UD POLITICAL POLICY UPSETS STUDENT LEADERS

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Leaders in the College Democrats and College Republicans are speaking out about a University of Dayton policy prohibiting the distribution of candidate endorsing literature on campus.

Lisa Sandner, an attorney in UD’s office of legal affairs, said the university adopted this position to comply with the requirements set forth in the Internal Revenue Code to maintain its tax exempt status as a non-profit, or 501(c)(3), organization.

“The University of Dayton, as an institution, is prohibited from participating or intervening in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office,” said Sandner.

The University of Dayton Political/Electoral Activities Policies and Practices outlines the policy for students. The five-page document defines “political” as advocacy for, or opposition to, a candidate for public office. It features what is permitted and not permitted in public on campus.

For example, UD prohibits any advertisements or editorials regarding candidates for elective public office in official university publications, and prohibits door-to-door campaigning in the student neighborhoods or dorms.

“The challenge with this issue is finding the right balance between supporting individual and organizational involvement in the political process as part of a broader educational experience and complying with the regulatory requirements to protect the university’s tax exempt status,” Sandner said.

College Republicans president Jamie Leaver said the university guidelines have a negative impact on politically inclined organizations. Leaver, a senior political science major, said the sole purpose of the College Republicans during an election season is to gain support for Republican candidates among students.

Leaver said the university has completely obstructed this practice, and in turn has defeated the entire purpose of the organization.

College Democrats President Daniel Pfister, a sophomore marketing and leadership major, said the current policies make it hard to hold events or gather excitement about the upcoming election.

“This affects our organization because a lot of the events that we want to do as a group and open up to the community have to be modified in some way, and it makes it a lot harder for us to put on these events,” Pfister said. “They are the events that generate excitement, and that students want to be involved in.”

Pfister said the current policy makes it difficult for political organizations on campus to do anything besides non-partisan events, which is upsetting during an election year when there should be a buzz of excitement throughout campus.

Senior political science major Kurt Owings said he understands the university’s restrictions on endorsing candidates, but reiterated she doesn’t speak for the university.

“I understand that the university is a private institution and cannot endorse any political candidate,” Leaver said. “I have no problem with that. But I am not the University of Dayton and I do not speak on behalf of the university; I am one individual, and I speak on behalf of myself only.”

“The students should be able to support a political candidate of their choosing to exercise their rights of free speech,” Owings said.

Administrators such as Student Life and Kennedy Union director Amy Lopez-Matthews have expressed a willingness to cooperate with student organizations.

“We have given political student organizations a copy of the policy and will work with them on events,” said Amy Lopez-Matthews, Executive Director of Student Life and Kennedy Union.

Sandner said that students should familiarize themselves with the university’s policies and practices regarding political and electoral activities to help shape their organization’s events and activities. She said organizations should be sensitive to the restrictions placed on the university as an institution.

“They should be mindful that when they support a candidate that they do so in an individual capacity and make that distinction as clear as possible,” Sandner said.

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PROSECUTOR: No charges filed in case of two reported rapes

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Rape charges will not be filed against the once suspected student in the case of two alleged sexual assaults reported to have occurred over move-in weekend in August.

On Tuesday, Sept. 25, the Montgomery County Prosecutor’s Office announced there was not enough evidence for felony charges.

“In this particular case, they looked at everything and determined there was insufficient evidence to support that there was a felony that had been committed,” said Greg Flannagan, a spokesman for the prosecutor’s office.

The former suspect, now confirmed through the prosecutor’s office to be a 21-year-old male, was accused of sexually assaulting a 17-year-old female freshman twice, at two different residences on campus, in less than an hour and 45 minutes, according to information from the University of Dayton Department of Public Safety crime log.

An investigator from Public Safety met with the prosecutor’s office Tuesday before the decision was announced, according to Randy Groesbeck, a UD police major and the director for administration and security for Public Safety.

“The situation is being reviewed within the university,” Groesbeck said, referring to the separate investigatory process UD is required to execute under Title IX.

“Our investigation was very thorough,” Groesbeck said.

The criminal investigation revolved around two incidents reported to have occurred on the same night, between the same two students, in the basement of a house on Kiefaber Street and in the newly built Caldwell Apartments.

On Monday, Aug. 20 at 2:13 a.m., two UD police officers were “dispatched to the area of the Caldwell Street Apartments on the report of a possible sexual assault in progress,” according to a Public Safety incident report released by the prosecutor’s office.

The university crime log shows a possible sexual assault in progress at 2:45 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at two different locations on campus.

On Monday, Aug. 20, the female student reported that she was also sexually assaulted while in the basement of a landlord house on the 480 block of Kiefaber Street. The next morning, Public Safety created a report for the reported Kiefaber incident, classifying the incident as a rape that occurred sometime during move-in weekend.

Over the course of the investigation, Public Safety determined the reported Kiefaber incident occurred around 12:30 a.m., approximately an hour and 45 minutes before the UD police were dispatched to the Caldwell incident. Flannagan said he was unaware if the University of Dayton Department of Public Safety was pursuing any lesser criminal charges.
Dorothy Lane Market, a local grocery store chain, updated and revamped its shopper reward system over the summer, maximizing savings for loyal customers and providing unique deals to those enrolled in the Club DLM program.

According to the Dorothy Lane website, the new system, which began July 9, is “not an advertising gimmick, and it’s not a charge card. It’s your ticket to even greater customer service.” A customer must first register in store and activate the rewards card using one of the Dorothy Lane Market computers before receiving the benefits.

On normal business days, for every two dollars spent in the store a customer receives one point. Customers can also accumulate points more quickly by purchasing bonus items throughout the store.

