In the fall of 2007, students returned to campus and freshmen eagerly entered the dorms, excited to make new friends.

That same fall, KU cashier Deana Lucas met VWK cashier Doug Young in a place where many new students exchange names over monster cookies and Wednesday night pasta bar: Marycrest Dining Hall.

Five years later, on Oct. 11, two of UD students’ favorite Dining Services employees announced their engagement.

“I went on a trip to visit my grandparents in Florida, and on the Greyhound, I had a lot of time to think,” Young said. “So I get back and I tell her, you know, I just flat out say, ‘2013, we’re getting married.’”

Lucas said she was excited but wanted to know if it was official. Young gave her an answer a few days later when he got down on one knee and presented Lucas with the sparkling engagement ring they had chosen just days earlier.

“She starts crying,” Young said. “So I’m like, ‘Is that a no?’ Because she didn’t answer right away! I knew it was yes, but I was just playfully trying to calm her down from crying.”

“Because it was just so not Doug,” Lucas explained. “The whole one-knee thing and everything.”

However, she did say yes and said she is excited to start planning for the big day. The pair has not picked a date yet and are still enjoying the excitement of their engagement.

“I was pushing to pick a date because I was all caught up in the moment,” Lucas said. “But he said ‘Why rush with all that? Let’s enjoy being engaged, and then we will figure it all out, everything will fall into place.’”

Young and Lucas said the wedding will be in 2013. Lucas said she has a lot of ideas for it, but that she doesn’t want anything big.

“I don’t really feel like that’s what it’s about,” she said. “I’d rather just have an intimate thing with us and then maybe do like an after celebration or something with our friends and family.”

The couple said they were excited to share the big news and were overwhelmed by the reaction from everyone on campus. “It kind of started when she put on Facebook, ‘2013 finally engaged,’” you know, but then once we actually changed our relationship status to engaged, boom! It just started hitting,” Young said. “It caught me off guard!”

Lucas posted a picture of her ring to Facebook once they changed their relationship status, and the picture alone received 141 likes and 34 comments, many from students and members of the UD community.

“Literally people have come in just to see the ring,” Lucas said. “And to say how they are so happy for us.”

Both Lucas and Young said they were surprised and happy for all of the warm wishes from everyone on campus. They are also thankful to have met that first day in Marycrest.

“If you go looking for love you won’t really necessarily find it,” Young said. “I mean you could find it, but it always comes really unexpectedly. When we first met, we never expected this.”

Lucas agreed and said they were both in other relationships when they first met but began dating shortly after, and the rest is history.

“This sounds too cliché but I’m literally happier, besides having my daughter, this is the happiest I’ve ever been,” Lucas said.

For now, after all of these years, the couple is blissfully enjoying their new engagement and preparing for the big day.

“Time goes by and, like I said, you really start to think,” Young said. “What better time to do it than now?”

Deana Lucas and Doug Young pose, Oct. 17. MEREDITH KARAVOLIS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Event raises refugee awareness

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To increase awareness of Dayton’s refugee population, the University of Dayton will host a conference entitled “Engaging Refugees, Building Community, Becoming Citizens: Refugees in a New Community” to promote planning among local institutions to help integrate displaced peoples.

The Nov. 16 conference stems from the Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Caucus, an initiative of the National Conference for Community and Justice of Greater Dayton, according to a UD press release.

Theo Majka, a sociology professor, worked with researchers to conduct a study focusing on community involvement including organizations, groups and institutions, to better facilitate the integration and incorporation of foreign-born into the area, he said.

The conference acts as a bookend to the conference at the Frericks Center, Sunday, Oct. 21.

Students, faculty and staff are invited to celebrate the Eucharist with UD families.

Throughout the study, the research team interviewed human resource agency representatives who deal with refugee populations as well as leaders from six targeted populations, including Sudanese, Burundian, Rwandan, Congolese, Iraqi and Meskhetian Turk refugees.

Jeanette Taylor, a conference organizer and a NCCJ employee, explained that many of the recommendations that came out of the two-year study are the things that will be highlighted at the conference.

“Many of the big needs of refugees in the city of Dayton are housing, employment, a better understanding of law enforcement and access to better healthcare,” Taylor said.

Jane Bloom, the U.S. liaison officer for the International Catholic Migration Commission, and Johnny Young, the executive director of the office of Migration and Refugee Services for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, will both speak at the conference, according to the press release.

Because the U.S. resettles more refugees than any other country in the world, both speakers will place the issue of refugee integration in an international and national context, Majka said.

While the keynote speakers will address the big picture of the issue, the conference will also feature workshops specific to the Dayton community.

“Out of the workshops offered, we hope, that in some areas, plans and strategies will be developed to move us along the road; to build on the very substantial things that are already being done,” Majka said.

While he said the conference is not specifically geared toward a student audience, interested students, as well as faculty, can attend the event and can choose from six different workshops.

Majka explained UD students would be most interested in attending the two workshops featuring “the face of the refugee population themselves.” In both workshops, refugees will share their personal stories, he said.

“It is important for our young people to get a better understanding of people who have not been afforded some of the same opportunities that we have,” Taylor said.

The cost of conference registration is $25 and includes a boxed lunch. However, members of the UD community who pre-register do not have to pay the fee. The number of participants is limited to 140, and UD students and faculty must pre-register if interested.

