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## Sheet sign culture at UD: Read between the sheets

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The sheet sign culture in the student neighborhood is affecting the way parents and students see the University of Dayton and its community.

The sheet sign culture started about 25 years ago in the student neighborhood when students took white bed sheets and wrote on them to express their Flyer spirit in a creative way whenever the school achieved a significant accomplishment or when a UD team won. Sheet signs have changed considerably since then.

Students commonly feature inappropriate sexual messages on sheet signs, especially during Welcome Weekend, Family Weekend and March Madness. Some students do not consider these messages as inappropriate. They view them as a funny way to share Flyer pride.

Some examples of these messages are "Daddy issues save us lotion and tissues," "We don't have chairs but we do have faces," "Reading our sheets by day and in our sheets at night" and "Move in day comes once a year... how often do you."

The school has asked students to take down the signs when inappropriate messages are displayed, like the ones mentioned above.

Dean of Students Christine Schramm, University of Dayton associate vice president for the Division of Student Development, said she and the university are working to change this culture. Schramm said she is not aware of anyone going through the conduct process for having inappropriate sheet signs in her 25 years at UD. What would get someone documented and sent through the process is not complying with a university official



Students often create sheet signs for special events, such as Welcome Weekend, Family Weekend and March Madness. Some, though not all, signs have received criticism for their inappropriate nature. Chris Santucci/ Multimedia Editor

asking to take the sign down; that would be a violation of compliance in the code of conduct.

"I have always had students cooperate and immediately take a

"I do not necessarily feel unsafe but uncomfortable because these signs are a representation of the community, and it is distasteful," sophomore pre-medi-

fended nor fear for my life, but I do feel bad for other people who walk through our community and see inappropriate things and think this is how the Dayton

said.

In an interview with Kristen Altenau-Keen, sexual violence prevention education coordinator, she said the only way of preventing this is by holding each other accountable, telling each other when something is not right. She explained that green dots need to outnumber the red dots present on this campus.

According to the Student Development website, "A green dot is any choice, behavior, word or attitude that promotes safety for everyone and communicates utter intolerance for power based personal violence in our University of Dayton community. A green dot is anything you do to make our community safer."

UD's parents have mixed reactions on this culture.

**"I do not necessarily feel unsafe but uncomfortable because these signs are a representation of the community—and it is distasteful."**

—Martha Bervell, Sophomore, Pre-Medicine

sheet down when asked by staff or another student," Schramm said.

Some first-year women are afraid of walking alone in the student neighborhood after 10 p.m. because they may not feel safe in a culture in which potentially degrading sexual messages are approved.

cine major Martha Bervell said.

"I feel that this is inappropriate and does not follow the Marianist values of this school," first-year undeclared arts major Yohaiza Vega said. "It is unfortunate that visitors see these [sheet signs]. I don't like walking alone at night because I do not feel safe."

"I do not necessarily feel of-

community is," sophomore mechanical engineering major Aaron Winfrey said.

"Sheet signs promote a sexual violence culture. I feel like I'm not offended of the signs, but it makes me aware of my surroundings when being alone," sophomore undeclared engineering technology major Mariah Jackson

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## WHY BECOME A MARIANIST?

When Brother José Julián Matos-Auffant, SM, joined the faculty at a Marianist school in Puerto Rico, he began sharing daily prayers and fellowship at the Marianist community. He was drawn to “teaching as a sacred calling and to religious life,” he says. “It’s a life that sustains me and helps me grow.”

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Trending



As always, "The Simpsons" did it first

In an interview, "The Simpsons" writer Dan Greaney described an episode of the series featuring Donald Trump as president as "consistent with the vision of America going insane."



Fair trade isn't just for the coffee at Starbucks

The New Abolitionist Movement will host a campaign event to encourage UD to become Fair Trade Certified, featuring speakers and info sessions. March 30, 12:20 p.m.-2:25 p.m. KU Ballroom.



Just, like, no texting ever

A New Jersey state lawmaker introduced a bill that would penalize pedestrians using non-hands-free cell phones while walking on sidewalks, with a fine up to \$50 and potentially even 15 days in jail.



Channeling Forrest Gump

Over the weekend, British comedian Eddie Izzard successfully ran one marathon per day for 27 days to raise money for Sport Relief. The closest we've ever gotten is a Netflix-binge of "Narcos."



And baby eaglet makes four

In the early morning on Sunday, the second of two baby bald eagles came out of its shell in the National Arboretum. The event was captured on a livestream webcam, and is too freakin' cute.



Community watch

Last week, two men in a Greek refugee camp caught another in the act of attempting to sexually assault a 7-year-old girl. After grabbing the man, they marched him to the police, who arrested him.



Like him or not, this is not OK

New York police and the FBI are investigating the source of a letter sent to Donald Trump's son, Eric Trump. The letter, containing white powder, demanded that Trump withdraw from the presidential race.



Get what you deserve

Two Chinese men convicted of poaching elephants have been sentenced to 30 years in jail each. The men were poaching elephants in Tanzania, and have been fined a record-setting \$50 million.



Need a financial Lyft? Too bad

During a lawsuit settlement against ride-hailing company Lyft, it was revealed that drivers would be entitled to \$126 million in expense reimbursements if they had been employees instead of contractors.



#UDLATENIGHT movie: 'Point Break'

In one of the last UDLATENIGHT movies for the year, come see "Point Break," the rebooted film following a young FBI agent as he infiltrates a team of extreme sports athletes. April 2, 11 p.m., Sears Recital Hall.



Drag is way more than just 'Rocky Horror'

The Dayton-based drag comedy troupe the Rubi Girls are offering a behind-the-scenes, interactive look at the transformative process of becoming a drag queen. March 30, 7:30 p.m., Sears Recital Hall.



As if it wasn't bad enough in Flint...

A December break-in at a city executive office housing water files is still unsolved, and remains highly suspicious, given its timing. The new city police chief has even claimed that it was an "inside job."



A red and white blur

Over the weekend, a self-described "Ginger Parade" was conducted on the 400 block of Lowes, in which over 30 green-clad redheads sprinted down the street, to the cheers of onlookers.

\*Cover cutout: Beware the Ides of March.  
Chris Santucci / Multimedia Editor  
For more photos from St. Patrick's Day, see our gallery at flyernews.com/ud-photos.

# Public Safety officers kick Nurses for Bernie off campus

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On Monday, March 14, the Nurses for Bernie drove up to the University of Dayton's campus for a quick stop on Brown and Stonemill Streets during their cross-country tour supporting the candidacy of Senator Bernie Sanders for the presidency.

National Nurses United, the largest nurses' union in the country with 185,000 members, sponsor the nurses to travel the country and connect with voters on issues like health care and student debt. Upon their arrival, the nurses walked through the sun-lit streets of the University of Dayton's student neighborhood and spoke to Flyer News about their experiences.

As soon as they crossed onto the sidewalk on Evanston Avenue, which connects the neigh-

borhood to UD's academic campus, public safety officers rolled up and demanded the nurses leave campus immediately because they were trespassing on private property and had not cleared their presence with the university beforehand.

UD has rules preventing any sort of political activity on campus without prior clearance because they are sensitive about their 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. The nurses were confused and alarmed they could not even approach students and talk to them on campus property, as they had been on many private—and parochial—college campuses in the months and weeks prior with no problems.

*To read more about restrictions of political activity at 501(c)(3) nonprofit college campuses, visit [flyernews.com/freedom-of-speech-restrictions-an-issue-at-universities/](http://flyernews.com/freedom-of-speech-restrictions-an-issue-at-universities/)*



Two nurses for Bernie pose outside of their bus. Photo by Dominic Sanfilippo.

## SUSTAINABEAT

# Car-sharing arrives at UD

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The University of Dayton began a partnership with Zipcar on March 2 to bring students and staff an environmentally friendly way to commute. Zipcar is an on-demand car-sharing service that enables its members to reserve cars via Internet, mobile app or phone for an hourly or daily rate that includes gas, mileage and insurance.

"Zipcar can help reduce the carbon footprint, and one of my jobs for the university is to find ways we can reduce our carbon footprint," said Kurt Hatcher, UD's environmental sustainability manager. "Our hope is that for students—where it makes sense—may choose not to bring a vehicle to campus, and they would ultimately drive less because they would have access to a Zipcar rather than their own personal vehicle."

UD's two Zipcars, a Toyota Prius and a Ford Focus, are available for use in their parking spots behind the RecPlex.

### How to Join

Members must be 18 or older and have a valid driver's license. Licenses outside the U.S. and Canada are accepted, as well. Students can apply online at [zipcar.com/udayton](http://zipcar.com/udayton) by filling out a few simple questions regarding your address and payment information. Once approved, members will receive their Zipcard in the mail.