“Buy two whole loaves of Artisan Bread, each worth 50 bonus points, and you have earned 100 bonus points,” according to the store’s website. “You may redeem those points in the same transaction for bananas at 9 cents a pound.”

Customers can find bonus items listed on the store’s website, shopdlm.com.

The store also has 10x Points Days on the 10th, 20th and 30th of any given month, when spending two dollars in the store equals 10 points instead of one, according to the website.

In a July 2012 press release, the stores stated that points have “no value.”

“Each customer allocates the points they have earned towards the Club,” the press release said. “DLM Rewards priced items they wish to buy. In so doing, customers decide the value of their own points.”

As a baseline for the purchasing power of a customer’s points, the website explains that if buying a dozen Crystal Springs Eggs for 19 cents, it will take a total of 200 points.

Joe Gierut, a senior political science major, believes that Dorothy Lane Market produces higher quality food items and has been shopping at the market since his freshman year.

Although he sees other students shop elsewhere, Gierut feels satisfied, as evidenced by his loyalty to the company.

“I feel like it’s higher quality and I’m willing to pay for the higher quality,” Gierut said.

Gierut believes that the new points system could prove very effective with UD students if they understand how to get the most out of their accumulated points.

“All college kids are trying to save a little money here and there and this is a way for Dorothy Lane to reach out to kids our age,” he said.

Tom Winter, vice president of marketing for Dorothy Lane Market, said the points system updated a customer loyalty program, which started in 1995.

The system acts as “an extra step to help people who buy the everyday items,” Winter said.

Unlike the old system where specific discounts were delivered to the customer through the mail or over the Internet, the new points system rewards allow the customer to choose the items they wish to purchase at a discount, according to Winter.

Winter believes that UD students will take advantage of the opportunities to save. He thinks the new points reward system will appeal to the college crowd.

“They can earn and burn the points on the same transaction,” Winter said. “It’s instant gratification.”

Dorothy Lane Market has locations in Oakwood, Springboro and Washington Square.
Students find opportunities through Peace Corps

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Many University of Dayton students view their post-graduation options as limited to either enrolling in a graduate studies program or entering the professional workforce, but Peace Corps recruiter Katie Sylvester was on campus Monday, Sept. 24, to share with students the viability of a third option—making a global impact through volunteerism in the Peace Corps.

The Peace Corps recruiter spoke to UD students and faculty in the Alumni Building, sharing her experiences as a health volunteer in the African nation of Zambia and detailing various service opportunities the corps provides.

A Cincinnati native whose sister studied special education at UD, Sylvester arrived in Zambia in early 2004 and remained in country until 2006. The 2003 graduate of Loyola University Chicago spent her time in the developing country teaching local community members preventative health and sanitary measures, HIV/AIDS prevention, proper nutrition and family planning issues.

“I lived underneath a thatch roof about 100 km away from the nearest paved road with no electricity or running water,” she told Flyer News before the information session. “It was the real deal. It was definitely an eye-opening and humbling experience being able to make a real impact on people’s lives when they needed a helping hand.”

Sylvester said she recruits heavily at UD and would like to see more students join the Peace Corps because it embodies the same values of Catholic service and global mindedness as the university. She said UD’s curriculum also helps provide its students with the prerequisite skills necessary to volunteer in the corps, particularly in education, foreign language, health, agriculture and engineering.

Nick Cardilino is a campus minister who works through the Center for Social Concern at UD. As part of Campus Ministry, he said the Center for Social Concern aims to place students in positions where they can perpetuate UD’s mission of facilitating positive change and justice while furthering their careers following graduation.

With that aim, Cardilino strongly encourages students to join the Peace Corps to not only serve as an agent of “peace and justice,” but to open the door to future opportunities that would otherwise probably not be afforded to graduates.

“It’s a great experience because you’re able to provide an important service while keeping your options for the future wide open,” Cardilino said.

One student who is hopeful the Peace Corps will allow future career opportunities is UD junior Megan Garrison.

Garrison, who is double-majoring in communication and American studies, said she is in the process of applying to the 51-year-old organization. While the corps applicant said she’s excited to serve the global community, she hopes the experience will help her reach her ultimate goal of working as a foreign correspondent for a prominent news organization.

“I’ve always wanted to be a war correspondent and this is the best way to get out there and get your feet wet in the international community,” she said. “It’s really a great organization. What they do is amazing.”

Students who are interested in learning more about the Peace Corps or how to apply can visit peacecorps.gov or contact Sylvester directly at ksyvester@peacecorps.gov. As the Peace Corps point of contact for southwest Ohio, Sylvester will return to the Dayton area to host another information session at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, at the Dayton Metro Library on East Third Street in downtown Dayton.

5K raises money in memory of deceased student

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The University of Dayton community has rallied around the tragic loss of Danny Arnold in an effort to celebrate his life and leave a lasting mark on UD in his honor. According to some of Arnold’s closest friends, Arnold was a pre-med student with a passion for chemistry and philosophy. He was working on an honors thesis related to stem cells, according to his friends.

Arnold was an active member of the Honors Student Advising Committee and had serious prospects in leadership in the group, they said.

Arnold was also a member of the pre-med fraternity Alpha Epsilon Delta and was accepted to Wright State University’s Boonshoft School Of Medicine, according to his friends.

However, above all else, Arnold’s friends attest to his dedication to his family, friends and his ability to make everyone he met laugh.

Arnold’s fiancée Carol Harper, a senior double majoring in education and Spanish, has organized a 5K walk/run in honor of Arnold, along with some of Arnold’s closest friends, at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 30.

