‘FUTURE OF FOOD’ SPEAKER URGES STUDENT ACTIVISM

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Vandana Shiva informed the University of Dayton about food sustainability as the first lecturer in the school’s new Speaker Series on Monday, Sept. 12, in the Kennedy Union Ballroom.

Her lecture, entitled “The Future of Food,” focused on industrial agriculture and how it is causing a loss in biodiversity, or diversity of food.

“I think around food we could build the biggest social movement of our times,” Shiva said.

Eighty percent of food comes from industrial agriculture and 75 percent of biodiversity loss is from industrial farming systems, she said. She also explained the impact of a globalized system of industrial agriculture on poverty.

Of the 1 billion people going hungry today, 500 million are working to produce the food, Shiva said. But many of the workers cannot afford the food they have produced because it is sold for four times the cost to make it, she said.

Shiva emphasized the role students can play to make a change.

“I really like how [Shiva said] students in general are the driving force for change,” said Nina Lokar, a sophomore education major, who attended the lecture. “I think the lecture was really important to right now.”

Teresa DiCarlo, a junior exercise science and dietetics major, said she learned from Shiva’s lecture.

“She is trying to educate the world on how to fix this hazardous problem and she inspired me to want to do the same,” DiCarlo said.

Shiva is an advocate for third-world women and traditional farming practices, and is also a physicist and philanthropist, according to a UD press release published Sept. 8.

Shiva established the Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology, an environmental activism initiative, according to its website.

She was also nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2005 and was named by Forbes magazine as one of the seven most influential women in the world, according to the UD press release.

Shiva is the first speaker in the new UD Speaker Series, which this year centers on the theme, “Building Movements for Social Justice.”

The theme emerged organically after the UD Speaker Series committee evaluated the lecturer nominees and realized they were all working for social justice, said Sheila Hassell Hughes, committee chair, and associate professor and chair of the English department.

“The theme is important to the mission of UD,” she said.

The UD Speaker Series was the result of a merging of the Diversity Lecture Series and the Distinguished Speaker Series, both of which the university hosted in previous years, according to the press release.

The UD Speaker Series mission statement says it “serves as a catalyst for purposeful and critical discussion of contemporary issues through dynamic public presentations and related programming.”

There was not enough funding to do both of the series well, and it made more sense to combine the two since past speakers in the Distinguished Speaker Series have always been diverse, Hughes said.

The next two speakers in the series also were announced in the press release.

Ottmar Edenhofer, deputy director and chief economist of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, will speak Oct. 26 about climate change policy. Ebony Utley, a communication professor at the University of California Long Beach, will speak Jan. 17. Utley’s topic has yet to be announced, according to the UD website.

“We want speakers who will give the opportunity to really enrich student’s education,” Hughes said.

“And I think we have been successful.”

For more information, visit the Speaker Series website at www.udayton.edu/provost/speaker_series.

UD develops new website with fresh brand guide, more social media

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The University of Dayton launched its new website in August with a larger focus on branding, speed and enrollment, according to Teri Rizvi, associate vice president of communications and the project’s marketing director.

UD communications worked alongside UD Information Technologies, enrollment management and 160over90, a branding agency based in Philadelphia that represents Nike, Mercedes-Benz and Loyola University Maryland, according to the 160over90 website.

“I think the UD community is going to notice a more bold way of thinking, more vibrant photography, and when people visit the site, they won’t have to spend so much time navigating,” Rizvi said. “We’ve worked together on other projects, so 160over90 is familiar with the brand we are trying to capture.”

Rizvi said 160over90 worked on designing and writing the website templates over the past year. UDIT is responsible for transferring the content from UD’s old website to its new one, she said.

Rizvi said the website, along with a university brand guide, were the two major projects funded under this year’s marketing budget for the office of communications.

The brand guide, available on the UD website, highlights the university’s image and beliefs. It also provides a detailed guide on how to visually represent the university in terms of graphics, color, copy tone, the UD logo and many other elements. This information can be found on the brand guide’s website.

“We’re trying to showcase the university’s mission. In terms of positioning, we’re trying to communicate our message that we’re providing an education that will develop students into leaders who can help shape the future.”

For more information, visit the UD website at www.udayton.edu.

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University offers Co-Curricular Transcript
OMA creates document to recognize student leadership involvement

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The University of Dayton is now offering Co-Curricular Transcripts to help students record their extracurricular activities, according to Daria Graham, associate director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

After registering with an email to cct@udayton.edu, a student will be able to keep track of his or her extra-curricular activities by submitting them within a Co-Curricular Transcripts tab at isidore.udayton.edu, she said. An awards ceremony then will take place at the end of the year for students to pick up their printed Co-Curricular Transcripts.

Christine Schramm, dean of students and assistant vice president of the Division of Student Development, asked the division over the summer to develop a program to help students reflect on and celebrate their leadership experiences, Graham said. Schramm previously was the assistant vice president for Leadership Formation in Student Development until being promoted last week, according to a Flyer News article published Tuesday, Sept. 13.

Several of UD’s peer institutions already use a similar program, Graham said. The Co-Curricular Transcript program is a way for the university to acknowledge that there is “learning outside of the classroom,” she said. It also will help students prepare for interviews with prospective employers, Graham said.

“We know that part of what we should do for our [student] leaders is celebrate their accomplishments,” she said.

Fred Cox, a senior sociology major who works in OMA, said he recently started working on his Co-Curricular Transcript.

“It is something I would recommend for other students because when you go to an interview for grad school or another job, interviewers will want to know what the benefits of the extracurricular activities you participated in are,” he said. “The transcript includes your personal development, leadership development and professional development.”