### How to Use

To unlock the Zipcar, members need to hold their Zip-

cards to the windshield of the reserved car for a few seconds, and the doors will automatically unlock. The car is theirs to use for the allotted time they reserved it for.

"With Zipcar, you can decide exactly where you are going—you aren't bound by service areas, like traditional taxi services or Uber," Hatcher said. "With Zipcar you have the freedom of the vehicle and you have the flexibility of taking other people with you, you have the cargo space, the ability to cost-share and, as long as everyone in the car is a member, then anyone can drive."

Once the members complete the drive, they must return the Zipcar to the original parking spot.

### Membership Cost

Compared to regular members, university students receive the cheapest membership pricing with Zipcar. Currently, the cost of an annual membership is \$15 for the first year of membership and \$25 for each subsequent year. Those who sign up now using the code: "FLYERS2016" will receive an additional \$25 worth of driving credit on their accounts. When members sign up at [zipcar.com/udayton](http://zipcar.com/udayton) Ford offers \$10 off the first year of membership. Members can also sign up for email promotions for additional savings. Once students sign up at a university rate, they will always be charged this rate—even after graduation.

"The general rate is \$70 a year," Hatcher said. "A lot of our students either come from cities that have Zipcar or are

going to end up working in cities that have Zipcar, so it's a great service to have access to."

Members must pay a \$1,000 damage fee per incident. However, the fee can be lessened or eliminated if the member buys a non-refundable \$79 annual damage fee waiver, according to Zipcar's website.

### Car Rental Cost

The cars can be rented for a full-day, hourly-weekday or hourly-weekend rate. The full-day rate is the same for either car at \$69/day. The hourly-weekday rate for the Focus is \$7.50/hour and the Prius is \$8.50/hour. The hourly-weekend rate for the Focus is \$8.50/hour and the Prius is \$9.50/hour. Cars can be rented for a maximum for seven days and be driven 180 miles/day (additional cost for mileage beyond 180 miles).

As usage of Zipcars increases on campus, so will the number of Zipcars available. Zipcars are now located at over 500 college campuses across the country. At other colleges, Zipcar has become very much part of the campus culture, evidenced by their fleets of 20 or more cars.

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The two Zipcars, a Toyota Prius and a Ford Focus, are parked behind the RecPlex. Chris Santucci/ Multimedia Editor

# The Rec celebrates 10 years, asks for 30 minutes

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The RecPlex celebrated its 10th anniversary this year with new equipment and an educational initiative to help students maintain a healthy lifestyle.

On the 10th of each month, there will be a surprise special event, activity or giveaway.

"We wanted to find a way to give back to this community that provides us with so much satisfaction with the job we do day in and day out," Melissa Longino, director of campus recreation, said.

The first event took place in January, when the Rec staff gave away backpacks to the 10th person to swipe in at every hour. The latest event, called "UP," was all about compliments. People could stand under a pair of giant headphones and hear a compliment from someone else speaking at the adjoining microphone.

"It was really cool to see because people were visibly happy after, and I could tell it just made their day," senior Amber Bielunski, a supervisor at the Rec, said.

In addition to these monthly celebrations, the RecPlex also received 32 new pieces of equipment this month, ranging from cardio to weight equipment.

"Per our capital outlay plan, we know which pieces of equipment are coming up for replacement in

the specific year," Longino said. "From there, we research the various equipment lines that each of the vendors currently provide and evaluate the quality, refer to other universities who are currently using the product and our knowledge of what will stand up to the usage needs at UD."

Some of the new pieces brought

to be featured at the RecPlex.

"We try to provide a wide array of equipment, so we can meet the needs of everyone," Longino said.

"I was excited there was new equipment to use and try out," sophomore education major Ryan Schilter said. "I've been able to add in new exercises that I didn't know before."

dent survey, only 27 percent of respondents responded they needed 30 minutes of exercise daily. Many students thought they needed 45 to 120 minutes of exercise daily. These students also said on the survey the number one reason they don't work out every day is because they do not have time.

Longino said their mission is

PATH points, but I actually found it very helpful in motivating me to work out," sophomore psychology major Emily Kimble.

Even after the program ended, more students than usual came to the RecPlex.

"There was a constant flow of people, even when the program ended. I notice even in my morning shift at 6 a.m. that more people were still coming in," Bielunski said. "We weren't sure what to expect, but we are super excited about how it turned out."

Over 2,000 people signed up for the "On Your PATH to 30" program and, according to data compiled by the RecPlex, halfway through the program, at least half of participants had earned their PATH points. The directors are still compiling the rest of the data to see how many people completed the whole program.

"It's important that people are rewarded for a healthy lifestyle," Bielunski said.

Any student that completed all four weeks and received all the PATH points also received a T-shirt from the RecPlex.

"If you don't have a healthy body and a healthy mind, you really don't have all of you to give to your academics, your friends, your family or your work," Longino said.

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—Melissa Longino, Director of Campus Recreation

in this year replaced older models. For instance, the RecPlex purchased seven updated treadmills, which are well-suited for different types of running.

The Rec also added more pieces of popular equipment, such as two more SPIN bikes and two more ARC trainers. New purchases also include new a hack squat, a leg press and four dumbbell racks.

The two new Precor Stretchtrainers, which enable students to target specific muscles as they stretch, are the first of their kind

In addition to updating its equipment, the RecPlex had its annual educational campaign. This year's theme was "On Your PATH to 30," which served to educate students on the importance of getting 30 minutes of exercise every day in order to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

The theme started as a challenge among staff members at the Rec last year called "What's Your 30?" and was so successful the Rec staff decided to expand the initiative to all students. In a stu-

to make people aware how much a 30-minute investment can benefit their health.

This campaign lasted from Feb. 1 to March 6 with the goal of helping students create a healthy lifestyle habit and raise awareness about the benefits of getting 30 minutes of exercise each day. Students could gain one PATH point per week during this four-week challenge by exercising for at least 30 minutes, four days of the week.

"I initially did it with my roommates because we wanted more

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## SHEETS (cont. from cover)

“Some [parents] have been offended and some have understood bad-taste humor, while others have seen more enjoyable sheets and not the offensive ones,” Schramm explained.

Carlos Stewart is the assistant director for Student Services in the Office of Multicultural Affairs. As a staff member and father, Stewart said, “Sometimes we think we are contributing to a place being a great community, when in fact they are doing the opposite. Students should be aware of how it [the sheet signs] makes other feel.”

To improve this culture, Student Development staff make sheet sign competitions, such as Commitment to Community, also referred to as C2C. Students can express their vision of community at the University of Dayton. Winning awards such as the Rudy Award, Student’s Choice and Spirit Award result in prizes like gift cards for students. Student Development intends for these incentives to inspire students to set the best example for the community.

“C2C competition is helping create better sheet signs,” Brigid Kovach, a fellow for Housing and Residence Life, said. “Be-

cause usually, sheet signs make some students uncomfortable, but they don’t do anything. There is a stereotype on what is inappropriate is acceptable, but there are more people who disagree with these and do not stand up.”

“Upperclassmen have the most powerful voice on campus,” Altenau-Keen said. “But they are not using it in the right way. Stand up.”

The school is working closely to handle this situation, especially the Student Development and the Sexual Prevention Education office. They provide training throughout the year for students to attend and understand how to be a better person on campus and set the best example possible. Programs such as Green Dot try to instill a sense of responsibility in students.

Everyone has their perspective on this subject: There are people who do not see it as anything negative, while at the same time, there are some students who are afraid of standing up and saying they feel uncomfortable.

Junior finance and accounting major Victoria Dib explained, “I think some of the sheet signs are

very offensive. As students, we have developed a bad reputation for the university with previous events, and these sheet signs contribute to this bad reputation. As a woman on campus, I do not feel safe walking alone on campus after hours. I worry about my friends when they are alone, but I worry more about our community not getting involved in programs like Green Dot to improve our campus safety.”



Students in the student neighborhood design sheet signs and display them on their porches. Some of these signs have been taken down per the request of university staff. Chris Santucci/Multimedia Editor

To see all the sheet signs in the Flyer News gallery, visit [flyernews.com/ud-photos](http://flyernews.com/ud-photos). If you have photos from second semester of sheet signs you would like to submit to Flyer News, email [FlyerNewsEditor@gmail.com](mailto:FlyerNewsEditor@gmail.com). If you have an opinion about this topic or anything else, email Opinions Editor Steven Goodman at [goodmans1@udayton.edu](mailto:goodmans1@udayton.edu).

