Survey reveals students are unfamiliar with term in alcohol policy

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The results of a recent survey conducted by the University of Dayton Student Government Association regarding the university’s alcohol policy have raised concerns about students’ knowledge of “mitigating circumstances.”

The term refers to the alcohol violation policy that provides protection from disciplinary action for students who “seek assistance for their fellow students who may be in medical danger” as well as for the student in need of care, according to the 2013-2014 UD Student Handbook.

The SGA survey, which was conducted via surveymonkey.com, asked students if they were “familiar with the definition of mitigating circumstances.” Of the 64 respondents, 25 percent replied “Yes” and 75 percent replied “No,” according to the survey.

Jessica Hoelting, conduct coordinator in Community Standards and Civility, said mitigating circumstances is outlined in the student handbook under the alcohol policy.

“Mitigating circumstances encourages students to call for assistance if their friend is in a state where they know that they need attention, most likely medical. The outcome of that call is that the student that calls [UD] Public Safety will not be documented should they appear to be intoxicated,” Hoelting said.

“Mitigating circumstances apply even if agencies other than Public Safety are called. The student that the caller sought attention for will be documented but any punitive monetary fees will be waived,” Hoelting said.

Hoelting explained while monetary fees are waived for the student being assisted, other behavioral consequences such as mandatory alcohol classes or hearings can still be enforced under the mitigating circumstances policy.

A fifth-year mechanical engineering major, who asked not to be identified, said he received a monetary fine after being transported to the hospital for an incident in October 2010. He said he received enough disciplinary points to place him on probation for the remainder of the year.

Hoelting explained that mitigating circumstances apply even if agencies other than Public Safety are called. She said the recipient of the call records the name of the student seeking assistance and uses that documentation to determine who called.

Flyer News surveyed a sample of 58 students, inquiring their familiarity with the mitigating circumstances policy, its terminology, and whether the potential for disciplinary action for alcohol violations have ever factored into a decision to call public safety for themselves or another. Of those surveyed, 11 individuals, or 19 percent of respondents, immediately knew the meaning of the phrase “mitigating circumstances.” Of those, six were current or former resident assistants or student neighborhood fellows.

When the policy was briefly explained, 83 percent (48 of those surveyed), claimed to be acquainted with the policy, though they were unfamiliar with its administrative name. Of those unaware of the nature of the policy, eight were freshmen and two were sophomores.

When asked if the possibility of disciplinary action ever influenced a decision to call public safety, 19 percent of respondents said it had.

Freshman international studies major Claire Sanfilippo said she was unaware of what the term meant by itself. However, she said she was aware of the policy with regard to calling for help for a friend while you yourself may be intoxicated.

“I was made aware of the policy with regard to alcohol by AlcoholEdu,” Sanfilippo said.

Chris Schramm, associate vice president of student development and dean of students, said he believes most students have a similar understanding of the policy.

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ARTSTREET PRESENTS THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE
This week’s Thursday Night Live will feature live music from the Music Therapy Club. The event will take place Thursday, Nov. 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. at ArtStreet Cafe. For more information, contact ArtStreet at (937) 229-5101.

UD OBSERVES KRISTALLNACHT
Join the community for the Kristallnacht Candlelight Ceremony Monday, Nov. 11, at 5 p.m. in the Immaculate Conception Chapel. This is the 5th Annual Observance of “The Night of Broken Glass” in 1938, which marked the beginning of the Holocaust. The World Music Choir will perform at the event.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT OPENS THURSDAY
The opening reception for the Citizens of the World Photography Exhibit will take place Thursday, Nov. 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. at ArtStreet. The event will include international cuisine and an awards ceremony at 6:30 p.m. The exhibit features student and faculty photography from their experiences abroad. It runs through Dec. 13.

FRIDAY FILM FEATURES ‘MADE IN INDIA’
ArtStreet will screen the film “Made in India” Friday, Nov. 8 at 8 p.m. in ArtStreet Studio B. The documentary discusses human experiences behind the “outsourcing” of surrogate mothers to India and how this causes a clash of families in the midst of reproductive technology and choice from a global perspective. Join filmmaker Rebecca Haimowitz for a discussion and reception at 7 p.m. before the screening.

STUDENTS SHARE WORK AT PECHA KUCHA SLAM
English Composition students will compete in a Pecha Kucha Slam Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. in the Sears Recital Hall. Pecha Kucha is a presentation style in which 20 slides are shown for 20 seconds each, creating a fast-paced, lively performance. During the presentations, students will share their thoughts on literacy and the rights, rites and writes associated with it.

DCDC HOSTS AFRICAN DANCE AND DRUM CIRCLE
The Dayton Contemporary Dance Company will hold an African Dance and Drum Circle Wednesday, Nov. 13, at 7 p.m. in ArtStreet Studio D. Participants will experience the communal spirit of African dance and explore the cultures of Mali and Senegal. The event is fit for both beginners and advanced dancers. No pre-registration is necessary.

WHALEY WINS RACE FOR DAYTON MAYOR
Nan Whaley won the race for mayor of the city of Dayton with 8,893 votes, beating opponent A.J. Wagner, who had 6,803 votes. Whaley has said the city has made progress in reducing crime and taking care of structures no longer in use. Whaley will replace Gary Winfield for the city of Dayton with 8,893 votes, winning the race for mayor.

FAN INJURED BY HOT DOG SUES ROYALS
A man is suing the Kansas City Royals after he was struck in the eye by a hot dog thrown by the team’s mascot. John Coomer, 53, was injured by a 4-ounce, foil-wrapped wiener at a game in 2009. The incident required him to have two surgeries totaling $4,800 in medical expenses. His lawsuit seeks “over $20,000” from the team. The Missouri Supreme Court is currently reviewing the case.

MAN WIELDS CROSIBOW, SWAT TEAM RESPONDS
A man armed with a crossbow threatened police Saturday, prompting them to call in a SWAT team. Police responded to a report of a suicidal subject at a home in Hamilton when the man inside threatened officers with a crossbow, saying he would kill anyone who came in the home. A family member was also in the home and had locked herself in a room upstairs. The SWAT team secured the home and the man surrendered himself to police after an hour and a half.

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MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO HAVING SEX WITH POOL TOY
Edwin Tobergta, of Hamilton, was sentenced to 11 months in prison Tuesday, Nov. 5 for public indecency. He was arrested June 15 for stepping out his back door naked and having “sexual relations with a rubber pool float,” according to a Hamilton police report. Tobergta has been convicted three times before for the same offense with similar circumstances.

SKYDIVERS SURVIVE PLANE COLLISION
Nine skydivers in Wisconsin miraculously survived when their plane collided with another plane 12,000 feet in the air. The group and the pilot were able to jump from the exploding wreckage and landed safely, capturing the entire incident with cameras on the divers’ helmets. The other plane was able to land safely, despite some damage.

MOTHER DEFENDS CHILD’S KKIK COSTUME
A Virginia mother allowed her son to wear a Ku Klux Klan costume for Halloween, claiming it is a family tradition. The costume included a full-length white robe and full-faced white hood and attracted media attention when a photo was posted on Facebook. The mother claimed there was nothing wrong with the costume when confronted about it, saying her brother wore it when he was younger.