Students will be asked to consider how an activity has impacted their leadership skills when submitting it for the Co-Curricular Transcript. This practice will prepare students to respond to similar questions from potential employers, Graham said. Some activity submissions may be checked before students receive their Co-Curricular Transcript, she said.

She said eventually every claim a student submits to the Co-Curricular Transcript program online will be checked for validity, but there currently aren’t enough staff members to do so. She said there are also plans for the Co-Curricular Transcript to be made available with students’ academic transcripts so they can obtain the document years after graduation.

Cox said the Co-Curricular Transcript is completely separate from a student’s academic transcript. Graham created the program and will oversee it until additional staff members are available to organize it, he said.

Students may request their official printed Co-Curricular Transcript at any point during the school year, but Graham said she hopes students pick them up in April 2012 at the official “leadership celebration” distribution.

Graham said 26 students already have signed up for the Co-Curricular Transcript. For more information, visit the Co-Curricular Transcript website at www2.udayton.edu/studev/cct.

9/11: Portraits of Grief Revisited

A presentation by
Wendell Jamieson
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Event calls attention to U.S. institute’s human rights violations

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The University of Dayton Center for Social Concern will hold a “die-in” to raise awareness of human rights violations from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, at Humanities Plaza.

During the die-in, students dressed in black will lie down in the grass and act deceased, said Rosie Eyerman, a senior human rights and dietetics major. The event will commemorate those who have died in Latin America at the hands of graduates of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, she said. Other students will announce information about Whinsec and the names of its victims, and protesters will honor them with a moment of silence during class time.

She said the victims of the Whinsec human rights violations have been “murdered, assassinated, tortured and raped.” Most of those afflicted have been Latin American citizens, she said.

Whinsec partially replaced the School of the Americas, which closed in 2000, according to its website. SOA was designed to spread democracy and peace to Latin American countries through military education fostered after U.S. military training, the website said. SOA was closed because it had fulfilled its goals, the website said.

Whinsec was founded with a similar purpose to the SOA, Eyerman said. UD’s die-in still uses the term SOA because the same teachers and same countries still participate in Whinsec, she said.

“The reason why it [SOA] closed down ... was because there was a bill passed to close it,” Eyerman said. “This was the army’s way to try and cover up erman said. “This was the army’s way to try and cover up

SOA was closed because it was a bill passed to close it,” Eyerman said. “This was the army’s way to try and cover up what American human rights violations have been working to the U.S. for human rights abuses involving their graduates,” Eyerman said. “It’s obvious that the people that have graduated and are teaching there are known for these horrendous acts of injustice.”

Nick Cardilino, director of the Center for Social Concern, said he helped coordinate the die-in to educate students on what American tax dollars are funding.

“They [Whinsec] have used that training to commit these atrocities against their own countrymen and women,” Cardilino said. “American citizens ought to know what our tax dollars are being used for, and if we oppose it, we should let our lawmakers know.”

Eyerman said a 15-minute die-in she organized last semester was successful. The event was held March 25, at Humanities Plaza, she said in an email to Flyer News. UD students also will participate in a national Whinsec protest in Columbus, Ga., from Nov. 18 to Nov. 20. The protest will take place outside Fort Benning, a U.S. army training base located on the border of Georgia and Alabama, Eyerman said. Thousands of human rights activists participate in the event annually in order to try to end the Whinsec human rights violations, she said.

Informational meetings for the trip will be held from 8 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22 in Kennedy Union 222, from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Sept. 27 in KU 310, and from 9 to 10 p.m. on Oct. 3 in KU 222, Eyerman said.

For more information, contact Rosie Eyerman at eyermarc@gmail.com.
Dialogue to honor Constitution

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Paul McGreal, dean of the University of Dayton School of Law, will host a Constitution Day presentation and dialogue at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 16, in the Keller Hall courtroom.

UD students, faculty and staff are invited to the event, which observes the anniversary of the adoption of the U.S. Constitution, according to a promotional email forwarded to students Friday, Sept. 9, by Kim Conde, communication coordinator for UD Information Technologies.

McGreal said the dialogue will follow a presentation of his research on the court papers of former Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun, who was in the court from 1979 to 1994. McGreal said the papers document Blackmun’s court hearings and are only available at the Library of Congress.

McGreal said he organized the event for a few reasons. He said UD is required to provide some sort of educational event for Constitution Day as a university receiving federal funding. He said he also wanted to have a chance to interact with students, share his research from when he taught constitutional law at Southern Illinois University, and to give students from other departments a chance to visit the law school.

“It’s like a happy birthday for the Constitution,” he said.

The focus of the discussion will be on documents from Blackmun’s court case which ruled prayer at public high school graduation ceremonies unconstitutional, McGreal said.

He said he wants the dialogue to give students a better understanding of what goes on in the Supreme Court, which sifts through cases privately and then emerges with a public decision months later.

“It’s a behind-the-scenes look at the Supreme Court’s work is the way I’m describing it,” McGreal said. “Basically what this does is shed light on one of the branches of the federal government that is usually shrouded in secrecy.”

The discussion will be helpful to law students because they are required to take a course in constitutional law, he said.

“I really commend having a discussion about it on Constitution Day because it’s commenting that all students should be aware of and appreciate it [the Constitution] for the fact that it has provided such stability and continuity for a government for over two centuries,” said Bob Taft, distinguished research associate and professor for the School of Education and Allied Professions.

Taft said he emphasizes the importance of the Constitution for a class he teaches about Congressional legislation.