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# PORCH PROFILE

## The Men of 323 Stonemill

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Porch Correspondent

**FN: How did you all meet each other?**

Cameron Lenard: I walked into Tom's room on the first day of freshman year and introduced myself. He told me later on he thought I was gay.

Tom Tappel: So that's how Cam and I met, and I met Scott because we lived across the hall and we play Ultimate Frisbee.

Brandon Rush: I met them through Ultimate and Cam because...he lives here.

Scott Klein: And I bonded with Rush on the way home from an Ultimate tournament watching "Friends."

**FN: If you could give everyone in your house a superlative, what would it be?**

BR: Tom is the Most Likely to Overuse Abbreviations.

CL: Dude, let's get some buff chick today!

TT: The worst was "let's get some pretzy b's!"

BR: Scott is Most Likely to Cough.

CL: Or Most Likely to Die of an Asthma Attack or Most Likely to Get Lost.

BR: Most Likely to Get Lost in the Neighborhood. Hashtag Find Scotty.

TT: Scott is also Most Likely to Tell You His High School Superlative was Best Laugh.

BR: Cam is the Most Reckless.

TT: Rush is Most Likely to Go from 0 to 100 in His Outfits. He is the Most Likely to Change from Suits to Sweats Multiple Times a Day.

CL: I don't know how to word this, but you never know if he's home. Like, you'll be like, "Where's Rush?" then you'll hear a bump and be like, "Oh, that's probably him."

**FN: What is on your bucket list for this semester?**

SK: Bar crawl with Don.

TT: Is it like a bar crawl or a brewery tour?

SK: Brewery tour, whatever.

CL: I'm getting mock-married!

**FN: What is your most embarrassing moment at UD?**

SK: I got lost.

CL: It was, like, when we were moving in.

TT: Scott got locked out of the house and spent much of the night on our porch just waiting for one



(Left to right) Tom Tappel, Cameron Lenard, Scott Klein and Brandon Rush appreciate the finer things in life, like Frisbee, 2nd Street Market and Walmart. Chris Santucci/Multimedia Editor

of us to let him in.

SK: I got cold, so I ran to Chambers because I knew that a house would be open and my parents were coming for breakfast the next morning. My phone died, so I didn't wake up in time.

TT: We put out on Twitter #find-scotty, and one of the guys at Chambers tweeted back #found-scotty.

BR: His mom was thinking he was dead, and his dad was looking like "he better be dead."

CL: His dad came in, and we knew Scotty wasn't here, and we were like, "Oh, he's still asleep right now," and he went to go up and wake Scotty up, and he was like, "He's not there," and we were like, "WHAT?"

CL: Scott's just the most embarrassing member of this household.

**FN: If you were all back for your 10-year reunion, what would everyone be up to?**

BR: Cam...

TT: We're not sure if Cam would make it.

CL: I already have dibs on getting Andy's liver. I called that freshman year.

TT: Scott would be the president of USA Ultimate.

BR: Scott is gonna be the marketing director of some cool organization. It will have something to do with Ultimate.

CL: Rush is going to be running again for whatever elected office he holds, and Tom's going to be in some developing country working on some engineering energy stuff.

**FN: What is your spirit animal and why?**

SK: Mine's a cat—I perch.

TT: But you're much a dog.

SK: I'm cat and a dog. I'm cat-dog.

TT: All the energy of a puppy...

CL: With all the weirdness of a cat.

Tom is a bear because he's hairy.

TT: Cam's a koala.

BR: I could see that. I was thinking sloth, but you don't sleep enough.

CL: I have two different personalities: There's Sunday-through-Wednesday Cam and Thursday-through-Saturday Cam. Thursday-through-Saturday is koala Cam and Sunday-through-Wednesday is just a different koala Cam.

TT: Rush can be an owl because he's wise and loves sleeping during the day.

CL: Tom is also an owl, just a different owl. A different owl, a dolphin or a bear.

**FN: Do you have any advice for underclassmen?**

TT: I'd say get off campus and explore the city. Like, we all go to 2nd Street Market.

SK: Well, Cam goes to Walmart.

CL: My advice would be do all the things you can do now that you can't do when you graduate.

BR: I would say pay attention to

upperclassman—take words from the wise.

CL: You can always redo a class; you can't redo a party.

TT: You can always choose not to listen to Cam. Scott, you got any advice?

SK: No.

**FN: Anything else you would like to add?**

TT: 3234L.

CL: Everyone listen to "Pillow Talking" by Lil Dicky. Can we also say you're in a room with all these Frisbees?

SK: There's almost 70 in here.

CL: I'm the only one who doesn't play Ultimate.

TT: Can we talk about the pinata in the room?

BR: Not a metaphor. Dom Leyden's real name is Doug.

# Health columnist: #How to survive the pool deck

GRACE BRUENING  
Health Columnist

The spring semester begins the countdown to many exciting events for students. Perhaps the most exciting occasion junior and senior Flyers are looking forward to is Dayton to Daytona. However, sometimes with all the excitement also comes anxiety. Everyone's main focus is getting that "Daytona bod," while being surrounded by temptations from March Madness game day pizza to nights out with your friends and one too many drinks. Don't let the anxiety of staying fit in Daytona take away from the best vacation of your life with a few hundred of your closet friends. Use these simple, helpful hints during your trip to keep your mental and physical health strong on the pool deck.

## Pack your snacks

If you're not prepared when the 2 p.m. hunger strikes on the pool deck, you'll find yourself binge eating on whatever you can first get your hands on; and in Daytona, it'll most likely be pizza. Keep a protein bar in your fanny pack along with a mini water bottle. Here is a list of easy essentials you'll need during your trip that



Don't stress about the pool deck. Photo courtesy of the Daytona 2 Daytona's Facebook page.

won't take up too much space:

**Protein/Energy bars-** go for bars that are low in sugar (less than 10g) and high in protein (about 20g) to keep you fuller longer. I suggest Quest Protein Bars.

**Almond butter/rice cakes-** It's an easy snack to prepare in between outdoor festivities.

**Mixed nuts** – Prepare separate baggies of this snack for when you only have time to grab a handful of nuts.

**Carrots/hummus-** Stick them in your fridge when you get to your

hotel. You'll need that fiber to get rid of the toxins from alcohol after a long day in the sun.

**Dark Chocolate-** I promise your sweet tooth with strike and this will do just the trick. Go for a cocoa percentage of less than 50 percent.

**Apples/bananas-** These easy-to-pack fruits will give you the energy you need to stay energized during the day and night.

**Zero calorie Powerade-** Alcohol depletes electrolytes by making demands on the body that force a greater need for them. When the

next morning arrives after losing electrolytes in converting alcohol's toxins and dispelling them in urine, feeling good again requires replenishment. Powerade has all of the electrolytes you'll need to give you a pick-me-up the morning after.

## Stick to light beer

A Budweiser has 30 more calories and six more carbohydrates than a Bud Light, with barely any more alcohol content. Stick to light beers to reduce the bloat and save the calories.

## Water

Reduce those headaches. Headaches come from an imbalance of fluid in the brain, which alcohol can cause. Drinking water throughout your day and night will restore the balance and leave you waking up with less of a headache. It'll also increase your energy levels to keep you bump-in' on the pool deck.

## Moderation

It would be a little unrealistic for you and me both if I sat here and told you to avoid the late night pizza, early morning pancakes and one too many Natty's. Instead, we're going to go with moderation. Practice mindfulness: Eat only when you're hungry and ask yourself if you truly need that fourth piece of pizza before you reach for it. It takes practice, especially under the influence, but if you start practicing now you'll be a pro by Daytona.

## Have Fun

Don't let the fear of gaining a few pounds get in the way of having the time of your life. D2D is a time to enjoy yourself, so do just that. See you all on the pool deck!

# Q&A: Remi Kanazi talks poetry, Palestine

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Students for Justice in Palestine, with the help of other partners, hosted "Poetry Night With Remi Kanazi" in Sears Recital Hall Wednesday, March 16. Kanazi is a poet, writer and activist whose work has been featured on the likes of Al Jazeera, BBC and The New York Times. His book "Before the Next Bomb Drops: Rising Up From Brooklyn to Palestine" is a collection of several of his poems and has received widespread acclaim. I sat down and asked him a few questions regarding his work.

**FN:** If you had to describe your message and how you're getting it across, what would you say for people who may not be familiar with you or your work?

**Remi Kanazi:** Sure, so I'm a spoken word poet, and for me, spoken

word is a way to get a political message across through an entertainment medium ... I'll be speaking a lot about Israeli occupation and its system of apartheid and possession of the Palestinian people, militarism overseas. So, the drone bombing of Afghanistan, Pakistan and Somalia, as well as structural racism in the United States. And so the kind of merging of your society and U.S. actions and policies through a cultural medium. I figured the average 19-year-old doesn't want to read an op-ed or watch cable news, but they can more readily connect to spoken word or theater or hip-hop as a cultural way to get that message across.