Dr. David Darrow, director of the University Honors Program, said that Arnold was a power lifter that took his own health of mind, heart and body very seriously.

Arnold also took great joy in sharing his knowledge of powerlifting and healthy living with other students and friends, according to Darrow.

“In many respects, the run is testimony to what we do best on this campus: learning and living as a community,” Darrow said.

Harper also expressed her gratitude to the UD community in response to her fiancée’s death.

“On behalf of the Arnold family, the Berger family, the Harper family and all of Danny’s friends, I would really like to thank everyone who has signed up to participate in the 5K to honor him,” she said. “We have over 250 people registered for the event and are expecting more to come on Sunday.”

Laurie Harper, Carol’s mother, said she hopes the run will raise money that will help to establish a scholarship for a deserving upperclassman honors student that focuses on their studies as they work on their honor's thesis or maintains a solid GPA.

“Danny was a great student and loved to challenge himself in his studies, so a scholarship bearing his name will help us to carry on his love of learning,” she said.

Darrow stated that all funds collected through the 5K and other funds donated in Danny’s name will go towards the scholarship fund for a UD upperclassmen.

Darrow said the event is a testament to Danny’s life and the type of student that he was.

“There is something powerful about learning together, discussing the same ideas and trying to acquire similar skills,” Darrow said.

According to Jill Talley, Darrow’s administrative assistant, there is also still a considerable need for volunteers for the 5K event to ensure that a success on Sunday.

Talley said UD students interested in participating in the event as a runner, walker or as a volunteer should sign up in Alumni Hall room 124 as soon as possible.

The price of participation is $15.

Daniel Arnold, right, died over the summer: A 5K run has been established in his memory. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY THE ARNOLD FAMILY
UD recruits new students at Dragons’ college night

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The University of Dayton reached out to potential college students by participating in “College Prep Night” at Fifth Third Field from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26.

According to a press release issued by the Dayton Dragons on Sept. 19, College Prep Night was a free event hosted by the Dayton Dragons and Fifth Third Bank in an effort to provide potential college students and their parents with information for planning an educational path.

Brandy Abney, director of sponsor services for the Dayton Dragons, said the Dragons and Fifth Third Bank are now in their fifth season hosting the event, and that last year was the biggest turnout yet.

“College Prep Night is an opportunity for the community to promote higher education to local high schoolers interested in expanding on their education for the future,” Abney said.

Abney said that up to 47 colleges and universities were scheduled to attend including schools in Ohio such as Miami University, University of Cincinnati, Xavier University, Ohio Northern University, Sinclair Community College and Wright State University.

In addition, Abney said that some out-of-state schools scheduled to appear were Purdue University, Valparaiso University, University of Louisville and University of Kentucky.

Robert Durkle, assistant vice president for Enrollment Management, said UD gets invited to about 700 events like these a year across the country.

Durkle said that when university promotion events are a long distance away, such as Arizona or California, UD has a program called Flyer Connection which connects with alumni and University of Kentucky.

Durkle said the university did set up a table at “College Prep Night” with information about UD, including pamphlets and representatives that were willing to talk with potential college students and answer questions for as long as they like.

Molly Lamperis, a freshman mechanical engineering major, said she first found out about UD from the college search engine, a web search engine for colleges and universities worldwide where the results are only school webpages.

"After seeing pictures of the campus and how beautiful it was, I knew I wanted to go visit it," Lamperis said. "Once I arrived on campus, I loved the size of the student body and the kind atmosphere the university brought," she said.

Kevin Hayes, a freshman discovering arts major, said that he first started looking at UD because his sister currently goes here and one of his favorite high school teachers is a UD graduate.

"When I visited I noticed that Dayton felt like a tight-knit community more than the other schools I was considering," Hayes said. "So far my experience at UD has been an amazing one."
Greek groups to get groove on in annual dance off

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Greek Week 2012 is coming to a close, and it has all led up to the most anticipated event of the week, the Puttin’ on the Hits dance competition.

This event will take place today at 4:15 p.m. It will be held at the ArtStreet Amphitheatre. Seven fraternities and six sororities will participate in the event, which requires each organization to perform a dance routine with a specific theme.

One fraternity and one sorority are each crowned winners.

Megan Eckerle, a junior communication major, is looking forward to participating in POTH for a second time. Her sorority Alpha Phi won last year’s competition, and she is hoping to have a similar experience this year.

“It was so much fun,” Eckerle said of her experience last year. “I experienced a lot of nerves at first, but the feeling of winning was so incredible.”

“It’s definitely our goal to keep the title,” Eckerle said, although she added that it’s really all about having fun and friendly competition.

Last year’s runners-up from Pi Beta Phi are also looking forward to this year’s competition, according to Alexa Barbati, a senior early childhood education major and Pi Phi choreographer. She will participate in POTH for a third and final time this year. This is also Barbati’s third year choreographing Pi Phi’s POTH routine, and she helped them come in second place last year by just a tenth of a point.

“We would love to win, but it is fun in general,” Barbati said. “It’s a really unique experience and you get to know people on a different level through practicing so often with them.”

“This is the most competitive event of Greek Week because it takes the most commitment,” Barbati said, who has been working on the routine with help from Mandy Oulink since the end of August.

Sigma Phi Epsilon was the winning fraternity last year, and they have also been working hard to prepare for POTH according to Mark Cracchiolo, a junior marketing major and Sig Ep POTH committee member.

This will be Cracchiolo’s third time participating in POTH.

“It was amazing,” he said of winning last year’s competition. “We worked really hard last year.”

Cracchiolo said that they warn brothers beforehand what a time commitment it is, and he said that they practice quite a bit to prepare.