Germain Shepherd Saves Newborn Baby
Jade, a German Shepherd in Birmingham, England, is credited with saving the life of a newborn left in a park. Roger Wilday, Jade’s owner, said they were walking in the park when Jade suddenly sprinted toward some bushes, laid down next to a carrier bag and refused to return to her owner. Wilday approached the bag and found the abandoned newborn, who was later named Jade in honor of her canine rescuer.

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Pre-law day gives students insider tips for admission

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Law school admission representatives from nearly 50 schools across the country met at the University of Dayton Tuesday, Oct. 29, for a series of activities, including a mock law class and admission panels, hosted by the UD Prelaw Program designed to prepare students for law school.

The law fair began at 9:00 a.m. in Kennedy Union where students engaged in a mock trial law school course lectured by UD law professor Dennis Greene. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., law school representatives gathered in KU ballroom and were seated at tables to display pamphlets, email signups, business cards and additional information pertaining to the specific school.

Schools represented at the event included Case Western Reserve University, Elon University, Notre Dame, Marquette University, Ohio Northern University, Pennsylvania State University, University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, University of Tennessee, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Marquette University, Ohio Northern University, Elon University, Notre Dame, Marquette University, Ohio Northern University, Pennsylvania State University, University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, University of Tennessee, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Marquette University.

"A small thing to pay attention to when looking at applications is if you are a good employee," Organ said. "That shows that you are hardworking and dependable."

Hein said a student should submit two to four letters of recommendation, two from professors and one from an employer. The panel added that a fourth letter of recommendation may sometimes be "too much" and can hurt the applicant.

"As a junior, you want to be focusing on where you want to practice, getting good grades and studying for the LSAT," said Elizabeth Mischke, University of Tennessee College of Law graduate recruiter.

Mischke said some aspects of the application process vary for each school, but the general requirements are all the same - GPA, LSAT score, letters of recommendation and personal statement.

Janet Hein, Indiana University Maurer School of Law director of admissions, Jerome Organ, University of St. Thomas School of Law professor and John Stiles, University of Cincinnati College of Law associate director of admissions & financial aid, paneled a mock admissions committee meeting in KU.

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"Pre-Law Day and grad week in November helps the university and its students by introducing them to the possibility of further education after graduation," Roach said. "The week was full of representatives from dozens of schools available to talk with students here, networking and answering any questions to help the sometimes confusing process of applying and attending grad school easier to navigate."

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"UD has been ahead of the curve with mitigating circumstances since 1994," Schramm said. "It was unusual at this time to be a part of a student handbook."

Schramm said the terminology was specific to the alcohol policy since its implementation and is not associated with any recent changes to alcohol policy on campus.

Schramm said the term is not limited to alcohol or alcohol policy enforcement.

"From the beginning the policy was meant to promote the safety and health of our students," she said. "It speaks to our Marianist charisms and our duty to care for each other. It’s not at all a new notion for us. This policy, above others, really demonstrates our commitment to the health and safety of our students."

Schramm also commented on the reaction of students to this policy over time.

"Students that I know and parents that I have spoken to have been appreciative of it. They see that this is a congruent practice that meets with our beliefs as a university. It has done nothing but help students," Schramm said.

Schramm explained the policy is meant to reflect the university’s cognitive focus.

"Instead of tacking on more fees for being transported or treated, we want to work with students to make sure that they will not repeat the same offense and learn from the experience as much as possible."

Schramm and Hoelting said the policy has been implemented on campus beyond the few sentences defining it in the student handbook. Schramm elaborated, pointing to its inclusion in the mandatory AlcoholEd online class taken by freshmen students and its frequent discussion in many Community Health and Wellness programs.

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**Risk management speaker to emphasize education, prevention**

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Pi Beta Phi and Pi Kappa Phi will be hosting nationally-known motivational speaker, Lori Hart, Wednesday, Nov. 13, at 8 p.m. in the Kennedy Union ballroom.

Hart is the director of prevention education for the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, and has visited nearly 75 campuses a year to discuss issues related to college students including relationships, alcohol education, and fraternity and sorority life, according to her biography on the CAMPUSPEAK website. Hart has won both performer and speaker of the year. Pi Beta Phi is a values based fraternity for women, and has been a part of UD since 1989, according to its UD website. Pi Beta Phi’s mission is focused on promoting friendship, developing women of intellect integrity, cultivating leadership through potential, and enriching lives through community service, according to their website.

Pi Kappa Phi was founded on the basis of CLASS - character leadership achievement, service and scholarship, junior accounting and finance major and member Josh Conner said.

“We’re in a unique position, because we’re still new. So we’re trying to stay away from some of the bad Greek stereotypes, and be more of an organization that is involved campus-wide rather than just involved in Greek life,” Conner said.

Junior accounting and marketing major Kaitlyn Tunney, vice president of membership for Pi Beta Phi, said she heard about Hart at the sorority’s convention this summer in San Diego where Hart spoke.

“I realized that she had such an impact on the way I thought about risk management procedures, and leadership within the community that I thought she’d be a great addition to the UD community,” Tunney said.

The title of Hart’s talk at UD is “Smashing Stereotypes, Cultivating Organizational Leaders.” Hart will be discussing leadership, implementing risk management policies and issues related to Greek life, Tunney said.

“I know the Center for Student Involvement is very serious about risk management, so I think it’ll be very beneficial for all organizations,” she said.

Hart’s keynote will address issues important to all students, but especially UD students, Tunney said.

“There’s been such a huge emphasis on the high-risk social activity that goes on at this campus, and faculty’s been kind of pushing these things on us rather than trying to teach us what we’re doing and what we could do better,” Conner said. “They kind of jump straight to the implementation, rather than going through an education portion first. I think this is an opportunity for students to go and actually have someone talk to them about why what they’re doing is dangerous, and how they could behave better in those situations.”

Although Hart is affiliated with a Greek organization, junior entrepreneurship and marketing major Shane Jabir, president of Pi Kappa Phi, said the entire UD community is welcome to attend the event.

“We’re looking to include everyone,” Jabir said. “People don’t really understand. They look at hazing in an extreme way, but there are a lot of small things that are considered hazing. So hopefully, her speaking to all the organizations will kind of enlighten all of them on what they can and can’t do.”

Aside from the relevance of Hart’s discussion topics, Tunney said Hart’s affiliation with Pi Kappa Phi was also a reason they decided to bring her to campus.

“We realized this was a huge event, and we couldn’t put it on just ourselves,” Tunney said. “So we decided to partner up with Pi Kapp, because this is somebody from their staff, so we figured it would be a great organization to partner with.”

Tunney said because Pi Kappa Phi is a new organization on campus, Hart would provide an introduction for them to the existing Greek community, and UD community, as an organization.

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Adam Devine can be described in two words: predictably unpredictable.

The “Workaholics” co-creator, writer and star has concocted a devilishly inappropriate, obscene and downright hilarious breakthrough in comedy television. “Adam Devine’s House Party” is a debut stand-up and narrative sketch comedy blend to introduce up-and-coming comedians on Comedy Central.

The show’s plot is simple but brilliant: Comedy Central gives an exaggerated version of Adam Devine a buttload of money to throw a house party that features sprinkles of stand-up acts of new comedians throughout a scripted plot of Adam Devine getting into shenanigans and handling consequences poorly.