**FN:** What would you say is the most common misunderstanding about the stuff that you're talking about?

**Kanazi:** Yeah, I think living in the U.S.—I'm a pretty leftist guy—you think that your biggest hurdle

is right-wing racism. A lot of the times, it's American apathy or ignorance to these kind of issues. I think when you look at from the so called liberal New York Times to Fox News you're not getting a proper message about Palestine. You have people living under military occupation, they face checkpoints and a wall that cuts doctors off from offices and children off from schools and so I think that the basic reality of occupation, resource appropriation, land theft, isn't talked about readily in the United States, as much as it would be in, let's say Canada, or the U.K. I think that, on the issue of Palestine, but not just the issue of Palestine. Black lives matter, undocumented communities, transphobia, I think across the spectrum the media doesn't give a fair shake to a lot of really important critical issues of our time. Palestine happens to be one of those issues as well.

**FN:** Do you ever see that getting better in America? Or is that rooted in our country?

**Kanazi:** No, I think the discourse is fundamentally shifting. When I first started performing on college campuses, there was maybe seven Students for Justice in Palestine chapters. Today, there's more than 150. I think that when you look at the polls of 18-30-year-old men and women, it's really shifting on the issue of Palestine. There's more support and understanding of the Palestinian issue today than ever before. So when you look at the fact that even on action. ... I think the coalition for support for Palestine, because we live in a country that gives Israel \$3.4 billion in military aid, we send over weapons. So, we are uniquely complicit in that regard, when it comes to Palestine.

**FN:** Going off of that poem "This Divestment Bill Hurts My Feelings," I hear you talk about how the con-

venience of a privileged class takes precedent over stopping oppression. Could you touch on what you mean by that?

**Kanazi:** Well, look, it's very easy to look away, but when you look at the fact that we give Israel \$3.4 billion in military aid, send over Apache helicopters and hellfire missiles, we are not neutral in this situation. We are actively complicit and profiting off of oppression through our tax dollars, community investments and campus investments. So, what Palestinians are saying is, "Look, we're not victims in need of aid. We're people in need of freedom, and your actual society is investing and profiting off of that while standing in the way of that freedom."

*For more of the Q&A session with Kanazi, visit [flyernews.com/remi-kanazi-talks-poetry-palestine-before-the-next-bomb-drops](http://flyernews.com/remi-kanazi-talks-poetry-palestine-before-the-next-bomb-drops).*



# If you want help, just post about it on new app Strivr

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How many times have you been sitting in the library, finally able to focus, when your phone or computer starts to die and you have to go home for your charger and break your perfect concentration? Have you ever really needed a ride somewhere, but have been too afraid to ask a friend out of fear that they'll feel obligated say yes, even if they didn't really want to? What about desperately needing a cup of coffee while working at your on-campus job that you can't leave?

Strivr, an innovative mobile app for college students, has just launched for the University of Dayton and contains the solution to all of the above problems and more. Students in different campus communities are using the app to get help with assignments, borrow chargers or textbooks, and ask for Netflix recommendations, but the possibilities don't stop there. Some requests may seem like a long shot, but with 90 percent of the requests on Strivr met with help, there's not much room to feel hopeless.

"I've seen someone on the app ask to borrow a waffle maker,

and he actually got one dropped off to him," Zach Gray, creator of Strivr, said.

Gray had the idea for Strivr when he was a first year at Lehigh University. Initially, he noticed that whenever he was in a group text and he or one of his

wanted to create a social media platform that was a comfortable place for people to ask their friends and community members for help. His goal was to eliminate the downsides of asking for help by targeting a relevant and willing audience and

ing for help. In that sense, when you ask for help in the group, you are asking your friends directly. But other willing members of your community can also see the request and reply or offer help.

To post a request, users can choose from several categories in which their posts fit best, such as borrowing, delivery or rides. From there, each category has different features that add to the experience and help personalize requests and make them as easy to carry out as possible.

Another feature allows Strivr users to proactively offer help. If you're going for an afternoon Starbucks fix, why not log on and see if anyone else wants something while you're out? This feature emphasizes that the Strivr community is full of people who are willing to help you just to make your life a little easier.

"Since launch, there has been over twice as many offers to help as their have been requests for help," Gray said. "It proves the point that if you want help, you just have to ask for it." Gray wants Strivr to spread the message that it's OK to ask for help by setting up a social media platform full of people who are willing. There is no reason to be scared to ask with Strivr

because you can rest assured there is someone out there who really wants to help you and isn't obligated to. And in many cases, whatever they offer to help you with would be very easy for them to do anyway.

Strivr was only at a few schools when it launched in September 2014, but it is currently at 50—and that number is expected to increase to 75 by the end of the semester. According to Gray, Strivr is a great way to build community on campus by providing students with a way to interact with people that may have never interacted with otherwise. It emphasizes the fact that on campus, someone always has your back in one way or another. This message is no stranger to UD students, who value the tight-knit community of our campus.

At the end of the day, the app gives users a way to pay kindness forward and show members of their community that they are never without a support system, even for something small like a coffee. At UD, that kind of community is what we're all about.



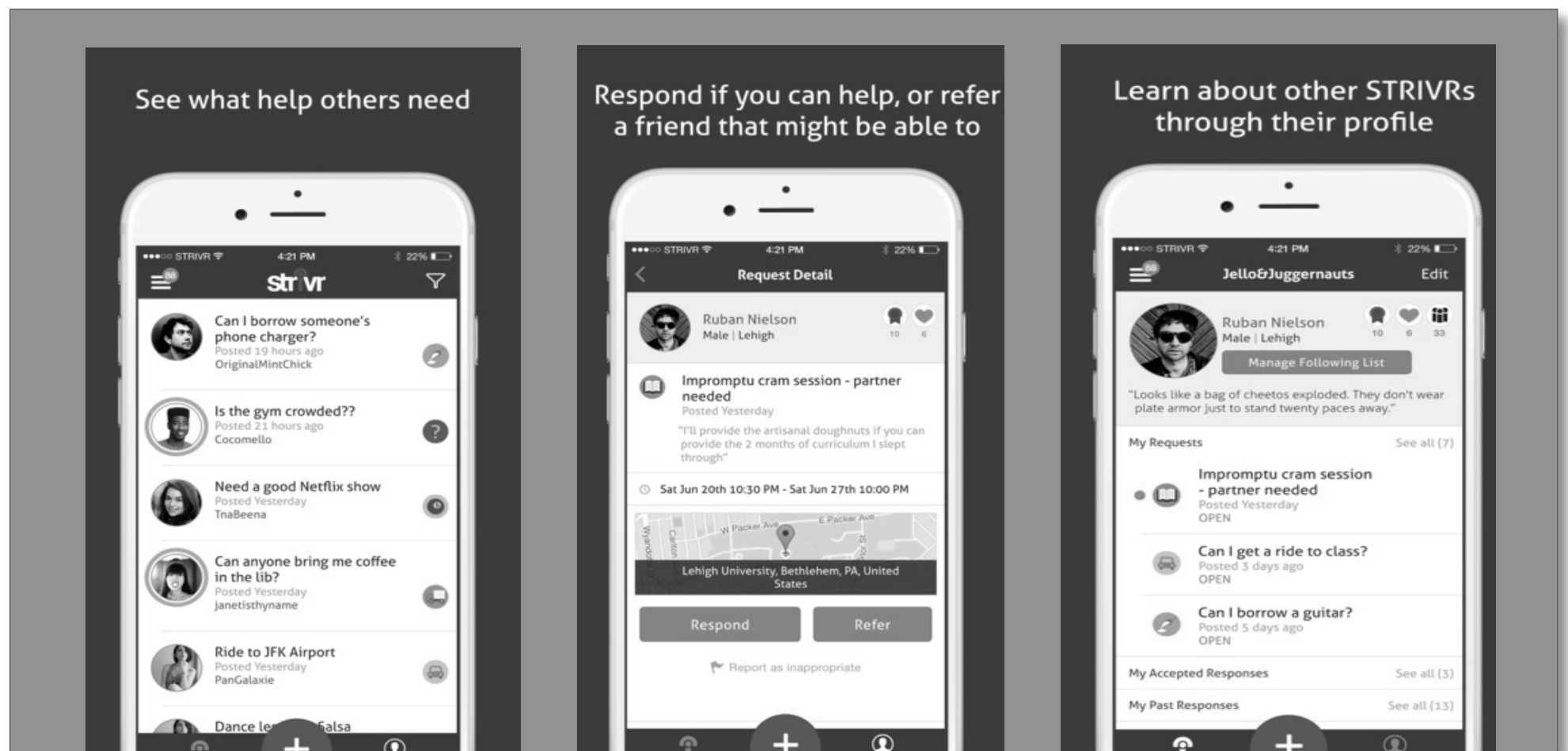
Zach Gray, the creator of Strivr, demonstrates how to use the app on a tablet. Photo courtesy of Leila Wolf.

friends would ask a question, it would often get lost in the noise of the jokes and other conversation going on. Additionally, Gray discerned how people often felt bad asking for favors, and after some research, found that 70 percent of people don't ask for the help they need.