For more information or to register for the event, email dqullen1@udayton.edu.
History professor publishes book, releases film

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University of Dayton history professor Larry Schweikart is adding to his series of published history books, “A Patriot’s History.”


Schweikart said he began writing the book in 2007 with co-author Dave Dougherty. Once he and Dougherty paired up, Schweikart said the book was finished in about a year.

According to Schweikart, the process of writing the book was not easy, and he decided a co-author might help him, especially with areas like World War I and II.

“My co-author, Dave Dougherty, is kind of a genius at that kind of stuff, so it helps to have a co-author and somebody you can work with very well,” Schweikart said.

Schweikart said that many of his UD teaching experiences have influenced content in the book.

Schweikart said that one book in particular, “America’s Victories: Why the U.S. Wins Wars and Will Win the War on Terror,” was “developed substantially” out of his technology and cultural war class.

“I began to put those ideas together and this [book] is kind of my technolgy and cultural war class in small,” Schweikart said.

According to a University of Dayton press release, “Rockin’ the Wall,” the documentary Schweikart produced, is based off of one of Schweikart’s books, “7 Events that made America, America,” and debuted two years ago in Dayton. Schweikart said the film will air nationally on PBS stations on Sunday.

Schweikart said the documentary is about how rock music helped bring down the Iron Curtain of the former Soviet Union. He said he started to discuss the idea for the plot around June or July 2009.

“We began fundraising in September or October 2009, and we had enough money by January that we could start production,” Schweikart said. “We began shooting film, [and] we were fully funded by July or August 2010 and it was done almost one year to the date we started.”

Schweikart said some of the people he interviewed were Robby Krieger of the Doors, Mark Stein and Vinnie Martell of Vanilla Fudge, David Paich of Toto and the band Mother’s Finest.

According to Schweikart, Mother’s Finest played from East Berlin two weeks before the wall came down.

Schweikart said some other big name rock musicians didn’t get into the film.

“I had an interview with Billy Joel, and when the time came around for the interview he couldn’t do it because he was having back surgery,” Schweikart said. “I talked to Alice Cooper for the book, but he didn’t want to do an interview for the film.”

Some parts of the documentary where filmed on campus. Schweikart said he was filmed walking through the arch by St. Joseph Hall, getting interviewed in his office and lecturing about the Cold War to a class in Sears Recital Hall.

For more information about “Rockin’ the Wall,” visit rockinthewall.com.

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Speaker shares tips, advice on getting a job

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Career guru Donald Asher spoke Tuesday, Oct. 16, to University of Dayton students and faculty about how to secure any job after graduating with any major.

Asher’s presentation, which downplayed the importance of a student’s major, emphasized tapping into what he called the “hidden job market.”

He also explained techniques for successful self-marketing to a company that may not have posted a job opening.

Asher explained to students that the “hidden job market” contains 55-85 percent of all jobs in the current market. Jobs on the hidden market either have not been posted formally or have been posted but filed through what Asher nicknamed a “side door.”

“The key to students finding this side door to a job is networking or simply talking to people,” Asher said. “It’s crucial because it is projected that the average person will hold as many as 10 different jobs before they retire.”

Senior psychology major Sam Lenzi, also in attendance, said he was seeking advice and ideas on how to sort through the “clutter of people looking through jobs,” an issue Asher directly addressed in his presentation.

“It’s an ongoing process throughout your whole life to find jobs,” Marano said with alumni at her side.

For more information on Asher and his career advice, visit donaldasher.com

‘Nuns on the Bus’ hold rally

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The “Nuns on the Bus” rolled into town to spread their message of social justice to the University of Dayton community in Humanities Plaza, on Oct. 10.

The mobile sisters are speaking against the Republican Party’s federal budget proposal for 2013. The proposed budget, written by Representative and vice presidential candidate Paul Ryan, runs contrary to Catholic social justice teaching, according to the nuns.

According to the group’s website, nunsonthebusohio.com, their motivation for the tour against the budget lies in the budget’s ramifications if enacted. The site states that budget “… would cut vulnerable children and seniors off Medicaid, take away nearly 200 million meals from low income families and eliminate over 10,000 Head Start slots for preschoolers, all while increasing tax breaks for the wealthy” in the state of Ohio.

Simone Campbell, who led the mobile sisters, said the event was the nuns’ largest turnout since they began their tour over the summer in Washington, D.C.

“It’s wonderful to hear these women bear witness to the stories of the life they’ve served,” Miller said. “The sisters draw a great deal of authority from a life of discipleship.”

According to Miller, the “Nuns on the Bus” sent invitations to both President Barack Obama and Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney to speak on the issues relevant to their campaign—specifically poverty—but have yet to receive an affirmative response from either.

Miller explained, “It’s hard to get press to cover poverty issues, ever.”

The nuns concluded their six day tour on Monday, Oct. 15, in Cincinnati, according to their website.
Self-defense classes teach students important skills

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The University of Dayton Sexual Violence Prevention Education office and professional martial arts instructor Jeremy Roadruck will begin offering self-defense classes once a month to educate and prepare students in the event they are attacked.

