Two UD students win trip to Costa Rica

UD students Logan Lambert and Matt Foley are taking their talents to San José, Costa Rica as part of a community revitalization project. The two seniors will be embarking on this adventure March 31, and it will last until April 5. According to Lambert, he and Foley “are going there to make a difference.”

The goal of the project is to build a skate park in the San José suburb of San Rafael. The project is sponsored by Journey, an organization that takes groups of 30 to 50 people on service and non-service excursions to a selected location, resulting in a “new sense of self at the completion of the program.”

Journey has partnered with Redbull and professional skater Ryan Sheekler to complete this two day assembly and park renovation project. The project will work alongside members of the San Rafael community, as well as various amateur and professional athletes.

The trip is a $1,200 expense, but Lambert and Foley are going to Costa Rica with all expenses paid for. They are traveling alongside 16 other college students from 15 colleges and universities from across the United States who won a video contest sponsored by Redbull.

Lambert, along with being an entrepreneur major with a marketing minor, is a Student Brand Manager for Redbull. Lambert convinced Foley to take his love for skateboarding to the next level, asking him to complete this two day assembly and park renovation project.

The two seniors agreed that the hardest part of this trip is going to be the language barrier. In Costa Rica, the official language is Spanish and Foley said, “My Spanish is not very good.” Lambert added, “We’ll be able to get by. We know the basics of the language.”

Another challenge Lambert admitted that he is going to have is “putting yourself aside and focusing on others for a while.” The two seniors hope that this project will leave a mark in the town of San Rafael and spread the universal message of “community” to all across the town and country.

The trip may only be five days, but Lambert wants members of the UD community to use this story to “get out and do something that’s bigger than you.”

As a college student, grocery shopping is difficult for a number of reasons. There is the state of crippling poverty that we tend to convince ourselves we are living in every day. There is the question of transportation, the motivation to just go get it done, and the utter confusion of ‘feeding yourself’ without a mother’s guidance that takes many trips to Kroger to get used to. Junior UD student, Emily McAleese, has been experiencing another significantly greater challenge: grocery shopping without purchasing, using, or consuming a single piece of plastic.

“It’s definitely challenging. The first week, it went really badly because I bought so much fresh produce and it all went bad,” McAleese said.

For this Lenten season, McAleese decided to take somewhat of an alternative route, and rather than giving up sugar or snacking for lent, she gave up using and purchasing plastic. Her decision was initially fueled by a viral Buzzfeed video of an individual who went entirely ‘waste-free’ for thirty days, as well as an old article that she had scrolled past on her Facebook feed encouraging readers to give up plastic instead of chocolate for lent.

“I saw this Youtube video that talked a lot about plastic waste, and I thought, ‘that’s really cool that other people are doing something about this, but I have a reusable plastic bottle that’s enough.’ Then, I was going about my day consciously thinking about it. I looked in my shower and there were, like, 15 different plastic bottles. I looked in my cabinet and refrigerator; everything was wrapped in plastic.”

Even after this realization, McAleese was hesitant to take on the challenge, unable to categorize herself as a ‘crazy environmentalist’ who was going to be the one to take action. However, once she was aware of the amount of plastic waste surrounding her, she found it difficult not to do something.

“I kept thinking, ‘Oh, I’m a lazy person and I’m not in a position to do that.” And then I thought, maybe I am in a position to do that. What makes those people different than me? It’s just that they started doing it.”

Now that she has started, she has already become significantly more aware of the role of plastic in our daily lives.

(Logan Lambert (left) and Matt Foley (right) are taking their love of skateboarding from the streets of Dayton to Costa Rica representing The University of Dayton. Photo courtesy of Lilia Sciarretti.)
Trending

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This inauguration will be far from a dull affair, involving a series of exciting events across a four day period that will start on Tuesday, April 3. April 2 will host the Choral Inauguration with Archbishop Joseph Bettincourt and on April 3rd, Dr. Spina will give his inaugural address. The event will be attended by students, faculty and members of the River Stewards, and many others.