His solution was Strivr. Gray

adding several features to ensure the interaction was as successful as possible.

The app operates on a location-based feed, so that requests from your school are displayed. App users can create a profile and follow their friends so a notification is sent to their phone whenever their friends post ask-



By turning on notifications or scrolling through a feed of Strivr-users, you can see who around you needs help. Photos courtesy of Leila Wolf.

# forum

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## IT'S ALWAYS SUNNY IN DAYTON

When the sun's out on the University of Dayton campus, a lot less shiny things come out with it: jerseys, beers, sheet signs and waves of students in the student neighborhood. When annual celebrations like St. Patrick's Day and March Madness are upon us, it's even easier to get swept away.

The university acknowledges the pressure of peers en masse, as it scheduled a media event March 14 for UD representatives—UD Police Chief Rodney Chatman, Associate Vice President of Student Development Christine Schramm and SGA President Mike Brill—to “discuss preparations for possible St. Patrick's Day and other celebrations,” according to the UD Media Relations press release. University organizations also promoted sober alternatives like the Office of Multicultural Affairs' Sister to Sister program and the RecPlex's free fitness classes. Organizations also provided free food and water at the RecPlex and ArtStreet to encourage students to celebrate smartly. But the university can only do so much to affect student behavior.

On March 17, St. Patrick's Day, a female student fell from a balcony and suffered not life-threatening, but moderately severe, injuries. A day later, UD Media Relations disseminated an update of the student's wellbeing on behalf of Vice President for Student Development Bill Fischer, which stated she was still in the hospital.

Yet, the response to the day's events were that the thousands of students in the neighborhood were “fairly calm,” as a WHIO headline read. The WHIO newscaster continued addressing the police presence on St. Patrick's Day as a way “to prepare their approach for tomorrow, should the Flyers win their NCAA game.”

The students and university aren't the only ones complicit in a culture that produces a reputation for riots and hospitalizations. A “fairly calm” St. Patrick's Day at UD made local headlines. A student was seriously hurt and media swarmed in to make her a story. Maybe we need to challenge that.

Check flyernews.com for more stories on how the local news outlets handled their coverage of the student's injury and St. Patrick's Day at UD.

“Harassment is the background radiation of my life. It is a factor in every decision I make....I'm always thinking about it.”

—Anita Sarkeesian, 1983 - Present

## Finding humanity in bathrooms

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On March 7, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio signed an executive order that gives trans\* people, people who identify with a gender different from the one assigned to them at birth (the asterisk encompasses the many different identities trans\* people may have), the right to use the bathroom that aligns with their gender identity. The mayor explained his actions as important because “this is about affirming the right of someone to follow through on their own identity.” Creating this open space to realize their identity is important to helping affirm the existence of the trans\* population.

With this sort of progression, however, comes resistance from the public, as seen through political opposition. State representatives around the country are introducing legislation that works to discriminate against the LGBTQ+ population—and the trans\* population specifically—by not allowing them open access to facilities that represent their identity. One such piece of legislation was going to be passed in South Dakota, until the governor vetoed the bill after meeting with trans\* students and hearing their stories. It would have required students at public schools to use their gender assigned at birth to determine which public facilities they would use.

A large aspect of this debate comes down to political affiliation and where one ends up falling on that spectrum. This is often exhibited when social values are shifting and developing with the world around them. In the past, and still presently, the United States has had specific fights and changes to landowner's rights, women's rights and racial rights. Now we are expanding that with the fight for the rights of the LGBTQ+ population.

When it comes to the fight for the LGBTQ+ community, the keyword is identity. Identity, and the ability to choose how one goes about living their life, is an American ideal. This sort of freedom is something that should be exhibited all around our country. But it should not be held only for those that live within the norms of society. While there is nothing wrong with living out a traditional life, not everyone is going to go about theirs in a similar fashion—and it is not up to us to police others' lives, as long as they are not harming others.

Interacting with one another is inevitable in our modern world of instant connections, so it is no longer possible to ignore large facets of the community. How we learn about the experiences of others goes beyond awareness—it's about learning to hold yourself accountable for your actions and understanding how they may affect others.

In the end, the question amounts to “How important is being able to use the

bathroom that fits your gender identity, when looking at the larger scale of the human experience?” The answer is “Extremely important.” It is about the right to just access, and right now, the trans\* community is facing discrimination and oppression on that front, similar to the Jim Crow era, where the majority white oppressors separated access to facilities based upon race, thus creating a power structure where the white race was considered superior. In this instance, it is the gender binary structure that is given dominance through the belief in strict cisgender identities, or those who experience their gender identity agreeing with the gender they were assigned at birth.

This is not simply about one's politics, it is about realizing the humanity of others and the equal rights for all. These equal rights are nonexistent when people do not have environments conducive to their safety in which they can express themselves, as is the case currently. The year 2015 saw over 20 trans\* people murdered in the United States—the highest number on record. As long as we continue to ignore the struggles others are facing and only worry about our own, nothing will change.

It is the responsibility of allies to join in the fight against oppression that their trans\* counterparts face each day.

After all, don't we all deserve to use the restroom without fearing for our safety?

## WORD ON THE STREET

For all responses, visit [flyernews.com/word-on-the-street](http://flyernews.com/word-on-the-street).

## What's one thing UD does well or could improve upon to raise awareness about sexual assault?



“I think UD does a good job with the Green Dot prevention program...but I think they could make it more mandatory for people to learn about [these issues].”

KARA MANCINOTTI  
Senior  
Intervention Specialist



“The one thing that UD does best is pour money into programs that actually do support...survivors of sexual assault.”

PATRICK DOYLE  
Senior  
Psychology and Communication



“I think they do a really good job in the beginning of the year preparing us and giving us knowledge about what could happen and telling you what is available...if something were to happen.”

ANNA RUSCONI  
Sophomore  
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“One thing that UD could definitely improve on is talking with the kids at group meetings on our floors with the RAs.”

ROBERT CHADDOCK  
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“I think our Green Dot program... raises a lot of awareness and they do mandatory meetings...which raises the awareness.”

SIERRA SPECK  
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# Columnist: Pros and cons of Donald Trump



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This election has been nothing but one big headache for me. I have publicly expressed my support for the Ron/Rand Paul movement, and recently announced my support for Gov. John Kasich in a recent op-ed, but all polls and primaries are showing that isn't going to happen, barring a miracle. Oh, the joys of being an Independent. Sen. Ted Cruz is gaining momentum, but all signs are showing Donald Trump is going to be the GOP nominee and possibly the next President of the United States, whether you like it or not.

If you love the guy, you have to understand his fallbacks. If you hate his guts, you can't ignore his positive qualities—as for any political candidate. Since I see so much negativity concerning him from my peers, it only makes sense to start with these attributes before getting to the pros (and yes, there are some).

## Cons

1. He's so brash. This is by far the number one thing people hate about Trump. The media goes out of

its way to label him as racist, sexist, and xenophobic, but give credit when credit is due: he has brought those labels on himself through some of his idiotic and outlandish statements. Don't let snippets of his speeches fool you. The man for the most part talks like a president when on camera, and the media loves his sense of humor during press conferences. Just remember the fact he is from New York City.

2. He's politically inexperienced. Trump didn't study Political Science as an undergrad, or go to law school, or earn a Master's in Public Administration. However, you have to understand that's why people like him. Millions of people across the country are tired of career politicians from both parties: Republicans feel let down by their current establishment. There's no doubt he needs to go into greater detail of his proposed policies and how he might accomplish them in front of the camera, but then again I guess that's what his campaign website is for.

3. He's not the poster boy child of the American dream. Okay, America fell in love with Barack Obama's story. I'll be the first to admit, it was very heartwarming. It was very much the opposite of the current GOP front-runner. Trump's net worth when he graduated from college was roughly \$1 million in today's currency, and he became a billionaire three years later when he took over the family business. He's a pop culture icon, and he had international name recognition before he announced his candidacy. But he seems like a humble

**“If you love [Donald Trump], you have to understand his fallbacks. If you hate his guts, you can't ignore his positive qualities.”**

guy, right?