It is this amount of dedication and hard work required that makes POTH “the biggest event of Greek Week,” according to Cracchiolo.

Eckerle also said that POTH is her favorite event of Greek Week because it is the one they prepare for the most. She said that they put a lot of time and dedication into their routine and it all pays off in the end.

“Most of us are majoring in sorority and it’s really funny to see your classmates dancing up on stage.

POTH will charge $1 for admission and proceeds will go to the Distance 4 Dreams charity.

Best, worst fall break experiences

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Congratulations! You have survived the first six weeks of school and earned that oh so generous three days off from classes. The big question is, what’s the best and worst way to spend your time?

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John Eiting

Year: Senior
Major: Mechanical Engineering

Best: At Minster, Ohio’s Oktoberfest celebration.

Worst: In Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Steph Lutz

Year: Sophomore
Major: Education

Best: Personally, being at home with my mom watching Criminal Minds and drinking hot chocolate.

Worst: Being sent to Antarctica for some odd reason.

Brigid Kovach

Year: Sophomore
Major: Exercise Physiology

Best: Usually going home, but this year I am going on a breakout trip to Camden, NJ.

Worst: Studying for midterms after break.

Give dance a chance

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The Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, one of the largest companies between Chicago and New York City according to www.dcdc.org, offers its expertise to University of Dayton students at no cost every Tuesday from 8-9 p.m.

Established in 1969, DCDC is the oldest modern dance company in Ohio. With its African-American background, the company integrates traditional culture and spirituality into movement.

DCDC is the current artist-in-residence at UD. Through the artist-in-residency program, the company is able to teach and learn in an entirely new setting.

Assistant Director of ArtStreet Adrienne Niess said that the relationship between the company and the university has lasted three years.

The class is available to all students: no experience, no pre-registration and no fees required. The sessions range from traditional African dance to hip-hop.

“As part of the residency, we wanted to make [DCDC] accessible to students. They have some connections with the theater program, but we wanted to also have an informal dance environment available,” Niess said.

Although the classes are geared towards beginners, skilled dancers can learn from these professional dancers as well.

“The modern dance master class appeals to me most because I am a dancer and that’s a style I really like,” freshman discover arts and dance major Krista Bondi said.

Labeled “a testimony to endurance against great odds” by the DCDC website, the company has expressed its art and creativity for 43 years and students have the advantage of experiencing this culture for free.

The next class is DCDC fit, Oct. 9 at the McGinnis Center, 301 Lowes St.

For more information, call ArtStreet at 937-229-6101.
Allow love to prevail despite minor annoyances

Regardless of your relationship status, we can all relate to the everyday things our significant others do that drive us batty. Be it a towel on the floor or a text message that takes 2 hours and 47 minutes to reply (who’s counting?)

The important thing to remember is to focus on the important aspects of the relationship. Does your partner treat you with respect and compassion? Or do they give you the cold shoulder because you glared at them for interrupting the latest episode of “Here Comes Honey Boo Boo”?

A very wise counselor once told me, that regardless of the little things, it is important to consider if a partner treats us well in all other areas of life. So what if my husband leaves a puddle on our antique hardwood floors and where’s the real harm in me tripping over his Goliath size 13 shoes every single day? He makes me soup when I am sick, takes the trash out (most days) and is a wonderful father to our two kids.

The takeaway here is this; don’t sweat the small stuff. Yes, it is totally annoying when your girlfriend keeps pestering you to evaluate the relative size of her butt in a new pair of pants when you are right in the middle of a Bengals’ game. Or when a boyfriend scarfs down the last of your favorite food you’ve been hiding from your roommates all week. But in the end, we all do things that are annoying.

Life, love and relationships are all about balance and if everything else is great, then please, take the time to set aside the petty arguments, count to 10 or do that pinching movement with your fingers where it looks like you’re squishing their head, if you have to.

But my advice to you is to not throw away a relationship over something meaningless. Keep moving forward and realize that you might be with that boyfriend/girlfriend for the rest of your life and ask yourself if the good qualities outweigh the bad. If so, cut yourself some slack, go out on a date, vent to a friend or two and put it behind you. Life is short, so remember to focus on the positive. (And possibly consider putting up a towel rack in your bedroom when you buy a house!)
It’s not just ‘the economy, stupid’

Since Gov. Romney gained the unofficial title of “Last Man Standing” in the Republican primary campaign this summer, both he and President Obama have tried hard to stick to the old Clinton tagline, “It’s the economy, stupid.”

This is a smart move, politically. According to a Rasmussen Reports survey this month, 80 percent of likely voters rate the economy as very important to their decision in November.

My question is, what happened to the social issues? During the Republican primary campaign, all anyone seemed to want to talk about were social issues like abortion, contraception and gay rights. We learned what a Republican House contraception hearing looks like (see: old/white/male) and, to quote Saturday Night Live’s” Seth Meyers, “President Obama was finally outed as a Democrat” with regards to his stance on marriage equality.

It seems, however, that all of the energy from the social issues era of the campaign has run out.

While I agree that continuing our economic recovery is important, and I’m glad that it’s once again the focus of the campaign, I wonder what kind of message it sends to those fighting for the social issues near and dear to their hearts now that their concerns have been virtually disregarded.

For many Americans, social issues are not just some politician’s pet project—they’re a way of life, and in the case of those who feel oppressed due to their sexual orientation or gender identity, it’s probably not a way of life that they hope to preserve. Regardless of your religious or moral views on the subject, you have to admit that to marginalize their concerns is unfair. Why aren’t the candidates talking about ending the oppression of the 3.8 percent of Americans who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender?