Lee Ann Kassab and Kristen Altenau, coordinators at the Sexual Violence Prevention Education office, said the office has received many requests from students for a self-defense class to be offered on campus.

“The class is a way for students to have fun and also learn ways that they can protect themselves,” Altenau said.

The women believe self-defense is important for students to know so they can protect themselves in the event of an attack and also be informed of strategies to prevent students from getting themselves involved in a dangerous situation.

“The classes are intended to encourage students to be “more proactive than reactive.”

“The goal of the classes is not to reduce the crime statistics on campus, but to increase confidence in students,” Altenau said.

The classes will occur once a month. Each new class will be different from previous classes. Different skills will be learned in each class, so attendance in the previous months class is not required in order to attend the next month.

The classes will teach students how to get away from an attacker using various self-defense tactics. Students will be educated on ways to protect themselves and feel safer around campus.

The exercises are based on the physical force. The women believe self-defense is important for students because it can reinforce the idea that if someone does not understand your words and accept your answer than they will understand the force you can use with your body.

He said the class will teach students through interactive hands-on activities and provide a workout for both the body and the mind. Aspects covered in the class will be geared towards both men and women.

“The exercises are based on the leverage a person gets on another rather than the muscle mass of a person,” Roadruck said.

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“Nuremberg: Its Lesson for Today” is a powerful courtroom drama that was released in Germany in 1948. It was widely played throughout Germany, but was suppressed by the United States government at the time because of the approaching Cold War.

Now, more than 60 years later, the documentary has finally made its debut in the U.S., thanks to the restoration of the film by Sandra Schulberg, who is the daughter of the original film’s writer, director and producer, Stuart Schulberg.

“Nuremberg: Its Lesson for Today (The Schulberg/Waletzky Restoration)” has been making its way across the country since its U.S. premiere in Los Angeles last summer. Next week, it will find its way to the University of Dayton along with Sandra Schulberg herself, who will introduce the film and participate in a panel discussion, according to Teri Rizvi, the associate vice president for university communications.

“Nuremberg: Its Lesson for Today (The Schulberg/Waletzky Restoration)” will be presented at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 24, at the 1700 South Patterson Building on campus.

Sandra Schulberg will introduce the 80-minute film, and also participate in a panel discussion afterward, according to Rizvi. The discussion will be moderated by U.S. District Court Judge Walter Rice.

“I don’t want to preach,” Sandra Schulberg said of her introduction, saying that she will only speak for a few minutes before the film is presented. “The film speaks for itself.”

Since the documentary’s conception in 1948, the original picture and sound elements were lost or destroyed. Upon learning more about her father’s work and his legacy, Sandra Schulberg decided to restore the historically prominent piece and spent five years working alongside Josh Waletzky to restore all of the picture and sound elements.

Stuart Schulberg originally thought that this film would be released two years after the end of the Nuremberg trials, according to Sandra Schulberg. She said that even though it was kept from the U.S. until much later, it is still extremely relevant today.

“The irony of the title is pretty intriguing,” Sandra Schulberg said, referring to the “lesson for today.”

She said that many people believe that she added the title to her restored version, but that is not the case. Her father intended “Nuremberg: Its Lesson for Today” to be the title from the beginning, because he wanted people of the time to see the relevance of the trials.

Despite its suppression, the documentary has retained its initial relevance and powerful message. Alexandra Budabin, a UD professor who completed her thesis on the Holocaust, believes that documentaries like this one serve as a unique type of historical record that only increase in importance.

“Sixty years ago, the film was intended as a teaching tool. Today, the film can still serve an educational and preventative function,” she said. “We need to ask ourselves how and why the Nuremberg trials continue to hold an important legacy while further genocide was not prevented as demonstrated by Cambodia, Rwanda, Srebrenica and Darfur.”

Sandra Schulberg encourages UD students to come to the viewing of the film, calling it “incredibly dramatic and exciting.”

“It will be good for kids who are interested in World War II but find reading about it boring,” Sandra Schulberg said. It shows the case against the top Nazi leaders, which she thinks many people would be interested in seeing.

A light appetizer will be served during an intermission, so reservations are appreciated. Anyone interested in viewing the restoration of this powerful documentary should RSVP to events@udayton.edu.

An additional viewing for those who are unable to make it will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 23, in the Sears Recital Hall in the Jesse Phillips Humanities Building on campus.

To learn more about “Nuremberg: Its Lesson for Today,” both the original version and the Schulberg/Waletzky restoration, go to nurembergfilm.org.

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While walking through the student neighborhood this weekend, do not be alarmed by the bedroom linens hanging from students’ beloved porches.

It is a long-standing tradition for students at the University of Dayton to hang sheets in front of their houses for different occasions throughout the school year. The most popular occasions for sheet hanging are move-in weekend, parents weekend and birthday celebrations. Although exactly when the tradition began is unknown, digital.udayton.edu shows pictures of sheets hanging dating back to 1980.

Drew Arensberg, a fifth-year engineering student, has hung one sheet this year and is looking forward to hanging another sheet for parents weekend. Arensberg’s house has not yet decided what their sheet will say this weekend, but their move-in weekend sheet read “Welcome to the Alamo, our last stand is your first shot.”

“Our house loves the sheet hanging tradition,” Arensberg said. “It is the best way to emphasize community and really welcome new students to the neighborhood.”