## Pros

1. His campaigning abilities. While many claim Trump is a fear monger or even a populist, there's no doubt his “Make America Great Again” campaign is hitting home with millions. He draws crowds of 20-30,000 people at his rallies, and he's the most talked about person on Facebook and Twitter every day. Maybe the fact he's self-funding his campaign, and not being controlled by special interest groups, is what's grabbing the people's attention from all over the political spectrum. It seems Americans are more politically engaged and in tune to our nation's social and economic problems now than ever before. You might not agree with the guy's stances, but you have to thank him for the excitement he's creating. We needed it desperately. Far too many people in this country could care less about politics.

2. His resume. Let's face reality, Trump is no dummy nor some slacker. Look at his education. Look how many books he's written. Look

at the success of his business. When he passes away, he'll be on the Mt. Rushmore of businessmen alongside Andrew Carnegie, Cornelius Vanderbilt, John D. Rockefeller, and J.P. Morgan. It's true Trump has voted for and donated money to politicians on both sides over the years, but, honestly, who cares? He's an international businessman who's had to work with people of all political ideologies, religions, races, and income levels over the years. Maybe that's the kind of experience our country needs in a president?

3. His narcissistic attitude. Believe it or not, this is a positive character quality. Let's just think about it this way. Trump will turn 70 years old this June. He's as sharp as a tack, has a lot of energy, and his personal health and fitness are amazing, not to mention his superb golf game. It's truly amazing for someone who deliberately only sleeps to 3-5 hours every night in order to be “ahead of the competition.” Saying he takes care of himself is an understatement. While some might say, “Yeah, he's a part of the 1%. What do you expect?” Let me put it this way: If he wins the presidency, I think he's

too much of a narcissist to screw up in his public and/or personal life. The guy obviously wants to go down as the greatest American leader of all time being right up there with George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Franklin D. Roosevelt. I believe he would surround himself with a good Vice-President and 15 other leaders to be in charge of the executive departments, but that's just my opinion. This shouldn't be an issue for him. Obviously, his stardom on NBC's, “The Apprentice,” proves he has lot of hiring (and firing) experience.

These are the positive and negative attributes I see in the guy, and there's no doubt many more. One of my biggest pet peeves are those who label candidates either as ‘good’ or ‘bad’ without critically thinking about them. You have to consider all possibilities and outcomes of all sorts, regardless of what your own political ideology.

# Kasich campaign digs for delegates

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Ohio Gov. John Kasich made a statement to the nation after winning his home state in Tuesday's slate of primary elections. Kasich won Ohio 47-37 percent over the GOP front runner Donald Trump, while Florida senator Marco Rubio lost in his home state of Florida to Trump 46-27 percent. These primaries resulted in Rubio dropping out of the race for the Republican nomination, leaving Trump in the lead with 673 delegates, Ted Cruz with 410 and Kasich with 143.

A freshly enthused Kasich left the stage where he gave his victory speech, happy to have his head above water. ABC News reported Kasich not fully anticipate the win.

“We knew spending \$14,000 on confetti could have backfired on us, but we're obviously very happy with our decision now,” Kasich said. He went on to tell the reporter he is not used to this feeling: “We will celebrate tonight, but first thing tomorrow morning, I will start the long journey to seizing as many delegates as I can find.”

On Kasich's following tour of Pennsylvania, several local news

outlets in the greater Philadelphia area reported a jittery Kasich rummaging through trash cans between Seventh and 13th Streets, while frantically consuming venti-sized Starbucks Cherry Blossom Frappuccinos.

“We first saw him on the streets around 4:30 a.m.,” Channel 7 News' Stephanie McGrady reported. “About 23 college interns have been taking turns bringing him coffee, throwing caution to the wind and running through traffic. One kid actually got hit, to which Kasich promptly sprinted to the rescue and threw the responsible driver's car into the Delaware River.”

Similar reports have come out of Utah since Kasich arrived in the Beehive State. Beth Hansen, Kasich's campaign manager, said they are being proactive in several other states, as well.

“We have no other choice,” Hansen explained to Good Morning America last Monday. “If we don't move at a pace darn near the speed of light, we will not be in position to win the White House in a few months. Do you want to know why Rubio lost in Florida and so many other states? His supporters couldn't move fast enough. We will not have that problem. Rubio's sup-

porters didn't dig holes; as we speak, we have a team digging hole after hole along Newport Beach. There are 172 delegates in California, and we won't stop until we've found every last one of them.”

In Nebraska, Kasich's team has resorted to going far beneath the earth's crust to find delegates. In the past week, Kasich funds have helped build 79 new fracking sites in Garden County.

“I know there are delegates around here somewhere,” Kasich told a local reporter as an intern pumped 5-Hour ENERGY into a transfusion bag running to a port in his chest. “They weren't in the corn fields. I searched those for hours. They weren't in the corn either; I must have peeled around 20,000 or so husks, and I got nothing. I have a good feeling they're with all the natural gas beneath our feet. I can already feel the ground start to shake. They'll soon be free!”

*Editor's Note: This article is satirical. Gov. John Kasich may be turning stones to find delegates, but reporters could not confirm the depth to which the candidate's supporters have dug.*

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# Senior's hair change prompts reflection on UD experience

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I bleached my hair this past week. I thought recent events called for a dramatic change. I half-wanted not to be able to recognize the man staring back in the mirror.

Pending May's closure of this chapter at the University of Dayton, newfound sentiments of independence settle themselves in like a first year getting a random roommate—when excitement of the unknown stirs, all the while ensued by the fear of which bunk you'll have to sleep on. I would like to think I have learned a few things during my years at this amazing university; although, please do not mistake me for being mature or wise. I rely on my family and housemates more than I probably should, and much of my epiphanic realizations have come from midnight conversations with friends and those who care about me.

Musicians don't retire until they have no more music in them (or so I've been told), and I feel like

Aaron Carter trying to relaunch his "I Want Candy" campaign as I start my next adventure of graduation, commencement into my career and attempt to "grow up," if you will. But in all honesty, life is about continuing to sing, despite whatever heartache exists. All suffering involves some sort of loss from our "expectations," and having attempted to swallow my own recent weightiness, I have found the last bit of song that I can, and with the amazing people I have met in the last few months, I have built myself a rock band. It did not come together in an instant—it took some rising from the smoke...literally... as I saw myself beginning to buy cigarettes to cope with some of the stress associated with being a college-Casanova. Every time I purchased a new pack, I participated in the common praxis of flipping one for good luck—thus finding myself a patron of bad habit, all the while hoping more and more for some scrape of good fortune to find its way into my pocket. Amongst some poor decisions, and despite some lapses in judgment, I have

found confidence and peace—and at the same time, allocated a few leaving pieces of advice for the "new-ropes" socializer:

1. Always, ALWAYS question your intentions before any decision or life choice. Many of my mistakes have come through failing to place myself in the shoes of others, and instead relying on my own unanalyzed motivations.

2. Realize you have a voice, whether that voice is quietly expressed through whatever talents you gift to this campus, or whether it is outspoken and charismatic. In parallel, understand your problems are not insignificant, even if you feel like someone will not understand. There is always care for your well-being.

3. Memories are precious and the soul of the past (yes, even the tough ones)—for what is life, if we are to forever feign forgetfulness?

4. Probably the most important "F" word one could ever learn to master would be forgiveness. Forgive. Even if you have a fire burning in you for someone

you just cannot put out. The toxicity of that flame can only burn you. And likewise, be apologetic when you violate trust.

5. Prayer is about relationship with whomever/whatever you perceive to be greater than you. When you suffer and in your pain you feel forsaken, be fully aware God is suffering right alongside you.

6. Force yourself to smile, even in your low points. Sometimes, laughing at your own reaction to hardship can bring you to peace.

7. When you feel alone, make your way home. Wherever that home is for you.

8. It is alright to ask for help.

9. Love uncontrollably. Realizing sometimes the antithesis of love is wisdom and if you are to love, at times, you must deject the idea of wise behavior in hopes of selflessly giving yourself to a greater good. Sometimes to love is to let go of control. Do so with pride and never fear the opinions of others. Be real with yourself and allow karmic balance to oversee society's

perception of you.

10. Read voraciously. That is where you will find more knowledge than anything else.

11. Adventure to push your comfort zone at its seams—and, at times, do the opposite of what you would normally do. Some of the best results come from the unexpected. Break routines and patterns. Habits can grow into vices.

12. Take care of your health.

13. Talk to strangers – despite what you learned in the third grade.

Being a Flyer has been a privilege. I take more than just a piece of paper adorned with a degree from this beautiful place with me as I move out to Michigan come June.