The U.S. Constitution is the oldest and shortest written constitution, he said.

“I’m hoping that Dean McGreal can present a forum where students can discuss the differences and the different interpretations without having extreme arguments and debates...,” she said.

Crime Log

The following incidents were reported to the Department of Public Safety from Sept. 8, through Sunday, Sept. 11. This log was compiled by Flyer News from actual police reports obtained from the Department of Public Safety.

Criminal Damaging

Sept. 8, 3:40 p.m.
Officer Durian was dispatched to Chambers Street after a complainant said someone had shattered a car window in the middle of the night. The complainant also stated that the suspect had taken the in-dash stereo and a GPS from the car. There are no known suspects at this time, but police believe it is related to similar incidents in the area.

Criminal Damaging

Sept. 11, 3:04 p.m.
Officer Cloyd was dispatched to Chambers Street where four complainants stated that a suspect broke in their home through a window. The complainant stated the suspect had taken jewelry, a television, an iPod Touch, a camera and money. The suspect then exited through the back door. The suspect is described as 30 to 40 years old, 5 feet 10 inches, and 175 pounds.

Criminal Damaging

Sept. 11, 3:31 p.m.
Officer Babal was dispatched to a university-owned house on Frericks Way on a report of damage to a vehicle. The complainant’s vehicle was parked behind the residence in the RP6 parking lot and the windshield was cracked. There are no known suspects at this time.
ATTENTION WRITERS & PHOTOGRAPHERS!

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Garden Station farmers market engages community

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Garden Station, a Dayton, Ohio, community garden and art park located at East Fourth Street and Wayne Avenue, has added a Sunday farmers market to its list of community activities.

The farmers market was open most recently on Sunday, Sept. 11. Garden Station has been known for its concerts, art displays and community garden, according to the Garden Station Facebook page.

Project Manager Lisa Helm said the addition of the farmers market was a logical next step for the park.

“Our focus is on sustainable, local gardening and produce,” Helm said.

Helm said all crafts and produce for sale at the market are local and that proceeds allow area gardeners to raise funds for their community gardens.

She said the process of applying to sell goods at the market is thorough.

“The application can be intense,” Helm said, “but it helps ensure that everything is locally grown or produced, as we do not permit resellers [individuals who do not grow or sell their own produce].”

Three farmers and local gardeners are participating so far and Helm said Garden Station is actively looking for new vendors. According to Garden Station’s website, a local producer can rent a 10-square-foot space for $15 per week once an application has been approved.

Participating farmer Dave Secor said he rented a plot in Garden Station’s community garden last year and said he likes being able to market what he grows. He said he is also a member of Gateway Garden in Huber Heights, Ohio, which is another local gardening cooperative.

“I learned a lot about rain barrels and drip irrigation through Garden Station and I use both in my garden now,” Secor said.

Secor’s partner, Michael Bell, said he thinks the artwork at Garden Station adds a fun element to the garden.

“I like being able to check out the art while we’re here,” Bell said.

The local produce Secor and Bell sold on Sunday, Sept. 11, included tomatoes, broccoli, banana peppers and spaghetti squash.

Dayton View Triangle Federation community garden member Andrea Perkins brought a variety of fruits and vegetables to Garden Station’s market. According to the Dayton View Triangle Federation website, this community northwest of downtown “is the neighborhood of choice for people from many different cultural, ethnic, professional, and educational backgrounds.”

Perkins sold tomatoes, turnips, broccoli rabe, Swiss chard and Armenian cucumbers. She said she plans to bring a variety of herbs, flowers and greens to the market Sunday, Sept. 18.

“A lot of these grow naturally and have a lot of vitamins that people should get their palate used to,” Perkins said.

She said many plants that are often considered weeds, such as purslane and plantain, absorb vitamins that other plants are not using, which gives them a lot of nutrition.

Fork in the Road Coffee Roasters, a company based in Beavercreek, Ohio, brought several different coffees to the market. Owner Jason Hanel said they have eight different kinds of specialty coffees and are fair trade certified. He said he encourages the community to come to Garden Station and support local businesses and growers.

Helm said there are plans for additions to Garden Station in the future, including a wheelchair ramp, stage and the creation of a giving garden. She said the giving garden would allow area homeless the opportunity to pick fruits and vegetables without disturbing other gardeners’ plants.

Secor said he encourages college students and local residents to reserve a space for gardening at Garden Station.

“Visitors browse beans from Fork in the Road Coffee Roasters, a company based in Beavercreek, Ohio, Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Garden Station farmers market at East Fourth Street and Wayne Avenue downtown. MARCO DUARDO/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER.”

ArtStreet Friday Film ‘Inconceivable!’

ArtStreet is graciously giving the University of Dayton community a chance to share the beloved film, “The Princess Bride,” at 9 p.m. Friday, September 16, in Studio B.

“Scaling the Cliffs of Insanity, Battling Rodents of Unusual Size, Facing torture in the Pit of Despair: True love has never been a snap.”

The tagline for this cult classic is the chocolate coating on a miracle pill that makes it just that much easier to appreciate.

Director Rob Reiner does fantasy lovers of all generations a favor by creating a world of intense action and adventure, while still tricking the boys into watching a “kissing movie” based on an ever-popular “kissing book.”

Ask any die-hard fans of “The Princess Bride” and, without a moment of hesitation, they will share the number of occasions, all very memorable, they have viewed this masterpiece. They will then continue with quoting the clever writing a few times a week – “Inconceivable!”