Meredith Bolmeyer, a junior marketing and leadership major, is also a veteran in hanging sheets. Bolmeyer’s favorite Ghetto sheet read “If she doesn’t know what Lotus Notes is, she’s too young for you bro.”

Bolmeyer’s house, nicknamed “The Brothel,” intends to hang a sign for parents weekend reading, “Don’t worry mom and dad, we’re not really a brothel! We love you!”

“I love the sheet hanging at UD,” Bolmeyer said. “I think it makes the Ghetto seem like a fun community. It gives the houses a personality and some of them are really funny. It’s a great tradition.”

Senior education major Kerry Martens agrees that the sheet hanging tradition shows UD’s sense of community.

“It’s a creative and cheap way to get information out there,” Martens said. “Whether it’s about Greek Week, a retreat or a concert going on. And, you always know when it’s someone’s birthday or where the party is at that weekend.”

Martens’ house, 339 Kiefaber St., has made many sheets since she moved in this summer.

“My favorite is the one we made for move-in weekend at the beginning of the year,” Martens said. “I’m not going to repeat exactly what it said, but it rhymed and went along the lines of parents dropping their freshmen sons off on our front porch.”

In some instances, especially move-in weekend, Fellows and other UD officials have had to tell students to take inappropriate sheets down.

“They need to stop taking sheets down,” Arensberg said. “This is America.”

Martens’ house has never been asked to take a sheet down, but they have been asked to change the words in one.

“They are all in good fun and make that first weekend back that much better,” Martens said.

Freshman psychology major Brie Sandridge and her parents enjoyed most of the sheets hung on move-in weekend.

“Most [sheets] were clever and I enjoyed the creativity from UD students,” Sandridge said. “My parents pretty much felt the same, except for the one sign that said ‘Thank you for your daughters.’ They made that first weekend better, that’s for sure.”

Rob Mullen, father to a UD senior student and president of Trinity High School in Louisville, Ky., contacted university president Dan Curran after seeing sheets he deemed inappropriate while moving his daughter in three years ago.

“As a fellow school administrator, I wanted Dr. Curran to know that, while I appreciated the university’s messages about college life and expected behavior, some sheet messages awaiting parents as they brought their frosh to campus for move-in weekend gave a different message,” Mullen said. “I felt obligated to let him know about these mixed messages.”

Mullen says that if students live in UD-owned housing, it makes sense that they do not send messages that conflict with UD values.

“Keep the tradition alive and vibrant but with all things, use common sense and moderation,” Mullen said.
From the FN family to yours:
Have a fun, safe Family Weekend
Local food culture worthy of praise, patronage

CHRISTOPHER’S
★★★★★

CONNOR MABON
Copy Editor

As parents begin to arrive, there is no better way to catch up with them than visiting a cozy, home-style restaurant in an unassuming location featuring American classics and unique cultural fusions.

At Christopher’s restaurant, the instant sight of the interior décor reminds one of a place that has slowed time down. Once tucked away into the tiny nooks and corners by a table of your choice, take a look around and you’ll see hanging lamps dimly lit and you’ll hear sounds of oldies and classic rock creating a relaxing ambiance.

This family-owned dive continues to serve up delicious, wholesome meals and has been doing so for two decades. It is a place where the locals know each other, the waiters and waitresses are conversational and accommodating, and the food is as comforting as a Tempur-Pedic pillow.

To start, I ordered crab cakes for $8.95 that were accompanied by remoulade, which is like a tar-tar sauce, and perfectly dressed vinegar-based coleslaw.

Since this cool autumn breeze has blown in, I found it appropriate to incorporate a warming sensation to coincide the meal and ordered the chicken and rice soup for $1.95. What I noticed flowing happily in the warm liquid were real chunks of chicken and flawlessly cooked vegetables.

Next came the entrée, which was a grilled salmon sandwich for $7.95 with lettuce, tomato, onions and a ridiculously good honey mustard sauce. The salmon was provided by a local, organic fish farm and cooked just right. The honey mustard sauce was thick, mildly spicy and sweetly touched by real honey.

I ended the meal with a taste of the newly arrived fall season, pumpkin, in the form of a rich cheesecake with house-made whipped cream. Not only was it a portion size enough to serve a few family members, the flavor of pumpkin was upfront and profound.

As I lingered over several satisfying cups of coffee, I began to pick up a sense of home though I am four hours away from it. Christopher’s is simply the perfect complement to the mood of parents weekend with their rustic, down-to-earth atmosphere.

The restaurant is open Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., and is located at 2318 E. Dorothy Ln. in Kettering, Ohio. For more information visit its website at www.christophers.biz or call 937-299-0889.

BLIND BOB’S
★★★★★

CONNOR MABON
Copy Editor

If you’re seeking a place where the vibe is the polar opposite of the heavily-trafficked, chain-restaurant plagued Brown Street, look no further than East Fifth Street in the Oregon District.

Alongside this cobblestone road are independently owned bars, restaurants and shops all featuring their unique take on the funky, alternative lifestyle. One place in particular is Blind Bob’s, 430 E. Fifth St., an upbeat gastro-pub where the atmosphere is as lively as a rock ‘n’ roll guitar riff.

