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Welcome home
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A Flyer view of the National Park Service centennial

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During times of transition, I think it’s important to step back and reflect.

We teach our students to change and adapt to meet the needs of the times, but let’s face it, change is rarely easy for anyone.

I have been so impressed by how the University of Dayton has handled the presidential transition — from honoring the legacy of outgoing president Dan Curran to welcoming me and my family with open arms and open minds.

I’m particularly grateful to President Curran, who worked selflessly to make the transition seamless. Before I became president, he supported my working with him and others to fill four important administrative roles with outstanding leaders who will put their mark on our curriculum, diversity, student profile, and fund-raising and alumni engagement efforts well into the future.

With a smile and with grace, Dan made room for a new president. Together, we appeared at alumni community gatherings and followed the NCAA-bound Flyers to St. Louis. We jumped on a plane headed to Washington, D.C., to promote regional economic development at the annual Dayton Development Coalition’s Community Leader Fly-In.

We drove to Cincinnati to meet Archbishop Dennis Schnurr and talk about faith and identity, the soul of any Marianist spirit, we can reach higher than what we have imagined possible.

As we start a new chapter in the University of Dayton’s history, I am committed to listening to a diversity of voices, and I will strive to communicate in an open, transparent fashion. For a behind-the-scenes glimpse of campus life, subscribe to my blog at udayton.edu/blogs/president, and follow me on Twitter or take a look at my daily Instagram photos @DaytonPrezSpina.
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The story of Coral Flamand and her battle for life against overwhelming odds touched me in a never-before-experienced way. Her mother’s faith that God can work a miracle and make her daughter whole again moved me to tears. As a Catholic, I know that anything is possible with God’s help. When I read Diana Flamand saying that “they have kept faith and found the strength to accept what has happened rather than struggle to make sense of it,” my heart joins with hers as I have tried to do the same. My husband has had horrific health issues over the past year. Luckily, we don’t need a miracle to make Paul whole again, just time. But as his caregiver, I understand the hard work and frustrations that

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—Linda Cole

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MANY MIRACLES

From the editors: We received many calls and comments regarding the cover feature of the Summer 2016 issue. The story of Coral Flamand ’13, her traumatic brain injury after a car accident, and the faith that sustains her family and friends touched many. This included at least two alumni who are doctors — one who offered to connect the Flamands with rehabilitation services in Puerto Rico and another who offered advice on an assistive device to help Coral communicate.

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the Flamand family now face. When days are hard, it’s easy to give in to the demons of despair, depression and impatience. I pray for the Flamands, too, that they keep being strong.

I have never prayed for a miracle before, not even on Paul’s worst days, but I pray nightly for the intercession of our Lord and Blessed William Joseph Chaminade to give Coral the miracle she needs.

BARBARA KALO SMITH ’72
LAKE HAVASU CITY, ARIZONA

PRAYER, AMEND

I love the Marianist Society but feel that the prayer ["Prayer for Coral," Summer 2016] needs to read, “that through the intercession of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, you will restore to full health, your servant, Coral.” The Lord is the only intercessor, as the Bible states.

LAURA KRAUSE ’83
MONROE, OHIO

ROMERO COMMUNITY

The essay on Archbishop Oscar Romero in the spring issue of the UD Magazine ["Romero Rises Again"] brings back fond memories of multiple trips I have taken to El Salvador. The UD Center for Social Concern has also taken groups of students there over the years. San Salvador has been the place for many martyrs in addition to the newly beatified archbishop, such as Jesuit teachers, priests, nuns and faithful Salvadorans. I have monitored elections in El Salvador as the country slowly moves back from the brink. And I admire the work done by UD alumna Leslie Schuld. Peace takes time and a lot of work on the ground. For 22 years she been our exemplary peacemaker.

I was present in the first group Leslie took to hear the stories of the emerging Romero Community. The community, misplaced wanderers from years of war, was trying to build new lives together, in shacks and tents, on unused government land. Over the years, Leslie has been instrumental in securing property deeds for these people to remain and build modest homes. Their determination to rebuild is admirable, as is Leslie’s UD footprint.

JOSEPH KUNKEL
PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF PHILOSOPHY
DAYTON

TOO MUCH AT STAKE TO FAIL

I really enjoyed the section in the latest University of Dayton Magazine on what students learned from the Wright brothers. The answers show how UD is teaching students to read critically and tie what has happened in the past to what can happen in the future. That said, I was a bit let down that not one student noted what I thought was a major lesson taught by the Wright brothers. Though Nicolette Dahdah alluded to the competition the Wright brothers had with Samuel Langley, your story failed to note the key difference between the two groups: Langley’s effort was funded by government, cost substantially more and failed miserably, whereas the Wright brothers funded their effort using profits from their bike shop, cost a fraction of Langley’s effort and succeeded. In an era of increasingly corporatecronyism, it is important to understand that pure entrepreneurship forces efficiencies and results in a manner a government-funded endeavor does not. Langley could afford to fail with other people’s money. The Wright brothers could not fail given what they personally had at stake.

MATT A. MAYER ’93
DUBLIN, OHIO

ENDURING INTRAMURALS

When I was freshman, I had the pleasure of being in the first group of work study folks who were student supervisors at the PAC, the precursor to RecPlex ["Home Sweet RecPlex," June 13, 2016]. I worked for some great folks like Bill Mayo and Charlie Snoots, and we were there to assist the folks for intramurals and other activities. ... When you talk about the UD family, one of the many aspects of campus life were the activities that were afforded the students on campus. With RecPlex, the level of facilities was enhanced for the newer generation of UD students. I would love to see an article about what was done with intramurals in the earlier days: Baujan Field for softball, PAC for racquetball and basketball, and the Fieldhouse (now the Frericks Center) for intramural volleyball.

JIM HORTSMAN ’79
POSTED TO UDQUICKLY

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Being a UD chemical engineering grad, a contributor to ETHOS, and the mom of a son with special needs, I can only try to imagine the challenges these families must have in Nicaragua ["An ETHOS of Service," June 9, 2016]. Fantastic that you too are making a difference!

PAIGE GIANNETTI
POSTED TO UDQUICKLY

FAITHFUL, FRIENDS

Great story ["Meet Us In St. Louis," May 20, 2016]. It is so true that the Flyer Faithful travel very well, and it is a great experience to be on the road with friends and fellow Flyers to support their team. Not just the NCAA Tournament, but it is fun to be a fan at any of the tournaments that they are participating in or any road game even during the season.

TRIP DEGROFF
POSTED TO UDQUICKLY
MEANS MEMORIES
Tony Macklin got it right [Letters, Summer 2016]: Mike Means (except when he called his favorite devilish poker game) was a decent man. With that one exception, I always enjoyed my colleague in the halls, in meetings, at his and Joanne’s parties. One of a generation of bright humanities teachers, Mike served as English chair. And served all with his sly wit and the positive attitude about life and others his wit humorously masked. Telling was his affection for old-fashioned circus wagons. For Mike, life was to be lived, family was to be enjoyed, and the circus might always be on its way.

FRANK HENNINGER
PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF ENGLISH
AKRON, OHIO

MORE MEMORIES
English professor Mike Means [1932-2015] has been described as a warm, sensitive person with a calm and equitable bearing. He was all of that and also very courageous. When he was a young untenured faculty member, he participated in writing the document “Conditions of Service Affecting the Life of the Mind.” The document was critical of the then-intellectual life at the university. It marked a historical change in a faculty concerned with more than basketball and piety.

Don Frericks [1935-2016], assistant dean in the School of Education, courageously battled illness through the eight decades of his life. As an administrator dedicated to the Marianist tradition, he was well known for answering his many calls by saying, “How can I help you?” He cemented the School of Education’s relationship with the National Catholic Education Association by organizing NCEA’s many summer workshops for thousands of Catholic teachers. He was the backbone of the Marianist Education Consortium of schools. The consortium provided the resources and support for Catholic high schools with a Marianist presence. These schools would never have had renewal opportunities for their administrators and teachers but for his work. Dr. Frericks was honored by Catholic educators nationally, and he honored them locally by initiating Catholic Teacher of the Year awards. These are but a few examples of how the Marianist tradition correspond to reality. He lived UD every day of his life.

ELLIS JOSEPH
DEAN EMERITUS, SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
BEAVERCREEK, OHIO

“Voters like vice-presidential candidates who come from the same home state or demographic group, but it doesn’t change their votes for president.”
—ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE CHRISTOPHER DEVINE AND KYLE KOPKO IN AN OPINION PIECE ABOUT VOTER TRENDS, IN THE WASHINGTON POST

“He wants to remain relevant to the party, not just for this election but in the future.”
—POLITICAL SCIENCE LECTURER DAN BIRDSONG ON WCPO-TV ABOUT OHIO GOV. JOHN KASICH’S MESSAGE TO DELEGATES LEADING UP TO THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

“We know that if we’re going to impact change, we need to be one unified community and pray together.”
—CRYSTAL SULLIVAN, CAMPUS MINISTRY, SPEAKING TO WHIO-TV JULY 8 AFTER A CAMPUS PRAYER SERVICE TO ADDRESS VIOLENCE IN THE U.S. AND AROUND THE WORLD

“Renewable energy will be much more stable in the long term.”
—PROFESSOR BOB BRECHA OF UD’S HANLEY SUSTAINABILITY INSTITUTE IN AN OCCUPY.COM STORY ABOUT WIND ENERGY

“It’s going to be an authentic process. I don’t have a cheat sheet.”
—PRESIDENT ERIC F. SPINA ON THE PUBLIC VISIONING PROCESS TO DEVELOP THE UNIVERSITY’S NEXT STRATEGIC PLAN, IN THE DAYTON DAILY NEWS

“He calls on Christians to participate in a culture war. He says, if you’re really going to be a Christian, you’re in this war against the atheistic, humanistic enemy.”
—WILLIAM TROLLINGER, PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AND CO-AUTHOR OF RIGHTING AMERICA AT THE CREATION MUSEUM, ON KEN HAM, FOUNDER OF THE CREATION MUSEUM, IN THE NEW YORK TIMES JUNE 27
“I am full of kashi and takara.” —SENIOR KATIE WILLARD ON FINDING “HAPPINESS” AND “PEACE” IN INDIA DURING A 10-WEEK ETHOS SERVICE-IMMERSION TRIP

“One of the biggest hurdles to maintaining legacy aircraft is securing out-of-production spare parts.” —BRIAN RICE, UD RESEARCH INSTITUTE, ON THE $8 MILLION AWARD TO HELP THE AIR FORCE SUSTAIN AGING AIRCRAFT

“Catholic education remains a beacon of hope for many.” —SUSAN FERGUSON ’76, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, UD’S CENTER FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION, AT ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION JUNE 24

“He’s a good company man.” —BROTHER TOM REDMOND, S.M., ABOUT FATHER LARRY MANN, S.M. ’36, WHO TURNED 100 AUG. 1; READ MORE, PAGE 52

“For giving a classic modern dance powerful new life.” —CITATION FOR THE DAYTON CONTEMPORARY DANCE CO., WHICH RECEIVED THE 2016 BESSIE AWARD FOR ITS REVIVAL OF “RAINBOW ‘ROUND MY SHOULDER”; DCDC IS UD’S ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

**Advocate app**

Victims of crime in Ohio now have access to an entire community of help in the palm of their hands with AVIATOR, a new free mobile app developed by Family Services of Dayton and the UD Research Institute. UDRI researchers developed the app technology and Family Services created the database of statewide resources, which allows the community to quickly connect with law enforcement, medical services, counselors, justice information, community resources and other professionals and organizations that can provide support to a victim after a crime. Said Bonnie Parish, executive director of Family Services, “This project allows us to provide additional means to support people who are feeling vulnerable and need assistance but don’t always know where to find it.”

**Life-saving, award-winning**

UD’s student rescue squad received a standing ovation and the Ohio EMS Agency of the Year award in May from a partnership of Ohio emergency services personnel and physician organizations. In August, University of Dayton EMS moved their award into their new home at 214 Lawnview Ave., thanks to $270,000 in donations from 27 individuals and organizations. An additional $130,000 is being raised to complete funding for the headquarters, which includes dedicated office and study spaces for students on call, plus three bedrooms, three baths, a locker room and full kitchen. Last year, the all-volunteer squad responded to 315 calls, including 39 recreational sports-related injuries and six possible heart attacks.
**Prairie, fire**

“Spirituality enables you to appreciate the gift of the earth and its potential.” Brother Don Geiger, S.M. ’55, shares these words in the new documentary *Fire, Rain, Wind, Snow, and Fire: The Story of a Prairie*. Created by associate professor of visual arts Suki Kwon through a faculty grant from UD’s Hanley Sustainability Institute, the film uncovers the importance of preserved and restored natural environments. Kwon described the documentary as her act of bringing to life the beauty of natural environments. Kwon described the documentary as her act of bringing to life the beauty of natural environments. She said, “I wish to produce in this documentary a meditation on the beautiful in nature and on those moments when that nature becomes potentially an imperfect and precarious context for the ambitions of humans.”

**Fair trade**

The University signed a resolution this summer to promote “sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all” and ensure “sustainable consumption and productive patterns.” The resolution is UD’s final step toward being designated a fair trade university with Fair Trade Campaigns, a national grassroots movement. “This aligns our practices with our Catholic, Marianist principles, and affirms our dedication to deepening these practices,” Provost Paul Benson said. “We will have fair trade goods in our retail outlets and bookstore, promote education about fair trade on campus, and ensure the goods we purchase as a University are ethically sourced.”

**Aloha, archives**

UD said “aloha” to the Marianist Archives in June as the last of the collection, housed since 1977 on the Roesch Library third floor, shipped to its new home in San Antonio. The seven truckloads of materials — such as glass photo plates taken by Brother Gabriel Bertram Bellinghausen, S.M., in Hawaii in the 1800s — document the history of the Society of Mary in the United States. The new National Archives of the Marianist Province of the United States has more than 10,265 square feet of storage, exhibit and office space. It will consolidate all provincial collections — once spread across the Cincinnati, St. Louis, Pacific and New York provinces — under one roof on the campus of St. Mary’s University.

**Princess in the paper**

*bit.ly/UDM_PrincessInThePaper*

The princess in pink conversing with her animated animal friends may have more contemporary power than you may guess, writes Alexandria Irene Lueke ’14 in her honors thesis, “The Disney Evolution: Princesses as Positive Role Models.” Since being made available in the University’s institutional repository, eCommons, in April 2015, it has become UD’s most downloaded paper — more than 2,000 times from 67 countries. Writes Lueke, “Interactions between the female protagonists and animals in the stories showcase the princesses’ progressive qualities and highlight the ways in which these individuals may be seen as reputable women who set a worthy example for young girls. In fact, one may argue that these women are model citizens of their respective time periods who advocate for gender equality, while promoting healthy, functional relationships and pursuing happiness.”
FLIGHT DECK

Leadership in diversity, advancement

The University of Dayton announced appointments to two vice presidential positions, completing the search process for administrative leadership under President Eric Spina.

Lawrence A. Q. Burnley is the University’s first vice president for diversity and inclusion. Burnley was chief diversity officer and associate vice president for diversity, equity and inclusion at Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington, a private liberal arts college affiliated with the Presbyterian Church. Burnley will oversee the University’s efforts to create a more equitable and inclusive campus community and workplace.

said Spina, “The breadth and depth of his experience is particularly impressive, including collaborative strategic planning for enhancing diversity, work with faculty on curriculum and pedagogical development, collaboration on diversity recruitment initiatives for faculty and staff, and support of enrollment management and student affairs in recruiting and supporting students of color and other underrepresented groups.”

Jennifer Howe has joined UD as the vice president of advancement. She helped lead a $1.93 billion fundraising campaign for Vanderbilt University.