God bless.

*If you have an opinion you'd like to share, please email Opinions Editor Steven Goodman at goodmans1@udayton.edu.*

# Writer calls for attention to 'B' in LGBT

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Bisexuality has been forgotten when it comes to acceptance in the LGBT community and society as a whole. The commonly known "B" in LGBT is continually ignored and even denied existence on a regular basis. Despite its definition being relatively common knowledge, the conversation surrounding it is nearly silent.

Frequently, we hear bisexuality being referred to as a "fad" or a "phase." Both straight and gay people have told me someone who identifies as bi is just "confused" and will eventually decide whether they are gay or straight. In addition to the potential homophobia a bisexual person may experience for being attracted to the same sex, they may also encounter the complete denial of their sexuality's existence.

Why is it so difficult for many to acknowledge that bisexuality is real? This could potentially be answered by our society's preoccupation with everything existing in a binary. We struggle to see the world as not just

black and white, but a gradation of grays. Sexuality should be viewed in the same manner. Believe it or not, a person does not have to be gay or straight but can be attracted to both and more.

Then, if someone acknowledges bisexuality does indeed exist and you happen to identify as such, there are the stereotypes and judgments that accompany it. Many assume bisexual individuals are inherently promiscuous and available to bring sexual fantasies to life. Or it is reduced to a form of pseudo-entertainment, since being "able" to make out with men and women apparently equates to a party trick. We constantly have to defend ourselves and somehow validate that we are "actually" bisexual.

There is the typical quiz I and many other bisexuals experience by those who find out about our sexuality: How do you know you are bisexual? Have you even been with people of the opposite sex? What if you get a boyfriend, are you straight then? Or a girlfriend, a lesbian then? This slew of demeaning questions contributes to the denial of bisexuality. This judgment leads to potential self-denial of your

**"We struggle to see the world as not just black and white, but a gradation of grays."**

own sexuality and shame of it. It reduces sexuality to who you have sexual interactions with, when sexuality is more than just sex. It encompasses who you have feelings for, who you want to form relationships with, who you fall in love with and, ultimately, how you define yourself.

Specifically as a bisexual woman, you lack outlets for support—especially on UD's campus and in this area. From my own personal experience, it began with a lack of community around me. It may not be surprising there is a very minimal amount of LGBT support on a Catholic campus. Along with this, when you fear straight and

homosexual people will both discriminate against you, it reduces your options for friends and romantic partners. There are not even support groups in the Dayton area for us. There are two groups for bisexual males and multiple gay/lesbian/transgender groups, but nothing for bisexual women. With the obvious lack of options, it is hard not to begin to feel isolated and invisible.

This is not a pity party for bisexuals, but a simple call for acknowledgement. Bisexuality needs to be brought to an equal level of importance as lesbian, gay, transgender and other sexual and gender identifications.

A person's sexuality does not wholly define them, but it is not a part of them that should be ignored or negated. Society has certainly improved in regards to the acceptance of the diversity of sexuality and LGBT communities, but that does not mean there is not more work to do. If I and many other bisexuals feel like we have to hide a part of ourselves, there is still an issue.

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## COLUMN: MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Early NCAA Tournament exit blips on the radar

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I awoke Friday morning with a bad feeling—a feeling that knew something was amiss with the Dayton Flyers men's basketball team—which had lost four of their last eight games leading up to the NCAA tournament. It didn't sit well with me that head coach Archie Miller's squad that had been soaring up until February couldn't hit shots in the Atlantic 10 tournament and would be playing as favorites against Jim Boheim's Syracuse Orange. That's not the script the Dayton Flyers are used to in March.

It would be easy to sit here and sulk over the fact that a 21-3 record and a No. 15 ranking in the country turned into a dismal, but not-all-that-shocking, first-round NCAA exit in a matter of weeks, but that's not what Dayton is about either.

I took a stroll Friday afternoon after the Orange had turned the 2014 tides on the Flyers, wondering what the streets on the south side of campus may have looked like had the script not been flipped. It was strangely peaceful. And we at Dayton understand more than anybody the reality of college basketball...just normally on the flip side. March happens.



Charles Cooke (4) will be one of four seniors on next season's Dayton men's basketball roster, along with Kyle Davis, Kendall Pollard and Scoochie Smith. The James Madison transfer led the team in scoring this season with 15.6 points per game. Photo by Ron Thaman.

Don't worry, Flyer fans. In our Midwest region alone there were three teams that suffered worse upsets in the first round than UD did. No. 6 Seton Hall fell to No. 11 Gonzaga. No. 5-seeded Purdue threw away its game against No. 12 Little Rock. And, most notably, No. 2 seed Michigan State, a proven March juggernaut, fell to the lowly No. 15 Middle Tennessee. For us, that one hurts the most knowing that, had the Flyers overcome Syracuse, the only team standing between them and the Sweet 16 would have been a No. 15-seed.

Further, Gonzaga ended up

knocking off No. 3-seed Utah in the second round, and is the Sweet 16 matchup for the winner of Syracuse and Middle Tennessee. If you're following along, you realize that a double-digit seed from the Midwest region will be in the Elite Eight. It's a cruel irony for the Flyers to say the least.

Don't despair, though, because teams like West Virginia, California and Baylor had even higher expectations for the tournament and still incurred the wrath of relentless bracket busters. Even Miller's brother and fellow coach, Sean Miller, took a fall when his

No. 6-seeded Arizona Wildcats fell to No. 11 Wichita State.

Keep your heads up because 2017 is the year that will matter. Charles Cooke, Kyle Davis, Kendall Pollard and Scoochie Smith will all be seniors who, minus Cooke, have experienced the jubilation of a Cinderella run and the agony of tournament defeat. They'll have a year of experience of playing as favorites and, for once, being favored in an NCAA tournament game. And of course they'll have a burning desire to get back in the field of 68 and blaze their own trail as far as fate will take them.

One lousy month, or one tournament loss doesn't taint what has happened in Dayton over the past few seasons, as senior Dyshawn Pierre explained following his career's final game.

"There [has been] a lot of progression from my first year to my fourth year," he said. "Not knowing where we were at my first year [to] becoming a winning kind of team, and expecting wins and expecting to make it far and having higher expectations for ourselves every single year."

In Pierre's freshman season, the Flyers had a losing record in the conference and lost in the first round of the Atlantic 10 tournament. They didn't participate

in any national postseason play. But given the nature of the past three years, 2013 is a distant memory.

Over the next two seasons, UD won five tournament games, losing in the 2014 Elite Eight to Florida and the 2015 Round of 32 to Oklahoma.

"Getting to the tournament three out of four years, I mean when I got here people would say that was highly unlikely," Pierre said. "It's unfortunate I have to go out like this, but at the same time I know that we'll have great years to come."

Yes, St. Patrick's Day week may have been a whole lot more lively had the Flyers done normal Flyer things and won a tournament game or two. And yes, the 2015-16 season would have been remembered as one for the ages had there been a nice cherry to cap it off. But know that this is by no means the end of an era or the start of a slump. It's a hiccup, a growing pain, on a journey to turn a little college basketball program from Dayton, Ohio, into a formidable power on the national stage.

For the first time, the Flyers are experiencing the sour end of the madness of college hoops. It's a weird feeling, but a necessary stepping stone on that journey. Welcome to March.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Flyers finish 2015-16 season with loss to Western Kentucky

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The Dayton Flyers women's basketball season came to a close Thursday night in an 89-72 loss to Western Kentucky in the Women's National Invitational Tournament (WNIT), which the Flyers were invited to play in after failing to qualify for the NCAA Tournament. The Flyers finished their season with a 14-15 record overall, definitely not the season most would've expected from the Flyers this year.

Sophomore guard Jenna Burdette led the Flyers in their final game with had 19 points, and also chipping in were junior center Saicha Grant-Allen (15 points, 13 rebounds) and sophomore guard JaVonna Layfield (14 points, 12 rebounds) who each had double-doubles.

Senior center Jodie Cornelie-Sigmundova, who played in her

final game at UD, finished with seven points, four rebounds and two blocks, finishing her career as Dayton's all-time leader in blocks, which includes both the men and women's teams. It was a close game throughout, but Western Kentucky was able to pull away at the end.

"I thought we had them," Cornelie-Sigmundova said after the game. "We ran out of gas at the end. We had them, we played well for 2.5 quarters, but just ran out of gas at the end."

The Flyers were down 40-36 after two quarters, but then would go on to be outscored by 13 points in the second half and lose 89-72.