While his co-workers and friends from “Workaholics,” Kyle Newcheck, Anders Holm and Blake Anderson, are not strangers to the set of “House Party,” Devine said he does not, however, want his new show to end up becoming a behind-the-scenes “Workaholics.”

“’This is sort of my thing that I’m doing outside of the group,” he said. “I didn’t want it to be too weird or too meta.”

Devine said he came up with the idea for a multi-platform show to stir things up from the way up-and-coming comedians were introduced in the past.

“You’d see these comics that you don’t know... for like five or six minutes, so you don’t really get to know them well enough,” Devine said. “You don’t really remember their names or anything. There has to be a better way to get to know the comedians outside of their performance.”

Liza Treyger, Josh Rabinowitz, Sean Donnelly, Brooks Whelan and Pete Davidson are some of the rising comedians featured in “House Party.”

He said his intention is to give new comedians who deserve a shot as actors on top of being funny stand-ups an opportunity for audiences to get to know them.

The first two episodes, “Ex-Girlfriend” and “Neighbor Party,” are dry and slightly morbid, but still unexpected. Humor from “Workaholics” definitely resonates in “House Party,” but that doesn’t make it any less side-splitting. Some of the jokes that come out of this man’s brain make me feel almost ashamed to be giggling like an idiot in the delicate glow of my lap top – almost.

Between outrageous binge drinking and cringe-inducing injuries on “Workaholics” and “House Party,” I’m surprised Devine hasn’t died yet. Devine himself is quick to agree.

Devine is going places, and not just next door to pee in the neighbor’s yard. He’s created a fresh outlet for comedy that gives new comedians the exposure they deserve.

“Adam Devine’s House Party” airs Thursdays at 12:30 a.m. on Comedy Central.

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It’s Thursday. You’re cold and you probably also have a cold because winter is approaching and everyone is disgusting and sick. You don’t want to go outside, you want to eat Nutella in your bed and watch Netflix, but then you hear it.

At first it is subtle, a slight disturbance in the force calling you to action. You roll over and put a pillow over your head. “Not now, fishbowls,” you think loudly to the figment of your head. “Not now, fishbowls,” you know it you’re running, — nay, sprinting — to Fieldhouse to save a table for your friends.

That’s right, ladies and gents, I am talking about Trivia: everybody’s favorite thing ever and possibly the most competitive event on campus.

Getting there early isn’t even the half of it though. This game is not for the faint of heart. Essentially, if you are looking for a fun time with friends to share $4 beer and laugh and take selfies, this is not for you. This is war, people! You need an elite team if you want to make it out of these hungry games.

“You’re probably thinking to yourself. “But, Grace, who do I ask to be on my team? How will I ensure my victory?” To that I would respond: “Give up, my team is beast.”

But if you are trying for a close second, take my advice because I’ve won a bunch of games of Trivia. (Disclaimer: I have won two games of trivia.) These are the types of people I would suggest recruiting:

**THE ARCHIE MANNING**

This is the person that doesn’t play sports, but literally knows all about them. Someone who is only obsessed with one sport is weak-sauce and probably won’t help you. Someone who plays one sport is probably partial to that sport, and thus biased and useless. This person needs to be up-to-date on all current statistics - basketball, football, hockey, baseball etc. That’s a given, but he or she also needs to know the weird history tidbits. Who was the first U.S. volleyball player to win three gold medals? .....Too late. Get out of here.

**THE PEREZ HILTON**

This is the pop culture superstar. He or she knows every celebrity’s business at all times. But knowing where the Kardashian siblings regularly brunch is not going to cut it. This person needs to know pop culture like the back of their hand—at least from Coco Chanel to present if you really want to stand a chance.

**THE ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE**

This is the person who knows all about music. All music. Just knowing about underground indie bands is not going to be helpful. An important guideline to note, is that trivia is a no-hipster zone. If your music dictionary is too busy spouting on and on about how the electric slide was the worst piece of trash to come out of an otherwise beautiful music era, but not writing down the answer - you’re done. **THE TV GUIDE CHANNEL**

This is the person who knows all about television. This is the kid who’s Netflix is recommending everything from “One Tree Hill” to “M.A.S.H.” This person actually watched “Doo-gie Howser, M.D.” on Hulu to see how Neil Patrick Harris got his start. He or she knows it all: theme songs, plot developments, major characters and of course, the major stars. I’m talking people who have watched “Doctor Who” pre-2006. Wash.

**THE BILL NYE**

An off-the-wall science question (possibly more than 1) is a given and very difficult to prepare for. You need someone who lives and breathes science. You need someone who would retort to my previous statement saying, “Well technically we all live and breathe science, as oxygen is a chemical element, so….” That’s right; you need a pretentious nerd on your squad. You want the kid that started taking the SAT for fun. You want the person that goes to a party and checks the pH balance of the jungle juice before drinking it. This kid will be your saving grace when times get tough.

**THE LEWIS AND/OR CLARK**

This is your history/geography/current events buff(s). There will be at least one, if not more than one question asked from one of those three categories. Although I am sure you think you know a lot about those, I’m about to drop some sad knowledge - you probably don’t. Your American education has failed you. But if you don’t know what’s going on in Syria, where Syria is on a map or how Syria got started, have no fear, because you have your trusty explorer friend(s) to bail you out.

**THE WILDCARD**

This is the hardest member to recruit. This is the person who knows random, weird information about everything, and let me tell you — this person is hard to find. Wildcards come in all different shapes and sizes. Surprise is their secret weapon. Honestly, don’t search for a wildcard because you will not find one. Let the wildcard find you.

There you have it: the Trivia Dream Team. Everybody grab a $4 Bud Light and turn off your phone. Seriously, don’t cheat. It isn’t fun and you probably won’t win anyway. Then you’ll lose all your friends, no one will want to marry you and you’ll live out your days alone in a cardboard box on Brown Street. It’s trivia time.

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‘Gravity’ impresses, must be seen on big screen

It’s rare when a movie is simple yet astonishing. “Gravity” is Alfonso Cuaron’s new space thriller starring Sandra Bullock and George Clooney. The film provides one of the most realistic space experiences and should definitely be up for Oscar consideration.

“Gravity” tells the story of two astronauts, Ryan Stone (Bullock) and Matt Kowalski (Clooney), who are on a mission to repair the Hubble telescope. While repairing the telescope, their spaceship is getting destroyed in space. The movie starts and resonates,” said movie critic, Matt Zoller Seitz at rogerebert.com in October. Her performance truly shows her disparity and will to survive. The movie would not work if Bullock’s performance was lacking. Clooney also deserves a nod, bringing the suave and cool factors that every hot-shot pilot needs.

“Gravity” is one of the most beautiful movies I have ever seen. The movie has a back drop of the entire world. The detail is so great that you can even see what country they are floating over in space. The movie looks so realistic it reminded me of an IMAX space documentary. I was not able to tell the difference between the footage shown in this movie and actual space footage. The attention to detail in this movie is nothing less than incredible. For example, an aspect that is never shown in space movies is the fact that there is no sound in space. There is no air for the sound to pass through, so when their spaceship is getting destroyed there is absolutely no sound. This adds to the isolation that space provides.