“Her experience and wisdom will be crucial,” said Spina, “as we begin conversations about our aspirations as a University and how we can increase external support for our outstanding students, faculty and programs.”

Howe is responsible for managing the development, alumni relations, corporate and foundation relations, and relationship management offices. Her experience includes planning and implementing successful campaigns, personally bringing in principal and major gifts totaling more than $20 million in the last four years, significantly increasing annual giving and supporting athletics’ capital needs.

Human rights leader

Camilo Pérez-Bustillo, a former adviser to the United Nations coordinator of a project on human rights along the U.S.-Mexico border, is the first executive director of the University of Dayton Human Rights Center.

Pérez-Bustillo said he hopes to further enrich the work of the human rights studies program, build on successful Human Rights Center initiatives in Malawi and Brazil, and forge close ties with the University of Dayton School of Law. He also holds the position of professor of human rights law.

In June, the University announced $600,000 in commitments from alumni and friends to help endow the new Human Rights Center. The gifts will support faculty and student research, advocacy and education initiatives.

The gifts are in honor of outgoing President Daniel J. Curran, whom Mark Ensalaco, Human Rights Center director of research, praised as a champion for the center’s mission to be “a voice for the voiceless.”

New view(book)

There’s a lot to keep the next generation of Flyers busy and exploring, thanks to the new University of Dayton Viewbook app launched in July.

Once inside, students scroll through and click on interactive storytelling about Flyer community and history, academics and affordability, sports and student life. Students learn what makes UD distinctive and how their education can result in a better world for us all. Embedded features include videos, links and a zoomable campus map to orient prospective students before they even step foot on campus.

While intended for prospective students — the app links students directly to the online application — Flyers of all ages will see something that resonates. To view and share, visit the App Store or Google Play.
A 2012 student-led research project suggesting the University establish a green revolving fund is promising a big payoff to the University in cost savings, innovation, learning opportunities and creating a greener campus.

The University is investing $1 million to seed the new Green Revolving Fund, designed to encourage the community to look at the entire campus as a laboratory, classroom and testing ground for energy-saving ideas.

The funds accelerate investments in energy-saving improvements to campus operations and at the same time foster sustainability-related research and hands-on learning opportunities for students.

“There are positive economic returns to the University while also being true to our mission as a Catholic, Marianist university,” said Andy Horner, vice president for finance and administrative services. “We expect that over time the cost savings will be significant and will enable us to continue to invest in ideas that save money and protect the environment.”

Here’s how it works:
The University started the fund with $1 million — primarily from rebates the University received from the Dayton Power and Light Co. and other organizations for already-implemented measures to save electricity.

Ideas for projects can come from anyone on campus — students, faculty, staff, researchers — who work with facilities management to identify opportunities and develop the projects.

Projects are given the green light based on projected savings in operational costs and are encouraged to include an educational component.

When the project is up and running, energy savings are tracked and those savings are credited back to the Green Revolving Fund to build the fund’s balance to fund the next project.

—Cilla Shindell

Media, circus

Outside, there were protesters on stilts. Police mounted on horses. Entire city blocks blockaded. People snapped up political buttons, shirts, hats, socks and bobbleheads. Someone walked a rabbit on a leash. And musicians gave it all a high-energy soundtrack.

As 50,000 people — including 15,000 from the media — came together in Ohio for the 2016 Republican National Convention, two political science faculty members were there to help explain the significance of the historic event happening inside Quicken Loans Arena.

Lecturer Dan Birdsong (photo at right, top) and assistant professor Christopher Devine (right, bottom) spoke to reporters from around the world about the tone of the convention, the speakers and the delegates. They interviewed with Voice of America, the largest U.S. international broadcaster; CTV, Canada’s most-watched television network; Dayton and Cincinnati television stations; and others.

“Traveling to Cleveland for the RNC was a wonderful opportunity to observe democracy in action,” Birdsong said. “Most people view the spectacle from a distance and the experience is filtered through some sort of media, either the news media or social media.

“Not only did I get the chance to witness the convention hoopla, I was also able to share why Ohio is the key battleground state in presidential elections.”

Devine added that, as a political junkie, he found it fascinating to be surrounded by people so engaged in the electoral process and to share the stories with protesters and top-tier political insiders.

“Also, as a scholar, I enjoyed the opportunity to share thoughts on the election with journalists from around the nation and around the world,” he said. “It’s rare to have such a concentration of politically minded people in one place at one time. For this to happen in Cleveland, and for me to be there representing UD, was just remarkable.”

—Meagan Pant

Living water

“We all have a moral duty to ensure everyone has equal and fair access to safe water,” said Tanner Rolfe, senior mechanical engineering major, whose essay this summer won a national prize from the American Association for the Advancement of Science science and human rights coalition. He shared his perspective on Catholic Social Teaching, human rights and clean water as it relates to chemicals commonly found in Teflon and fire-resistant materials that have polluted drinking water for years.

“Only by working cooperatively within a society that values humanity’s dignity can the logistics of such a task be achieved,” he said.

The paper grew from a group project for professor Brad Kallenberg’s course Ethics by Design. The association will publish Rolfe’s essay in its quarterly Professional Ethics Report later this year.

—Cilla Shindell

Rolfe
Tech-savvy lawyers

The University of Dayton School of Law is offering what is believed to be the nation’s first technology competencies credential to help newly minted lawyers facing 21st-century practices — from virtual court rooms to automated case management.

The tech credential is an elective students can add to their J.D. degrees. Students will complete assessments and receive instructor verification of competencies in at least 10 legal tech areas and 10 general tech areas, which they can acquire through workshops and law school courses.

“This credential enables students to become adept in using the technologies law firms, courts and other legal organizations routinely use in today’s practice,” School of Law Dean Andrew Strauss said.

Take a break with ... Laura Gentner ’06

This summer, Laura Gentner became UD’s first coordinator of LGBTQ+ Support Services in the Office of Student Development.

What does it mean for an institution like the University of Dayton to create a position focused on LGBTQ+ student support?

It comes down to our Catholic and Marianist values of the dignity of each human being. It’s a call to reach out to those who’ve been most marginalized by our society, and that includes LGBTQ+ identifying students and those students who have intersecting marginalized identities, such as our LGBTQ+ students of color. In June Pope Francis said in response to the Pulse nightclub shooting, “I repeat what the Catechism of the Catholic Church says: that [gay people] must not be discriminated against, that they must be respected and accompanied pastorally.” Scripture calls on us to love our neighbor as ourselves.

What attracted you to this position?

I’ve always had an affinity for the LGBTQ+ community and really found my passion for working with LGBTQ+ students as a UD graduate assistant, especially in a faith-based institution. It would be difficult for me to do this work without being able to talk about faith because it’s my faith that motivates me to do this work.

What are the needs of today’s LGBTQ+ students in an era that’s more welcoming than any time in history?

Each student who comes to the University of Dayton has their own journey and story, as do our LGBTQ+ identifying students, so each student has individual needs. Those needs could be leadership opportunities, a group of peers that share some of their experiences, safe space free from discrimination, or counseling support for anxiety or depression. The role of LGBTQ+ Support Services is to meet those students where they are, connect students with the appropriate resources, and to make campus a more welcoming and inclusive place through education.

And that, again, fits with your emphasis on faith-based support.

Our program tagline is “community means everyone,” and the vision of LGBTQ+ Support Services is that we create an environment on this campus where each person is called to the Marianist table as full and equal and true members of our community.

—Shannon Shelton Miller
Emily Lazar
@EmilyLazar1
Always a great day on UD campus, everyone always throwing smiles. #TGIF #goFlyers

Alison Krause
@sourkrausee
I feel like a little kid at Disney world #UDRW

Sarah
@sjhannibal
I miss you 😢 @univofdayton

Kathy Sales
@KathySales2
Student worker when Dr. Spina worked out in Recplex, “I changed music to 70s & 80s music. Hope he likes it!” #UDnewpres @DaytonPrezSpina

Michael Becker
@udaytonflyer
I love sending out these @univofdayton Welcome cards to new students from MA. #GoFlyers!

Sarah
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Hailee Rennels
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Plain ol’ Xavier
@SexyRexy8Lover
The homily today was all about “community”, miss u @univofdayton

Katie G ☀️
@katemarie_2014
I live and die for the cinnamon chips that come with UD’s taco bar.

Katyy Garcia
@egan008
reunion weekend just reassures me that I went to the best college in America @univofdayton

Chris Hollow Schramm
@mystuey
What a great way to start the day! LGBTQ+ support services first day of a lifetime @univofdayton

Jake Murray
@jakemurray8
Any freshman that got Stuart y’all are gonna make the best friends and be in the best shape on campus

Eric F. Spina
@DaytonPrezSpina
Coming soon to a @univofdayton new student convocation near you!

Sharon C.
@SunnyNShar
@univofdayton UD just went to the top of his list! Great visit today! #visitUD

Marissa
@risssssaa_
love my roomie, love my residence hall, so excited for August 19 💙❤️

Anna Beyler
@annabeyerle
Soaking in the greatness that is #UDRW tonight. Glad to be a part of the most passionate alum group around @UDaytonAlumni

Meg Maloney
@megmaloney
Farming in India is amazing! Proudly representing River Stewards (@RiversInstitute) and the EVB program! (@mcewanlab)

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His first day as the 19th president of the University of Dayton was full of that familiar UD word — “community.” On July 1, Eric F. Spina toured Kettering Labs, where students showed their research to restore the environment or repair our bodies with nanotechnology. He and his wife, Karen, attended Mass and lunch with the Marianists. He shook hands with international students and community partners. He met with faculty leaders. And he took selfies with all excited to meet the #UDNewPrez.

Spina, who served Syracuse University for 28 years, including nearly nine as vice chancellor and provost, emphasized his commitment to Catholic, Marianist traditions, engagement with the greater community, support for students and faculty, and research excellence.

He’ll be carrying those themes with him as he talks with campus, community and alumni groups during the next six months on his listening tour. What he hears will help shape the University’s strategic
vision for the next 20 years.

We sat down with Spina to hear what he had to say about his first day, his family and his plans for the presidency.

Two days before you started, you joined Dan Curran and Brother Ray Fitz for a photo shoot. What do three presidents talk about when they get together?

Dan I've worked with closely, and he has been so gracious, warm and supportive. Brother Ray is an icon here, and to have him part of that day for me was very special. The conversation was light, and primarily we talked about their support for me and their love for the institution.

Why are you on social media? @DaytonPrezSpina on Twitter and Instagram?

It's fun, and so much of what we do is heavy and serious. It's where our students and increasingly our alumni are, so I want to find ways to be accessible. I like Instagram, which I frame as "a day in the life." I'm going to try to make it diverse enough so followers understand what a president is trying to do to make the university better.

What emoji describes your first day?

The one with the huge smile. And the one I'd put next to it is the one with the hearts in your eyes.

On your first day, the students working at RecPlex changed the music to help welcome you. What music do you like?

On my phone I have a mix with everything imaginable, from modern to some Italian tunes, but my favorites right now are Dave Matthews, Rolling Stones and Amos Lee. It needs to be heavy with a good rhythm, especially when you're getting tired at the end of the elliptical. The Rolling Stones work especially well.

Why is it important that we remember UD started as a primary boarding school for 14 boys in 1850?

You said 1850 — it's a long time ago. We're an institution with an incredible history that we have every reason to be proud of. Those 14 boys, the graduating class we had last May of 2,108 and all those in between — there's a web of connectivity and impact not only in Dayton, not only in Ohio, but in the country and the world. I've read enough and learned enough about how Blessed William Chaminade was wise enough to know that this world is always changing. As a Marianist founder, he didn't look back but forward. That transformation from boys' school to college, from college to research university, and from commuter to residential, those are big changes, every one of which has been absolutely right for the institution, for the region, for the country, for society. We have modeled in the past what we need to continue to do. We like who we are and we want to be better, but our call from our history is to be the disrupter. Where really do we need to be in 20 to 35 years?

What activities do you and your wife, Karen, like to do together while exploring Dayton?

We like to bike together, so we're looking forward to hitting the trails. We like to hike. We love art, museums, history. We went to the Dayton Art Institute but also spent a few hours with Willis Bing Davis and his wife, Audrey, in their art studio in West Dayton. They are obviously talented artists but also humanitarians, givers and leaders with a humility and dignity they bring to art education and supporting youth. Art is a passion for Karen and me, and communities are important, so that was really a great two hours.

What will help your children, Kaitlyn and Emery, both students at Skidmore College, feel at home in Dayton?

Karen has done it — she has created some warm, inviting, welcoming places in their new rooms with some old and some new. People here are so welcoming and supportive, so meeting them and creating those connections will be exactly what they need. And my daughter needs to find a restaurant with really good steak.

Name one way being a Catholic colors the way you see the world?

The values I have around social justice come from my mom, who was a huge devotee of Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton; I have The Seven Storey Mountain on my bookshelf at home. What can Catholicism do in terms of rolling up its sleeves and making a difference in the world? In small ways and large ways this has colored my decisions of what we do, the directions we take and money that we spend. So I feel a paternal or at least avuncular responsibility for our students.

If you could sign up for one UD class this semester, what would it be?

Presidency 101. But if it has to be a real class, I would choose art history.

What do you want to accomplish in your first 100 days as president, both professionally and personally?

Professionally, the only thing I want to accomplish is listening. I come here with an agenda to make the place better and an agenda around diversity of all kinds. But beyond that I don't know what we should do as a university, so I want to listen. Personally, it's connecting with people. You could say it's the same as listening, but I'm a person who draws energy from relationships. Both Karen and I want to get to know people and people get to know us, what our values are, what we think about the University, what we want for the University.

Coming from America's Snowiest City, will you miss the snow or will you bring it with you?

I hope I'm not bringing it with me. I won't tell you that when I was in Pittsburgh for four years, in New Jersey for five years, or in Washington, D.C., for a year, they all set records for snow. Once upon a time, I actually went to the record books and counted how much snow I had lived through. It was an astonishing amount. So I hope I'm not bringing the snow with me.

Click to read President Eric Spina’s blog or the news story from his first day.

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Jill Bilz Heink ’80 and her husband, Phil Heink ’77, took their UD Magazine on a trip for their 35th wedding anniversary. They write, “We traveled to England and read UD Magazine on the Prime Meridian at the Royal Observatory in Greenwich.”

Benjamin Hall ’93 and Judith Madell Hall ’92 read their UD Magazine at Lake Atitlan in Guatemala. They write, “We enjoyed visiting Guatemala with our three children: Jacob, 14, Christopher, 11, and Elizabeth, 8. We hiked the Pacaya volcano where our children were able to roast marshmallows from the heat of the rocks on the volcano, visited Semuc Champey for a cave hike and swim in the natural limestone pools, and visited Lake Atitlan, surrounded by three volcanoes.”

Anna Bennett writes from Quito, Ecuador, during the Campus Ministry January breakout: “It was a life-changing opportunity.”

Brother Michael Amakyi, C.S.C. ’10, poses with his UD Magazine in Ghana, where he is a senior lecturer at the University of Cape Coast. He hosted guests from UD — Jon Hess, Malcolm Daniels, Julius Amin and Amy Anderson — for lunch at his community during their visit to Ghana last February.

Joan Poland ’13 (center) and her friends Emily McCaulay ’13 (left) and Katie Smith ’13 (right) brought their UD Magazine to Ireland while enjoying the majestic view from atop the Cliffs of Moher.

Kathryn Kinsel ’14 enjoyed a life-changing trip with her mother in April 2015. She writes, “My mom and I traveled to Nepal for two weeks where we first spent time in Kathmandu learning about the rich culture and history. We then went on a challenging nine-day trek to Gokyo in the Everest region, where we were surrounded by breathtaking views of the Himalayas.”