In the meantime, the Republican Party has stated in its platform that it will support an amendment to ban abortion in all circumstances. There isn’t even an exception in the case that such a procedure could save the life of the mother—an exception that receives support from a majority of Americans in poll after poll. I’m sure there are plenty of pro-choice Americans that would like to hear more about that issue.

Conversely, what about all of the social-conservatives that rallied around Rick Santorum because of his staunchly pro-life views? So the Republicans write an anti-abortion plank into their platform and say that’s enough discussion. Are the Santorum supporters satisfied? I guess we’ll never know, since the Republican Party wants to stay mum about it. Again, in this instance, the major parties are marginalizing the social concerns of voters.

I’m really not trying to rag on the Republican Party. The Democrats aren’t getting off easy either. The party still refuses to address long-odovered reforms to the nation’s drug control policies. According to a 2011 Gallup poll, 57 percent of independent and 55 percent of Democrat supporters legalization of marijuana, yet the party makes no mention of such sentiments in its platform. How can they blatantly ignore an issue that so many members of their base support? Not only is it another example of the suppression of social concerns in this election, but it’s downright foolish.

This just goes to show how distant both parties have become from the American people. Sure, the economy is important, but if the social stakes in this election are so high then maybe we ought to spend some time talking about them too.

“I am thankful for all the complaining I hear about our government because it means we have freedom of speech.”

Nancie J. Carmody
I remember starting my college search in high school, I recall specifically that I added the University of Dayton to my short list of potential schools based solely on the fact that I had heard of it and could recite a few vague facts about it. I also remember not even considering UD when I had narrowed my college choice down to five final picks.

However, pressed by my mother’s “You won’t know ‘till you try!” spirit, I gave the school one final chance and toured campus, three days before I had to tell the school if I would accept their admission offer. I remember my skepticism going into that day. I also remember that after a short walk around campus and a presentation - which thoroughly emphasized UD students’ preparedness for a career and full development of resumes before they even graduate - my mind was made up. Now I know; that presentation couldn’t have been more honest.

I can’t believe my eyes when I look at where I am now. At the risk of sounding like an arrogant fool, I’ve got a lot to be proud of. It’s my senior year; I have almost completed my studies for a bachelor’s degree in journalism and Spanish, a journey that has been incredibly rewarding for me due to the comfortable learning environment here.

Already, I have over three years of experience at a semi-professional news publication, which is also the most visible organization on campus. I’ve had a completed, professional-grade resume for almost two years now, which I can only assume was partially responsible for my securing of the six or seven jobs and internships I’ve had since coming to UD. I have learned so much here, and most of it fell right into my lap without me having to even search for it.

That’s how this university works for us. It educates us, while simultaneously providing us with opportunities to apply our knowledge in real life situations. There’s so much to get involved in through the resources available at UD that you really have to put in effort if you don’t want to have any extra-curriculars, internships or jobs on your plate.

About potential internships and career opportunities. I didn’t sign up for them or ask her to email me, and I’m not really even close to graduation, yet I have a job opportunity relevant to my chosen career path placed before my very nose every single day. Do you know how hard it is for some graduates to find a job today? That’s why so many students graduate from this school ready and willing to jump into a new career. That’s why it’s a such a great school.

It’s easy to get acclimated to your environment, especially when you’re planning to spend some four years of your life in the same location doing, essentially, the same thing. It’s not hard to imagine that many of us could fail prey to assuming such a great learning lifestyle and take our resources here for granted. But really, truly, we are lucky people to be here and have the resources we do. I’ve had many family members go to huge state schools or universities and feel more like an infinitesimal grain of sand than a valued student and member of a learning community; they’ve had to fight for everything a student should ideally have given to them, or simply accept less of it.

The real world opportunities we are so easily handed here, when packaged with our comfortable education, makes this school worthwhile. I may not have any idea what employer I’ll end up working for, but I have a plan, and have already started on my path to get there. I made a great decision that day I decided to come to the University of Dayton — we all did — and we shouldn’t ever forget that.

Never forget UD education will take you far
Men's Tennis

UD wins singles title, three reach semis at WSU

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The University of Dayton men’s tennis team started its 2012-2013 season at the Wright State Invitational hosted by Wright State University from Friday, Sept. 21, through Sunday, Sept. 23, at Arthur Fisher Park in Dayton.

“It is our first tournament, so we didn’t know what to expect,” said interim head coach Leah Hottois, who is filling in while the program interviews coaching candidates. “We can do better in the future, and we have something to work with to move to the next level.”

On Friday, sophomore Aidan Koross and junior Andrew Hanley were the lone doubles team to win a first-round match in defeating sophomores Pierce Kohls and Cameron Johnson of Northern Kentucky University 8-6 in Flight A play. In the semifinals, the Flyers lost 8-5 against junior Hayden Joblin and senior Jamison Clark of Wright State.

The team of sophomores Josh Malyon and Colin Bernier fell against freshman Robert Skolik and senior Warren Race of Eastern Illinois University in round one of Flight B Doubles. The EIU team won the match 8-6. In the back-draw match, Malyon and Bernier beat junior Michal Lyzwa and freshman Marc Sodini of Wright State 8-1 to qualify for the back-draw finals on Sunday morning. There, the Flyers lost the match 8-2 against freshman Waldi Giardi and junior Tyler Johnston of Ohio Dominican University.

In Flight C, a pair of Dayton teams ended up reaching the back-draw finals. Freshman Kyle McDonald and junior Enzo Milano, along with senior Robert Salcedo and sophomore Devin Jones, lost their first-round matches before winning its back-draw semi-finals, but did not face off because of McDonald and Milano’s single competition commitments on Sunday.