The characters are in zero gravity for a majority of the film. This provides really cool opportunities for 3D shots. I usually don’t recommend seeing a movie in 3D, but I will make an exception for “Gravity.” The depiction of zero gravity is so fluid, that it makes you wonder how this film was made. “No film since ‘2001: A Space Odyssey’ in 1968 has captured such a vivid reality outside Earth’s gravitational pull,” said Claudia Puig in an October article in USA TODAY. “And no film has so artfully interwoven 3-D technology.”

“Gravity” is nothing less than astounding. Seeing someone dealing with the struggle to survive in the blackness of space is truly entertaining and shows perseverance of the human spirit. This movie starts and never takes a break. It will leave you sitting on the edge of your seat the whole time. This is the epitome of a movie that must be seen on the big screen. I went in with high expectations and it certainly didn’t disappoint.
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MEN’S BASKETBALL PREVIEW

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Togetherness.

For the University of Dayton men’s basketball team, it’s the decided motto to make this season successful. “[Head coach Archie Miller] is always emphasizing being ready to play every day and to come to play every day,” senior forward Devin Oliver said. “Togetherness is what we’ve been preaching in the offseason, to just come together as a team. From my view-point, togetherness is tighter than its ever been since I’ve been here.”

Coming off a 17-14 year that came to an end without playing in a postsea-son tournament for the first time since 2007, Dayton is looking to this motto to collect itself. “Togetherness,” sophomore forward Devon Scott said. “At times, we kind of fell apart last year. [Miller] stressed to spend more time off the court and compliment each other.” It was easier for Dayton players to accomplish this feat during the off-season with at least 75 percent of the team’s roster coming back for the first time in four years.

Gone is leading scorer Kevin Dillard and shot blocker Josh Benson, who take with them 56 starts from last season. Returning is a core group in Oliver, redshirt senior guard Vee Sanford and sophomore forward Dwyshawn Pierre, who make up 72 percent of the returning points scored from a poten-tially high powered offense that looks to maintain its high level of efficiency.

Along with a trio of freshmen, the team also gets two veteran players added to its roster: senior center Matt Kavanaugh, who sat out last year after being suspended by the university, and redshirt junior guard Jordan Sibert, a transfer from the Ohio State University.

Many familiar faces can be a good indicator of what to expect from a squad, but Miller said he has not taken any sort of predictive approach with his team.

“Love the group. Had a good pre-season,” Miller said. “In terms of ex-pectations, I don’t have any right now. Very, very locked in on just improving every day.”

Some of those improvements would begin on the defensive end on the court. Dayton’s scoring defense was average among all Division I teams last season, ranking 175th in the country. Opponents shot 43.4 percent against UD, not even good enough to place in the top 200.

Help began with the new practice rules set by the NCAA beginning this season, allowing teams to start prac-ticing 42 days in advance of their first games. Miller said the new rules allow his staff to focus on building the team’s defense, which typically is needed dur-ing that time.

The first exhibition game Dayton played against Ryerson University Oct. 26 provided initial optimism as UD’s defense held Ryerson to 38 per-cent shooting.

However, the second exhibition against the University of Findlay Sat-urday, Nov. 2, provided foresight into an element that deals with more than fundamentals to stop your opponent from scoring.

A newly written NCAA rule put in place this season defining how hand-checking will be called by officials against defenders saw 70 fouls called between the two teams, making mix-ing and matching potential line ups while trying to adjust to the necessary style of play a large factor in a team’s success.

Of course, the quality of the op-ponent can play the biggest role, and Dayton certainly has challenges ahead. In-season tournaments are one of the early scheduling highlights for any team, and for Dayton, they have been venues where the team has found suc-cess, winning four of the last nine tour-naments it has competed in since 1989. Along with being great opportunities for resume building against top com-petition, Dayton gets the best of every-thing as it will go back to the site of one of its greatest triumphs this season.

UD heads to the EA Sports Maui Invitational from Nov. 25 through Nov. 27 to face a field headlined by three top-25 teams in the preseason Associated Press poll, including No. 8 Syracuse University, UD’s first round opponent No. 15 Gonzaga University in a midnight EST tip and No. 25 Baylor University, a potential second round opponent.

UD is one of only two schools out-side of the power six conferences to win the tournament in its 28-year history with its 2001 championship. Gonzaga is the other, in 2009. UD has also knocked off two ranked foes, only falling to the then No. 1 team in the country, the University of Arizona, on its way to a third place finish in its first Maui appearance in 2000.

Dayton also will get set before it makes the trip west for a game in Atlanta, Ga., facing its former head coach, Brian Gregory, and Georgia Tech Nov. 20.

Other scheduling highlights include Iona University Dec. 19, the highest scoring team in the country last sea-son, and a team that has made regular tournamen-t appearances the previ-ous two seasons. A return game Dec. 22 against the University of Southern California, now coached by Andy Enfield, who led Flor-ida Gulf Coast University to the Sweet 16 last season and home games against each of the top six teams in the Atlantic 10 Conference’s preseason poll will pro-vide many quality match-ups as well.

For now, Dayton players have joined each other in talking up the talents their teammates possess, on and off the court. It began during the first day of prac-tice Sept. 27, when it was announced by Miller that Oliver and Sanford were voted as captains by their teammates.

“It feels great,” Oliver said. “We vote as a team and just for my teammates to feel I should be in that position, and look at me as being worthy of that po-sition shows me a lot about my team-mates. Shows me a sense of togetherness about our team.”

That word, togetherness, appears again.

It is how Dayton’s players and coaches plan to work with one another to make this season different.
Kavanaugh putting past behind him as he enters final year

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Staff Writer

Laptop on his lap, and maybe some fast food wrappers scattered across the coffee table, Matt Kavanaugh sat on his couch in Centerville and watched the entire 2012-13 University of Dayton men’s basketball season as a fan. Suspended from the University of Dayton on Oct. 24, 2012, the then-senior center Kavanaugh was pulled for violating the UD’s Standards of Behavior and Code of Conduct, per UD Athletic Director Tim Wabler. Kavanaugh was a suspect in a sexual assault investigation May 8 to complete his now red-shirt season in the fall of 2012, but the charges he faced were dropped.

He was reinstated after his suspension May 8 to complete his now red-shirt senior year.

Kavanaugh, a Centerville, Ohio native, spent his childhood looking forward to a future on Tom Blackburn Court at UD Arena. His parents even brought him to games as early as the nine months he was in his mother’s womb.

“I’ve been a fan my whole life and that’s why I’m grateful to have the opportunity to finish up here in my senior season, and to have the opportunity to graduate from this university,” Kavanaugh said. “I watched every game that was on TV. It was tough knowing that I wanted to be out there with the guys. I wanted to contribute and support them every chance I could. I would text them here and there.”

He could never celebrate with them during a win, and could only text his teammates their condolences after a loss. It was an empty feeling he said, but during the university’s process of suspending him, the feeling never left him that he could return.

“They never completely ruled it out, but I always knew I had a chance to come back,” Kavanaugh said. “When they finally told me that I could for sure come back it was a great relief. I’m going to do right by them.”

Recalling the day it was made known to him that he had been suspended, Kavanaugh made a swift return to the court, but righted himself. “It was just disappointment, but I’d rather not go into the details of all that,” Kavanaugh said. “It’s in the past. I’m ready to graduate. I’m ready to win some games. I’m ready to move on.”

Marred by the 2012-13 season’s absence, Kavanaugh admitted to having some anxiety toward his first game in front of a Dayton crowd during the Red-Blue Scrimmage at UD Arena Oct. 19.