Dr. Spina and the hardworking inauguration committee spent years organizing this inaugural celebration. The committee has been working to make sure the event is a success to benefit the students.

As a former UD student, you can be confident that the majority of the students and faculty support the new president. The students and faculty are excited about the new changes and are eager to see the growth that will come about in the future for the University of Dayton.

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The married couple met in Florida, where Dan and Lee VanArtsdalen. No matter the topping combination, it’s locked.

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Garzona hopes to continue art in the future and she never wants to stop creating. She strives to do something in the fashion world and expand her horizons in new futures.

“I don’t ever want to stop making art, but I don’t want to be the only artist,” said Garzona. “Keep your work as good as your Instagram.”
America's shameful elephant in the room

BRETT LAUGHLIN Staff Writer

Hit take: Atoma has a problem with race and gender.

I mean it, I know— if you need to take a quick breath and sit down, I understand. We spend so much time saying sorry, and in doing so it is never clear in what and exactly in what I am implying. I bring forth words by using the term “race,” when I should be using the word sex. The word race is often left to those marginalized communities to step forward before the issues are actually recognized. That’s not what I am trying to write about.

I am hoping to contemplate our country’s race and gender problem to create a more specific observation concerning the LGBTQ+ community: it is not a community at all. As an LGBTQ+ person, people who are grouped into the community LGBTQ+ identity are impacted largely by an internal hierarchy based upon identities of race, gender, and class— this article touches more specifically on what I believe that is wrong. The term “community” brings to mind a group of people who are grouped together for the sake of another regardless of the diversity of identities. When we consider the representation and power gay, L, and bis are held over queer and trans* individuals, it becomes less of a community than it does a system. This is a system that is more prevalent and division that is in the inactive populace. Our society exposes parallels to the “No Black/No Asian” or “no Asian, no Asian,” or “race is right” phrase. This person is only looking for a certain type of partner (mainly) white, masculine, straight. I believe that the result of the fact that identity constructs an invisible hierarchy and existence of people. Now this is where the arguement of preferences comes to play. Preferences people have them. It is entirely natural to be attached to someone and think that they are the only person who belongs to them. This is how this is determined based on logic and sociology and a bunch of other stuff that I am not an expert in.

What isn’t preference is to decide that you are not going to support someone orPC* or to fit in to your sexual or romantic partner. That’s just plain racism. It isn’t my responsibility to teach you what to wear or how to look or how to stay in the closet. If we are to consider ourselves a community, we must be able to come together and see our diversity of other. Each and every object found at these stores has the potential to have the history as deep and vibrant as its multi-colored price tag.

Often, one obstacle, “what a good find!” when a treasure is uncovered, this is what I mean by race and gender. I myself have walked into a store that had one cent each stacked in a bin near the checkout counter? They serve to elevate the white, gay cis-man’s experience and his corporeal power due to race (but also) gender norms. These issues need to be brought to this year. His Main message is that liberal. He views black, Latino, and marginalized community, and feminism, among others. His view while mainstream and victims in contemporary society. Of course we are still quick to victimize ourselves to reaffirm the power they hold due to race (but also) as, “…legitimately one of the worst aspects of their identity such as sexuality in order to not be a racist or a sexist, but he has not be a racist or a sexist, but he has not

What happened to the GOP??

SEAN NEWHOUSE Staff Writer

I was raised by Republican parents, in a Roman Catholic household. My extended family has voted conservative. Most of the adults in my unknown, and, racism varies in Republicans. The day after the 2012 election most of my classmates came to school dis abled my parent’s standards of what was to act with maturity and success. I was taught that being warm and attentive, in love with constant values and the truth is working.

New conservatism is almost definately white and male. They’ve taken advantage of the advancement revolution and used it to spread their anti-progressive message that strong women and diversity are threats to the common man. By stereotyping women, creating fake enemies, and portraying female action as unnecessary, they have marginalized millions of people by appealing to their feelings and impulses rather than their logic and rationality.