Malyon in singles play was the Flight B back-draw champion, defeating senior Gustavo Rueda of the University of Northwestern Ohio 8-3. He advanced there with an 8-6 win against EIU freshman Rui Silva in the semifinals.

The singles portion of the tournament began on Saturday with Koross picking up a pair of straight set victories over EIU junior Kevin Bauman in round one and Lyzwa in the quarterfinals of Flight A. However, he was forced to retire in his semifinal match against Giardi because of an injury.

“I feel like I performed well in the beginning of the shootout but got injured towards the end so I didn’t perform 100 percent,” Koross said.

Also in Flight A, Hanley went head-to-head against sophomore Lauri Makikall of Wright State in the opening round. Hanley won the match in three sets but fell against Kohls in the quarterfinals falling to win a game in losing 6-0, 6-0.

Milano in Flight D advanced to the semifinals before being defeated by ODU senior Alex Hager in straight sets. He reached the quarterfinals with a two sets to one win over senior Jarred Gable of Walsh University.

Jones also made the semifinals in Flight C for Dayton, but was forced to retire while trailing 4-1 in the opening set against sophomore Emin Alpan of UNO.

The next tournament on the team’s schedule is the Ball State Fall Invitational at Ball State University from Friday, Sept. 28 through Sunday, Sept. 30 in Muncie, Ind.

Big Ten no longer can be seen among college football’s elite

Growing up in Big Ten country, I was constantly immersed in some of the best football the college ranks had to offer.

The Big Ten represented all that was good about college football, combining the best athletic teams with the top of the class academics, and they did it all without getting in serious trouble with the NCAA.

In the last three-to-four years though, the Big Ten has been on a steady decline that has been most notably seen from sanctions to some of the most storied programs in the conference, Ohio State University and Penn State University, which left both with tarnished names that will last years.

Not only have teams with squeaky-clean records become dirty, but also the rest of the college football world has surpassed the overall style of play of the Big Ten.

Now the name of the game is speed, and the likes of the Southeastern Conference, the University of Oregon and numerous spread offenses are what’s hot in college football, not the traditional “pro” style that the Big Ten is accustomed to. This style of play in the Big Ten is now being mocked around the league as “old man football.”

In the last decade, this sweeping change of faster styles of play has now come to haunt the Big Ten’s elite. Since 2000, the Big Ten has won the Rose Bowl, the bowl game that the Big Ten champion goes to every year, just twice. As for the rest of the conference, according to college football pundit Phil Steele, the Big Ten was 35-52 in bowl games from 2000-11.

Even with all of the recent change in the landscape of the conference, including the addition of the University of Nebraska and the split of the conference into two divisions, the conference remains in turmoil despite the addition of the conference championship game.

That brings us to this year, where just four weeks into the season, the Big Ten is already struggling.

Only three teams are undefeated, including the University of Minnesota, Northwestern University and Ohio State. OSU is ineligible, though, for the postseason because of NCAA sanctions, and the remaining two are not ranked in either of the USA Today Coaches or Associated Press top 25 polls.

Speaking of the polls, the highest ranked team is Ohio State at No. 14 in the AP poll, yet because of sanctions, they are ineligible to be ranked in the Coaches poll. Also ranked in the AP poll is Michigan State at No. 20 and Nebraska at No. 22. In the Coaches poll, MSU is the highest ranked team at No. 18, while Nebraska is No. 20 and Wisconsin is No. 23.

Anyone who follows college football on a weekly basis can clearly see that this season, the Big Ten is not what it used to be. Overall, teams are struggling, and the overall quality of play is lacking that classic grandeur that it always used to have. Thus far, the Big Ten has been the laughing stock of college football, and for me, that puts a damper on this season.

Watching all the Big Ten games and knowing that all of the teams are not nearly as good as the rest of college football is a somber experience. It’s weird thinking that even though the winner of the Big Ten championship game at the end of the season will be the best team in the conference, they probably won’t even be ranked in the top-20 in the country when it’s all said and done.

So I will continue to watch college football every weekend like it’s my job, yet deep down I will continue to have this feeling of despair that this once great power conference is now just a shell of its former self. To me, college football is not the same without the Big Ten at its best. College football without the Big Ten at the forefront just doesn’t seem like the same game I grew up watching and loving.

With all of the struggles, the future generations of college football fans will know only of the rich tradition and history of the conference, and the future generations will look at the conference for what it is today, an embarrassment.

My hope is that this once proud conference looks at the way it is now viewed throughout the country, and the teams within it realize that they are hurting the legacy of something great. Until the day the Big Ten realizes its faults, and has once again risen to the top ranks of the college football world, my excitement for each future college football season, will just end in Big Ten disappointment.
Replacement ref abuse excessive under conditions

Regardless of how good I think I am, there’s no way I’m getting a spot on a major league crew two weeks from now.

And that’s what essentially happened to these replacement refs the NFL have decided to stick with. Mere weeks before the start of the season, Roger Goodell and the 31 team owners locked out the experienced, qualified referees and went with the cheaper labor.

Throughout the preseason, people thought they could learn to adjust to the NFL game and be ready for the NFL season.

Yeah, let me quit this writing racket and go do some work for NASA. I’ll be ready to send another rover to Mars in about a month.

This was going to happen. It was inevitable. I don’t care what you think, but officiating sports is one of the hardest things a person can ever do.

You might think you know every rule for every sport. That’s great. You know what a referee calls that kind of person? A rules interpreter.

An official needs to know not only the rules, but how to also manage a game. To learn those two essential skills, it takes time and practice…lots of time and practice. These things don’t happen overnight.