When his name was called for the first time in UD Arena since March 6, 2012, against George Washington University, fans responded by giving him the loudest applause of all.

“It was definitely a huge relief to hear that,” Kavanaugh said. “Yeah, a few butterflies. Just because a year off, and then coming back for the first time it was a little bit nerve-racking. It’s been a long year off and my teammates have been great welcoming me back. My coaches have been great and I’ve gotten support from people in the community.”

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Sibert set to make his mark under Miller in fresh surrounding

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For the past few years, the University of Dayton men’s basketball team has been either aided by the arrival of players due to recruiting and transfers or devastated by departures of key players to other programs.

Two seasons, the Flyers acquired an impressive transfer, Georgetown University guard Vee Sanford, and received great contribution from class of 2012 recruits in guard Khari Price, and forwards D’Shawn Pierre, Jalen Robinson and Devon Scott.

This year, however, the Flyers look to add just as much talent.

The new players on the team are headlined by talented Ohio State University transfer guard Jordan Sibert.

Sibert is a redshirt junior who sat out last season because of NCAA transfer rules.

“It was extremely hard in the fact that you want to get out there, but you just can’t and every day you go to practice and go to war with your teammates and on game day you can’t go to war with someone else. You’ve just [got to] sit there and watch them battle,” he said.

Unrelated to Sibert’s eligibility with the team, former UD player Matt Derennecker transferred out from school to the University of New Orleans during the offseason June 10, giving Sibert a similar, but expanded role to fit immediately into.

Sibert said it was worth it to transfer from OSU, as he feels he has been able to come to a team where he can play a bigger role and make a direct impact.

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Bilas vs Bendel: Early season takes

Sports editor Steven Wright participated in a conference call with ESPN college basketball personality Jay Bilas Monday, Nov. 5, on the upcoming college basketball season. After taking note of some Bilas’ opinions, he presented some of the same questions Bilas faced to FN’s assistant sports editor Chris Bendel, and created our own back and forth bantering session.

Q: How do you feel about the new hand check rule?

Bilas: I was in favor of it. I’ve been advocating it for years. I think that our game has gotten away from us. We’re organized wrestling matches and that’s what our game has been. … If you look back and I have, at tapes of games from the 70s, 80, 90s, up into today, it is stunning how our game has become this organized fouling, wrestling match.

Bendel: I agree with Jay, and I feel like these new rules could increase scoring throughout college basketball by allowing offensive players more room to maneuver and get to the hoop. My concern though is college basketball will turn into a game marred by stoppages over needless foul calls. The extra whistles, even if trying to clean up the game, could slow down a game’s flow and hurt offenses that rely on an up-tempo pace.

Q: Should the 35-second shot clock be reduced?

Bilas: We have to reduce the shot-clock because college basketball right now has the longest shot clock in the world – men, women, you name it. The truth is that’s an embarrassment. There’s no reason for it; there’s no data that suggests that 35 seconds is the magic number to get off a really good shot against good defense… if the entire international basketball community can squeeze a shot off in 24 seconds, but we need 35, we should lose community can squeeze a shot off in 24 seconds, but we need 35, we should be embarrassed by that.

Bendel: I’m going to have to disagree with Jay on this one. Long-gone are the days of the University of North Carolina’s four corners offense intended solely to drain the clock. Many people believe a change in the shot-clock would solely affect offenses. I disagree. The 35-second shot clock forces teams to dig in on defense and work longer for a stop against teams with offensive systems. It’s not about an offense needing a longer amount of time to get a shot off. For a lot of hoops fans, the emphasis on defense is what separates the college game from the NBA.

Q: How are you feeling about the Michigan State University versus University of Kentucky game Tuesday, Nov. 12 in the Champions Classic?

Bilas: I think this is the kind of thing we need more of, where top teams play earlier in the season because they’re games you can learn from and recover from, and it’s good for the game overall. I think having a contrast of the tremendous young talent that Kentucky’s got with the older, more-experienced players that Tom Izzo’s got, will be very fun to watch.

Bendel: I’ve had this game circled on my calendar since the non-conference schedules were released. This matchup pits the Associated Press’ preseason No. 1 and 2 ranked teams in the country at an extremely early point in the year. UK head coach John Calipari boasts the number one incoming recruiting class in the country, who many project as lottery picks in next year’s NBA draft. I’ll be looking for how soon these talented freshmen can mesh for the Wildcats. I expect Michigan State’s experience to trump Kentucky’s raw talent, especially this early in the season. But trust me, it could be different come March.

Q: How do you see the strength of the Atlantic 10 Conference?

Bilas: I think [Virginia Commonwealth University] is a top-20 team, maybe 15 and I think they have a chance to be just as good, if not better than they were last year, and that’s saying a lot. [Saint Louis University] has got some people back that’s going to make them very competitive. Are they as good as VCU? I think they play so differently that I give VCU the edge because VCU can play so much faster.

Bendel: While the A10 lost a few notable programs in the conference re-shuffling in the offseason, the conference still has formidable teams at the top. Clearly the cream of the crop in the A10, VCU begins the season as the favorite in the conference and starts off ranked No. 14 in the AP poll. Saint Louis and La Salle University should challenge VCU, and also both received votes in the preseason AP poll. Of the NCAA tournament teams last year, La Salle returns three double digit scorers and Saint Louis returns four starters.

Dayton belonged in newly formed Big East Conference’s assembly

Dayton has successful ties with former head coaches Don Donoher and Tom Blackburn. These were good basketball teams.

Current head coach Archie Miller could be, and should be, the next name on that list. He needs the amphitheater. He needs the arena (pardon the pun).

Archie Miller has been at the University of Arizona with his brother, Sean Miller. He knows not only how to coach a successful basketball team, but to be part of something bigger than that. He can grow a program and that comes with recruiting.

Dayton is an easy sell to any basketball player. Games with 10,000 fans against any opponent, whether it’s Winthrop University or the University of Mississippi, is an easy incentive to work with when recruiting. For the first time in school history, Dayton recruited two top-125 prospects, according to Rivals.com. That’s moving in the right direction.

Paul Hewitt, head coach at George Mason University, noted in an interview with CBS Sports that when GMU joined the Atlantic 10 Conference, he and his staff had to switch their whole recruiting process. He told interviewer Jon Rothstein, “some of these guys may not be good enough for where we’re going.”

Miller has already been engrained with that mentality, and is a step ahead of the curve. That’s having leadership and an identity.

Dayton is the right school that has the fan base. Sure, Xavier University is down the road and adding Dayton does not expand the Big East’s TV market, but it’s not just about that option.

Being a Dayton Flyer can feel like being part of something. It’s engrained in the soul. Because that’s the school. Cheesy and cliché as it sounds, being a Flyer does not end at graduation. It’s why this school needs more of a national name than it has in 2013. Dayton is not just a run-of-the-mill private school in southwest Ohio. It’s a fan base. It’s a culture. It can be even more.

And, it’s not just men’s basketball. When the Flyer’s women’s basketball team, through their romping of their schedule last season, played the University of Richmond on ESPNU last season, the color commentator made a comment about Dayton. Christy Winters-Scott, a former University of Maryland basketball player, said something along the lines of Dayton not making any noise in the upcoming tournament.