Once inside, you’re immediately exposed to a spacious, dimly lit dining area and a clear view of the bar, which houses an extensive beer list with classics ranging from Samuel Adams Oktoberfest and Yuengling to artisanal microbrews like doppelbock and stouts.

With your drink in hand, begin to look through the menu and you’ll see familiar items like salads, wraps, sandwiches and burgers. But Blind Bob’s is not your typical bar that lazily serves food. Here they make almost everything from scratch and use original ideas to craft fantastic dishes.

Their fried macaroni and cheese for $5 is unbelievably delicious. These crispy, golden brown wedges were oozing cheese and I recommend dipping them into either the ranch or marinara sauce. According to its website, “Bob’s way” is to use ketchup, a taste reminding one of childhood memories where it usually smothered the macaroni.

On a lighter note, their black-n-blue wrap centered its attention on a Cajun flare with Cajun-spiced steak tips, cool lettuce, tomatoes and bleu cheese dressing. The steak was juicy and the dressing had a distinct bleu cheese flavor.

Now, allow me to enlighten you about these burgers. Oh, these burgers.

For $9.50, a sandwich known as the Frisco burger features a half-pound patty that is stuffed, yes stuffed, with caramelized onions and Swiss cheese. Resting effortlessly on top was more Swiss cheese, tomatoes, lettuce, Thousand Island dressing and fresh onions. Instead of using the typical circular bun, Blind Bob’s uses two pieces of toast.

Though I didn’t expect the burger to be on toast, it surprisingly added a different element which was enjoyable. Joining the burger were potato chips seasoned with a house-blend of spices; crunchy and delicious.

Enhancing the experience were sounds of classic guitar riffs and rhythmic drums. Musicians are able to book through the restaurant’s website and customers get to enjoy a show and support local entertainment.

I encourage students who are anticipating family members this weekend to try something original, lively and fun. Head in the direction of Blind Bob’s and you’ll get just that. Check out their website, www.blindbobs.com for further details on events and food and drink specials.
Students at the University of Dayton can add another exciting activity to partake in on Saturday afternoons, as a new wave of enthusiasm has tackled the campus. Student-organized tailgates are starting to take place in the parking lot of Welcome Stadium before UD football games. The tailgates start at 10 a.m. in the designated tailgating area behind the orange plastic wall between UD Arena and Welcome Stadium. A cook-out, serving hamburgers and hot dogs, is hosted by Red Scare and music is provided by Flyer Radio. There are also plenty of boards to play corn hole for students to enjoy.

For many years football has been a hard sport to advertise to the student body of UD because the games are Saturday afternoons and due to Welcome Stadium being off campus, according to Matthew Barrett, president of Red Scare. However, Barrett said he is excited and optimistic about how things are going so far with football this season.

“We have seen a rapid rise in student attendance, longevity of stay and game-day atmosphere,” he said. “This is largely due to a group of guys taking it upon themselves to change things for the greater good of the football program.”

Creating a tailgating atmosphere that is enjoyable for all has become contagious, as it has produced a buzz around campus, according to Barrett. Red Scare’s plan is to use the events taking place at tailgates this season as the building block for the future.

“I think what has happened so far is a step in the right direction and I see it really starting a new tradition at UD,” Barrett said. “Our goal now is to expand on our base and grow it into something that everyone will partake in and enjoy as another experience during their time at UD.”

Leading the charge for these events are board members of Red Scare. For the tailgates, Sean Ferguson, the football chair, has played an important role when organizing these events.

Ferguson, a junior marketing major at UD, is passionate about starting a new tradition. Ferguson said he saw a need for tailgates at football games.

“It’s been a work in progress,” he said. “After we went to the football game last year, all we saw was the great potential to gain a football atmosphere that many students at UD feel that we lack.

“We want to start something that hasn’t been a part of this campus in a very long time. What better way to add value to UD’s community than coming together with 400 like-minded students on Saturday mornings while preparing to support our football program,” Ferguson added.

After the first home game of the 2012 season, it was estimated that there were 500 students participating at the tailgate and about 400 in the student section according to Ferguson.

“Our vision is to see red and blue throughout the Welcome Stadium parking lot as far as the eye can see on game days,” Ferguson said. “Just because we do not attend a school with a football program with the likes of Big 12-caliber teams does not mean that we cannot still have a college football experience.”

Ferguson also hopes to please alumni and parents. He believes tailgating can be a fun activity for the parents of Flyer football players to look forward to before each game.

“This just isn’t about the students,” Ferguson said. “UD Football fans have been season ticket holders for many years. Parents of football players along with alumni are at each and every game. If, and when this takes off, we will have created an atmosphere that’s not just suitable for students, but for adults, as well.”

The next home game for Dayton is at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, as UD takes on Valparaiso University.

**Tailgating tradition gives UD Big 10 feel**

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Staff Writer

THE TROLLEY STOP

The Trolley Stop, a nostalgic neighborhood tavern that features good food, constantly changing craft beer and live music four nights a week.

Walking in, the first thing I noticed was the atmosphere, specifically Italian. Wine, cheese and marinara sauce lined the walls. The half deli/half restaurant set up was anything but out of place, as it’s actually set up similar to an authentic place in Italy.