Liz Johnston Clark ’99 and Casey Clark ’99 recently returned to Arlington, Virginia, from a trip to Patagonia, Argentina, where they kayaked around icebergs, hiked glaciers and found themselves in an ice bar. They write, “We met in our first class at UD in 1995, Introductory to the University Experience, and have been traveling the world together ever since.”

Four friends pose in Kinderdijk, the Netherlands, with UD Magazine while touring the windmills on shore leave from a Rhine River cruise. Mary Ann Moore ’73 — joined by Elaine Kenworthy ’84, Becky Horan ’78 and Sandy Freeman ’85 — writes, “It was a great trip, and we just couldn’t get over all the quaint towns we were in.”

Annie Kelley ’09 writes, “I read my UD Magazine at the start of the 2016 Iditarod in Alaska. I attended a teacher conference there in March and was selected as the 2017 Iditarod Teacher on the Trail. I will be sure to bring my UD Magazine along the trail next winter!”

Scott Itzel stands in front of the Singapore Merlion with his UD Magazine in Singapore, before retiring from Chevron Phillips Chemical Co. after 35 years. He writes, “It was a great career culminating in a great trip. Thanks, UD!”

Brothers Frank Chorba ’71 and Tom Chorba ’74, along with their wives Sharon Chorba and Barb Cigoy Chorba ’74, traveled to Europe in September 2015. Barb writes, “We had an amazing vacation visiting Paris, Amsterdam, Munich, Salzburg, Venice, Florence and Rome. Tom and I were celebrating our recent retirement with this amazing five-week whirlwind trip to Europe.”

TJ Nelson ’70 brought his UD Magazine through Drake Passage while rounding Cape Horn in March 2016. He wrote, “Our sailing began in Valparaiso, Chili, and ended in Buenos Aires. Luckily, we were able to avoid the worst part of the season’s biggest summer storm.”

WHERE ARE YOU READING UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON MAGAZINE?
Welcome home
Peace

What can we do?

We asked that of Caitlin Cipolla-McCulloch, nF.M.I. ’12, and Gabrielle Bibeau, nF.M.I. ’11, two novices of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate, the Marianist sisters.

“A peacemaker prays,” said the spiritual writer Father Henri Nouwen, “according to Bibeau. “Part of the novitiate is focusing intensely on your prayer life, which includes an hour a day in silent prayer as well as studying the charism and doing spiritual reading.

“In these times of political turmoil and fear of the ‘other,’ I am reminded of how important prayer is for us to be people of peace. Spending time each day with God is where I gain the energy to speak the truth in humility and to love those with whom I strongly disagree. And my prayer is best when it reminds me to remember the sufferings and trials of people around the world and to live my life in a way that can, I hope, have a positive impact.”

“It is disheartening,” Cipolla-McCulloch said, “to see the many acts of violence occurring in the human family. The founders of the Marianist family, however, also lived in violent times. The founders responded by forming small communities of faith. Our communities, our families, are our first places where we can practice nonviolence.

“We can be people of prayer who seek to understand the differences among ourselves. We can be people of hospitality welcoming all kinds of people to our tables and homes. We can follow Mary’s example of pondering in our hearts. We can strive to be on the margins, advocating for those who are persecuted.

“We can form ourselves in faith and hope so that we can share this faith and hope with our church and our world.

“Our communities can help us share, help us gain perspective and challenge us to think about new, exciting ways to be people of peace.”

7 metal songs you must have

Heavy metal and academics go together like guitars and amplifiers — just ask Bryan Bardine, associate professor of English, who has been researching metal music and culture since 2009. In October, Bardine will be hosting the metal studies conference Metal in Strange Places. He recommends we turn up these seven songs to hear what the rage is all about.

■ “Crazy Train” by Ozzy Osbourne
It’s a good place to start listening to metal music. “You hear it at sporting events,” says Bardine of the 1980 metal song that broke into pop culture.

■ “Celebrate” by Doro
Doro is known as the first woman to have her own metal band, Bardine says. “We celebrate our love for rock and metal,” she sings.

■ “War Pigs” by Black Sabbath
As the first metal band, Black Sabbath set the stage for other bands, Bardine says. Written as a response to the Vietnam War, “War Pigs” stood out among popular “flower power” music.

■ “Master of Puppets” by Metallica
It discusses themes common throughout the genre. “A good bit of [metal] deals with politics and freedom,” Bardine says, “being able to control your own life and not be oppressed.”

■ “Sapari” by Orphaned Land
This Israeli band is dedicated to bringing people together. “Their whole perspective is there’s enough negative and bad things in the world, we want there to be a more positive image,” says Bardine. “Sapari” is about a conversation between a poet and a spirit.

■ “Angel of Death” by Slayer
This is probably the most controversial song in metal, Bardine says. It talks about the Holocaust, Dr. Josef Mengele and the atrocities he committed.

■ “Roots Bloody Roots” by Sepultura
Members of this Brazilian band love extreme music, which they’ve infused with instruments from their culture including drums, Bardine says. This song expresses anger at Brazil’s military and government.

—Sarah Spech ’16
Learn more about the October conference at www.facebook.com/Metalinstrangeplaces.
Faculty remembered

JOHN J. ROWE 7-22-16
Professor emeritus of biology

“Dr. Rowe encouraged us to stretch our intellects. Though he was academically demanding, he was also warm and hospitable.”
—Kaitlin Moredock DiNapoli ’08

JOHN F. QUINN 7-13-16
Professor emeritus of philosophy

“John was effusive and outgoing, and loved teaching, food, drink and friends. He will be missed.”
—Rebecca Whisnant, associate professor of philosophy

JOSEPH L. WATRAS 6-5-16
Professor of teacher education

“He had a way of making every student feel as bright and unique as one of his bow ties.”
—Michael Fletcher Skelton ’12

K. MICHAEL GEARY 4-6-16
Retired professor of accounting

“Dr. Geary didn’t simply teach what the textbook said, but instead taught by providing real-life situations that made the topics both interesting and relatable.”
—Anita Shankar ’11

Read more remembrances and add your own at bit.ly/UDM_facultyremembered.

Powder-blue jerseys and dental plates
It was about more than hockey

By Doug Harris ’79

Walt DeAnna ’62 didn’t expect many perks for the fledgling hockey program at Dayton when he became coach in 1963-64. But he believed the school could at least provide the bare essentials, and he wasn’t afraid to push for them.

Instead of having the Flyers wearing second-hand uniforms donated by a local pro club, DeAnna sought out Harry Baujan, the athletic director then, to see about getting jerseys in the traditional UD colors of Columbia blue and red.

“I asked him, ‘Do you have any old football jerseys?’” DeAnna recalled. “He took me down to the stadium, and there was a bunch of old jerseys: powder blue, red numbers, and red-and-blue stripes on the sleeves. But they were the kind with the tails that you buttoned underneath you to keep the jersey in.

“I got all the tackle and guard jerseys I could, and we cut off the tails. Those were our jerseys the first couple years.”

The Flyers often had to make do without top-of-the-line gear, even after transitioning from a club team to the non-scholarship varsity level in 1964-65. But DeAnna still managed to build a winning program by providing structure, attracting top talent and developing bonds with his players that have only grown stronger with time.

“I tell people all the time, ‘If you don’t have a Walt, you don’t have a hockey program,’” said Bill Bommarito ’77, a four-year captain. “You need people like Walt DeAnna to make that happen.”

The program had an unlikely pioneer. Although DeAnna was from Windsor, Ontario, he wasn’t a hockey buff like most native Canadians, playing only sporadically at the youth level.

But he picked it up again when he attended college, choosing Dayton after hearing about it through his high school vice principal, Paul Donoher, who was the brother of UD Hall of Fame basketball coach Don Donoher ’54.

Playing in the school’s first hockey games as a freshman in 1958, DeAnna would become the team’s leading scorer each of his four years. One year after he graduated, the team needed a coach, and he was urged by younger brother Mario ’65 and other players to take the job.

“I told them, ‘If we could ever get it to be a varsity team, I’ll spend some time with it,’” DeAnna said.

That wasn’t an easy sell. Before securing varsity status, DeAnna had to get the blessing of Baujan’s successor, Tom Frericks ’53.

“I told him the guys were scrounging around...
for $10 or $25 to rent the ice and pay the referees,” DeAnna recalled. “He said, ‘I tell you what, you run it one year the way you’re running it, and you report back with your financials and all the things you’re doing. If I think it’s worthwhile, I’ll take it to the athletic board.’”

One year later, DeAnna and the Flyers did enough to win Frericks’ support. The board was also swayed, approving a $1,500 budget.

“Frericks never asked how many wins or losses I had. He just knew we were taking care of 25 to 30 kids who wanted to play hockey,” DeAnna said. “And we had some interest on campus from people who wanted to see us play.”

DeAnna had a career record of 211-107-16 in his 22 varsity seasons with four conference championships while playing mostly against other college programs around the state.

He routinely corralled seasoned players from hockey-mad cities such as Boston, Detroit and Chicago as well as about a half-dozen prospects each year who had Division-I scholarship offers.

The recruits fell in love with UD and liked DeAnna’s balanced approach.

“I’d say, ‘If you come here, your big game each year is going to be Oberlin. But if you want to be a doctor or lawyer, if your parents want some grades from you, you can’t say hockey is going to interfere with your school. You’ll graduate with a 3.2 instead of a 2.1 and play 18 to 19 games and keep your interest — rather than playing 60 games and practicing every day for a couple hours,’” he said.

“Surprisingly, a lot of the kids decided to come to the school because of that.”

They certainly didn’t come for the amenities. UD paid for the ice time for twice-a-week practices and home games at Troy Arena or wherever a rink could be found, while also ponying up for uniforms, refs and a modest $3.50 per diem on the road.

“The players had to shell out for their skates and padding. And they were careful not to break their hockey sticks because those came out of their pockets, too.

“We knew we weren’t football players. We knew we weren’t basketball players. We knew we weren’t scholarship players in any way, shape or form,” said Bommarito, a St. Louis resident. “But I think the thing we always had on our mind was that our jerseys said, ‘The University of Dayton.’ We had a chance, maybe not with the brightest of lights, of representing the University with the something we loved doing.”

Though the opposition was also of the non-scholarship variety, games were fierce. The Flyers embraced physical contact and sometimes even initiated it.

“I’ve got a (dental) plate. I lost a couple choppers,” said former player King ’77, a Philadelphia product. “Some guy put the butt end of his stick down my throat.”

Under DeAnna, the Flyers were tough. They finished under .500 only twice and won 18-1-1 in his last season in 1985-86.

The program is still going strong though it reverted to the club level again in 1990 when UD joined the Midwestern Collegiate Conference.

The news of the program being de-emphasized was a sad day for the varsity alumni, but they still take great pride in having been Flyers and are grateful for DeAnna’s lasting impact. They affectionately call him “The Mentor.”

Since many are now too old to suit up for the annual alumni game in Dayton, they have begun a fall tradition of spending a weekend playing golf and swapping stories with the 76-year-old DeAnna near his home in Port Charlotte, Florida.

“Walt was all the things you’d want in a father without coming down super hard on you,” King said. “He was the kind of guy you could talk to when you made a mistake. He stood up for his guys. He made it fun, but he never put up with our juvenile behavior.”

DeAnna, whose annual coaching salary topped out at $150, worked full time as a sales man for E.F McDonald in Dayton and stayed with the company after it was sold. He and his wife, Marilou, raised three children (all UD grads).

He traveled for work, but he always made time for his players.

“When I think of the Marianists — because I was fortunate to go to a Marianist high school and then a Marianist university — I always think of how their No. 1 asset is an ability to create community and make people feel part of something very special,” Bommarito said.

“That’s what Walt did.”
Flyers take all-sports first in A-10

For the second consecutive year, Dayton finished first among all Atlantic 10 Conference schools in the Learfield Sports Directors Cup (all-sport) final standings. The cup was developed as a joint effort of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics and USA Today.

Four Flyer programs won conference titles during 2015-16.

Volleyball took the regular season and tournament titles. Men’s soccer won the A-10 tournament title. Football won the Pioneer Football League championship. Men’s basketball shared the regular season title.

Also, women’s soccer and softball finished second in A-10 regular season while men’s golf was third at the A-10 championship tournament.

Golf shows well in state

At the Ohio Golf Association Amateur Championship in July, Ryan Flick finished 12th, Brendan Keating 16th and Nick Paxson 22nd.

While not playing as Flyers …

Dayton’s two minor-league, largely amateur soccer teams have a decidedly Dayton Flyer flavor.

Playing for the men’s team of the Dayton Dutch Lions of the Premiere Development League are Michael Brezovsky, Michael Frasca ’16, Rafael Gamboa, Tommy Harr and Kennedy Nwabia. Playing for the women’s team: Meghan Blank and Alexis and Kaitlynn Kiehl.

Playing for the Dayton Dynamo of the National Premiere Soccer League are Malik Schoonderwoerd ’16, Andres Acevedo ’14 and Michael Deyhle ’12. Younger brother Mitch Deyhle (athletic trainer for UD men’s soccer) is also on the team along with players Aidan Bean, Oliver Hansen and Elijah Redman.

Volleyball has one of best incoming classes

With seven newcomers to the program for the 2016 season, the entering volleyball recruiting class has been rated 17th in the nation by PrepVolleyball.com. That’s the highest rating in school history.

Not quite two in a row

Chantae McMillan, volunteer assistant track coach, competed in the heptathlon in the 2012 Olympics. She came up a bit short this year, finishing fifth in the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials. The top three finishers compete in the Olympics.

A top goalkeeper is new assistant coach

Tyler Kettering led the nation in saves twice when he played for Gardner-Webb University. After a professional career including a year with the Chicago Fire, he was associate head coach at his alma mater. He joins the Dayton men’s soccer staff as an assistant coach.

Basketball signs big man

Kostas Antetokounmpo (COAST-us Ah-day-toe-KOON-boe), right, a 6-foot-10, 190-pound boe, has signed to play basketball at UD.

A native of Athens, Greece, he graduated this year from Dominican High School in Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin, a Milwaukee suburb. Dominican has won five straight Wisconsin Division 4 state championships.

He was highly ranked by scouting services, 89 according to Rivals, 98 by Scout. His brother Giannis plays for the NBA’s Milwaukee Bucks.

Basketball attendance up

The men’s basketball team’s average crowd of 12,942 fans was the second best in school history. In 1969-70, the first season the Arena was open, the Flyers drew 40 more fans per game.

Nationally, this past year’s attendance ranked 25th.

The Flyers have sold more than 10,000 tickets each season for seven years in a row. For information on 2016-17 season tickets, call 937-229-4433 or visit DaytonFlyers.com.

Men Flyers home-and-home with two co-titleholders

Last season, Dayton shared the A-10 regular season title with two other teams, St. Bonaventure and VCU. The Flyers will be playing home-and-home games this coming season against both.

Basketball boathouse

Fundraising is underway for a boathouse that will give the Flyer women’s rowing program a larger, more secure space by the Great Miami River for its boats, equipment and workouts.

The 10,800-square-foot structure, costing an estimated $500,000, will replace the fabric-covered hangar the Dayton Boat Club has shared with UD for the past 10 years.

“Rowers will have space to stretch before and after practice,” said Mike Wenker, UD’s head coach, “and we can have indoor workouts there when weather keeps us off the water.”

With a 14-foot door on each end of the bay, he said, the team will be able to load and unload the boat trailer under lights and safely out of the elements.

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“For now,” said team member Rosie Perez, a senior psychology and criminal justice major, “if the weather gets bad and we have to derig boats indoors, it’s a tight squeeze.” She added that the new space will bring Dayton’s facilities in line with most Atlantic 10 rowing programs.

The boathouse will be named for Mike and Trish Miles, founders of the UD rowing program in 1991.

To make a gift, see alumnicommunity.udayton.edu/wrowing.