But the NFL and ESPN seemed that it just might this time. So when Seattle wide receiver Golden Tate stole the show Monday night with his “touchdown,” I was shocked by the fallout. I couldn’t believe what I was witnessing. ESPN analyst Steve Young was about ready to cry. Jon Gruden was speechless during the postgame wrap-up. Cats and dogs were living together. Real wrath of God type stuff. I was shocked at how shocked everyone seemed to be.

Was there something I was missing? Did these people really believe that as soon as these refs put on the stripes with the NFL shield that nothing bad was ever going to happen? I don’t blame the replacement refs for the call. They missed it and they know it. There’s no need to tell an official they missed a call. They know it and they feel bad about it, so how about you just lay off.

Nor do I blame the regular NFL officials. They deserve every cent of the $3 million they want for pensions. Officials spend so much time away from their families that having a good pension plan should be a requirement.

My problem is with just about everyone else, who have no right to talk about officials or the art of officiating.

The NFL is being greedy. Surprise, surprise. ESPN is talking about things it doesn’t quite understand. Shocked.

And the rest of this sports-talk radio nation is piling on with all its collective knowledge. All of a sudden, everybody is Mike Carey or Ed Hochuli. Just take a deep breath, everyone.

Maybe the NFL will figure it out and come to its senses. If not, give these replacement refs some time. They’re not going to live up to your expectations, officials rarely do, but hopefully the game you all love will change back to its old self when an amazing catch left you breathless or the Cleveland Browns blew a fourth-quarter lead that can only leave you saying:

“I can’t believe what I just saw.”

Editor’s note: The NFL and the referee’s union agreed to a tentative agreement to end the lockout at midnight Thursday, Sept. 27, just before this column went to print.

Volleyball

LIBERO’S SMILE CONNECTS WITH HER PLAY

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Freshman Janna Krafa used to be the quiet one on the volleyball court.

Now the starting libero for the University of Dayton volleyball team, however, Krafa has quickly earned the respect of many teammates, coaches and fans with her enthusiasm for the game.

Perhaps more impressive than her personality evolution is that the Centerville, Ohio native beat out a senior and three-year starter, Paige Vargas, to earn the libero spot.

“When Paige pulled me aside, I didn’t expect it at all,” Krafa said with a smile, recalling how she learned the news. “I didn’t even know how to respond. I was just shocked.”

Vargas, who now plays defensive specialist for the Flyers, said the moment was humbling for her and showed the true character of her new teammate.

“After I told [Janna] she had earned the starting spot, one of the first things she asked was ‘Can I still pass with you?’”, Vargas said, noting that she and Krafa still practice with one another. “She is a really hard worker and doesn’t quit.”

Head coach Kelly Sheffield said that Krafa’s work-ethic is one of her most endearing qualities, nearly to a fault.

“If NCAA rules allowed it, Janna would be in that gym for 12 hours a day and would be just fine with it,” he said. “She doesn’t waste a moment in the gym. There’s not a lot of athletes like that…that love the training element of the game.”

According to the NCAA bylaws, student-athletes are limited to four hours per day of gym time for practice. It’s a rule the entire athletic department is responsible for upholding.

Vargas said that as different as it is to see another player in the spot she’d played since her freshman year, it’s still comforting to know that success will come from the change.

“For our seniors, it’s not about putting someone down because they’re a ‘freshman,’ it’s about being a team,” Sheffield said. “I don’t care what [year] someone is; if they’re ready to play, then they’re ready to play. Our players embrace that.”

The team isn’t the only group that gets to experience Krafa’s contributions either. An 18-minute drive from Centerville to the Frericks Center, Krafa’s family and friends have already made trips to UD to cheer her on.

During Dayton’s home-opener against University of Illinois on Aug. 24, many of her former teammates from Centerville High School were in the stands.

While there weren’t many fans at her games at CHS, Krafa said she believes that helps her appreciate playing in the Frericks Center that much more.

“I don’t know what it is… I just love playing here,” Krafa said. “I just love our fans.”

With the Flyers currently holding the No. 20 spot in the latest American Volleyball Coaches Association poll released Monday, Sept. 24, Krafa’s role continues to expand and her confidence continues to grow.

That much is visible in her approach to the game, no matter what the score is.

“Janna is [emotionally] consistent,” Vargas said. “When she messes up…she’s always looking for that next point. With her, the past is the past. It’s always fun seeing her out there. I can’t be upset because she’s doing great.”

“Whenever we get a point, it’s important to celebrate it. I think it brings energy to the court,” Krafa said. “We need the momentum, and we embrace it.”

Such energy has paid off so far, as Krafa is third overall in the Atlantic 10 Conference with 4.54 digs per set. She also ranks in the top half of all college players in the same category.

While she’s still getting used to the post-game autograph session for every home match, Krafa hasn’t curbed her enthusiasm on the court once.

“It just comes naturally,” she said. “Sometimes I can’t help but smile.”

Freshman libero Janna Krafa (18) reacts after a point during a game against No. 11 Pepperdine University, Aug. 25, at the Frericks Center. Ethan Klos- terman/Managing Editor
The University of Dayton football team will head back on the road to continue its season this Saturday, Sept. 29 against Pioneer Football League rival Butler University at 1 p.m. at the Butler Bowl in Indianapolis, Ind.

The Bulldogs enter the contest with a 2-2 record, including a win in its first conference game of the season over Campbell University. Meanwhile, the Flyers (1-3, 0-1) are coming off a tough 21-17 loss to Jacksonville University in which the team gave up the winning score in the last two minutes of the game.

Although, after the tough loss, the team is doing its due diligence to put that behind them and focus on the road ahead.