Really? Even though Dayton went 28-3 last season beating two ranked teams? But what happened to the Flyers? They lost in the second round to South Carolina University after winning a double-overtime game against site host and 10-seed St. John’s University.

Sure, the team got stiffed on a good seeding in the NCAA Tournament, but that’s what a mid-major, even one that’s successful and ranked, team has to deal with — no respect.

The point is, it’s the respect level the school does not receive. For the men’s basketball team, the National Invitational Tournament is a thing of the past. It’s like saying, “Thanks grandpa, I know you walked uphill both ways to get to school in the snow, I get it. Get with the times. Strive for more.”

The NCAA Tournament is the place. It’s what the world watches in March. Let’s be part of it. Hats off to Virginia Commonwealth University and Butler University for making small improvements in the conference to become household names. Butler went from the Horizon League to the A10 and now to the Big East in a matter of three years. Oh, and their former head coach now does the same for the NBA’s Boston Celtics.

In the beginning, it’ll be difficult, but with the right leadership at the helm of the school’s top programs, it sure as hell won’t be the elephant in the room. Not with the following this school has built for the past 160 years.

Like it was when George Costanza got a job with the New York Yankees: “Ruth, Gehrig, DiMaggio, Mantle…Costanza?” Kind of.

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George Mason enters Atlantic 10 Conference

Katie Obear
Staff Writer

Joining the fray for the 2013-2014 basketball season, the University of Dayton and other member schools welcome the newest university to join the Atlantic 10 Conference, George Mason University.

Located just outside Washington, D.C., GMU boasts a variety of schools and colleges including a law school and a school for public policy.

Founded in 1957, GMU is located in Fairfax, Va. and is named after the famous founding father, George Mason. He drafted the Virginia Declaration of Rights, which later became a model for the Bill of Rights.

GMU is a large and diverse school with over 32,961 students enrolled.

Its mission is to be “an innovative and inclusive academic community committed to creating a more just, free, and prosperous world,” according to George Mason University’s website.

The school’s mascot is The Patriot and its university’s colors are green and gold.

Until last year, George Mason originally belonged to the Colonial Athletic Association, which includes James Madison University, the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and the College of William and Mary.

GMU last year was 22-16 (10-8 CAA), and finished in fifth place in the conference. It bowed out to top-seeded Northeastern University in the semi-finals of the CAA Tournament. The team ended up competing in the postseason, being invited to the College Basketball Invitational Tournament, falling in the best-of-three final to Santa Clara University in three games.

A rivalry between the two universities named after founding fathers in the A-10, George Washington University and George Mason, is already underway for the newly created Tri-Corner Hat Trophy. The trophy will be given to the school that earns the most points, designated by wins against one another, amongst the 16 sports both schools offer.

One of its former CAA rivals was also a founding father university, James Madison, which is located just 95 miles away from GMU.

GMU is predicted to finish eighth in this year’s A-10.

The head coach of GMU is Paul Hewitt. Hewitt is in his third season as head coach, and he has earned the most wins ever by a coach in his first two seasons at George Mason. He previously was a head coach at the Georgia Institute of Technology and has gone to the NCAA Tournament five times.

Predicted by many sports fans, GMU’s hardest games this year will be during the Diamond Head Classic, a three-day invitational tournament held in Honolulu, Hawaii, Dec. 22 through Dec. 25. The team opens with a game against Iowa State University, and could potentially be playing teams such as Oregon State University and Boise State University.

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Seventy fouls and 96 free throws in one game.

Those were the numbers from the University of Dayton men’s basketball team’s exhibition contest against the University of Findlay Saturday, Nov. 2, at UD Arena.

It was not just an anomaly for what the trend could be this season either. Basketball fans should prepare themselves for the incoming wave of enforcement of defensive rules instructed by the NCAA to officials this season.

“We were waiting on it,” Dayton head coach Archie Miller said. “We played the Red-Blue game and it was touchy. We played our Ryerson game and it was a little bit touchy, wasn’t called the same. Tonight was one of those things that I think everybody was really anticipating, how the game is going to get called.”

The NCAA sent out a video to head coaches across the country in early October outlining how it plans to stress calling hand-checking plays by defensive players in a stricter manner.

The new written rule states a defensive player keeping his hand or forearm on an opponent, putting two hands on an opponent, jabbing at an opponent with a forearm, or using an arm to impede a ball dribbler’s progress will be whistled immediately for a foul.

“The whole hand checking thing, we’re trying as a team and individually to adjust because I feel like for a lot of us, it’s in the back of our heads not to get fouled, so we just kind of let the offensive players score,” redshirt senior guard Vee Sanford said after the Findlay game. “You all saw the refs were pretty quick to blow the whistle. Each player is trying to get over that but it’s hard.”

Four players were disqualified from foul trouble between Findlay and Dayton Saturday, and another six ended the game with four fouls. A pair of freshmen forwards, Dayton’s Kendall Pollard and Findlay’s Tyler Stern-Tucker, were the only players not called for multiple fouls.

“It’s amazing,” senior forward Devin Oliver said. “We’re complaining about a lot of them, and some of them could have been bad, but you can’t blame the refs. We have to learn to adjust in the change to the way they’re calling it, because that’s the new rules, and that’s how it’s going to be.”

Most of the reaction to the new emphasis has been toward the defensive side of the ball, but Sanford said he knows how it can affect the offensive portion of a team’s attack too. Dayton presents itself as a team that likes to drive and be aggressive toward the basket, creating numerous fouling opportunities already.

“That’s the double-edged sword,” Sanford said. “You get to the foul line, but you don’t want the other team to get to the foul line a lot as well. It’s a whole adjustment thing.”

There are other rule changes this season, including clarification on block-charge calls. Rule 4-17.4.d states a defender must now be set in his position prior to the ball handler going “airborne” to shoot or pass to establish a legal guarding position, which should help decrease the amount of fouls seen as “flips” during a game.

Also, elbows above the head that are deemed incidental can now be called as only a common foul and not automatically flagrant. Officials are also no longer required to give a visible 10-second count for back-court violations, with the shot clock being used to count instead, unless it’s not available.

The hand-check call has been the takeaway though from exhibition games around the country. The first real look at its effect will come on the first day of the regular season around the country Friday, Nov. 8, and for Dayton Saturday, Nov. 9, against Indiana Purdue-Fort Wayne.

According to Miller, the game has already changed. He doesn’t see it as a bad thing though, with his team being able to learn more about its own depth and getting players in spots they wouldn’t normally be used to playing on the floor.

Miller said he knows 70 fouls and 96 free throw attempts bring a new challenge to navigate through.

“That’s a good thing for us because we got to learn a little bit about how it’s going to get called at different times,” Miller said. “…That’s a lot of different rotations in the flow of the game. So we’re going to have to look at it and I think the big thing is … being able to show the opportunities on what we can and can’t do. How do we prevent those things from happening.”
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**SPIRIT:**

FLYERS CAN DERIVE SCHOOL PRIDE FROM SPORTS TEAMS

What is it about the University of Dayton that makes us proud to call it our second home? Maybe it’s the cozy, brick-laden buildings and walkways, complemented by pampered shrubs and flowers, that really emphasize our notions of what it means to live in a tight-knit community. Perhaps it is a certain academic program that entices our thoughts about potential career paths. Or maybe it’s the lure of UD’s strong reputation for quality sports teams that grabs our attention. Whatever the reason, fellow Flyers seem to enjoy what the university has to offer.