Thanksgiving tournaments

The women’s basketball team will play Georgia Tech, 1 p.m. EST, Nov. 25, in the Junkanoo Jam in Freeport, Bahamas. For tournament information and accommodations at the Grand Lucayan Resort, see junkanoojam.com.

The men’s basketball team will face Nebraska on Thanksgiving evening, Nov. 24, in the Direct TV Wooden Legacy in southern California. Games will be televised on the ESPN networks. For more information, call the ticket office at 937-229-4433.
Citizens are reclaiming their neighborhood, and UD is nourishing the partnership.

Grow on
The Twin Towers neighborhood in East Dayton was once a thriving residential community with a prominent business district.

That all changed in 1962 with the construction of U.S. Route 35 through Dayton, which forced thousands of Twin Towers families to relocate and many of its businesses and industries to close.

“It was a very traumatic time in the neighborhood,” said Leslie Sheward, president of the Twin Towers Neighborhood Association, who has lived in the community for all of her 60 years. “They tore down over 5,000 homes and displaced over 20,000 residents — that was just in this neighborhood alone.”

Sheward, a plain-spoken woman with a shock of gray hair, recalled her childhood home being among those taken by the highway project.

But, finally, someone is giving back.

A partnership among the University of Dayton, East End Community Services and Mission of Mary Cooperative is working to transform the former Lincoln Elementary School site at 401 Nassau St. into an urban farm and greenspace.

Long-term plans call for the mostly vacant 5-acre site, dubbed Lincoln Hill Gardens, to feature greenhouses, community garden plots, natural playscapes, a wetland restoration area, a community education kitchen and performance pavilion.

“What it means to the community is a chance to, for once, be given back to, instead of taken from,” Sheward said.

LINCOLN HILL GARDENS IS THE FIRST high-profile project for the University’s Hanley Sustainability Institute.

Established in 2014 with a $12.5 million gift from the George and Amanda Hanley Foundation, the institute aims to extend the University’s sustainability efforts across campus and into the Dayton community. Its goals include creating an urban agriculture demonstration...
Some of the Lincoln Hill Gardens proposals include:

A. The forest path  
B. Canopy classroom  
C. Community raised beds  
D. Urban agriculture education facility  
E. Orchard  
F. Natural playscapes  
G. Kitchen building/gardens  
H. Performance pavilion  
I. The event lawn  
J. Amphitheater  
K. Sculpture hill/public art  
L. Restoration and experimentation plots  
M. Wetland exploration classroom  
N. Terrace gardens

Lincoln Hill Gardens Goals

- Provide an educational and research space for all to learn about sustainable land and food practices.
- Create a community greenspace for outdoor recreation and the experience of nature.
- Incorporate sustainable design principles that integrate ecosystem services for the benefit of the urban environment and community and educate students and the public.
- Create an urban farm that produces nourishing foods and has job training and income-producing opportunities for the community.
- Use the open space as a cornerstone to developing a sustainability-oriented community and place to live and to adopting a district-wide approach to green living and neighborhood design.
- Develop a resilient, community-backed, inclusive design that brings together the surrounding community and is built on the skills, wants and needs of that community.

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“It’s an opportunity for UD to learn and benefit from the important conversations we are having with crucial community partners,” Pair said.

Downtown Dayton and its surrounding areas is considered a “food desert” by the U.S. Department of Agriculture because there is limited access to healthy and affordable food within a half-mile radius — particularly for low-income residents.

Located less than 2 miles from the University’s campus, Twin Towers is a community where 63 percent of the children live below the poverty level, more than double the statewide average.

The neighborhood’s population boomed during World War II, when thousands of people flocked from Appalachia to work in its war-time factories.

But the U.S. 35 construction continued for nearly 10 years, until 1971. During that time, Twin Towers began its decline from a prosperous, self-contained community to a deteriorating neighborhood blighted by crime and boarded-up homes.

In recent years, Twin Towers has worked with area partners to address those issues by tearing down vacant homes, building more affordable housing, increasing police patrols and opening an outreach addiction center.

The Hanley Institute hopes to increase food accessibility in that area through Lincoln Hill Gardens, said Tess Keener ’15, who served as project coordinator through May.

“It is building on partnerships that we already have in making the University a leader in the regional food conversations, which are really prevalent with former Congressman Tony Hall’s new initiatives to reduce hunger in Dayton,” she said.

Keener began working on the Lincoln Hill Gardens project in summer 2015 as the Hanley Institute’s first undergraduate fellow. She continued to coordinate the project after graduating in December, and then left in May to take a full-time position at Homefull, a Dayton nonprofit that works to end homelessness.
The Hanley Institute funded a site development plan by MKSK, a Columbus, Ohio-based landscape architecture and urban design firm whose projects also include RiverScape MetroPark in Dayton.

The institute also paid for construction of three greenhouse-like hoop houses at Lincoln Hill Gardens and is covering maintenance and utilities fees for the site.

In addition to urban food production, Lincoln Hill Gardens will provide research opportunities for University faculty and students and show what can be achieved through community partnerships.

“We would like other communities to see what has been done on the Lincoln Hill Gardens site — the site of a former Dayton Public Schools elementary school — and say: ‘Gosh. We have some vacant land in our area; we’d like to do something similar in our neighborhood,’” Pair said.

THE LINCOLN HILL PROJECT

offically launched in January with a site assessment, information gathering and goal setting by MKSK and the project partners. In February, the first public meeting was held to solicit campus and community input.

But the garden’s roots go much deeper, stretching back several years.

In fall 2013, the University became partners with Growing Power, an urban agriculture training and growing site in Milwaukee. Will Allen, Growing Power’s founder and chief executive, visited Dayton to speak on campus.

George Hanley ’77 and Amanda Hanley were interested in using Growing Power as a model for Dayton, said Ryan McEwan, associate professor of biology.

In January 2014, McEwan and other faculty and community members traveled to Milwaukee to learn how to implement an urban agriculture project with community support. Additional faculty and community members attended Growing Power workshops in subsequent months.

“The purpose of it was to think about how the University of Dayton could engage in urban agriculture in the region in a general sense,” McEwan said. “I think that was really the first step in the whole thing.”

Meanwhile, East End Community Services was eyeing the former Lincoln School site. Dayton Public Schools closed the school in 2006 and demolished the structure in January 2012, scraping the surrounding turf down to the glacial till.

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The resulting 5-acre lot — bordered by Nassau and Dover streets, and Harper and Demphle avenues — offers a commanding view of the Dayton city skyline.

It also overlooks St. Mary’s Catholic Church, a Romanesque-style church built in 1906. Twin Towers takes its name from the church’s two matching spires.

Sheward said area residents gather at the top of the hill to watch the city of Dayton’s Fourth of July fireworks display and to shoot off their own firecrackers and rockets. People also use the site for sledding and four-wheeling, as evidenced by the visible ruts from truck and all-terrain vehicle tires.

To the north, the former school site slopes down to a densely wooded area. The ground to the west drops sharply down a 25-foot grade to an existing, man-made rain garden for storm water runoff.

East End Community Services was concerned about development at the site, said Kate Ervin, the nonprofit organization’s director of community development and a 2006 graduate of the University’s Master of Public Administration program.

“A lot of neighbors were afraid when the school was torn down a few years ago that something would be developed that wouldn’t be a community asset,” Ervin said. “East End really wanted to ensure that we got the land and it would serve neighborhood purposes.”

In 2015, East End purchased the site from the city of Dayton for $35,000 with funding from an Ohio Housing Finance Agency grant.

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT USING THE SITE

for urban agriculture started well before East End acquired the property, said Stephen Mackell ’13, urban farm manager for Mission of Mary Cooperative.

“We spoke with them several years ago about the 5-acre site — what could happen up there and how we could make urban farming a little enterprise to eventually employ people in the neighborhood,” he said.

Founded in the spirit of Mary in 2010 by Michael Schulz ’07 and a group of lay Marianists, Mission of Mary is a faith-based nonprofit organization focused on food and economic social justice issues, especially healthy food access and affordability. University faculty, staff and students often work alongside Mission of Mary staff on service learning projects in the community.

Mission of Mary operates three urban agriculture plots in the Twin Towers neighborhood, totaling about 2.5 acres of land. Lincoln Hill Garden will be the fourth and largest, as well as the first to have large-production hoop houses.

Pair said Marianist urban gardening dates back nearly a century.

“Urban gardening is not a new idea for the Marianists,” he explained. “Mission of Mary is the latest rediscovery and exploration of that central concept of community building.”

A native of Findlay, Ohio, Mackell started volunteering for Mission of Mary as an undergraduate and joined the staff full time after completing his bachelor’s degree in economics and philosophy.
As with Mission of Mary, the University has enjoyed a longstanding relationship with East End Community Services. After the launch of the Hanley Institute, East End and Mission of Mary looked to the University as an essential partner in the project. They asked if UD wanted to be involved in a formal way.

Mackell noted faculty and staff were becoming more engaged with the issue of food access, especially as it relates to urban social justice and service learning.

In early 2014, Mackell made five University-sponsored trips to Growing Power in Milwaukee to see if Allen’s urban agriculture techniques could be applied to the Lincoln Hill project. He accompanied McEwan on the first trip.

“I’d say that’s when things got serious about the partnership among the three organizations: Mission of Mary, East End Community Services and UD,” he said.

THE PARTNERS’ GOALS FOR THE project were outlined in MKSK’s public presentations. They include providing an educational and research space for learning about sustainable land and food practices; creating a community green space for outdoor recreation and experiencing nature; and creating an urban farm that produces healthy food and provides job training and income for the community.

Aligning those goals with the wants and needs of both residents and faculty hasn’t always been an easy process. In early April, workshop discussions about MKSK’s conceptual plans at both East End’s community center and a campus ArtStreet gallery turned contentious.

At ArtStreet, McEwan expressed fears that Lincoln Hill Gardens would become an overly landscaped park with well-manicured lawns, as opposed to a more natural setting where he could engage his environmental biology students in research projects involving native plants and ecological restoration.

“Where do UD students fit in?” he asked.

Concerns also were raised about striking a balance between public spaces and semi-private zones such as Mission of Mary’s garden plots.

Another meeting that evening for Twin Towers residents was even more heated.

The nearly three dozen community members who gathered were a mix of ages and races and included both long-time residents and recent arrivals to the neighborhood.

Residents wanted a youth basketball court, park-style barbecue grills and a traditional playground, none of which were included in MKSK’s site plan.

“An urban farm doesn’t make sense to me; an urban park does,” said Liz Hopkins ’12, a Brooklyn, New York, gallery director who was working with artists at the nearby Davis-Linden Building in East Dayton.

Sheward stood and countered that Twin Towers is in a food desert. Devoting 1 acre for food production would still leave another 4 for development.

“It is crucial to the future of the community,” Sheward said.

Glenda Lamb-Wilson, a Demphle Avenue resident, said she was looking forward to having a garden plot at the Lincoln Hill site. Her property sits at a 45-degree angle and is covered by shade, making it difficult to grow vegetables in her own yard.

Other residents voiced concerns about the possibility of light pollution, and public art displays becoming hazards on the sledding hill.

MKSK principal Darren Meyer and designer Brett Kordenbrock took notes on the feedback at these meetings for consideration in preparing the final site plan.

“Fundamentally, when you come full-circle, what an amazing educational opportunity for students, staff, faculty and graduate students to see the nature of these conversations as they unfold with our community partners,” Pair said.

Lincoln Hill Gardens will allow students to work on projects that meet both learning goals and community needs, said Kelly Bohrer ’96 and ’01, director of community-engaged learning in the University’s Fitz Center for Leadership in Community.

For example, students in Bohrer’s sustainability research classes designed possible site elements, including aquaponics and composting facilities, that were presented to MKSK. In addition, students in associate professor Suki Kwon’s art and design course worked with Niels Braam, MKSK’s environmental graphic designer, to develop branding and signage proposals for Lincoln Hill Gardens.

“Our hope is that the implementation of each piece of the design that the landscape architect ultimately gives us has community members fully involved and students fully involved,” Bohrer said.

ON AN UNSEASONABLY HOT DAY IN late April, Lincoln Hill Gardens was alive with activity during one of several volunteer days to build three hoop houses on the site for food production.

Mackell stood atop a tall ladder directing construction of the metal tubing frame that will support the plastic covering of the first greenhouse-like structure.

Nearby, dozens of students pounded metal stakes for the second hoop house into the rock-hard turf with sledgehammers.

A large pile of dark compost was poised to enrich the garden beds.

Less expensive than a traditional glass greenhouse, a hoop house warms plants and soil by retaining incoming
Our increasingly mobile lifestyle makes it easy for us to dispose of our stuff,
Lucas Keefer didn’t take his toaster with him when he moved from Dayton to Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Keefer, a post-doctoral research fellow in psychology at UD from August 2014 to June 2016, left to accept a tenure-track position.

but is the same true for our relationships?
position at the University of Southern Mississippi. He also left behind the state where he has family, including a 1-year-old niece, within a three-hour drive.

Yet Keefer, who’s lived in four states during the past 10 years, is used to being in transit — and has studied the impact of just this type of mobility. While he was at UD, he co-wrote a paper with Omri Gillath, associate professor of psychology at the University of Kansas, that suggests highly mobile people are more likely to view possessions as disposable — and, in turn, friendships and romantic partners as well.

Keefer and Gillath outlined the findings from their four studies in the paper, published in the April 2016 journal Personal Relationships. Together, they suggest that people who are more mobile think of their belongings as disposable, which perhaps is what also leads them to think of their relationships as disposable.

“When you put it all together, mobility is indirectly affecting our commitment to our relationships because it changes how we feel about our material possessions and, likewise, how we feel about relationships,” said Keefer, who’s seen the study results play out somewhat in his own life.

“I definitely ascribe to that first part of the process, that people who move often are more willing to throw things away,” he said. “I would throw away all my belongings except my computer, books and guitar (when I move).

“But I don’t know if that’s affected my relationships,” he continued. “My data would suggest that it has, but if so I’m not aware of it.”

PEOPLE

Molly Blake ’96 still mails friends and family handwritten birthday cards — despite the fact that, as the wife of a recently retired Marine, she has moved 11 times since college graduation. Her seventh-grade daughter has attended seven schools.

“There have definitely been people who I’ve been great friends with and have lost touch with, not for any malicious reason but because some people just are not great at keeping in touch,” Blake said. “I happen to be really good at keeping in touch. I learned that from my mom, but also from being in a military family. I work hard to cultivate my friendships because I’ve needed them. I had a baby while my husband was in Iraq, and it was the military connection that made it easier. Military families really rely on each other and create a very special bond.”

While a romantic relationship led to Blake’s move-a-lot lifestyle, Keefer and Gillath found romance may be a casualty for other highly mobile folks.

UD alumnus Paul Sozio ’15 agrees: “I was dating a girl when I was in Argentina and, while it was exciting at the time, we went back to our respective countries when we left Argentina,” said Sozio, who has lived in Honduras, Nicaragua and Argentina during study abroad programs and while working for nongovernmental organizations. “Going into it, you think, ‘This probably isn’t a permanent thing’ in the back of your head.

“But for me, you can’t put up a wall and think, ‘I don’t want to get close to anyone,’ because it’s more important to cherish the time you do have together and be present,” he added. “You have to know that the people you really click with, you’re going to stay in touch.”

Jake Muniak ’14 has moved between Ohio, Nicaragua, Denver and Seattle since graduation and is now a travel service consultant for South America Travel. He agrees that many friendships fade with frequent moves, but others remain solid.

“A real relationship takes a lot of work, and that becomes more so when you don’t see that person every day,” he said. “I visited my college roommate in Chicago when I was traveling from Ohio to Seattle and it was like, ‘Wow, I don’t know the next time I’ll see you.’ We made plans to meet up on St. Patrick’s Day 2017. He might have to come to Brazil to make that happen.

“Making plans is one thing. Following through is another ball game.”