Each time I robotically flip through the channels on TV and stumble upon this film, I fall out of my reality television coma and watch The Man in Black do what he does best: add to the dynamic plot’s twists, turns and surprises.

Reiner’s timeless classic will inspire you to find your one true love and make you wish you lived in the fictional countries of Florin and Guilder. This 1987 flick never gets old. The quirky wit of each character’s dialogue is as comical as the movie’s locane powder is lethal, and that’s not all …

Growing up with this movie, I have learned something from each character that I can live by at various stages of my life. Farm boy Wesley taught me that true love can conquer anything, even if it means overcoming that unfortunate state of being “mostly dead.”

Buttercup, the Princess Bride, reminds me that there are lots of fish in the sea – including some should be tossed back — and occasionally there are some shrinking eels to look out for.

Inigo Montoya, the Spaniard, gives us all a glimpse of hope. It may take 20 years to fulfill your dream, but better late than never, right?

Fezzik the Giant becomes more than an adjective, he becomes a true friend. There are the good guys, the bad guys turned good and the bad guys that stay … bad.

To those movie buffs out there who still haven’t seen “The Princess Bride,” you won’t regret adding this to your library. This film never gets old, whether you’re viewing it for the first or 14th time. If you want your Friday night to be as unforgettable as a vacation home in the Fire Swamp, stop by ArtStreet and have a good time. It’ll be the best 90 minutes of your weekend.

“As you wish,” ArtStreet!
TEACHER FEATURE

Many students may be familiar with Rate My Professor, a website that allows users to share feedback on the best and worst aspects of the classroom experience. This new Flyer News feature delves into the lives of professors who incite passion in their students and cause a buzz on registration day.

“The gravity of the devastation and loss that was suffered on 9/11 cannot be captured through words. Although it cannot be justly described, some people contacted those most important to them just to say ‘I love you,’” O’Brien said. “There are so many amazing stories of those caught in the horrific event trying to help the others with them.”

“Those kinds of events need to be sorted out and talked about,” O’Brien said. “It’s humbling because who the hell knows where it comes from and what meaning to take from it.”

Attempting to make sense of tragic occurrences ultimately leads to self-reflection, according to O’Brien. He said having lived through the assassination of John F. Kennedy, the murder of Martin Luther King Jr. and the Oklahoma City bombing of 1995 reminds him that citizens of the U.S. are a common people sharing a common history, destiny and future.

“Their stories are the moments that we are broken out of our normal routines and are reminded to be engaged with one another,” O’Brien said. “Although, I hope you never have to experience any more of these moments.”

O’Brien said Mychal Judge, a Franciscan priest who devoted his entire life to the New York Fire Department, is an example of his meaning-based approach to the common good. O’Brien said Judge was carried out of one of the Twin Towers by firemen and laid on the altar at the church across the street.

“He found meaning in life,” O’Brien said. “He is a good model for all of us.”

O’Brien said Judge is “a great example to our students of someone who uses his gifts for good in the world.”

O’Brien said it’s possible for anyone to take a deeper meaning of our tragic moments such as 9/11.

“Terrorism is a daily reality for millions of people around the world,” said O’Brien. “This was an episode of a moment that we experienced, and we should feel solidarity with these people. Hopefully, all of us will find a way to reflect about this and the meaning of our lives.”

FEATURE

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Urban Nights, a biannual showcase of local businesses in downtown Dayton, Ohio, described by University of Dayton student Olivia Bowman as “a big end of summer party,” will take place from 5 to 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16.

Urban Nights was created last decade at the time that the economy was going down, said Krystal Luketic, special events coordinator for the Downtown Dayton Partnership. She said the event serves to highlight the local businesses and everyday downtown Dayton has to offer.

“It gives downtown a chance to shine,” she said.

More than 120 venues of dining, music, housing and interactive arts will participate. Luketic said she expects the event will draw more than 30,000 people.

According to the Downtown Dayton Partnership website, five satellite stages throughout downtown, the Oregon Arts District and the Wright-Dunbar Business Village will feature local musical acts. Systems Go, a cover band of musicians from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, will perform on the Main Stage at Courthouse Square. Luketic said Courthouse Square will be the hub of Urban Nights’ entertainment.

Urban Nights has four exciting events this year that attendees do not want to miss, Luketic said. Over the Edge, a fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters, will have 76 people rappelling down Key Bank Tower in Courthouse Square.

The K2D Gallery for Young People, a nonprofit arts organization in downtown Dayton, is having an Art-Off. This competition for pre-registered participants will function similarly to Iron Chef, where participants will show up, receive materials and be told to compete to create a work of art.

There will also be four public pianos scattered around the event for anyone to play. Lastly there is Jelly Bean Art, in which the Urban Night’s logo will be printed out for attendees to come up and decorate with jelly beans.

Luketic said the Downtown Dayton Partnership worked in partnership with Riverscape MetroPark, the city of Dayton and Montgomery County to distribute flyers, posters and postcards to UD, Wright State University and Sinclair Community College to attract more college students.

“Part of our mission [of the Downtown Dayton Partnership] is to get college kids to stay in Dayton after they graduate instead of going back to their hometowns,” she said.

Luketic said the Downtown Dayton Partnership is especially targeting UD because students are so close to downtown and too often stay on campus or Brown Street.

She said that while UD students have been involved in the past, she is not aware of any groups from UD that are volunteering for this event.

UD senior Olivia Bowman, an art history major and resident of downtown Dayton, said she will be creating a poster as a model for a local henna tattoo artist.