But recent events have shaken the pride of the student body. Over the last two academic years we’ve experienced the passing of students, collapsing floors in the neighborhoods, and the St. Patrick’s Day disturbance, among other controversies. These adversities have understandably rocked the core foundation of ‘Flyer pride and tremors are still felt.

How can we accept the past, remember it, while moving on at the same time? How can we revive the Flyer Spirit and regain our deep sense of pride for UD, beyond the unwritten social traditions we experience on the weekends?

There may not be one definitive answer to these questions, but the editorial staff at Flyer News has some suggestions for the student body to consider.

Attending sporting events seems to be naturally ingrained in the psyche of most college students as a means of showing off school spirit. As athletes gaze upon the stands to see a wave of their school’s colors, a newfound motivation drives them to push their talents beyond the limits that have been placed upon them. This internal fire, ignited in the hearts of athletes, burns as the roars of students cheer them on to victory. But that only happens if there are students to fill the seats, which, in many instances, remain empty.

Even in times of trouble, schools around the country derive pride from their sports teams. Let’s initiate a fresh sense of pride for the UD community by attending home games for UD’s men’s and women’s basketball teams, as they embark on another intense season of slunks, dribbles and swooshes.

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Food waste and general trash material is another complex web trapping us in a vicious mess. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, one person produces roughly 4.4 pounds of trash a day. Most of what defines our garbage is plastics of various forms and food scraps. Plastics can take decades, even hundreds of years, to decompose in a landfill. Think about buying glass-based products, which are more likely to be recycled and turned to new products.

According to the National Resources Defense Council, Americans throw away roughly $2,000 worth of food. A solution would be to buy less or eat the food you bought within a week or so of purchasing. When you eat, do your best to finish everything that’s on your plate, which has the potential to cut that 4.4 pounds worth of trash in half.

Initiating these small, individual efforts to be more responsible with energy use and waste production can snowball into an avalanche of positive change. Even if the world seems to be spinning out of control, we can change its course with more mindful, sustainable living.

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**SPORTS**

FLYERS CAN DERIVE SCHOOL PRIDE FROM SPORTS TEAMS

What is it about the University of Dayton that makes us proud to call it our second home? Maybe it’s the cozy, brick-laden buildings and walkways, complemented by pampered shrubs and flowers, that really emphasize our notions of what it means to live in a tight-knit community. Perhaps it is a certain academic program that entices our thoughts about potential career paths. Or maybe it’s the lure of UD’s strong reputation for quality sports teams that grabs our attention. Whatever the reason, fellow Flyers seem to enjoy what the university has to offer.

But recent events have shaken the pride of the student body. Over the last two academic years we’ve experienced the passing of students, collapsing floors in the neighborhoods, and the St. Patrick’s Day disturbance, among other controversies. These adversities have understandably rocked the core foundation of ‘Flyer pride and tremors are still felt.

How can we accept the past, remember it, while moving on at the same time? How can we revive the Flyer Spirit and regain our deep sense of pride for UD, beyond the unwritten social traditions we experience on the weekends?

There may not be one definitive answer to these questions, but the editorial staff at Flyer News has some suggestions for the student body to consider.

Attending sporting events seems to be naturally ingrained in the psyche of most college students as a means of showing off school spirit. As athletes gaze upon the stands to see a wave of their school’s colors, a newfound motivation drives them to push their talents beyond the limits that have been placed upon them. This internal fire, ignited in the hearts of athletes, burns as the roars of students cheer them on to victory. But that only happens if there are students to fill the seats, which, in many instances, remain empty.

Even in times of trouble, schools around the country derive pride from their sports teams. Let’s initiate a fresh sense of pride for the UD community by attending home games for UD’s men’s and women’s basketball teams, as they embark on another intense season of slunks, dribbles and swooshes.

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Alcohol Endangers

Connection between drinking, sexual assault

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A&E Staff Writer, Sophomore

On Oct. 15, journalist Emily Yoffe published an article on Slate Magazine’s website regarding the correlation between sexual assault and alcohol intake. The headline of Yoffe’s article, “College Women: Stop Getting Drunk,” points victim-blaming; however, the two pages of content point toward the bottle of vodka in the hands of both victim and perpetrator.

Fires of inflated responses have burned steadily since Oct. 15 on blogs, in magazines and on social media sites. Comments on the article page itself ignited the debate. One comment criticized, “What’s wrong with telling boys that it’s never OK to rape? Oh, I guess that would be hard.” Some critics turned to the blog site Tumblr, derailing the article as “gross,” “awful” and a “victim-blaming nightmare.” Feminists, a feminist blog, decried the article as a “rape denialism manifesto.”

I am a feminist. I see victim-blaming as a serious issue in today’s culture, but a “victim-blaming nightmare.” According to Yoffe’s journal, approximately 54 percent of women in a study of over 6,000 students across 32 colleges reported experiencing some form of sexual assault.

I am by no means dismissing male victims; rape and sexual assault research just primarily focuses on the estimated 95 percent of victims, who are female, as cited by Abby’s journal. At least 50 percent of these sexual assaults on college campuses are associated with alcohol (74 percent of the perpetrators and 55 percent of the victims in a nationally representative sample).

These statistics do not prove or imply alcohol causes rape or sexual assault, nor does the journal (or Yoffe’s article). These statistics do prove that rape and sexual assault on college campuses is a serious issue and that alcohol exacerbates it. The issue festers in this muddled pool of alcohol, but it is entangled in deeply rooted gender role expectations, sexual norms and binge drinking culture.

According to Abby’s journal, when under the influence of alcohol, complex cognitive abilities like interpreting subtle social stimuli are impaired. The male, assigned the role of sexual interaction “inciter,” waits for the female, assigned the role of sexual interaction “limiter,” to control the interaction. When under the influence of alcohol, a kiss is easily misconstrued as an invitation for more and “no” is easily misconstrued as “convince me.” Women are subjugated to this passive, responsive role and, subsequently, find themselves silencing and blaming themselves for the perceived failure to respond to these situations correctly.

Alcohol is a source of shame for victims and an excuse for perpetrators. Sixty-two percent of perpetrators attributed alcohol as the reason for their rape, as cited by Abby’s journal, and perpetrators are more likely to use it as an excuse again.

We need to decimate the “I did it because I was drunk” excuse and strengthen the relationship between sexual assault training and alcohol education at UD.

In my next column, I’ll examine the relationship between binge drinking and sexual assault at UD, and evaluate the steps that the administration has taken and should take to educate students about this critical issue.

For many of us, October and November are the busiest months of the semester. Midterms that are supposed to take one week get strung over the entire month of October, the organizations you are involved in start to get extra busy, final projects, papers and portfolios get assigned, and professors try to cram as much information as possible into the remaining time. Additionally, if you’re an engineer, like me, or a senior, you’re searching for a co-op position or a full-time job.

Keeping up with all of this, not to mention the constant flow of homework, you still have, can be extremely challenging and stressful. Making sure you keep a level head while working through the remaining weeks of the semester is important and limiting your stress level is key. With that in mind, here are some of the best ways I’ve found to relieve stress.