President Donald Trump may not be a racist or a sexst, but he has clearly demonstrated that he is not ready for the issues are duly recognized. He may not have a problem with gay or trans* identities, but the power he held was that of course we are still quick to victimize ourselves to reaffirm the power they hold due to race (but also) gender norms. These issues need to be brought to

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D’Errico brings experience to Flyer coaching staff

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The University of Dayton women’s volleyball team recently announced in its usual addition for the 2017 season, Assistant Coach Alyssa D’Errico.

D’Errico is an accomplished player and coach. After becoming a four-time, NCAA National Champion at Penn State, she played three seasons in a three-peat overstay in Spain, Croatia and France.

“I really like her composure and have been impressed with her on the recruiting trail. I am excited to see how she attacks that aspect as a Dayton Flyer,” head coach Tim Horsmon said. “We have a great culture here, and I think she will contribute in a positive way. Alyssa is a great person, and we are looking forward to adding her to our staff.”

In 2012, D’Errico wore on to volunteer as an assistant coach at Georgetown University. She furthered her coaching experiences running US Elite Volleyball Camps. She was also appointed Director of Camps for Undervelopes in 2012 for US State Elite Volleyball camps where she also worked as a head director for their recruiting dinners.

In 2014, her career continued when she worked as both an assistant coach and head coach with Virginia Juniors as well as serving as an assistant coach for the Thomas Edison Eagles in Alexandria, VA.

In 2015, D’Errico moved her expertise to Louisville Kentucky, where she worked as an assistant coach for the Louisville Cardinals until the accepted a position with the Flyers in 2017.

D’Errico grew up in a coaching family, with a mother and father who coached both at the high school and club level, so the have been exposed to the coaching atmosphere for as long as she can remember.

“I always knew I wanted to be a coach. I started helping out with camps and clinics with my mom when I was probably 16 and continued through college,” D’Errico said.

“Playing volleyball has been a huge part of my life. It has really helped shape me in many ways,” she said.

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D’Errico comes to UD after one season assistant coaching at the University of Louisville. She also played three seasons in Europe after her graduation from Penn State in 2010. Photo courtesy of Dayton Athletics.

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Scooch Over: Flyer seniors fall again in March

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Scoochie Smith played with the same vigor he always does, leaving everything out on the court one last time. The large contingent of Flyer fans, who had trickled to Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, using his name in unison for a final farewell.

"Scooch, scooch, scooch,"2 danced the cheers of Wichita State’s smallest, surest jubilant, Jahlil. It was a thankful chorus for the senior guard, who dropped 25 points on the Shockers and was mainly responsible for keeping Dayton in the game as long as it was. But it was also a melancholic harmony to the senior season song and the finale to an anomaly season for Dayton basketball.

They lost to a physical Wichita State team that was considered vastly under-seeded by analysts after winning their final 15 games entering March Madness. The Shockers went on to play two-seed Syracuse, though seeded at No. 19 in the country. They are the second-straight 10-seed to knock Dayton in the first round after Syracuse took care of the Flyers in 2016's tournament 70-51.

This year's 64-58 loss was more heartbreak from an on-court standpoint. Although UD was beat up in the paint, they found ways to keep pace with Wichita State.

Dayton took a 2-27 lead into the half, and was only halted by three points as the four-minute mark approached. In the end, though, the Shockers overpowered the Flyers 48-29, and concerted on enough of their desires to send UD into the NCAA Tournament.

There are no excuses for the Flyers, though. A loss is a loss, and the Flyers are no different. "I thought that was anyone's game for a good portion," head coach Archie Miller said in the postgame press conference. "We just had to step up and make shots." Smith said after the game. "And a lot of people on our team, they couldn't get their shots to fall, couldn't get a flow. That's just sometimes how the game goes."