“I’ve gone to it [Urban Nights] for the past three years,” Bowman said. “But this year, Lily Whitehead, a promoter for Dayton [events], approached me at work one day and asked me to model her henna art.”

Volunteers are always welcome, Luketic said. In the future, students can sign up as groups to run food and beverage tents, volunteer to be walking guides, or to monitor the interactive areas.

While Luketic said that Urban Nights doesn’t seem as popular among UD students this year as in previous years, buzz is still being generated around campus.

“My favorite part [about Urban Nights] is that all the art galleries are open late, and I can walk from gallery to gallery,” Bowman said. “The city kind of comes alive and people begin to venture out. It’s fun to watch everyone.”

Other students said the event never fails to bring unique performances and features.

URBAN NIGHTS TAKES PLACE FROM 5 TO 10 P.M., Friday, Sept. 16, in downtown Dayton. The event will feature four public pianos for attendees to play. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY KRISTEN WACKER VIA SUSAN GARTNER

“Something for everyone’ at Urban Nights

‘AN EPIC FESTIVAL’: Enjoy a celebration of culture, handmade goods, DIY projects, and local musicians at Cyclops Fest from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at the John Bryan Center in Yellow Springs, Ohio. This indoor and outdoor event is free. For more info, visit www.cyclopesfest.com.

REAL RENAISSANCE: Experience arts, food, games, shows and more at the Ohio Renaissance Festival from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, in Harveysburg, Ohio. For more information, visit www.renfestival.com.
“What does it mean to be an American? While each of us may have our own specific answer to that question, we likely can agree on the basic principles of America: freedom, equal opportunity and rights accompanied by responsibilities.”

Ben Nelson, current U.S. Senator from Nebraska
Social networking excess makes students vain, rude

We are growing up in a generation where news travels to us at lightning speed. We are able to gather someone’s life story by the click of a mouse and anything we want technologically is at our fingertips. The technology-generated madness has been thrilling and all, but this social networking surplus is turning us into social isolation zombies who are completely wrapped up in irrelevant situations, and it’s gross.

Since when did it become appealing for everyone to plaster a play-by-play of their life happenings online for the world to see? It isn’t cute. I don’t care that you’re getting drunk tonight. There are certain personal things you should keep to yourself. If you want to vent about yourucky life, call your sister to do so or go get a tub of ice cream to ease the pain. There are other therapeutic avenues to choose so quit begging for sympathy through an Internet site.

Facebook, for most, has become a pathetic tool pulling people into vying for everyone else’s attention. Facebook is reverting us back to our immature high school days and ways of being so preoccupied with what everyone else is doing that our statuses are becoming a competition to see who has the best life, the best boyfriend, the best job and so on.

People are running Twitter for me now too. One of my girlfriend came over the other night with a shocked look on her face that made me believe she had just witnessed someone murder a baby squirrel. “He unfollowed me on Twitter and he tweeted some other girl at 3 in the morning,” she said furiously. Are you kidding me? My notion of Twitter’s purpose is as a professional business site for employees to promote their products and companies. This is what our world has come to. We rely solely on what our peers post on the Internet and take that information so seriously that it destroys friendships, causes breakups and more importantly, stresses us out.

And texting is seriously getting out of hand. I’ve been struck by 18 students on campus running into people or walls because they refuse to unglue their eyeballs from their iPhones. It’s obnoxiously disrespectful. When I’m engaged in a conversation with someone who clearly isn’t listening to a word I say and makes me repeat my story six times, that’s a problem. I think professors should make students put their phones into a box during their class period. If you’re going to be texting and looking up SportsCenter for the 50 minutes you’re in class, just go home.

Recently, my leisure time with my friends has turned into a routine of Facebook and Twitter “he said, she said,” gossip sessions. I can’t remember the last time when just our bodies were present without laptops, phones, iHomes, TVs and the like keeping us from good old-fashioned bonding.

What is with the overload of electronics? What happened to the days of simply enjoying one another’s company without being distracted by our peers’ updates every five minutes? I’m bringing back the old days where we only used our phones for calling. It’s going to be the new trendy topic on Twitter: “#RevelationApproaching.”

I was astonished to read in the Flyer News that the Society of Free Thinkers club was denied registration, apparently for the reason that its philosophy is inconsistent with the University of Dayton’s Catholic values. This decision raises questions about what it means to be a university, what it means to be a Catholic university and what is the importance of a group becoming a registered campus organization.

For me, a university is a place where students are prepared to reason for themselves, on a lifelong basis, the answers to the questions that make up the critical questions they may face in their personal lives, their professional lives and their lives as members of the larger community.

To develop such reasoning power, students should be allowed to be exposed to alternative streams of thought that are common in society. These streams of thought are often conflicting, but it is necessary for students to confront them in order to develop their own reasoning power. For a Catholic university, the Catholic intellectual tradition, Catholic theology and Catholic social teaching should play a prominent role. But preventing students from being exposed to alternative streams of thought, even those that conflict with Catholic teaching, restricts their ability to develop the lifelong reasoning skills that they need.

Secularism and the religious involvement with the government is one of the critical issues of our day. In America, there is a battle over whether religion should influence the actions of the government. Around the world, the relationship between religion and government and between the religious life and secular life is a critical issue. Look at the current turmoil in the Middle East, much of it involving the interface between religion and state. From what I have read in the Flyer News, the proposed Society of Free Thinkers just wants to explore these issues. How can the university administration restrict a forum for such exploration? To my mind, all streams of thought, conservative or liberal, Catholic or non-Catholic should be acceptable in the environment of any university. The only exception is that I would not accept racist ideologies and those that demean other groups of human beings.