After many years of a highly mobile lifestyle, Blake also has found certain friends — particularly those from her UD days — stand the test of time.

“Most people at the age of 42 have their group of friends they’ve had since they graduated from college and moved into their house,” Blake said. “We don’t have that. We have friends all over the place. We’ve never had family near us so we can’t be like, ‘Let’s go to my parents’ house on Sunday’.

“This is part of why I treasure my true friends so much,” she added. “My Dayton roommates and I just had our 20-year reunion. I love those girls. It means a lot to me that we can get together and hang out as if no time has gone by.”

PLACES

Kaitlyn Ridel ’13 wanted to live in Washington, D.C. — and she does, although it’s taken some moves back and forth between there and her hometown of Cleveland, as well as between Boston and Dayton, to make it happen. Now, Ridel is a brand and communications specialist for FiscalNote.

“My family is very close, and they’re all in the Cleveland area,” she said. “I’m the only one who’s kind of stayed away so I feel like an oddball sometimes, but I’ve always loved politics and policy so D.C. seems like the right place for that. My career, for now, is going to come first, and my family understands that.

“I do love Ohio, but I need to see if I can make D.C. work,” she added. “I have a really great set of friends here and a great job and want to see where it goes.”

In their paper, Keefer and Gillath note that mobility can have two effects. Moves within the same community are unlikely to have much impact on social networks. Long-distance moves, on the other hand, are likely to result in both geographical and social network changes.

Today, young people such as Ridel and Muniak often focus on the places where they want to live, and then find jobs.

“Having a job where I can be mobile and make enough to pay off my student loans is a goal, and this job provides that,” Muniak said. “I’m at that stage in life where I can stay in a hostel with 30 people and sleep on the floor. One day, I will want to lay low and settle down, and I want to know I squeezed
everything out of that time when I could be transient.”

Sozio grew up in Cleveland, where his parents planned trips that helped him catch the travel bug.

“I’ve been stateside for two weeks and I’m already wondering where my next trip will be to,” he said after returning from Nicaragua. “I need something to plan and look forward to.”

For Blake, after all her moving about, she’s ready to settle down in her new home in Littleton, Colorado — a place she and her husband selected for their love of the mountains and skiing and the fact that her family has a vacation home nearby.

“We bought a house that’s a bit of a renovation project,” she said. “We’ve never had a clean slate to make our own and build that dream deck and fire pit.”

**THINGS**

Settling down also means Blake can add some color to her home’s style.

“Now we have this huge house, and we don’t have any furniture,” she said. “Before, everything we owned was beige or brown so if we lived in a historical charmer or a new hacienda house, it would fit.”

Yet Blake isn’t used to having much in the way of stuff.

“We’re lean and mean and ready to move at a moment’s notice,” she said. “If we can’t get both our cars in our garage because there’s too much crap in there, we almost lose our minds. We have drawers that are completely empty and closets with one thing in them.”

“We’ve had houses we’ve rented and sold and it was the same situation,” she added. “Even big stuff like a house — I still had no connection to it.”

Indeed, Keefer and Gillath found this to be typical of highly mobile people.

Their paper also notes one practical aspect of moving has received little attention in existing residential mobility research: When moving, people must decide what possessions are worth moving and what can be left behind.

“If we were to time travel to a place when everything we owned was a family heirloom, perhaps we wouldn’t throw things out,” Keefer said. “So potentially in places high in residential mobility, we also have a culture of easily replaceable possessions, the more likely he or she is to see possessions or objects as disposable.’

**Disposable tendencies**

**What we keep, and what we leave behind:**

**Findings from the residential mobility research**

The paper published in the April 2016 journal *Personal Relationships* by Lucas Keefer and Omri Gillath was a merger of their interests.

Keefer’s research focuses on attachment to objects, and Gillath’s on attachment to friends and romantic partners. After working together in a University of Kansas lab, they decided to join forces to examine the question of how mobility relates to our material possessions and how we relate to close others.

They also looked to past research conducted by Jewish German psychologist Kurt Lewin, who wrote in a 1936 paper about Americans’ penchant to quickly make — and discard — friends. They also examined more recent research by Shigehiro Oishi of the University of Virginia and others.

“We had this idea about how mobility relates to material possessions and human relationships, and we found that research from 80 years ago is still very applicable,” Keefer said.

To build on the work of Lewin and others, Keefer and Gillath conducted studies in which participants completed questionnaires, including a “Willingness to Dispose Inventory” designed to assess people’s willingness to dispose of objects and close relationships (friends and romantic partners). Participants also were asked about their history of moving.

Studies were held starting in 2009 at the University of Kansas, where Keefer did his graduate work before coming to UD. Another three studies were held every year or two as Keefer and Gillath tweaked and added to their body of work and research findings.

Four studies were part of the research presented in their paper, “Generalizing Disposability: Residential Mobility and the Willingness to Dissolve Social Ties.”

Study one examined whether the perception of objects as disposable is associated with perceiving friends in a similar way. It showed people’s tendencies to dispose of objects and social ties are related.
consumer goods. But those and other implications are still open questions.”

Ridel, Muniak and Sozio are with Blake when it comes to traveling light. Ridel has moved photo albums and a good Italian cooking pan from place to place but otherwise rents furnished apartments. Muniak and Sozio move functional things, such as solid boots and a good rain jacket and, in Sozio’s case, a guitar.

“I’m not a very good interior decorator because everything I have is secondhand,” Muniak said.

For Sozio, living and working in places such as Honduras and Nicaragua where many people are impoverished also caused him to look at his belongings in a different way. “You look at your own material possessions and reconsider what you really need and what is really valuable,” he said. “There are some things you should cherish, but generally speaking it makes you less attached to stuff.”

MEANING

So what does this research say about the human experience?

“The conceptual thread connecting these is the similarities between our relationships and objects,” Keefer said. “We have a willingness to throw things away and a willingness to get rid of relationships. In a way, we’re treating people as objects, and that’s what draws this together.”

But finding the big picture would require additional research.

“Whatever connects mobility to whether or not we keep relationships is more complicated than we have the data to tell,” Keefer said. “The connection to moving and keeping relationships is complex. The human story and why this is important is a question that is still a bit open.”

And with this study, he added, no conclusions can be drawn about whether or not this willingness to dispose of belongings, and therefore relationships, is healthy or unhealthy. Nor does the study take into account the ever-growing influence of technology and social media on our relationships and ability to maintain them.

Gillath noted the research findings show “we need to pay more attention to people’s moves and mobility, and we need to think about the ease of moving and the ease of getting rid of things and of ties, because it might result in various relational difficulties down the line.

“There is a connection between how we view our lives and our physical surroundings and how we perceive our social ties,” he added. “And we pay a price for the ease of mobility and the tendency of people to dispose of things in their lives.”

For Keefer, “Maintaining old ties seems like a double-edged sword. It can meet some social needs to stay in touch, but it can be stifling to forming new social circles in the new location. There is some advantage to knowing someone nearby who can feed your cat when you’re out of town. Ultimately, we are social beings.”

Beings who, when settling in a new home, have a much easier time getting a new toaster than finding new friends to feed that cat — and so much more. UD
solar radiation from the sun through plastic sheeting. “We can grow year-round in it just by passive solar heating; not actively heating it,” Mackell said.

One hoop house is a fixed structure for growing seedlings, plant propagation and year-round production. It also includes space for student research projects.

The other two are on wheels, so they can be rolled to cover adjacent garden plots. This allows for both indoor and outdoor production, depending on the crops and time of year.

“It essentially allows us to grow twice as much food on the same amount of square footage because we are able to stretch the growing season on the front and back ends of the season by moving the greenhouse back and forth,” Mackell said.

He expects to have the hoop houses covered by fall, so they can grow produce throughout the winter.

One of the student volunteers was Léa Dolimier ’16, a Maryland native who graduated in May with a bachelor’s degree in environmental biology and a minor in sustainability. She was a Mission of Mary intern during the spring semester. She said her goal is to work on a nonprofit farm in a city.

“The University of Dayton really stresses being part of your community and the service aspect and working together,” Dolimier said. “I think a lot of people embrace that idea and want to come out and help.”

Sheward, who received the Fitz Center’s 2015 Mattie Davis and Joe Kanak Community Builders Award, watched the hoop house installation and talked about her hopes for Lincoln Hill Gardens. She is eager for the performance pavilion, which would bring people out of their homes for movies and storytelling.

“When we were an Appalachian community, the storytelling is what continued the richness of the community,” she said.

Local lore includes St. Mary’s Church, which was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983. During World War II, the church was a high point in Dayton and the lights in its towers were used to help U.S. military aircraft land at what is now Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

“The nuns and the priests used to go up there and they would change the colors of the lights,” Sheward said. “My grandmother and my mother lived here through the war, so they knew that the lights in the towers had different meanings.”

Sheward said her dream is to perform the play Stone Soup at the pavilion. The folk tale, in which a hungry traveler manipulates villagers into sharing their food by contributing ingredients to a pot of soup, shows how people can make something significant through many small contributions.

“Stone Soup is a very good story to use for community telling,” she said.

**THE FINAL SITE PLAN WAS revealed to residents July 3, as neighbors gathered at Lincoln Hill for a cookout before watching the city’s fireworks display.**

Artist renderings and schematic designs were arrayed on a large kiosk made from wooden pallets. Community members gathered around the drawings and commented favorably about the plans.

“This is a long way from when I went to school here,” said Anthony Stanford, of Dayton, whose mother still lives nearby on Beaumont Avenue. He has watched the site’s transformation from a vacant lot, and he hopes progress continues.

MKSK’s plan calls for the project to be implemented in five phases, contingent on fundraising and additional community partnerships.

Already, the first phase — construction of an urban agriculture education facility — is nearly complete. Though not yet covered, the hoop houses are home to crops of tomatoes, peppers, beets, summer squash and eggplant.

The second phase will add community garden plots. The partners hope over time the nature playscape, a sculpture hill with walking paths, a wetland exploration area, the education kitchen and a performance pavilion will follow.

Ervin called the plan a road map that offers the partners professional guidance on how to move the project forward and realize their vision. Mackell agreed.

“It is all very exciting,” said Mackell, who brought his wife and infant daughter to the fireworks event. “The way the project will be implemented in stages allows community members, students and faculty to be involved in different stages and to see it develop over time.”

Sheward stood by the display with fellow residents, discussing how the project might improve their quality of life. She is excited by the possibilities but sounded a note of caution — perhaps born from the hardship of Twin Towers itself — about bringing Lincoln Hill Gardens to fruition.

“I know it will be a reality, but like every good plan it takes money and time,” Sheward said. “I just want everybody to realize that no dream is achieved overnight.”
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It's a warm, sunny night, the sun is hanging on the mountain range in the distance, and Molly McKinley '01 is rolling down the tundra.

Tundra rolling may be a time-honored tradition more often carried out by children and the resident grizzly bears, but it's also how McKinley likes to celebrate a warm summer night in Alaska: going side-over-side down the alpine biome. Throw in a handful of wild blueberries and she might just be in heaven.

Welcome to 99-year-old Denali National Park, one of the amazing American places protected by the National Park Service.

It has been 100 years since the National Park Service
was founded, and in that time 412 wilderness areas and historic sites, natural wonders and national monuments have been created, recognized and protected. The oldest, the National Mall, was designated 226 years ago and grandfathered into the Park Service; the newest, Stonewall National Monument, was inducted June 24 of this year. Dubbed “America’s best idea” by writer Wallace Stegner, the National Parks model has been exported to countries around the world.

While the National Parks are full of monuments and glaciers, endangered species and civil rights memorials, perhaps their most important assets are their stories. Stories that celebrate natural wonders, such as the bristled trees of Joshua Tree National Park, and stories that reveal devastating human histories, such as the slaughter of 300 people in Sand Creek, South Dakota, and the internment of 117,000 Japanese Americans during World War II.

Those stories are at the core of the National Park Service mission: to preserve, “unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations.”

As the National Park Service prepared for its centennial celebration in August, University of Dayton alumni reflected on the important roles our parks play in society today and regaled us with their own stories of the National Parks and its mission.

**DISCOVER HISTORY: PRESERVING CULTURAL RESOURCES**

Perhaps it’s natural that history major Ann Honious ’00 ended up working for the National Park Service, a leader in historic preservation and responsible for preserving everything from the stories of Paleo-Indians in North America 12,000 years ago to the Chesapeake Bay landscape associated with both the beginning and end of slavery in the United States to the Wright brothers bicycle shop.

Honious began at the Park Service in 1992, surveying historic buildings and parks and cataloguing historic structures. She worked at the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park before becoming the second employee at the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historic Park. She then went to the Gateway Arch — formally the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial — where she oversaw for nearly six years the history, museum and ranger programs. Today, she’s the deputy superintendent of Capitol Parks East in D.C. and the administrator for roughly 15 parks east of the Capitol, including the historic home of Frederick Douglass and Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Gardens.

“I’ve always been interested in telling stories, and the National Park Service gives an opportunity to tell those stories where they happened,” says Honious. That’s the National Parks’ purpose: “They help you find or get to know your country — whether that be on a hike in the Grand Canyon or a visit to Independence Hall.”

Or on a tour of one of the nation’s 11 National Battlefields.

When Dale Floyd ’68 walked the parks and fields of the American South back in the mid-1990s, he wasn’t looking at the trees or the animals, he was mapping Civil War battlefields in his mind’s eye. And on paper.

For nearly five years the historian served on the Park Service’s Civil War sites advisory commission, helping determine the nation’s most important Civil War battle sites. The Army had already done much of the heavy lifting, identifying 10,500 Civil War battles, and Floyd and colleagues used that documentation as a jumping off point. They narrowed the list to about 500 sites of import and set out to investigate.

With U.S. Geological Survey maps in hand, Floyd walked the sites, inspecting fields and pastures, determining the significance of the battles waged, and the condition of the land and any remaining artifacts. He evaluated what threats existed to the sites, and what might in the future. Some of the battlefields were mostly gone, developed or encroached upon. Artifacts at others had been mined by individuals.

In the end, Floyd and his co-authors drew up an argument for preservation of many of the sites. Without it, the report said, the nation stood to lose fully two-thirds of its major Civil War battlefields. Soon, the American Battlefield Protection Program was established and, in 1996, Congress signed into law the American Battlefield Protection Act. Under the National Park Service, the ABPP “promotes the preservation of significant historic battlefields associated with wars on American soil.”
Today, the Park Service oversees 11 National Battlefields, four National Battlefield Parks and one National Battlefield Site. While not all of the nation’s Civil War and Revolutionary battle sites are encompassed within the National Parks, many are. Antietam National Battlefield, for example, commemorates the bloodiest one-day battle in American history, a day where 23,000 soldiers were declared dead, wounded or missing after 12 hours of battle. Preserving such history is part of the Parks’ mission — and value.

“The Park Service is custodian of important properties,” says Floyd, who has since retired. “And the Parks are the conservators of what are supposed to be our most important historical properties.”

That historic conservation extends to manmade technology and its consequences. For instance, there’s the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historic Park, which “preserves and interprets the history and legacies” of the Wright brothers and one of America’s great African-American poets, Paul Laurence Dunbar.

Kimberly Juhnke ’02 is one of many UD alumni to intern as an interpretive ranger — think educator in a uniform — at Dayton Aviation.

To Juhnke, having a program that tells the story of the people and experiences that changed America is critical.

“Each site you go to you learn something new. It’s important to know where you came from, and what happened in our country,” says Juhnke. “The Wright brothers, for example, were such innovative men, and they never even graduated from high school. That’s a testament to that time period.”

While some sites celebrate innovation and American spirit, others serve as testament to American ingenuity gone unchecked, including the Johnstown Flood Memorial.