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He ended his conference saying, "I think Dayton deserved a better draw in this tournament." The reality for Miller and the Flyers, though, is no more glamorous than a loss. "I don't think we've ever approached a seed in our lives," he said. "I think we're always approached the team because we feel like we can hurt them, that's how we thought. We just didn't."

Scoochie Smith exits the floor in a UD uniform for the final time. The senior notched 25 points against Wichita State and played 37 of the game's 40 minutes. Christian Cubaclay/Multimedia Editor

But the rest of UD's offense never came around.

Kendall Pollard was limited to seven minutes in the first half after he picked up a couple early fouls. He scored 13 points over 23 minutes in total, but was ineffective on the glass, grabbing just two rebounds over the course of the game.

Charles Cooke, UD's leading scorer over the last two seasons, netted just six points in 30 minutes. He showed signs of aggression in the second half when he recorded a crowd-stirring block and late drive contract in transition. But he finished the game shooting just one-for-10 from the floor.

Despite the lack of offense and ineffectiveness on the glass, the Flyers kept it close. Wichita State did not pull more than three points at all until 5:40 remained in the second half.

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The Flyers reached their final destination—March sadness.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

First Four provides opportunity, memories for underdogs

UC Davis’ Darius Graham outstretches his arms in victory as, presumably, “My Heart Will Go On” plays in his head. His Aggies defeated North Carolina Central in the First Four at UD Arena on Wed., March 15. Christian Cubacub/Multimedia Editor

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America, long a land of opportunity, loves an underdog. In sports, no setting is more hospitable to underdogs than March Madness. And in March Madness, the city of Dayton provides the first glimmer of hope for eight men’s basketball teams who narrowly sneak into the NCAA Tournament’s 68-team field.

Since 2011, UD Arena has hosted the First Four, where eight teams square off to determine advancement to the round of 64. On March 14 and 15, four 16-seeds (Mount Saint Mary’s, New Orleans, North Carolina Central and the University of California, Davis) and four 11-seeds (Kansas State, Wake Forest, Southern California and Providence) competed in the First Four.

Each year, at least one First Four participant has gone on to win a second round game and advance to the round of 32. Beyond that, the First Four is virtually the only chance for a participant has gone on to win a tournament.

For the 11-seeds, the First Four provides an opportunity to juxtapose a team that was doubted. These are among the last at-large teams to be selected for the tournament, who were “on the bubble” for the last part of the season.

One First Four winner each year has won in the round of 64, including the Dayton Flyers in 2015. Additionally, three have advanced to the Sweet 16 and one-VCU in 2011--made it all the way to the Final Four.

This season, USC continued the trend. They came from behind to defeat Providence in Dayton on Wednesday and then knocked off Southern Methodist in the round of 64 on Friday.

USC was largely considered a bubble team and undeserving of a tournament bid last week. Yet, they proved their doubters incorrect. “Our coaches, they have confidence in us, we have confidence in ourselves,” guard Jordan McLaughlin said after USC defeated Providence. “And we know when we’re playing like we did in the second half that we’re able to compete with anybody. And it’s just a matter of us just bringing the energy and knocking down shots and just competing all the way to the end.”

“I think we’re not too worried about what other people say about us. We know who we are as a unit,” USC forward Bennie Boatwright said. “We’re not too worried about proving anything to anybody, because we know who we are.”

USC fell to three-seed Oregon in the round of 32 by a score of 82-78, but they played the Ducks tough. They led late in the second half, only to fall behind in the closing minutes. Head coach Andy Enfield and the Trojans won 26 games—a school record—in the 2016-17 season, enjoying Dayton as a venue for victory.

Although Mount Saint Mary’s and UC Davis inevitably lost in the round of 64, their players and coaches will forever remember the March Madness wins they earned in Dayton.

And just like VCU in 2011, the next Cinderella may be lurking, ready to use UD Arena as square one for a tournament run.

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