I am Jewish. I have been accepted at the university and feel great loyalty to it. However, I have always felt comfortable expressing my views at the University of Dayton. Some of the views that I hold are not in accordance with Catholic social teaching. Yet I came to the University of Dayton with the hope that a wide range of viewpoints on difficult issues would be available. My conception of a true university is one which tolerates and encourages the exchange of alternative viewpoints.

Over the years, there have been Jewish and Islamic events and organizations authorized on campus. Is the exchange of Jewish and Islamic ideas in the campus community somehow acceptable and consistent with Catholic teaching, while the exchange of ideas about secularism and free thinking is not? Is it really the role of a true university to censor some types of thought and allow others?

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Student organization denial shows inconsistency

I was astonished to read in the Flyer News that the Society of Free Thinkers club was denied registration, apparently for the reason that its philosophy is inconsistent with the University of Dayton’s Catholic values. This decision raises questions about what it means to be a university, what it means to be a Catholic university and what is the importance of a group becoming a registered campus organization.

For me, a university is a place where students are prepared to reason for themselves, on a lifelong basis, the answers to the critical questions they may face in their personal lives, their professional lives and their lives as members of the larger community. To develop such reasoning power, students should be allowed to be exposed to alternative streams of thought that are common in society. These streams of thought are often conflicting, but it is necessary for students to confront them in order to develop their own reasoning power. For a Catholic university, the Catholic intellectual tradition, Catholic theology and Catholic social teaching should play a prominent role. But preventing students from being exposed to alternative streams of thought, even those that conflict with Catholic teaching, restricts their ability to develop the lifelong reasoning skills that they need.

Secularism and the religious involvement with the government is one of the critical issues of our day. In America, there is a battle over whether religion should influence the actions of the government. Around the world, the relationship between religion and government and between the religious life and secular life is a critical issue. Look at the current turmoil in the Middle East, much of it involving the interface between religion and state. From what I have read in the Flyer News, the proposed Society of Free Thinkers just wants to explore these issues. How can the university administration restrict a forum for such exploration? To my mind, all streams of thought, conservative or liberal, Catholic or non-Catholic should be acceptable in the environment of any university. The only exception is that I would not accept racist ideologies and those that demean other groups of human beings.

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Volleyball

UD looks to snap five-match losing streak in Buffalo tournament

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The University of Dayton volleyball team’s non-conference tournament portion of the schedule concludes Friday, Sept. 16, and Saturday, Sept. 17.

The Flyers will compete this weekend in the Blue and White Classic in Buffalo, N.Y., the team’s fourth tournament event in four weeks.

The team plays Cornell University at 4:30 p.m. Friday in its first match. The Flyers will be back in action Saturday at 12:30 p.m. against Syracuse University and at 7:30 p.m. against the host University at Buffalo.

UD head coach Kelly Sheffield said the team is looking forward to the road matches.

“All three programs seem like they have been getting better since last year,” Sheffield said. “It’s another unique challenge playing three teams with different styles.”

After a dominating start with only two set losses in four straight wins, the Flyers have lost five matches in a row, its longest losing streak since 1989. The team dropped out of the top 25 of the American Volleyball Coaches Association poll this week for the first time in 22 weeks.

Junior defensive specialist Paige Vargas said that could be an extra spark for the team to play well this weekend.

“It stinks to drop out, but it could be a fire for us too,” Vargas said. “I think it’ll light a fire under us and be just that one little extra bit of motivation to be the aggressor and come out on top.”

The Flyers’ schedule is one of only two in the country this season to have played five teams in the top 20 of the Ratings Percentage Index, according to Sheffield.

The RPI is an NCAA measure that ranks teams based on the opponents it has played, according to the NCAA website. All five losses have come against teams currently ranked in the top 25 or receiving votes in the AVCA poll.

Sheffield said he likes this UD team a lot and the effort they have put in during practice and outside of it. Consistency is what he said he wants to see them learn.

“Every player on this team has had moments where they’ve been spectacular,” Sheffield said. “The thing we talk to them about is we’re not looking for spectacular, we’re looking for consistently good. That’s what we’re striving for is to be good all the time.”

The Flyers have already surpassed its loss total from all of last season when the team finished 28-4 overall. Vargas said the team will still prepare as it always does and take it one game at a time.

“You prepare for the first game and don’t even think about the others,” Vargas said. “Then it’s the next one and the next one. We only do video on the first team and keep our eyes set on them. ... We don’t take any team lightly.”

Sheffield said the team has made progress each week and hopes that will continue. He said it will be interesting to watch the team’s leadership, and its excitement to continue playing new competition.

“This is the fourth week and the honeymoon is over,” Sheffield said.

Cross Country

Flyers ready to run wild against ranked squads

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Both University of Dayton cross country programs will compete against other harriers from Catholic schools on Friday, Sept. 16, in Notre Dame, Ind.

Coming into the new 2011 season, the UD men’s cross country program was ranked 15th regionally, according to an athletics press release. Despite finishing second as a team in the Flyer 5K Challenge Sept. 3, in Kettering Ohio, the team lost its ranking to first-place finisher Miami University.

Head coach Rich Davis said he liked the way his team ran as a unit in the five kilometer event.

“We didn’t run as well as we could have, but we set the bar for running together,” Davis said.

The men look to take back their ranking as they participate in the National Catholic Invitational held Friday at the University of Notre Dame.

The National Catholic Invitation is open exclusively to Catholic universities, according to a Notre Dame athletics press release. The race is Dayton’s opening eight kilometer race. Every race for the rest of the season will then be eight kilometers until the NCAA Great Lakes Regional, which is 10 kilometers.