I noticed it seemed like a place to eat lunch, because the menu primarily consisted of sandwiches, they were out of a few ingredients and it was basically empty at 7 p.m., close to closing time. The personal, friendly service made up for the arguably confusing method to order and pay, and by the time my sandwich was brought to me and I took a bite, I had forgotten about how I obtained this delectable chicken breast sandwich and was only concerned with consuming it.

My sandwich consisted of chicken breast, on wheat bread, covered in melted provolone cheese, juicy tomatoes, crisp lettuce and onions, with a side of hot marinara sauce. The marinara sauce I ordered because I was at an Italian restaurant and it seemed necessary at the time. The best part was the bread – a perfect combination of crunchy and chewy whole grain wheat. Let it be known that I’m serious about my bread and sauce, and this place surpassed expectations.

Overall, Mamma DiSalvo’s has been family owned and operated since 1979 and has a wonderful atmosphere. It is perfect for the whole family to grab a delicious sandwich for less than $7 and appreciate the decadence of quality, local Italian.

MAMA DISALVO’S

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Chief A&E Writer

The second I stepped foot into Mamma DiSalvo’s, I knew it was locally owned. There was an air of family in the atmosphere, specifically Italian. Wine, cheese and marinara sauce lined the walls. The half deli/half restaurant set up was anything but out of place, as it’s actually set up similar to an authentic place in Italy.

I noticed it seemed like a place to eat lunch, because the menu primarily consisted of sandwiches, they were out of a few ingredients and it was basically empty at 7 p.m., close to closing time. The personal, friendly service made up for the arguably confusing method to order and pay, and by the time my sandwich was brought to me and I took a bite, I had forgotten about how I obtained this delectable chicken breast sandwich and was only concerned with consuming it.

My sandwich consisted of chicken breast, on wheat bread, covered in melted provolone cheese, juicy tomatoes, crisp lettuce and onions, with a side of hot marinara sauce. The marinara sauce I ordered because I was at an Italian restaurant and it seemed necessary at the time. The best part was the bread – a perfect combination of crunchy and chewy whole grain wheat. Let it be known that I’m serious about my bread and sauce, and this place surpassed expectations.

Overall, Mamma DiSalvo’s has been family owned and operated since 1979 and has a wonderful atmosphere. It is perfect for the whole family to grab a delicious sandwich for less than $7 and appreciate the decadence of quality, local Italian.

LUCKY’S

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Chief A&E Writer

Lucky’s Taproom and Eatery caters to the picky customer. From classic meat options to vegetarian and gluten-free, the restaurant and bar lets the customer get exactly what they want to eat.

Walking in, the first thing I noticed was the mood. It felt like an underground pub: dim lights, red painted walls with old model cars on one wall, TVs, and my favorite functional decoration, a jukebox across from the bar.

The waiter was just cool. He casually but attentively took my order, suggesting a build-your-own burger or the fish and chips. He said the latter is a popular choice because it’s fried in beer batter and customers get a kick out of choosing which beer to use.

When my spinach artichoke dip with tortilla chips and plate of fish and chips were brought out to me, I was more than excited to dig in. The tortilla chips were a great mix of flaky, crunchy and not too salty, which was a perfect match for the tangy and creamy dip. The fish and fries were equal parts tender, crispy and packed with flavor. Scrumptious.

I wouldn’t necessarily bring young children to eat here, but I would recommend this casual taproom and eatery to students, their older siblings and parents for a tasty, unique menu.

THE TROLLEY STOP

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Just five minutes from the University of Dayton in the historic Oregon District is The Trolley Stop, a nostalgic neighborhood tavern that features good food, constantly changing craft beer and live music four nights a week.

Earlier in the week I went to The Trolley Stop for lunch, and as I was walking in I was greeted by a classical style tavern far from something I expected to see in Dayton.

With wooden floors, brick walls and signs that don old adages such as “Bless the Irish,” The Trolley Stop is a place to get great food, great beer, watch a football game and have good conversations with friends and family.

After I walked in I sat down and ordered their most popular dish, red beans and rice with a side salad for $13.50. The dish includes red beans, onions, peppers and “the best Andouille sausage north of the Mason-Dixon Line” from the KJB farm in Tipp City, Ohio. All of this lies on top of a bed of white rice mixed with an original blend of Cajun spices and seasonings.

The salad comes with a mix of greens, tomatoes and chives topped by a house dressing which combines elements of olive oil, balsamic vinegar, pomegranate and mustard seed to form a very good tasting complement to the dish.

The building The Trolley Stop is in was originally built in 1839, and is the longest continually operating tavern in Dayton as it served through prohibition under the name The Ace Restaurant. Its name was changed to The Trolley Stop when the building came under new ownership in the early 1970’s. The name is a testament to the trolleys that used to run through Dayton and make a stop right outside of the bar.

The Trolley Stop is open Monday-Saturday from 11 a.m. until 2 a.m. and customers can come in on Monday and Thursday nights for $2 drafts and $7 pitchers. The tavern also features 10 different types of craft beer on tap and live music every night from Wednesday through Saturday.

If you’re looking for great food, great beer and a great environment then stop your trolley at 53 E. Fifth St. sometime soon.