There’s a reason the RecPlex is open 24 hours during final exam week: exercise cuts down on stress. This was something I had always been told, but I never really believed it until my freshman year. Just going to the gym for 15 minutes can help you feel less stressed, not to mention the fact that exercising helps increase your memory, makes you more productive and sharpens your focus, all of which are perfect when you feel overloaded by work. Don’t want to go to the gym? You don’t have to. Take a run around campus, rent a bike from the RecPlex or just go on a walk. Just getting up and moving can make a huge difference.

The next strategy is plain and simple: don’t do all of your work at once! It might seem like a good idea to sit down and finish all of your studying at one time instead of spreading it out over a couple days, but trust me, it’s not. Your mind needs a break from studying, and it can be even more stressful to try and complete three or four different assignments in one sitting rather than taking a day or two. Spreading your work out will not only help to keep you stress-free, but you’ll be more likely to do each assignment right.

Along with not doing all of your work in one sitting, make sure to give yourself a break. You’ll need time for your brain to refresh before starting a new topic or even revisiting an old topic. Whether your idea of a break is hanging out with friends, watching TV or even taking a nap, just be sure to think about yourself while studying.

Keeping your brain fresh will help prevent stress with studying in the future. Making sure you aren’t stressed is the best way to succeed in a semester, especially as it starts to wind down. You don’t have to try all of these; even just one of the things I’ve listed can help you a great deal. On the other side, though, make sure you don’t forget about your other work by taking too many breaks or having that 15-minute nap turn into a two-hour nap. It all adds up, balance, and make sure you finish out the semester strong.

The ‘Wrecking Ball’ of our generation

First, there was Britney Spears, then Lindsay Lohan … now, there’s Miley Cyrus. These three women have not only created a new definition of crazy, but also shattered any form of respect for my generation. However, Britney and Lindsay have “turned around” and recognized their behavior. Miley Cyrus, on the other hand, decided to keep the Draco Malfoy look and see what happens now that we do not unapologetic. Cyrus deserves commendation, not condemnation. Cyrus deserves commendation, not condemnation. Cyrus deserves commendation, not condemnation.”

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Three steps to end semester stress-free

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TO THE EDITOR

The Student Government Association applied to be a resident assistant, would she get the position? I highly doubt that she would. I understand the point of letting people do what they want, do, whatever they want, is to make it seem as if “we can’t stop, we won’t stop,” when in reality, we should stop supporting celebrities like Miley Cyrus before the youth in future generations believe that popping molly and partying is the only way to enjoy life.

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UD wins 11th A10 championship

The University of Dayton women’s soccer team heads into the Atlantic 10 Championship, which will be held at Virginia Commonwealth University at Sports Backers Stadium from Thursday, Nov. 7, through Sunday, Nov. 10, as the tournament’s top seed.

“It feels great to be in the tournament and it feels great to be the number one seed,” head coach Mike Tucker said.

The Flyers finished their regular season after splitting a pair of matches to finish A10 play, going 7-1-0 in the league and 12-5-1 in the regular season.

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Sophomore midfielder Ashley Campbell (8) and senior defender Meghan Scherer (25) cheer during a game against the University of Richmond, Sept. 28, at Baujan Field.

The winner will be receiving an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament, which begins Nov. 15.

“It’s a little bit scary because the tournament is single elimination, but I’m just excited to be at the tournament because it’s my first time,” Golterman said.

The teams participating in this Championship include: La Salle, Saint Louis University, George Washington University, VCU, Dayton, the University of Massachusetts, St. Bonaventure University and George Mason University.

UD will start by facing VCU Thursday at 5 p.m. Ranked as the eighth seed, the Rams finished the season 8-7-3 overall.

Also Thursday, La Salle, who finished as the second seed, will open with a game against George Washington and Saint Louis will take on Massachusetts.

St. Bonaventure, who finished with a 7-9-1 overall record, will be playing the newest member of the A10, George Mason. GMU finished with a 7-10-1 record overall.

The matches played Thursday will dictate who will play again in the tournament and who will advance to the semi-finals Nov. 8 and potentially the final championship matches, which includes Dayton-VCU and St. Bonaventure-GMU.

“There’s lot of excitement, but you have to rely on what you have done all year and hope the girls take their best into the tournament,” Tucker said.

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INJURIES DOWN FLYERS IN TOUGH LOSS TO BUTLER

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It was a tale of two halves for the University of Dayton football team in a 33-30 loss at the hands of Butler University Saturday, Nov. 2, at Welcome Stadium.

The Bulldogs outscored the Flyers, who went into the half with a 27-13 lead, by 17 points and outgained UD in total yards 203-86 in the second half.

Both teams entered the game with 4-1 conference records and in a four-way tie for first in the PFL. With conference championship implications on the line, Dayton's title hopes took a large blow in the second half thanks to an ineffective offense marred by injuries to two of UD's key offensive weapons.

An injury during UD's first offensive series of the game to redshirt sophomore running back Connor Kacsor plagued the Flyers' rushing attack and allowed Butler's defense to limit UD to a field goal in the second half.

Adding to the injury woes, senior quarterback Will Bardo left the game in the fourth quarter with an apparent right leg injury when UD was already trailing by three.

"We got out there and had a great first half," head coach Rick Chamberlin said. "In the second half, they stepped it up a bit, their defense did. They started stopping our offense. It hurts though, when you don't have Connor."

The Dayton medical staff held Kacsor out for the final three quarters of the game over concerns of a possible concussion stemming from a big hit the team's leading rusher took. He entered Saturday with four consecutive games with at least 100 yards rushing.

With Kacsor sidelined in the second half, the UD offense responded to go, the UD offense responded with 228 yards of offense to set up UD's opening touchdown, with 11:02 left in the fourth quarter, he exited the game, helped by driving the ball down the field on his first carry that helped chamberlin offered a few words of advice to his young quarterback, telling him, "to play within himself. Do what you practice all week and be composed."

On the play following Bardo's injury, needing to get to the Butler 3-yard line for a first down, the Bulldogs held UD to a field goal attempt when Johnson's pass to senior wide receiver Gabe Macis came up short of the sticks. A 25-yard field goal from sophomore kicker William Will knotted up the score at 30 with 8:12 remaining.

The Butler offense would respond with a field goal of its own and regained a 33-30 lead with 3:29 to go. In need of a touchdown and with no timeouts remaining, the Dayton offense took over with 2:01 to go on their own 12-yard line.

The Dayton offense, sans Bardo, who engineered a comeback drive against the University of San Diego in a similar situation, had to move the ball into field goal position if they had any hope to tie the game in the final two minutes.

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On the final play of the drive, Johnson found senior wide receiver Gary Hunter to move the chains, but three plays later his team found itself in a 4th-and-3 on its own 29 with the game on the line.

Johnson completed a pass to Macis, but the Butler defense stopped him short of the first down marker, sealing the win and putting Dayton's PFL title hopes in a huge hole.

UD dropped to 4-2 in the PFL and fifth place in the conference standings behind four teams with one loss each.

After a disappointing loss on senior night and their last game in front of their home fans, Chamberlin said he now looks to his seniors for leadership in the upcoming weeks.

"There's still two games to play," Chamberlin said. "It's up to our seniors to make sure that our team responds the right way."

Dayton will go on the road to finish its regular season, starting at Drake University Saturday, Nov. 9, at 1 p.m. at Drake Stadium in Des Moines, Iowa.

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