Three more regionally ranked teams – No. 4 Notre Dame, No. 11 Marquette University and No. 13 Xavier University – also will compete at the race.

According to Davis, there will be “very good NCAA Division I competition” at the event.

Davis said he is confident running against these teams, though.

“We feel we can run with regionally ranked teams,” he said.

Junior runner Stephen Mackell finished within the top 10 at the Flyer 5K Challenge, and he said he was happy about the accomplishment.

Mackell also said he looks forward to the National Catholic Invitational. He said he believes that the Flyers have a better race strategy than most teams.

“I’m actually really excited for it,” Mackell said. “It’s a great chance for myself and the team. We can put a lot of runners in the top 15 to 20.”

In cross country, points are scored according to the place of a team’s top five runners, according to the NCAA rule book. Davis said he emphasizes runners finishing closer together to result in a lower combined score. The team with the lowest score wins the meet.

The women’s program also will be participating in the National Catholic Invitational Friday.

A difference between the men’s and women’s race is that the women’s race in the National Catholic Invitational is only five kilometers, according to a UD press release.

Senior runner Emily Zimmerman said the Notre Dame course is “fast” because it runs over a golf course.

The women’s team won the Flyer 5K Sept. 3, with senior Elissa Mason, sophomore Lizzie Gleason and Zimmerman all finishing in the top three individual spots. The Flyers finished first out of 13 teams.

“A lot of the girls really showed that the training over the summer has paid off,” Zimmerman said.

Zimmerman said the team plans to build on the success of the Flyer 5K Challenge at the National Catholic Invitational. She said one goal is to make the team packs larger so that the runners finish closer together in time and places.

She said she believes that the team will run well at Notre Dame, noting that the players have put in a lot of training since the Flyer 5K.

“I think we should do really well,” Zimmerman said. “We want to at least get second, but if we can get first that would be awesome too.”
Dayton jumps ahead to conference schedule

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The University of Dayton football team said they don’t expect too many tricks on either side of the ball against Marist University at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at Welcome Stadium.

Last year, the Flyers beat Marist 41-34 in double overtime on Nov. 13, 2010, in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. It wasn’t until an interception by current senior cornerback Matt Pfleger on the 3-yard line sealed the victory. Marist at the time was 3-7, while UD was 10-1 and on the way to its 11th PFL title in 18 years.

This year could be a similar story.

Dayton is coming of a difficult home-opening 22-13 loss to Duquesne University Saturday, Sept. 10. The UD defense allowed over 450 total yards of offense and stayed on the field for 70 Duquesne plays totaling over 34 minutes of playing time. Head coach Rick Chamberlin said Marist’s sophomore quarterback Chuckie Looney is similar to Duquesne’s quarterback, Sean Patterson, who ran and threw for over 300 combined yards against UD.

Marist senior quarterback Tommy Reilly faced the Flyers last year and threw for a program-high 417 yards on 35 completions in 51 attempts against Dayton, but recently lost the starting role to Looney.

“Looney, in my opinion, is a little more athletic than Reilly,” Chamberlin said. “... When we were scouting Marist last year, I wasn’t sure who was going to play, Looney or Reilly. His [Looney’s] first two games he’s shown some good things there against Scared Heart [University], which they beat, and then they just barely got beat by Bucknell [University].”

The goal when playing multi-threat quarterbacks is to have defensive linemen maintain their rush lanes, so the quarterback can’t slip out of the pocket and run the ball, Chamberlin said.

The Dayton defense recorded 11 sacks in the team’s first two games, but at times struggled to get pressure on Patterson last week, Chamberlin said. The defensive line will be a key to Saturday’s game if the Flyers hope to start the conference season with a win, he said.

“It [the defensive line] plays a big part,” Chamberlin said. “You just don’t want the quarterback sitting back there all day throwing downfield. We definitely need to get some pressure on him like we have the first two games.”

Chamberlin said Marist has quality running backs, but the rushing threat comes primarily from Looney because the Red Foxes run only a select few running plays. Airing it out down the field is more of Marist’s pedigree, according to Chamberlin.

Senior receiver Michael Rios has only five catches on the season, but those five catches have gone for 134 yards for a yard-per-catch average of 26.8 and two touchdowns. Chamberlin said Rios is “one of the best” receivers in the country, and he said he specifically likes Rios’ ability to “make people miss” when he gets the ball.

For the UD offense against Duquesne, Harris ran the ball for 110 yards on seven carries and scored on an 83-yard touchdown run. The other two senior running backs, Dan Jacob and Brian Mack, ran for a combined 20 yards on seven carries.

The Marist defense is rather straightforward in its approach, Harris said.

“Their defense is a 3-5 [three lineman and five linebackers] or whatever, but they don’t do anything special or anything that we haven’t seen anyways,” Harris said.

Chamberlin said the lack of offense is due to timing problems with new faces in the team’s spread offense, including redshirt freshman quarterback Will Barbo. The solution for the system can only come through game experience, Chamberlin said.

Dayton will be prepared for Marist by Saturday, Harris said.

“I know they are going to be extremely confident coming into our place, especially after the game they had against us last year,” Harris said. “I know they’ve had this game on their calendar since last year, so they’ll be just as excited as us to come in and try to knock us off.”

Number of goals scored by the University of Dayton men’s soccer team this season. Dayton gave up six goals in one game alone already, a shutout loss against Indiana University, Sept. 4, in Bloomington, Ind.