In the late 1800s, the wealthy citizens of Pittsburgh bought a reservoir, converted a dam and created a massive lake for a private resort. They altered the dam but failed to maintain it properly and, in 1889, a storm destroyed the dam, killing 2,209 civilians below. The Great Flood, as it’s known, also led to the creation of the Army Corps of Engineers. And yet, says Juhnke — who worked at Johnstown, Allegheny Portage Railroad National Site and the Flight
Memorial for a year after graduation — few would really know about that flood, or that devastation, were it not for the National Parks preserved memorial.

**EDUCATION, FOSSILIZED**

Preserving cultural and natural places may be core aspects of the Parks’ mission, but education is paramount. Education — about wild plants and animals or about historic events — inspires people to protect the parks for the future. It also shapes dreams.

Steven Roberts ’97 knows this firsthand.

It was a balmy Florida evening in 1997 when Roberts, alongside Greg Leingang ’97 and Brian Boynton ’98, first discovered the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument. The classmates had mapped their spring break by National Parks, arriving seven parks later at the Castillo de San Marcos in St. Augustine.

Studying history growing up, Roberts had learned about Jamestown and about the Mayflower, but no one had ever taught him about the influence of the Spanish. As the lights burned below the walls of the Castillo, turning it into a glowing castle, Roberts knew he’d be back someday.

“The Castillo, built more than 300 years ago, isn’t just an old building, it tells special stories about freedom, about defending family, about sacrifice,” says Roberts. “Creating those experiences in real places has a huge power to help people find their own values, to find their own meanings in America’s special places.”

Roberts has spent the 20 years since that visit sharing the stories of America’s past through National Parks, beginning at the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historic Park where he worked as a seasonal park ranger. Later, at Perry’s Victory & International Peace Memorial, he revealed the lives of those who fought in the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812. He worked at James A. Garfield National Historic Site and Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

“I found specialness in the places,” says Roberts. “These were authentic places that had real stories of America for people to experience and actually become a part of during their visit.”

That Parks mission of education — and of sharing something important about America’s past with visitors from around the world — is ingrained in Roberts. “We help people care about their national parks, and about these national stories, and about these special resources. We hope they will get excited about them and also want to share these stories and become stewards of their own national parks. These are the people’s parks.”

Now, 20 years after that initial visit, Roberts is back at the Castillo where he serves as chief of interpretation and education.

If the Spanish arrival to America and their influence on the United States seems like ancient history, try donning Jeff Malik’s ranger hat.

In the high, cold desert of Kemmerer, Wyoming, there’s neither cactus nor bare earth in sight. Instead, sagebrush and mesquite and hardy vegetation clings to the earth, and prairie dogs run wild. A rock outcropping, Fossil Butte, hangs above the remains of an ancient lake. In that ancient lake are the fossilized remains of palm trees and alligators.

Malik, who is currently completing his master’s in public administration at UD, spent the summers of 2009 and 2010 at Fossil Butte National Monument, working as an interpretive officer, doing everything from leading tours to managing invasive species. The most exciting part of the job, however, was providing environmental education and especially fossil education.

Fossil Butte is home to 50-million-year-old fossils — among the best preserved in the world — and as such, it’s a destination for many families. One trail leads to an active resource quarry where researchers dig for fossilized fish. Visitors can watch the dig and, perhaps more important, rangers and researchers let kids lift up slabs of rock, look for fish and measure the fossils found.

To Malik, that kind of firsthand education is what makes the National Parks so important. They’re an opportunity for people to directly connect with nature, and with some of the most important parts of America.

“I mean that both in a natural environment setting and in a historic setting. It lets people experience these places firsthand, in a way that there’s no other chance for them to otherwise,” says Malik.
“There’s just nothing that can compare to a kid going camping for the first time or seeing herds of bison in Yellowstone or viewing the Grand Canyon. That’s where the power is; that potential for a transformative experience.”

Which perhaps explains why the National Park Service is celebrating its centennial.

EXPLORE NATURE: PRESERVING NATURAL RESOURCES

Today, 480 threatened and endangered plant and animal species exist within the areas protected by the National Parks, and the Park Service is charged with reducing the risk of their extinction while simultaneously telling the stories of these places, plants and animals to those responsible for preventing that extinction – the public.

McKinley, outdoor recreation planner at Denali National Park and resident tundra roller, has countless tales about the National Parks and run-ins with endangered species. The view from her office window in the woods offers spruce and alder and, quite routinely, a moose, but a short drive or hike leads to a world covered in tundra. Denali is green in summer, white in winter, and brown during spring – or mud season. Then, for a short time in autumn, there’s an explosion of color as the tundra comes alive in a way most people don’t expect. There’s a fabric to the place, says McKinley, a carpet of purples and reds and oranges.

During her Park Service career McKinley has spent a day perched on a glacier using a battery-operated chainsaw disassembling a decades-old plane crash for recycling. She has come upon a moose kill and a bear dining on that kill, and she has learned, midway through a river crossing, that caribou huff through their nostrils at humans. And, there was the day that, while surveying a new trail location, she looked up to discover one of those endangered species the Parks seek to protect — a lynx — just 15 feet away.

“One of our goals is to not interrupt the activity of the wildlife if no one’s in danger, so I was just hanging out with this lynx,” she says. “Me and a lynx, for kind of a long time, and the lynx wasn’t scared of me and I wasn’t scared of it. But there’s this huge beautiful cat, with tufts of fur coming out of its ears, and huge paws that allow it to walk on the snow in the winter, and to be that close to such a different, beautiful, amazing creature is really special. I feel really blessed by those opportunities.”

Coming to Alaska is striking and sometimes hard to wrap our heads around, she says, but that’s part of the enjoyment: “Everything here is so darn big. The mountains are big, the landscape is big, the mammals are big. I think for some people it creates a baseline shift in how the world around us can feel. And, when the world around us feels really big, it can make you feel really small. Or, it can make you feel awed and inspired.”

Which is what the Parks are after: preserving natural places for education, enjoyment and inspiration. In fact, the National Parks stewards, and celebrates, some of the most spectacular scenic places in the United States. There’s the wind-swept Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in Michigan, one of the of the 88 coastal and ocean parks in the system; the 4,700 caves and karsts scattered across the country, such as the lava tubes at Craters of the Moon National Monument in Idaho; and the star-filled skies over the buttes of Canyonlands National Park. And then there’s Old Faithful.

Yellowstone National Park, home to Old Faithful, became the world’s first national park in 1872, decades before the creation of the National Park Service. In August 1916, the Department of the Interior was overseeing 21 national monuments, 14 national parks and two national reservations, with no umbrella organization to run or manage them. With support from journalists, the National Geographic Society and more, Congress passed the Organic Act, establishing the National Park Service, and placing the 37 parks under its protection. Chief among those was Yellowstone. Today, Yellowstone encompasses 3,472 square miles, 500 active geysers, 900 historic buildings, 1,800 known archeological sites and two endangered species: the Canada lynx and the grizzly bear.

Melissa McAdam ’83 has seen much of this and more. Some of it from her office window, which on this day offers a view of a grazing female elk framed against a
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tenied at other historic sites. Saratoga has

backdrop of historic buildings. Nearby, a
tree bears the weight of a giant owl condo.
The nests there have produced multiple
flocks, and a parliament of owlets is flut
tering among the branches. Tourists stand
below, cameras trained on the baby birds,
oblivious to the elk grazing nearby.

McAdam landed at the world’s first
national park in the early 1980s on a lark.
A friend had returned to UD raving about
her summer working at Yellowstone, and
so McAdam followed suit. In 1982, be
tween her junior and senior years, she
spent the summer working in reservations
at Yellowstone. She returned in 1983 (and
met her now husband, Rick), then left for
a while to “try to do the real job thing.”

But Yellowstone beckoned. By 1985
they had returned for good.

“For us it’s the scenery, the feeling
of openness, of spaciousness. When you
grow up in the suburbs of the east, as I did,
this is a different experience. It’s a feeling
you can breathe,” she says of her decision
to make Yellowstone home.

McAdam began her career as an ac
counting technician, then volunteered
in the public affairs office before landing
a job in the emergency communications
center. She’s been working full time for
Yellowstone National Park ever since and
today holds the title of supervisory budget
analyst. Her staff handles everything from
human resources to procurement to bud
get management for the resource man
agement and science branches of Yellow
stone. Or the animal, vegetable, mineral
branch, as she calls it.

“I like the idea of being part of a com
munity — such a tight knit community —
that’s also tied to a mission,” she says. “I’m
still amazed by the wildlife. And the fea
tures — I don’t spend enough time at Old
Faithful, but the features are unlike any
other in the world.”

And then, there is the intersection of
exploring nature and discovering history;
of cultural and environmental preserv
ation. Saratoga National Historical Park —
one of the nation’s 50 National Historic
Parks — melds cultural preservation and
natural exploration. The park, in upstate
New York, is rural, and the Revolutionary
War battlefield that comprises the major
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The job sent him traveling. He went from D.C. to the Grand Canyon to Seattle fixing
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from cliffs, lightning strikes and more along the way.
At a computer meeting at the south rim of the Grand Canyon, in the Horace Albright
Training Center, O’Brien experienced the canyon as most in the public never do: He
went out with rangers on planned burns — the ones that prevent massive unplanned
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5-foot-wide path drops 600 to 1,000 feet on either side; its terminus is the site of many
a ranger wedding.

“It was almost like you were standing on a little jetty of nature-made rock,” he says.
“At the end, you’re standing on a circle, and it’s like you’re standing in the air. You can see
everything, especially at sunset. The views are amazing. All the colors of the canyon —
reds and grays and pastels.

“And then I had to walk back. I think I started crawling.”

Inspiration, on the clock

Working for the National Parks isn’t all backcountry encounters, hands-on historic
preservation or public education. Someone has to maintain the mainframes, too.
Back in the days of enormous mainframes, in the prehistoric era before email,
Bob O’Brien ‘76 joined the Park Service as a computer programmer and network
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years he spent as an engineer with the
National Park Service in Alaska, flying
on four-seat floatplanes to the wilds for a
project, or helicoptering into the middle
of nowhere to oversee construction.

“You see bears fishing in rivers, hear
wolves at night. ... And you’re on the clock.
People save their entire lives to go see the
things I saw while on the job,” he says.

Such wildlife may be why Huarte's
veneration extends beyond Saratoga and
to the Parks in general.

“It makes you appreciate how rich of a
country we are in natural resources. You
have Alaska with glaciers, and then you
have Death Valley — all in one country.”

The proud holder of a National Parks
Passport — a little booklet filled with
stamps that track every check-in at ev
ery National Park, Monument or Site —
Huartes has already been to 112 of the 412
National Parks. Like many alumni, wheth
er they work for the Park Service or not,
his life goal is to visit them all.

“They call the National Parks Amer
ica’s greatest idea,” he says. “I think it’s
true.” UD
“We met at UD in the student neighborhood our sophomore year, and the rest is history.”

Aaron Berry ’12 and Alyson Meyer ’12 write

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We get to see the world through your photos — keep them coming!

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KRISTIN DAVIS ’18

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Life lessons from a single bathroom

Friendships endure, but few are endowed.

The women of 321 Kiefaber St. celebrated both this June.

“That year living off campus was life-changing,” said Ann Rice Mullen ’66 of 1965-66, when nine women lived and grew together. Last year, the friends awarded the first 321 Scholarship to a UD student in acknowledgment of the impact UD had on their lives.

The women all lived in Marycrest the first year it opened, and they found one another through housing assignments and friendships.

When it came to their senior year, they discovered a cute white house with a wide front porch and a landlord willing to rent it — advertised for five or six women — to all nine friends who couldn’t bear to live apart. And he charged them the advertised price: $45 per month per woman.

“How did the nine of us live in one house with one bathroom?” asked Jessica Prendergast Krueger ’66 when the women reunited on campus during Reunion Weekend 2016.

“It was a learning experience for them all. There was the old wringer washing machine in the basement, a fourth bedroom that was really just a closet, and Friday night house meetings for divvying up the chores. For senior prom, they made a schedule that gave every woman 15 minutes in the bathroom.

“Somebody was ready two hours early and someone was ready at the last minute, and it all worked out,” said Ann Hurley Testa ’66.

Mullen’s mom could not believe the arrangement. “If you are friends after this year, you’ll be friends for life,” she told her daughter.

How true.

In recent years, the women have reunited at the Jersey Shore and in Florida. At the reunion in Dayton they remembered housemate Ellen McGarvey Sodnicar ’66, who died in 1990, through sharing stories. Pat Wetzel Kuss ’66 recalled how Sodnicar talked a Marianist brother with an airplane into flying the two women home to Indianapolis — and then into allowing her to take the controls.

“We all grew up together, from innocent little girls,” Karen Sikorski Guszkowski ’66 said, throwing a sideways glance to her friends, “into fine young women.”

Housemates Lexie Shanley Jump ’66 and Janice Maezer Norton ’66 nodded in agreement.

While the women and their husbands reminisced, senior Abbey Saurine was 8,000 miles away in Zambia, benefitting from their friendship. At the suggestion of one of the husbands, the housemates endowed the 321 Scholarship fund through cash donations and charitable gift annuities to honor their friendship and support the education of a female student committed to service.

Saurine was the scholarship’s first recipient. She is a Catholic religion education major, a Chaminade Scholar, a Campus Ministry volunteer and an assistant in the Fitz Center for Leadership.
Give me a R-E-U-N-I-O-N

Time to practice your Flyer cheers. UD cheerleading will be hosting a reunion during the 2016-17 basketball season. Organizer Shannon McDonough Chawk ’94 and her sister, fellow cheerleader Kaitlin McDonough ’97, attended the UD games in Orlando in 2015 and decided it had been too long since they got together with fellow cheerleader alumni. “It seems like many other groups have reunions, so why not the cheerleaders too?” said Chawk. “We spent a lot of time together and created wonderful memories.” To be added to the reunion update list, contact Amy Vukcevic Williams ’01 in alumni relations at awilliams4@udayton.edu.

Enterprising event
Call it a weekend of continued education. On Sept. 23-24, more than 230 past and current employees of the student-run Flyer Enterprises will gather on campus to reconnect and participate in interactive workshops. “We celebrated 25 years of Flyer Enterprises — including Rudy’s Fly-by and other projects — last year, and the alumni engagement has been at a high level since. We have a reunion every year, but this will be the largest yet,” said Flyer Enterprises alumni association lead organizer Tony Blankmeyer ’08. Flyer Enterprises now runs seven businesses on UD’s campus. To RSVP and learn more, visit bit.ly/UDM_feweekend.

Bandcoming
Adam Hayslett ’14, president of UD Band Alumni, invites all alumni back to campus for the annual Bandcoming Oct. 7-9. The gathering will begin 7 p.m. Friday at Holy Angels Gym. Saturday rehearsal begins at 8 a.m. at the UD Arena, followed by a performance at the 1 p.m. UD football game and a postgame get-together at 1651 Brown St. starting at 6 p.m. “Golf will be reserved Sunday morning if you would like to join,” he said. For details, email UDBA@gmail.com.

in Community. Last summer, she joined a service-immersion trip visiting the Marianist brothers in Lusaka and the Sisters of Charity in Lubwe. In Lubwe, she and her fellow Flyers presented scholarships to students and money to their teachers to repair and equip the schools.

“We built relationships and learned about the power of relationships,” Saurine said.

She said she was especially excited to receive the scholarship from a household of nine women; this fall, she’s living with 10 women in the Marianist faith community at 1903 Trinity Ave.

The women of 321 say that while friendships endure, so do the lessons they learned at UD. The women continue to give back in their communities through their churches, groups and mission projects.

Said Jean Gilles Fredericks ’66, “We just value our friendship so much. We are who we are because of our time together.”

—Michelle Tedford
With pride and as a reflection of the excellence of a University of Dayton education, the Alumni Association recognizes alumni accomplishments through an annual awards program.