Junior Evan Shaub visited The Trolley Stop and enjoyed its popular red beans and rice. MEREDITH KARAVOLIS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Baujan Field has a seating capacity of 2,000 spectators and is the home field for the University of Dayton soccer teams. With the men’s team out of town this weekend, the pitch will belong to the women in two Atlantic 10 Conference match ups.

Dayton (10-4, 4-1 A-10) will take on St. Bonaventure University at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19 and then Duquesne University at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 21.

Dayton is the three-time defending A-10 champions and currently sits in second place in this year’s conference standings.

Welcome Stadium

Located next to the University of Dayton Arena, Welcome Stadium has been the home for the University of Dayton’s football team since 1974 and seats 11,000.

The Flyers’ football team has posted a 19-7 record at home in the previous five seasons and take on Valparaiso University at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20.

UD Softball Stadium

UD Softball Stadium was constructed in 2005 across from the University of Dayton Arena and Time Warner Cable Stadium and has since been the home for the University of Dayton softball team.

Dayton is holding a pair of intersquad games to wrap up its fall exhibition schedule at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19 and at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20.

UD Arena

The University of Dayton Arena was built in 1969 and has hosted more games in the history of the NCAA men’s basketball than any other arena in the country.

On Saturday, Oct. 20, the University of Dayton men’s and women’s basketball teams will hold their first events open to the public with the annual Red/Blue games.

The women’s team is set to begin with a skills challenge at 10:40 a.m. Its scrimmage will begin at 11 a.m. and have three periods of seven minutes in length. The men’s team scrimmage is set to start at 12:05 p.m.

**WEEKEND SPORTS**

**BAUJAN FIELD**

**WELCOME STADIUM**

**UD SOFTBALL STADIUM**

**UD ARENA**

**WEEKEND SCHEDULE**

**Friday, Oct. 19**

4:30pm — Softball, Intrasquad Game, UD Softball Stadium
7:30pm — Women’s Soccer, UD vs St. Bonaventure, Baujan Field

**Saturday, Oct. 20**

1:00pm — Football, UD vs Valparaiso, Welcome Stadium
4:30pm — Softball, Intrasquad Game, UD Softball Stadium

**Sunday, Oct. 21**

1:00pm — Women’s Soccer, UD vs Duquesne, Baujan Field
Dunlevy’s ‘Winter’s Tale’ rekindles Shakespeare at UD

AYSE ALTUNISIK  Staff Writer

Students looking for a good show to see during this upcoming family weekend can look no further than Shakespeare’s “The Winter’s Tale,” which opens today at the Boll Theatre in Kennedy Union.

“This Shakespeare play begins with the darkest tragedy and ends in lighthearted romance, where blinding jealousy gives way to forgiveness in a magical conclusion ... not to mention the bear, who is portrayed by members of our very own distinguished faculty,” the department of theatre said.

Directed by Linda Dunlevy, a professor in the theatre program, “The Winter’s Tale” starts at 8 p.m. for weekday and Saturday performances while Sunday performances start at 7 p.m. With more than five years since a Shakespeare production was last done by the theatre program the last Shakespearean production at the University of Dayton, this year’s play is truly an event.

Darrell Anderson, the director of the theatre program, said Dunlevy was enthusiastic about “The Winter’s Tale.”

“We try to do Shakespeare every few years, but haven’t done a Shakespeare production in at least five years,” Anderson said. “Considered a tragicomedy, “The Winter’s Tale” is one of Shakespeare’s problem plays.”

With a large cast of over 20 members, “The Winters Tale” is a little different than some of the productions that the theatre department has put on in the past few years. According to cast member Becca Hale, a junior psychology major, the group has been rehearsing three to four hours a night for the past six weeks, something that has made the cast closer.

“Most of the time, we get there a few minutes before practice starts,” Hale said. “We start at the beginning of the show and go straight through to the end. We do scenes over until we know what we’re doing.”

Hale has been a member of the theatre program since her freshman year.

The play also features one of Shakespeare’s most dramatic stage directions: “Exit pursued by a bear.”

“Faculty members have been invited to play the bear in the play,” Anderson said. “We have a different faculty person playing the bear on different nights.”

“The Winter’s Tale” is set apart from other productions that have been done in the past because of the uniqueness of the play itself. A diverse cast of characters deal with jealousy, love, broken friendships, mistaken identities and a talking statue.

One of Shakespeare’s many masterpieces, “The Winter’s Tale” presents an interesting mix of comedy, tragedy and romance, all woven together into an elaborate plot.

“The Winters Tale” is presented at Boll Theatre from the Oct. 19-27. For more information contact the theatre program at 937-229-3559.
WITH FAMILY

WHEN PARENTS INVADE, DON’T FORGET TO SAY THANK YOU

With the start of Family Weekend today, get ready to say your thanks.

You’ll probably be thanking your parents, or your roommates’ parents, for everything for the next few days – the free laundry, the free meals, the free beer, the happy memories. But don’t forget to thank your parents for the greatest gift of all: your life here at the University of Dayton.

The fact that you are here is probably the culmination of a long series of achievements that would not have happened without your parents. Without our families, the majority of our lives would have been pretty unremarkable. Our home was our launching pad for the success we’ve had in college, and without that launching pad, it would have been a lot harder to get off the ground.