Number of games the University of Dayton soccer team will play between Saturday, Sept. 17, and Sunday, Sept. 18, at the UD Softball Stadium. The Flyers will compete in conjunction with the Collegegate Fall Classic against Northern Kentucky University and Cedarville University.

Event: UD football team plays Marist University Saturday, Sept. 17, at Welcome Stadium.

Background: The Red Foxes went 3-8 last year and they play in the Pioneer Football League.

Key Player: Michael Rios: The senior wide receiver has five catches for 134 yards and two TD’s. He led Marist with 22.9 yards per catch last year.

Obstacle: Even with the UD offense struggling, this will be a game decided by which defense can make the big stop. And when that’s the case in close games, always pick the Flyers.
Women's Soccer

Flyers focus on Wildcats after big Buckeye victory

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The University of Dayton Flyers soccer team takes its 7-1 into a big game at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, against the University of Kentucky at Baujan Field.

The Wildcats, 7-0-0, are coming off a tournament win of its own in the Tropical Smoothie Invitational at the UK Soccer Complex in Lexington, Ky., according to a UK athletics press release.

The No. 24 Flyers recently secured a 1-0 victory against No. 25 Ohio State University, Wednesday, Sept. 14. That game was a rematch of a second round NCAA tournament matchup last November.

Dayton also won an in-season tournament, last weekend, Friday, Sept. 9 through Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Purdue University Boilermaker Challenge Cup. UD defeated California State University, Northridge 1-0 Sunday for its second in-season tournament title.

Dayton head coach Mike Tucker said his team needs to stay grounded after winning the Purdue tournament.

“We played very well this weekend, we came together and played well as a team,” he said. “We just can’t get caught up in it and we have to] continue to play good soccer, and I think we have done that thus far.”

According to senior defender Kelsey Miller, the team is really excited after the tournament wins.

“It feels great to get our second tourney win and hopefully we can continue the winning streak going as long as we can,” she said.

Junior forward Colleen Williams leads the Flyers with six goals, five assists and 17 points this season.

The Wildcats’ offense also relies on a junior forward in Kelsey Hunyadi. She leads Kentucky with four goals, five assists and 13 points on the season.

The Wildcats are off to the program’s best start since 2001, when they also began with a 7-0-0 start that season as well. The streak also ties the team’s longest winning streak in program history, according to the UK athletics press release.

UK has played six of its games at home so far this season. The Wildcats have not played on the road since Aug. 19, in a 3-0 win over Oakland University.

As for the upcoming game against the undefeated Wildcats, Miller said Dayton is preparing like it’s any other game.

“We’re never concerned about a team’s record,” she said. “We go into the game with confidence and make sure we’re well prepared.”

As for Tucker, he said he is excited for the match.

“They are a very athletic, well-coached, fundamentally sound team, and we always look forward to that kind of challenge,” Tucker said.

University of Dayton sophomore forward and midfielder Stephanie Emery, left, runs down the ball against University of Wisconsin junior defender Joanna Bietfeldt, right, Friday, Sept. 2, at Baujan Field. MICKEY SHUEY/LEAD PHOTOGRAPHER

Write welcomes weekly NFL action

T r a i n i n g camps have passed and the preseason has finished.

It is time to say “Welcome back” to the National Football League and give thanks for providing Sunday afternoon entertainment when the weather will be cold and dreary.

For all that was made about the shortened offseason because of the lockout and lack of summer training sessions, none of the players seemed to miss a beat. Well, at least for those that are still around.

The Indianapolis Colts are getting a firsthand look at a future they knew would come one day, but had hoped it was not this soon. All-Pro quarterback and commercial advertising stud Peyton Manning is down for the count after cervical fusion neck surgery on Sept. 8, according to a statement released on the Colts’ official website. Thus, insert previously retired quarterback Kerry Collins as the answer.

The problem though is the only thing Collins answered was the Houston Texans’ woes against the Colts. The Texans were only 2-16 against the Colts in their nine-year existence before its opening week 34-7 victory on Sunday, Sept. 11.

Manning may become the first player in league history to be the NFL MVP without playing a game during the season. It does not seem possible how Manning’s presence seemed to cover up so many glaring flaws for the Colts. It seems we will know if that was the case or not in the coming weeks.

While still on the subject of offense, it was surprising to see how many teams said “Who needs it?”

Despite the new NFL rule this season pushing kickoffs up five yards closer to the opposing end zone, three teams returned kicks for touchdowns during the opening week. One of those returns was by San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Ted Ginn Jr., an Ohio State University alumnus. Ginn single-handedly put the Seattle Seahawks down for the count with a punt return touchdown less than a minute after his kickoff return touchdown in the fourth quarter Sunday. His head coach, University of Michigan alumnus Jim Harbaugh, got his first win as an NFL head coach because of Ginn’s heroics.

Former Big Ten Conference adversaries hooking up for the win is an unusual sight.

Minnesota Vikings quarterback Donovan McNabb, on the other hand, probably should raise his hand in hearing the question about offense. McNabb, playing every snap in Sunday’s entire game, passed for only 39 yards against the San Diego Chargers. His team had only 26 yards of offense in the second half.

When you have star running back Adrian Peterson on your side, this should never happen.

Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick still has the tools to do it on his own, though. Nearly rushing for what would have been the 11th 100-yard rushing game of his career, Vick showed an early glimpse of how dangerous the Eagles could be as the season goes on.

The end result this week is getting used to some new things. No Manning, no apparent need for offense, and Buckeyes and Wolverines getting along for the common good in San Francisco. Welcome to the new, post-lockout NFL.

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