Profiles by Shannon Shelton Miller

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**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD**

**FRED C. TENOVER ’76**
Bachelor of Science
Biology and Chemistry

The summer after his freshman year at the University of Dayton, Fred C. Tenover completed a three-month theological study tour at eight European universities. At the time, he was considering a life of religious service, but the experience helped him understand that his faith could coexist with his other significant area of interest — science.

“My Catholic faith is fundamental to my science,” Tenover said. “I see the two as interconnected — the integration of faith and science makes sense to me.”

A board-certified clinical microbiologist, Tenover has more than 30 years of experience directing diagnostic laboratories and working in academic, governmental and corporate settings. He earned master's and doctoral degrees in microbiology from the University of Rochester, and his work has taken him from the Seattle Veterans Affairs Medical Center and the University of Washington to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. He’s now vice president for scientific affairs with Cepheid, a molecular diagnostics company in Sunnyvale, California, and consulting professor of pathology at Stanford University School of Medicine.

Tenover’s studies of how bacteria become resistant to antibiotics, including the discovery of the first real “superbug resistance gene” in the United States in 2001, place him among the top five experts in the world on the topic.

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**SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**ALLEN HILL ’67**
Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering
Master of Business Administration ’72

Allen Hill’s life journey didn’t take him far from his roots. A Dayton native, Hill attended UD and began working at Dayton Power & Light during his engineering co-op. He remained with the company until his retirement as president and chief executive officer in 2002.

Since then, he’s continued the community service he started at UD and DP&L, serving on organizational boards and the UD board of trustees for 18 years. He’s also been a member of the advisory councils for the School of Engineering and the School of Business Administration.

Although part of his decision to enroll at UD related to his need for an affordable education and the ability to live at home, Hill, a Chaminade High graduate, also felt comfortable with the Marianists and their philosophy.

“UD is unique because it’s a Marianist university,” he said. “It has a different flavor than other Catholic institutions. Even as it’s grown, it’s maintained its rich tradition and is still very Marianist.”

It’s that familiarity with the city of Dayton and its heritage — combined with values he learned from the Marianists — that’s helped Hill remain committed to helping UD and Dayton thrive.
SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD

DENNIS MARX ’68
Bachelor of Science
Accounting

Dennis Marx had never seen the University of Dayton before his parents dropped him off on campus at the start of his freshman year. It was a life-changing decision, one that began a lifetime of family involvement. His sister, Christine, would graduate from UD five years later, and Marx’s three children are UD alumni, along with two of their spouses.

His time at UD also helped him cultivate a spirit of servant-leadership. He’s a member of the board of trustees and a former president of the UD Alumni Association board. He worked on Reunion Weekend committees, the advisory council for the School of Business Administration, and alumni and new-student programming in Chicago, where he now lives.

Marx also established an international collaboration between UD and Radboud University Nijmegen, a Catholic university in the Netherlands. Close to 30 Dutch students have visited UD to participate in conferences, classes and semester-long study, and UD students will study at Radboud this fall.

“I’ve earned psychic income from my involvement with UD,” Marx said. “UD has given me so much, I can’t put it all into words.”

CHRISTIAN SERVICE AWARD

TONI MOORE ’68
Bachelor of Arts
Economics
Master of Science
Inter-Disciplinary Studies in Education ’87
Doctorate
Educational Leadership ’99

As a student studying economics at UD, Louise “Toni” Moore had no intentions of pursuing education as a career.

Even though she took a classroom job after graduation, Moore considered it a stopover on the path to a different goal — teaching was simply something she felt comfortable doing in the meantime since she’d grown up the eldest of six.

“I feel like I was always a reluctant disciple,” she said. “I never dreamed of being a teacher.”

That short-term position turned into a life’s work, and Moore became a national leader in Catholic education during the four decades she worked as an educator, much of it as principal of Holy Angels School in Dayton. The National Catholic Educational Association honored her in 2001 with its Distinguished Principal Award.

She credits former UD education Dean Ellis Joseph for encouraging her to pursue leadership opportunities, and she found her calling in recognizing the need for religious and spiritual support for Catholic school teachers.

In 2006, Moore developed the St. Remy Initiative, a collaboration between UD and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati to provide such support. She also created and serves as the director of the Catholic Leadership Institute Project for Catholic school leaders.

JOE BELLE MEMORIAL YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

MATT MAROON ’06
Bachelor of Arts
Political Science

After graduating from UD, Matt Maroon decided to spend a year in the East African nation of Malawi working with the Marianists before heading to law school.

Ten years later, he’s still there, and Malawi has become home.

“That wasn’t originally the plan,” Maroon said. “Law school was the plan. But once I got here, I was hooked.”

Maroon turned a year of service into a vocation. After working with the Marianists, Maroon returned to the United States for an anthropology master’s degree at the University of Cincinnati. Upon graduation, Maroon came back to Malawi and founded a nongovernmental organization, Determined to Develop (D2D), designed to empower Malawian citizens to create sustainable, community-driven solutions to issues facing their communities. A nonprofit, D2D focuses on education and youth support, women’s empowerment, health and nutrition, and environmental needs.

As a home base for these operations, Maroon built a lodge, Maji Zuwa, which hosts visitors from around the globe. That number has included many UD students during the past few years, notably the Malawi Practicum on Rights and Development out of the College of Arts and Sciences and the ETHOS program out of the School of Engineering.
The city of Philadelphia is the birthplace of the nation, where the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were written, debated and signed at Independence Hall. All the major U.S. professional sports are represented, including their own Flyers. “You can’t just say ‘I went to UD,’ or people might be confused with the other UD in the area, University of Delaware,” said alumni community leader Kris McCarthy McNicholas ’86.

Having schools in the area that are part of the A-10 conference brings fellow UD Flyers to the region often, with gamewatches being the most well-attended events this chapter holds. There are more than 25 universities in the geographic region, but clearly this chapter has its favorite.

### Philadelphia Alumni By the Numbers

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### THE LYRICS OF IRISH FREEDOM

**John O’Brien Jr. ’88**

The luck of the Irish has surrounded John O’Brien his whole life, with his father establishing the Cleveland Irish Cultural Festival in 1982 and O’Brien starting the Ohio Irish American News in 2006. Now O’Brien, a first-generation Irish-American, is deputy director of the festival and has positioned his interest in Irish culture into a fourth book, *The Lyrics of Irish Freedom*. It celebrates the music of freedom — especially timely with 2016 as the 100th anniversary of the Easter Rising, Ireland’s revolution. “We can only know ourselves in the seminal songs and stories of our past,” O’Brien said. Capturing the stories behind the songs sung in Irish pubs and festivals, the book features the background of 80 songs. All of O’Brien’s books can be found at songsandstories.net.

### REALITY CHECK: THE CHALLENGES AND TRIUMPHS OF B.J. MACPHERSON’S LIFE AND LAST DAY ON ICE

**Richard Flammer ’85**

Flammer experimented with marketing plans — including selling the book at the games of the San Diego Gulls, then co-coached by MacPherson. But the franchise folded and the book was put on hold until the Anaheim Ducks reinvigorated the local market for hockey storytelling. While self-publishing wasn’t the original plan, Flammer released the book in October 2015 and hopes to write a screenplay about MacPherson. The true story can be found on Amazon at bit.ly/UDM_realitycheck.

### PODCAST411

**Rob Walch ’88**

What started as a hobby has turned into a hall of fame induction for Rob Walch. Walch is vice president for podcaster relations for Libsyn and is host and producer of several podcasts, including the award-winning “podCast411,” an informative interview session for podcasters, which he started in 2004. In July, Walch was named to the Podcaster Hall of Fame in Chicago. Utilizing the skills he learned in speech class at UD, Walch has spoken about podcasting at more than 100 events. “The professor said the first day of class that it would be the most important class we would take at UD. I didn’t believe him then, but he could not have been more right,” Walch said. Listen to all of Walch’s podcasts at podcast411.libsyn.com/about.

—Shelby Quinlivan ’06
Golden Flyers

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MARK BACKS ’48

Hitting the road

Mark Backs, 88, wakes up at 5 a.m. for his daily 1 1/2-mile walk with his dog, Nemo, then returns home for breakfast to fuel his morning workout sessions with a personal trainer at the gym. He finishes with a yoga session before settling in for the afternoon.

“That’s when you hibernate,” he says. “You don’t go out until evening.”

Summers are scorchers, but three temperate seasons make life in Tucson, Arizona, worth it, Backs says. He’s lived in Arizona for more than 20 years, moving shortly after retiring in 1989.

Born in Minster, Ohio, Backs and his brother, Alton, both attended UD and graduated in 1948. They earned medical degrees from Loyola University in Chicago, and Alton pursued a career in radiology while Mark became an anesthesiologist. Mark served in the Army Medical Corps, while Alton is a Navy veteran.

“I loved UD,” Backs said. “I still do. It was a great experience and I had great teachers who made my medical career possible. I remember using my notes from biochemistry and other science classes at UD while I was in med school.”

Backs spent most of his career in Madison, Wisconsin, where he and his wife, Adele, raised six children. They enjoyed traveling and visited Italy 10 times — Adele was the daughter of an Italian-immigrant father and Italian-American mother, and became fluent in Italian herself after studying in college.

They were married 62 years before Adele died in 2015, and Backs now spends much of his time with Nemo and his daughter Tammy, who lives in Tucson. Travel is still in his blood though, and he had Dayton on his itinerary in spring 2016, making his first visit to campus in seven years.

“I plan to go back there again,” he says. “When I’m in my 90s.”

—Shannon
Shelton Miller
ANATOMY OF A CLASS NOTE ’36

Father Lawrence Mann, S.M. ’36 (ENG) lives in Cupertino, Calif., at the Marianist community. He turned 100 Aug. 1. He is the younger brother of the late Brother Leonard Mann ’36. Father Mann is the second-oldest living Marianist brother.

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PATRICIA SWEENEY HENRY ’69

One family, one judge

When the Honorable Patricia Henry lays down her gavel and retires in October, she’ll have a lot to be proud of. While having served both as a lawyer and as a judge in various courts throughout her career, she’ll end her time in the profession working in a court that has changed the lives of thousands of people involved in domestic violence.

From 2005, when she was appointed an acting Supreme Court Judge in Kings County, New York, until her retirement in 2016, Henry has worked in the Integrated Domestic Violence (IDV) Court. While working as counsel for the deputy chief administrative judge for court operations for the state of New York, Henry helped her boss develop the IDV courts.

“You don’t always get a chance to see things through from vision to program,” says Henry, who studied psychology at UD. The IDV court was designed to respond to common problems — that people with domestic violence issues may have cases in three, four or even more different courts such as criminal, family, housing and others. Often, people wouldn’t seek assistance because it took too much time. With IDV, though, all their cases are transferred to one judge, who has jurisdiction over all. Specially trained prosecutors knowledgeable about domestic violence cases and a cadre of lawyers working as defense attorneys try their cases in front of Judge Henry.

In the 10 years it’s been in existence, the IDV court in Kings County has seen more than 8,000 families with more than 32,000 cases. “The cases proceed with fewer adjournments and requirements for the parties to appear, allowing litigants to avoid missing work or school. The prosecutor’s office reports that more victims cooperate with [them], resulting in fewer cases being dismissed,” Henry says.

While she says there is still much work to be done in understanding domestic violence and providing interventions to reduce its impact, Henry says, “I am proud to have been part of this change.”

—Michele Wojciechowski
DAVID WISE ’75

Business cycle of life

During his earlier stints in the corporate world, David Wise helped turn around faltering businesses near the end of their life cycles. Now he’s enjoying his own turnaround — after “retiring” in 2014, he’s funding startups across Baltimore and serves as chief executive officer for a company developing a vaccine for Zika and other tropical viruses.

Last December, Wise joined Pharos Biologicals, LLC, a startup founded by a Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine professor to develop a Zika vaccine. Pharos has also earned exclusive worldwide licenses for a patented Lysosome-Associated Membrane Protein (LAMP) DNA vaccine technology to fight influenza and flaviviruses, a genus of yellow fever-related viruses such as Zika, dengue and West Nile. Phase 1 clinical trials for the Zika vaccine are scheduled this fall.

While he works to raise money for Pharos, Wise also serves as a venture adviser for The Abell Foundation, an organization that helps new businesses secure funding to build what the group calls an “innovation ecosystem” in Baltimore.

“Most of the companies we’re creating don’t even have revenue yet,” Wise says. “It’s exciting to conceive of possibilities and what could happen.”

At UD, Wise majored in political science and was active in national politics, campaigning for delegate spots at the 1972 and 1976 Democratic National Conventions. A short time in law school shifted Wise away from a legal career, and he decided to explore the intersection of policy and business by earning a master’s of arts in law and diplomacy from Tufts University in 1982.

Wise’s post-retirement career has provided him with the ideal opportunities to put that philosophy into action, as he sees his work with Pharos and Abell as more than just raising and awarding funds to get organizations running.

“We’re not just trying to make companies work, we’re trying to make Baltimore work,” Wise says.
—Shannon Shelton Miller

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Richard J. “Mr. Fantastic” Loges — March 15, 2016

1944
Jennie-Belle Campbell Cuppus — May 30, 2016
Richard F. Kelly — May 24, 2016

1947
Virginia L. Johnston Safford — Feb. 27, 2016

1949
George R. Oberer Sr. — March 28, 2016

1950
James T. Arndts — April 29, 2016
Clarence E. Earnhart — April 19, 2016

1952
James A. Baumgarten — April 3, 2016
Glenn D. Hester — May 5, 2016

1953
Sarah C. Horton Bonebrake — April 17, 2016
Marian F. Fluegeman Klusman — Dec. 18, 2015

1954
Olmer J. “Jack” Anderson — April 5, 2016

1955

1956
Mary M. Osterday Kolasinski — March 26, 2016

1957
Russell J. “Russ” Bouchez — April 24, 2016
James E. “Jim” Gerstner — April 23, 2016

1958
Mary “Gladys” Smith Scheidler — April 29, 2016

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Father Walter J. “Sandy” Macpherson — June 12, 2016

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Thomas J. Eichelberger — March 12, 2016

1962

1963
Jerome W. “Jerry” Dahm — March 21, 2016

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Francis W. Einig — March 19, 2016

1965
Dan A. “Dan” Trauthwein — March 9, 2016

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Stephen P. “Steve” Scovic — April 21, 2016

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Gregg R. Hauser — March 23, 2016
Thomas E. “Tom” Tescher — March 11, 2016

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John R. Henry — March 4, 2016

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Thomas S. “Tom” Hornbach — March 15, 2016
Joan M. Minnich — April 23, 2016

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Ralph C. Grevenkamp — May 25, 2016

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Michael W. “Mike” McCoy — April 28, 2016

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John A. “Jack” Kemper — June 1, 2016

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Lee R. Taulton — Feb. 27, 2015

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Anthony L. Casey — April 18, 2016
Vincent J. “Vinnie” Reardon — March 22, 2015
Darlene T. DiPasquale Westbrock — April 20, 2016

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YVONNE BURNS THEVENOT ’92

Reinvention revolution

Had it not been for cancer, divorce and the loss of a loved one, all devastatingly crammed into two years, Yvonne Burns Thevenot may have never reinvented herself.

But reinvent she did, and she hasn’t looked back.

Triumphing over adversity allowed Thevenot the courage to leave a high-paying position at JPMorgan in 2013 to return to school and pursue her dream of becoming an educator.

The New York resident is now founder and executive director of STEM Kids NYC, a nonprofit organization created in 2015 to help bridge the gap between inner-city schools and STEM opportunities for at-risk, underrepresented youth.

“I started to look inward, and I relied on faith and my relationship with God. And, I discovered that it didn’t matter how much money I made. I started to look at what made me happy,” she said.

She credits her time at UD as the foundation for her desire to encourage others.

“The gift UD gave me was my freedom of expression without fear,” she asserted.

