “I’ll keep trying though.”

With a roster of around 20 players, the field hockey club program is at its height, and the performance reflects that. Earlier this season, the Flyers knocked off the University of Kentucky for their first official win in the club’s short history.

For Sankaranarayan, it was the team members’ commitment to organize and improve which has helped them succeed.

“This season marks the first time we really feel like a team,” Sankaranarayan said. “I’ve been playing since my first year at UD, and this year has been completely different. We finally got organized; we doubled our membership since last season and have a whole new group of first years who are all so enthusiastic and talented.”

The Flyers will play in their first ever field hockey tournament on Saturday, Nov. 20, at Ohio State, where they’ll get a re-match with the Buckeyes. UD also is optimistic for matches during this tournament against University of Notre Dame and the Cincinnati Centurions, an adult field hockey team.

“I have high hopes for our club,” Sankaranarayan said. “We’re just going to keep getting better.”

The University of Dayton’s athletic program finished in the nation’s top 25 for graduation success rates, according to a report released by the NCAA on Wednesday, Oct. 27.

Every year, the NCAA releases GSR information for every university in the country. UD finished in the top 25 again this year with a GSR of 94, tying Xavier University for the highest in the Atlantic 10 Conference. According to a UD press release, GSR measures the rate of graduation of initial college enrollment within a six year time frame.

Dayton’s athletic department is responsible for providing athletes with every resource possible for learning. A team of academic coordinators help each athlete juggle team travel, practice and school work.

“It’s personally gratifying to work at an institution with such a rich history of academic success among the student-athlete population,” said academic coordinator Beth Flach. “It’s important to me that we carry on the tradition and graduate our student-athletes at an exceptionally high rate because it’s life after college that really counts.”

Flach said she is happy to be working for UD, and hopes for continued academic excellence with this year’s unveiling of the renovated Anthony A. Riggs Academic Center at the Frericks Center.

The expanded area now includes 54 workstations and added two conference/tutoring rooms. She said she is pleased with the new addition to the center, and the improved resources available to its student-athletes.

“There are institutions that may use GSR as a recruiting tool,” Flach said. “For us at UD, we use it to measure our services that we provide to student-athletes.”

The GSR is affected by athletes who leave school early to pursue professional sports, bringing the national average to a 78. UD’s high mark of 94 thus compares to the ratings of various Ivy League schools, and coupled with Flyer success on the field, helps make UD’s athletic program one of the top in the country.

Each of the university’s 15 Division I sports finished higher than their respective sport’s national averages. In total, 10 UD teams earned perfect GSR’s of 100 percent. This rewards the university for the future as schools with subpar scores may potentially lose scholarships to the NCAA.

Flach said UD has embraced a “student-first, athlete-second” motto for its sports, helping to continue to drive the academic success of the athletic department every single year.

“We are always looking to improve our academic support services, even if that means by one percent,” Flach said.

CORRECTION: Christian Cabello, Flyer News sports staff writer, wrote last issue’s feature on UD women’s basketball head coach Jim Jabir for the women’s basketball preview. This was incorrectly attributed. Flyer News sincerely apologizes for the error.
Football

MIRACULOUS PLAY PRESERVES PFL PERFECTION

While “The Catch” will always refer to Joe Montana connecting with Dwight Clark in the 1982 NFC Championship, the University of Dayton football team did its best rendition of this famous play on Saturday, Nov. 6.

On Senior Day at Welcome Stadium, UD pulled off a dramatic victory against Pioneer Football League rival Drake University. Senior quarterback Steve Valentino completed a 37-yard pass to junior wide receiver Luke Bellman in the corner of the end zone with one second remaining to give UD a 31-25 victory.

“The play would never have occurred if not for a miraculous fourth-and-18 conversion at the Flyers’ own 45-yard line just moments before, setting up the final touchdown for the win,” Valentino said. “To come out with a win like this is indescribable.”

UD trailed 25-24 with 1:22 remaining in the game after Drake backup quarterback Cody Seeger led the Bulldogs on a long field goal drive. Dayton showed its tenacity on its next possession when Valentino connected with Bellman, leading the crowd of over 1,700 fans to erupt with joy.

“We just said we’re going to send people deep and see what we can do,” Valentino said. “And I got to scramble around a little bit and got to step up, and that catch by Luke was one of the most amazing clutch catches I’ve seen in my entire life. It’s probably the lasting moment of my college career.”

The scene after the catch on Dayton’s sideline was about as wild as the game itself. As the ball sailed through the air, all eyes were on the opposite side of the field as Bellman hauled in the pass. The Flyer players then each turned to their nearest teammate, high-fiving one another and screaming in excited disbelief.

“I could see it; I mean I was just watching everything from the sideline and had everything in view, and it was just amazing,” senior safety Eric Robbe said.

With the win, the Flyers remain tied for first place in the PFL with Jacksonville University. It also protected UD’s undefeated record at Welcome Stadium this season, and marked an eighth consecutive victory heading into next week’s regular season finale at Marist College.

Valentino accounted for all four of Dayton’s scores, throwing two touchdowns and running for two more. Senior wide receiver Justin Watkins caught several crucial passes in the fourth quarter, including the miraculous fourth down conversion. On the other side, senior defensive end Devon Langhorst recorded five and a half sacks, and the team recorded two interceptions.

For the Flyer football 31 seniors, Saturday was the final home game of their collegiate careers. The victory was thrilling, but the players still recognize their days playing football for UD are winding down.

“I think bittersweet is a good word for it,” Valentino said. “I mean obviously, the win overcomes everything, but there are a lot of good memories here throughout the years, and we’re definitely going to miss it, but we’re glad to go out on this note.”

Even head coach Rick Chamberlain echoed those thoughts, not holding back any reservations about the meaningfulness of this victory for his senior stars.

“It means a lot, especially with the seniors,” Chamberlin said. “As I told them, you’ll never forget this day. Never. They’ll have a lot of exciting happenings in their lives with weddings and the birth of their children and all those things, but they will never forget this day. Thirty years from now when they come back for their 30th reunion for their PFL Championship we’re trying to get next week, this is the game that they will remember out of the 2010 season.”