It was a season that started with a lot of promise, but finished on a sour note. Injuries mainly served as the Flyers undoing, with a lot of close losses throughout the season as well. It was a team that was coming into the year expecting

to be led by their three seniors, guards Amber Deane and Kelley Austria, and Cornelie-Sigmundova. Sigmundova would be the only senior left standing by the end of the year.

Both Deane and Austria were sidelined with injuries that cost them their seasons, both before January, when the bulk of the season heated up. Therefore, it was a season when a lot of younger players had to fill some big roles on the team. As a senior, this wasn't the kind of season Cornelie-Sigmundova thought it was going to be.

"We started out great, but then Kelley and Amber got hurt, so we had to play a lot of players that weren't used to playing or in positions they weren't used to playing in," Cornelie-Sigmundova said. "It was a struggle trying to fit into new positions, it was weird at the start, but we got better as the

season went on."

Cornelie-Sigmundova hopes to return to her native France after graduating in May, possibly to play basketball professionally.

This season can be viewed as building toward the future for the program, as the young players played more and can take that experience into next season. The Flyers will be without Deane and Cornelie-Sigmundova, but they will get Austria back, as she will be using a fifth year of eligibility. Cornelie-Sigmundova has some advice to give the young players and future UD players.

"Once the season starts you really can't get better, but you can get better over the summer while no one is watching," she said. "Take advantage of the time you have by yourself to get better in the off season."

It's been a unique season for

the Flyers and head coach Jim Jabir, who a couple weeks ago talked about how this season was frustrating, but also how it can help build toward the future.

"For eight years we've had a lot of luck [with no major injuries], and this year we've had some key injuries," Jabir said. "You can't make excuses and you can't pout, you've just got to keep fighting."

Jabir sees the future starting to come a little sooner as the younger players step up and play more.

"The future will be enhanced by what they are learning now," he said. "We are playing a lot of young kids and they are getting valuable experience, and we will benefit from that down the road."

The Flyers will look to have a productive off-season, as Jabir has vowed to re-evaluate everything in the program to avoid a season like this again.

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## SOFTBALL

## Flyers post two shutouts in doubleheader sweep of Akron

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In its home opener Sunday, the Dayton softball team swept both games of a doubleheader from the Akron Zips, 5-0 and 1-0. The Flyers were returning from more than a week off games due to weather and improved their season record to 9-10, while keeping the Zips off the scoreboard for all 14 innings between the two games.

Dayton shelled out 10 hits in game one, as junior infielder Hannah DeSalvo led the way with three runs batted in. Sophomore pitcher Manda Cash tossed all seven innings for her second win of the season, a three-hit, nine-strikeout shutout.

The Flyers took longer to get going offensively in game two, scratching across just one hit over the first four innings. Luckily for UD, freshman pitcher Jessica Gilliam kept the Zips' offense at bay as well.

In the fifth inning, DeSalvo doubled with one out and scored later on an error, giving the Flyers the game's only run.

"Their pitcher did a good job, we didn't adjust as quickly," head coach Cara LaPlaca said after the game. "I think we were just waiting to be patient, and once we did that we were able to get that one run that we needed."

Gilliam pitched five innings and allowed four hits before junior Gabrielle Snyder relieved her in the sixth. She recorded two outs before Cash returned to action to finish out the Zips.

"When they're doing well, they're trusting their pitches," LaPlaca said of her pitchers. "And each of them brings a different kind of look to batters. Particularly with this game when we saw three of them in combination for a shutout, they're able to utilize their strengths and keep our opposing offense off balance."

Before Sunday, Dayton was on a five-game losing skid,

falling to Miami (OH), twice to Eastern Kentucky, Louisville and Michigan, who was ranked second in the nation at the time.

"We build our schedule intentionally. We want to be challenged heading into our conference season. We want to be facing some of the toughest opponents that we have all season," LaPlaca said Sunday. "They certainly exposed some of our areas that we need to clean up, and I think that really helped us prepare for today."

The Flyers are home-and-home with crosstown rival Wright State this week, playing at UD Tuesday and in Fairborn Wednesday. St. Joseph's comes in for a three-game weekend series to kick off Atlantic 10 conference play Friday.

*For updates on the Flyers this softball season, follow @FlyerNewsSports.*



Freshman pitcher Jessica Gilliam got her fourth win of the season in the Flyers' 1-0 win over Akron in the second game of a Sunday doubleheader at the UD Softball Stadium. Gilliam (4-5) pitched five innings and gave up four hits while striking out two. Chris Santucci/Multimedia Editor



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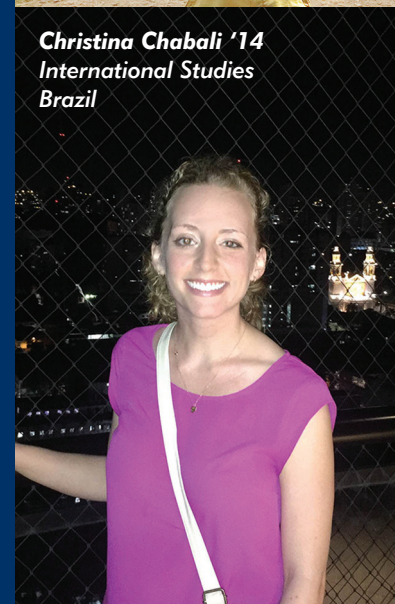
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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Flyers bow out to Syracuse in first round of NCAA Tourney

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The haze that seemed to follow the Dayton men's basketball team since the middle of February showed up in full force Friday afternoon in St. Louis, as the No. 7 seed Flyers fell to No. 10 Syracuse 70-51 at the Scottrade Center in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Dayton (25-8) lost five of its final nine games over the last month of the season, after climbing to a 21-3 record following a Feb. 12 68-66 victory at Rhode Island.

The Flyers shot 18-of-56 from the field Saturday (32.1 percent). Dayton shot better (45.5 percent) in its 82-79 Atlantic 10 Tournament semifinals loss to Saint Joseph's on March 12, but junior guard Kyle Davis felt the Flyers let the A-10 Tournament loss affect their play against Syracuse.

"I feel like everything just rolled over from [the A-10 Tournament]," Davis said after the game. "Not making shots and people just hesitating to take shots—and I think it rolled over to today?"

Syracuse, led by Hall of Fame coach Jim Boeheim, employs a trademark 2-3



The Dayton Flyers struggled from inside the arc, shooting just 12-of-34 (35.3 percent) and 32.1 percent overall in a 70-51 defeat to Syracuse in the first round of the NCAA Tournament Friday afternoon. Senior forward Dyshawn Pierre (21) finished with six points and six rebounds in his final game as a Dayton Flyer. Photo by Ron Thaman.

zone defense the Flyers last saw two years ago when they defeated the then third-seeded Orange 55-53 to advance to the Sweet Sixteen.

Because of that familiarity, Dayton players and head coach Archie Miller were most frustrated not with the defense but with their inability to make

shots around the rim.

"Their zone is their zone," Miller said. "They didn't do anything different than they ever do."

"We beat ourselves in this game," Davis said. "We weren't making some smart decisions, and when the ball got in the middle, we weren't making easy layups that we normally make."

What was just a two-point halftime deficit for UD, 30-28, ballooned to as big as a 23-point 56-33 Syracuse lead with 7:48 to go. The Flyers scored just five points in the half up to that point, and began the half missing four of five free throw attempts.

"We missed some opportunities early on in the game, and late, to convert some two-point baskets, some easy ones, and free throws," Miller said. "It started to deflate us a little bit."

Dayton never cut the lead to fewer than 14 points from that time onward.

The Orange had five players score in double-figures and were led by freshman forward Malachi Richardson, who led all scorers with 21 points on five-of-12 shooting. He converted eight-of-nine free throw attempts, as well. Junior forward Tyler Roberson had 10 points and a game-high 18 rebounds, eight of them coming on

the offensive end. Dayton had just 10 offensive rebounds as a team and was out-rebounded by 20 overall, 48-28.

"They were just more aggressive than us," Dayton senior forward Dyshawn Pierre said.

Junior guard Charles Cooke led UD with 14 points on four-of-12 shooting, including two-of-nine from 3-point range. Junior point guard Scoochie Smith was the only other Flyer in double-figures with 12.

"We just didn't play the way we wanted to play today," Smith said. "And we tried to keep fighting, and, unfortunately, we were on the wrong end of the scoreboard."

This marks the final game in the Flyer careers of Pierre and forward Bobby Wehrli. They were each a part of three NCAA Tournament teams and have five tournament wins between them.

"As I told the guys in the locker room, in particular [we're] going to miss Dyshawn and Bobby," Miller said. "Those guys started us off a couple of years ago and gave us an opportunity to even be here today?"

"[I'm] very disappointed in the way we played, but also very proud of where we're at right now," Miller said.

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