She wants to pass on that confidence to the youth she encounters, who she says limit themselves by not seeing their potential outside stereotypes or educational expectations.

Thevenot holds a degree in management information systems and worked for more than two decades in IT and finance. She hopes her story of reinvention and faith gives students a chance to see themselves differently.

Just as she’s reinvented a STEM identity for herself — educator, innovator, motivator — Thevenot hopes to inspire others to not set limits by self-defined stereotypes.

“My dream is to generate interest within these kids so they see themselves differently — as scientists, engineers, mathematicians,” she said. “I want them to create a STEM identity for themselves.”

—Gita Balakrishnan
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JONATHAN SAWYER

Cleveland’s top chef

In the nine years since returning to his hometown of Cleveland, Jonathon Sawyer has emerged as one of the nation’s most renowned chefs and a dynamic force in Cleveland’s swelling 21st century renaissance.

Sawyer’s Greenhouse Tavern and Trentina have both earned “Best New Restaurant” nods from Bon Appétit and Esquire, respectively, while Sawyer himself captured the 2015 Best Chef: Great Lakes award from the James Beard Foundation, the Oscars of the food world.

It’s a spirited journey that began during Sawyer’s junior year at the University of Dayton.

An industrial engineering major, Sawyer recalls sitting in an engineering course in 2000 entering coordinates into AutoCAD, “respecting the work,” but not enjoying it, he says.

Around that same time, his boss at Dayton’s Café Boulevard — a curmudgeonly, though classically trained chef — told Sawyer he “wasn’t too bad at cooking.”

Those experiences combined with a frugal Eastern European heritage that celebrated home cooking ignited Sawyer’s culinary pursuits.

He left Dayton, where he was on track to graduate in 2002, and enrolled at the Pennsylvania Institute of Culinary Arts, the first step in a professional odyssey that led him to acclaimed restaurants in New York and Miami, back to Cleveland and appearances on national television shows such as Iron Chef America and Dinner: Impossible.

In 2009, Sawyer and his wife, Amelia, opened The Greenhouse Tavern in downtown Cleveland.

“The most impactful address I could have ever picked,” he says.

In addition to serving up New American fare that’s fueled Cleveland’s rising culinary credibility, the eatery also exemplifies Sawyer’s passion for running an environmentally conscious restaurant — Ohio’s first certified green restaurant, in fact. He sources ingredients from area farms and a rooftop garden, boasts a robust recycling and composting program, and supports responsible animal husbandry.

“I wanted to be part of something positive, something bigger than myself, and I’m grateful to be doing just that,” Sawyer says.

—Daniel P. Smith
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KRISTEN BECKER ’03

Creative catalyst

With recent accolades from Martha Stewart Weddings, Style Me Pretty and the Huffington Post, Kristen Becker is living the design life she never imagined.

The visual communication design alumna is owner and designer of Five Dot Design, a boutique design studio in Newport, Kentucky, which specializes in custom wedding invitations, event décor and design installations. “Dot” is the name of Becker’s aunt, who had breast cancer at the time when Becker was toying with the idea of starting her own company, and five is Becker’s lucky number.

Becker is a one-person show.

“In terms of the design and creative portion, it’s just me,” Becker said. “If you’re reaching out to work with me, you will work with me.”

After graduation, she worked in the corporate world and thought she’d remain there.

“It’s been a wild ride,” Becker said.

For business she has traveled as far as Dubrovnik, Croatia, for a seaside wedding. Her chic programs for the bride and groom, friends of hers, were featured in Martha Stewart Weddings. She covered the stylized programs in an iridescent ivory fabric; inside she included a message to the bride’s parents, who were celebrating their 24th wedding anniversary.

Becker said she stands out in her industry because of her passion for bringing new visual aspects to events. This is what “design installations” are all about: going onsite, setting up and putting it together. She compares it to preparing an art exhibit.

She said her husband’s line of work, architecture, keeps her in tune creatively to new physical elements.

“I love paper. But I also love to find different materials to use,” Becker said. “If you can find a way to differentiate and bring in personality, something that helps couples feel like they created something unique, then that’s a creative win for me."

—Bridget Lally ’17

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Can UDentify us?

These students at a 1971 Phi Kappa Mu party might have had their eye on the future — but perhaps not as far as appearing 45 years later on these pages. If you can reveal the names of these revelers, email magazine@udayton.edu. See more archival images at ecommons.udayton.edu.

From our last issue

Christen Moleton-Miller ’00 wrote in to identify the women in the fall sweaters and rugby shirt featured in the Summer 2016 issue. “That picture must have been in 1996,” she said. “We were freshman, lived in Marycrest, and loved our Flyer football games. In the picture (from right) is Alexis Boscio Pelligrini, me and Ingrid Sicoli-Doyle. Hilarious! We would love to see more.” Michele Monnier Kaiser ’00 wrote in to say she indeed has seen more. “I was reading the magazine this month and, when I came to Page 57, I couldn’t believe my eyes. ... I went and pulled my photo album off the shelf, and I have almost the exact same picture. I was there that day in 1996 at my first football game as a proud UD freshman. Thanks for the walk down memory lane!”

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Freedom writers

By Sinita Scott '06

In August 2002, I entered UD as a pregnant, angry, irritated freshman. My anger was intensified by everyone constantly implying that I should major in anything but education.

“Are you SURE that you want to teach? You are so smart. Be a lawyer or a judge or something; you are great at arguing!”

I wanted to be a teacher. I wanted to make a difference in the lives of future mayors, congressmen, doctors and even lawyers. I wanted to be a great teacher who not only taught English but who taught students about life and how to navigate through it. I wanted to make an impact.

I remember class with Susan Ferguson, one of the best teachers to ever teach teachers. She showed us a documentary about Erin Gruwell. Erin was a superstar. Erin worked in an urban school, just as I aspired, and she made a difference in the lives of her students. She demanded excellence in their academics; she helped them see that they, minority students written off by society, could achieve great things.

And they did. They were always great, but she helped them grow and learn and flourish.

I wanted to be Erin Gruwell.

Fourteen years later I was in my own high school English classroom at Cincinnati Taft High School.

“Go to class, Nijha’i!” I scolded for the millionth time. And Nijha’i came to my class every single day last year, all my classes, not just his.

I had taught Nijha’i, as well as the majority of the 2016 senior class as sophomores, and I taught a handful as juniors. They were special — strong-willed, dedicated students working diligently to do their best.

This class was great, but they doubted their greatness. This class was special, but they thought they were normal. This class was amazing, but they believed that they were mediocre. This class was phenomenal, but they always felt they were failing.

And this awesome class was leaving.

I wanted this class to remember they had overcome much and done what many of them once thought was impossible, make it to graduation. I wanted to encourage them to see the greatness deep down inside of each and every one of them, and I wanted them to allow the rest of the world to see the greatness they displayed in my classroom. I wanted them to know that if further hardships came their way, they would overcome them because overcoming is what they do. I wanted to write every one of them an individual letter for they are individual people. I wanted them to know that I know them, too.

I convinced others to donate money so I could give each of my 87 students individual gifts with their letters. I knew that these gifts would make them feel special. I knew that they would appreciate them. I knew that every time that they made use of their gifts, it would remind them of my class. It would remind them of their sophomore year when they were terrified of failing the infamous Ms. Scott’s English class because they heard it was insanely hard, and of how they ended up passing my class not once, but twice. It would remind them of the times when they lost parents to violence or sickness, were homeless, hungry and depressed but came to my class, talked to me about their issues and still did their best. It would remind them they overcame many obstacles in the past, and they could do the same in the future. They could enjoy these gifts now, but the letters and the memories of the gifts would for years to come whisper, “I’m great because Ms. Scott told me so. I must do great things.”

The whisper is what I wanted to accomplish. The tiny, small Ms. Scott voice … who am I kidding? I meant to say the loud, demanding, I-only-push-you-so-hard-because-you-have-more-in-you Ms. Scott voice. That voice must motivate them to remember their past, that they give their best efforts at all times because they promised Ms. Scott they would. Years after I have gone to glory, these students should use that same voice to motivate their children, nieces, nephews and possibly even students.

That was my goal.

A few weeks after graduation, I was approached by Khamaya. Khamaya entered her senior year with one of the largest credit deficits of the senior class. She overcame that. She did what guidance counselors predicted she could not in one school year. I asked her if she read my letter.

“Yeah, it made me cry, Ms. Scott.
“I read it every day.”

I made an impact on 87 individuals. I did what I set out to do as a teacher. I am living the dream.
The mess we’re in

By Phil Aaron, S.M. ’54

When I was a secondary school principal, I dreaded the visit of my provincial, Father William Ferree, S.M. He had elaborate solutions to all my problems. I thought he didn’t understand the reality of the situation.

He was, however, a genius.

True, an absent-minded one: He once came out to celebrate Mass without a chasuble; the server had to remind him to complete his vestments. He was intense, whether he was giving a tennis lesson or tackling large social problems, classifying Marianist historical documents or clearing a road with heavy equipment.

He never met a situation that was too big or too difficult to address. He addressed not individual problems but the big picture. He expected the same from others.

And he did not like whiners.

That is evident in his influential book, Introduction to Social Justice. He did not see complaining about institutions as a good beginning to changing them. To him, social charity requires us to give unconditional love to the institutions that we have created just as we would to another person, whether or not that person is perfect. This “mess we’re in” (as he phrased it) is our global reality, the imperfect, untidy and developing gift from God through which we achieve ever higher and higher levels of human flourishing.

The mess is a gift from God. Our first task is to accept it as a gift of love.

According to Ferree, the act of social justice, that is, what one does to practice virtue, requires us to join with others to reconstruct all institutions from the family to global organizations like the United Nations. Drawing on the social encyclicals of popes, he taught that all virtues have a social dimension be that all virtues have a social dimension, and that our responsibility was to manage change and reorganize continually.

One of his “laws” — Cooperation, not Conflict — presents particular problems for social activists who see a duty to protest an unjust situation without understanding its complexity and the good that may exist alongside the injustice in a complex organization. Ferree did not advocate destructive revolution but creative collaboration.

The “mess we’re in” is made up of institutions that humans have organized. Ferree sees this work of humans, this mess, as an image of God, the means God has chosen through us to deliver his grace. These institutions — from the UN to the church to the family — are imperfect. We need to accept them in their imperfection and to continually reorganize them.

As a young principal, I was trying to solve particular problems. Father Ferree was trying to alleviate their causes; he was trying to change the world.

Fun and games in the library

By Maureen Schlangen

I work in the University Libraries. We’re a serious lot, devoted almost religiously to helping students, faculty and the community access the information they need to be successful in their studies and scholarly pursuits.

But my colleagues have an especially fun side, too — many with an affinity for clever puzzles and games. Two fell in love over a daily lunchtime crossword puzzle in the staff lounge. One grew tired of waiting for Mattel to come out with new trivia cards for each book in a popular Harry Potter trivia game, so he wrote his own. Another keeps a stash of brain-teasing puzzles in his desk to help him think, and in the spring, a running chess game started on the first floor. Games last several weeks at a time.

The staff picnic on June 9 followed suit: our own Library Olympics.

Our teams, competitive that day in a genial rather than cutthroat way, faced off in games that challenged us not just physically, but mentally: journal Jenga, journal toss, cart racing, book balancing, speed sorting and the hardest scavenger hunt I’ve ever participated in.

Clusters of prospective students and their parents on their way to the admission office got to see the lighter side of the library as we raced carts on the bumpy brick-paver walkways, occasionally careening into the grass until we had a feel for how the swiveling rear wheels maneuver at such speeds.

They saw journals flying through the air in the journal toss and falling to the ground in journal Jenga. Lest passersby worry that we were damaging books, someone thought to produce a large poster that read, “Journals used for this event have been marked for recycling.”

We quickly sorted a shelf of books by Library of Congress call numbers, then balanced bound journals on our heads for as far as we could walk. In our cryptic scavenger hunt, each team had about 20 minutes to look up 25 call numbers in the 41 volumes of Library of Congress classification listings, find an object on campus that represented each one, photograph it, then Tweet it with the hashtag #udlibpic.

My team didn’t take gold, but we held our own. Our engineered approach in Jenga didn’t work out as planned, but the catalogue on our team was even speedier at cart racing than he was at sorting, winning that event handily. The director of the Marian Library, deft at Twitter, saved us in the scavenger hunt, and the life and health sciences librarian and a curatorial assistant made some impressive leaps in logic to creatively connect obscure objects to call numbers. It was thrilling.

The next day, we were all on the same team again, providing excellent research and scholarly collections, quality service, integrated curricular support and dynamic learning environments.

That’s just as medalworthy in my book.
Why are we here?

As we sat on the couch sounding out a new word from her reading textbook, my foster daughter looked up at me and wrinkled her nose. My brain hurts, she moaned.

Ah, the joys of a new school year.

As an adult, I have conveniently forgotten all those times when as a child I struggled and wriggled before understanding gave way to exuberance. This year’s new student convocation at RecPlex also reminded me of how certain I was of my major when I started at UD so many years ago, only to have my sail buffeted by every new professor. Become instead a geologist hammering fossils in an ancient sea bed? Why not. A sociologist researching the human connection to place? I’m there.

And I’m not alone. Maggie Schaller, a senior political science and human rights major, told the incoming class during her convocation address that she changed her major four times, dropped classes and quit clubs all on her way to excelling at the most important homework assignment: experiencing as much as she could.

“Above all, don’t be scared to learn,” she told the sea of students in their pastel shirts and Sunday dresses. “This includes in your classes, outside of them and, most importantly, about yourself.”

At convocation, speakers inspire students to dream and act and not freak out over the enormous changes and choices before them. Father James Fitz, S.M. ’68, offered words from the Book of Sirach. Its writer, he said, reminds us that if you wish, you can become. If you are willing to listen, you will learn. If you see a person of prudence, seek that person out. “Let your feet wear away that person’s doorstep,” he read.

It’s advice appropriate at a University where friendship and welcome invite us all to learn as a community, to embrace the messiness and the challenges not alone but in concert with those who will support and learn with us.

Philosopher John Dewey believed that the best sort of society is one that uses its collective intelligence. V. Denise James, associate professor of philosophy, cited Dewey in her convocation address that also asked students to answer one of her favorite questions: “Why am I here?”

“I know that real education has a way of chipping away at rigidity and certainty,” she said after revealing her own unexpected trajectory toward professor. “Education makes your world larger, multiplies your experiences, deepens your connection to others and lets you see new opportunities that you didn’t even know existed.”

And why are we here? Today’s answer should be different from tomorrow’s, as we ponder and grow. As James told the incoming class, “That’s my favorite compliment, when a student leaves class and says, ‘You made my head hurt.’”

The process may hurt a little, but we should refuse to be scared to learn. That’s wisdom for us all for the new school year and beyond.

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- Manufacturing
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- How insects smell
  - Uses: Sensors to sniff out explosives or cancer
- Geologic understanding of climate change impact on marine life
  - Sustainably & the environment
- Ecosystem impact by introduced organisms

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—Caroline Herrmann ’17

I thank you for the hand you have had in making my time at UD an incredibly special one filled with unimaginable blessings and experiences.

—Kieran Campbell ’17

Thank you for giving me the chance to find out who I am, figure out what I stand for and never stop attempting to make a difference in the world.

—Mary Morimoto ’18
Presidents oversee many milestones. Here, president No. 12 Father Walter Tredtin, S.M. (in mortarboard), and No. 11 Father Joseph Tetzlaff, S.M. ’05 (right), congratulate the Very Rev. Francis J. Jung (second from right), who received an honorary Doctor of Letters in 1936. Under Tetzlaff, St. Mary’s College was incorporated as the University of Dayton. Tredtin was a pioneer in admitting women. Also pictured is Brother Sauer. To read more about UD’s 19th president, Eric Spina, see Page 14.