“Any loss like that is going to hurt,” said redshirt senior safety Ben Welsh. “Anytime you have a loss like that, it makes you that much more hungry to get back at the game. It’s important for us to come out aggressive and show that hunger to get a win.”

With the conference loss, it would seem almost assuredly that the Flyers must now win the rest of their conference games to have a shot at this year’s conference title. In the PFL’s 19-year history, no team has ever won the championship with more than one loss in conference.

However despite this statistic, head coach Rick Chamberlin said he remains optimistic about his football team.

“I’m not going to say that this game is a must win, but we need a win both for momentum and to put ourselves in a position to win the PFL,” Chamberlin said. “I’m not saying that if we lose this that we have no hope, it’ll be tougher, but there’s still hope there.”

The Flyers have historically dominated the series between the two programs, with the all-time series in favor of UD, 26-10-1. Since 2006 however, the series is tied 3-3, including a 29-27 win for Butler in last year’s game. According to redshirt senior cornerback Matt Pfleger, ever since UD and BU shared the PFL championship in 2009, they have been one of Dayton’s fiercest rivals.

“Butler and us, we don’t get along that well,” Pfleger said. “Every year since that [2009] game, it’s been pretty close. We love taking it to them, and they love trying to beat us, so it should be an interesting game I think.”

To go along with the close games, the game is always a very intense one because both teams have recruiting pipelines in both states, meaning many of the players know each other from playing in high school, according to Chamberlin. Dayton currently has six players on the roster from Indiana, while Butler has 18 players from the state of Ohio.

Leading the way for the Bulldogs will be the two-headed monster on offense in the redshirt junior quarterback Matt Lancaster and junior running back Trae Heeter.

Lancaster, an Illinois State University transfer, is a dual-threat player that leads the PFL in quarterback rushing yards and also ranks third in passing efficiency. Heeter leads the PFL in rushing this season, with 190 yards per game and put up 249 all-purpose yards against the Flyers in last year’s contest.

In total for the Bulldogs, the team leads the PFL in total offense with 442 yards per game.

On the other side of the ball for Butler, the defense is led by senior linebacker Jordan Ridley. He has led the PFL in tackles the previous two seasons and is currently sixth this season. According to Chamberlin, Ridley is the key guy they need to stop on defense saying, “We need to make sure to have him blocked, because he gets to the ball so well.”

The keys to the game, according to Chamberlin, will be for the Flyers to play a nice, sound game defensively and not give up big plays. Offensively, he said it will be about playing all four quarters with consistency and not just having one good quarter of play.

As for Welsh, he said the key to the game is consistency. “Butler is similar to us, in that they always come out and execute well,” Welsh said. “So it’s important that we have a good week of preparation, and execute the game plan that our coaches come up with.”

In the end, according to Pfleger, this game will be a chance to prove to the rest of the league that the Flyers are still a top team in the conference.

“We’ve had some disappointments the past few weeks, and it’s been heart-breaking so far, but we’re right there,” Pfleger said. “If we can put that together and finish the game as a team, then we can be one of the best in the conference, and I think it’ll show at the end of the year if we can do that. We’re ready to show the league what we can do.”

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**Women’s Soccer**

**Atlantic 10 Conference play starts on the road at UMass**

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The University of Dayton women’s soccer team is preparing to open its Atlantic 10 Conference season against the University of Massachusetts. The Minutewomen will host the Flyers at their home field on Friday, Sept. 28, in Amherst, Mass.

The Flyers enter the contest with a 6-3 overall record and are 3-1 on the road. The Flyers won their first shut-out of the season with a 3-0 victory in its last match against Wright State University on Sept. 14 at Baujan Field.

“We ended on a great note two weeks ago against Wright State University,” said senior forward Alexis Garcia. “So we are trying to build off of that great win and prepare for our conference games that are next.”

The women’s team has won the Atlantic 10 Conference Championship tournament for the past three years. In order to prepare for the conference games, the team has been working extremely hard in practice, according to head coach Mike Tucker.

“Right now we are just working on the little parts of the game that need tweaking,” he said. “We are basically just dotting the Is and crossing the Ts in order to prepare for Friday night’s game against UMass.”

Senior forward Colleen Williams said the team’s upperclassmen are thrilled with the talent and contribution the underclassmen bring to the team this year.

“The cool thing about this team is that there are a few girls from every class who are stepping up each week and who make a major impact for the team,” Williams said. “It’s not just the upperclassmen who step up during the games. We need to continue to make it a team effort on and off the field.”

Williams has been selected as a candidate for the 2012 LOWE’s Senior Class Award. According to the award’s criteria, in order to be nominated the student-athlete must excel in four different areas: community, classroom, character and competition.

“Two players that have been leaders for the Flyers are Colleen Williams and Jordin Melchert,” Tucker said. “Colleen has been having a great year so far. We are also going to have to be strong defenders in Friday night’s game so we will depend on Jordan in the net.”

The Flyers are averaging 22.9 shots per game and have scored an average of 2.89 goals per game.

Junior goalkeeper Melchert has made an impact on the defensive side for the Flyers, leading the team to five wins this season and has made 30 saves.

“Our goal is to go farther in the NCAA tournament then we did last year;” Williams said. “It would also be huge to win the Atlantic 10 Conference Championship for the fourth year in a row. It’s just a stepping stone for us in order to get into the NCAA tournament.”

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Senior running back Robert Washington (29) runs past a defender during a game against Jacksonville University, Sept. 22 at Welcome Stadium. Jacksonville defeated Dayton 21-17. ETHAN KLOSTERMAN/MANAGING EDITOR