Does that mean that all of your accomplishments – every trophy you won and every grade you earned, every job you held and every college acceptance letter you opened – belong to your parents? Of course not. The goals you have achieved in life belong to you.

But imagine how hard it would have been to get where you are today without a parent to drive you around town to soccer practice, or to help you study for your big chemistry exam, or to help you get through the rough patches in life when you might not have succeeded as much as you’d hoped. Our parents may not have given us everything, but they gave us all of the tools to get it, right down to our personalities and our genetic code.

Take a moment this weekend to hug your parents and thank them for the help that they’ve given you along the way. And if they’re chipping in for your tuition, squeeze them a little tighter.

Catholics are on both sides of aisle

Decisions made in the voting booth are deeply personal and reflect a combination of an individual’s experiences and beliefs. Along with these convictions, one’s faith is often a strong source of inspiration, but it’s not the only one. While it’s a common belief that some religious groups vote in “blocs,” it’s not right to pigeonhole people into one political category just because of their religious affiliation.

Which is why I’ve been disturbed by what appears to me to be a growing notion in our society that “all good American Catholics vote Republican.” I want to clear a few things up before everyone starts typing his or her angry emails. In no way do I intend to encourage me to keep my religious life separate, that is my choice; it doesn’t have to be anybody else’s. I believe anyone can vote for any candidate of his or her choosing, for any reason.

What disturbs me is that it seems to me like there is this idea out there that Catholic Americans who vote for Democrats are somehow “bad Catholics.” I think other people sense it too.

My goal here is not to change anybody’s vote but to change the minds of people – both Catholic and non-Catholic – who believe that Catholics who don’t vote Republican aren’t real followers of the faith.

With that, I give you, in no particular order, my five favorite reasons why some Catholics might vote Democrat and probably won’t go to Hell.

1. The sanctity of human life – The death penalty is in conflict with Catholic teachings and probably won’t go to Hell.
2. More humane policies toward immigrants – Catholics who don’t vote Republican aren’t real followers of the faith.
3. Reproductive rights – Yes, the vote of birth control is against Catholic teachings, but increased access to birth control has been shown to reduce the rate of abortions, according to a Washington University study. So, I guess for many Catholics, this is a choice between two evils – outlaw abortion and force it underground or help to provide contraception and decrease the number of such procedures.
4. Immigration – Democrats support the DREAM Act, a bill which would provide people who were brought here illegally as children with a path to citizenship and was endorsed by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Not only that, but many immigrants are from Catholic-rich nations in Central and South America. More humane policies toward immigration could encourage the migration of Catholics that would help to strengthen parishes in our communities in the US.
5. The environment – The Democratic Party accepts the scientific consensus that climate change is man-made and seeks solutions to the problem. In Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, the USCCB says, “We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of God’s creation.” That means limiting our negative impact on the environment we live in, an integral part of the Democratic platform.

As we head into the most heated part of the election season, I just want to offer the perspective that maybe Catholics who vote for Democrats aren’t so bad after all.

Word on the street...

What is the best part of Family Weekend?

“Playing flip cup with my mom. It cracks me up that she plays with wine.”

HAYLEY O’REILLY
Senior
Middle Childhood Education

“For parents who haven’t seen their child in white, it’s exciting to see them doing well. It gives parents joy.”

COLLINS INNOCENT AKOV
Graduate
Chemical Engineering

“It’s always fun watching the parents get wild with their kids.”

PATRICK ZABRISKIE
Junior
Mathematics
UD: Families Welcome
Invite family into your life this weekend

Dan Cleveland
Asst. Opinion Editor

It’s that time of year again, when the leaves start falling off the trees and the Chevy Suburbans and Chrysler Town & Country start rolling up to College Park Avenue. That’s right. It may seem like we just moved back in, but Parent’s Weekend is already upon us again. Therefore, it’s also a time when we are compelled to think about the meaning of family. A lot of us have been consistently away from home for a long time. Likewise, many of our parents haven’t been able to visit campus — outside of pick-ups and drop-offs — for quite some time. We can forget what it’s like to be around parents and family in a college environment. So, as you prepare for the awkward invasion of privacy that is Parent’s Weekend, ask yourself: “What does family mean to me?”

Family should mean more than a roof, four walls and a meal ticket; it’s part of the foundation of who we are today. So much of our perspective, personality and character is a direct result of our family’s influence from growing up.

It’s one of those things that we can never notice about ourselves but can easily see in other people. You know, like that girl friend of yours whose mother comes to visit and reveals how much their sarcastic conversation styles are in keeping with her family. This means not constantly retreating to our phone screens to check Facebook or allowing them to go back to the hotel early so we can be with friends. Let them into your UD life without relying on any crutches to help you “get through” the time you spend with them.

Parent’s Weekend is a time for reconnecting with our home support system and helping them feel connected to our lives here. But it is also a time for embarrassing “dad” jokes, revisiting terrible childhood memories we tried to bury deep in our emotions and forcing ourselves to clean the house more than we’d like. Sure, it can be uncomfortable for those who are part of a previously separate parts of our lives to be connected. But this weekend, try to reach out to your family. If your family isn’t coming, that’s fine, but don’t be the awkward roommate who disappears all weekend until someone’s parents offer to pay for dinner. Instead, try to get to know your friends’ families a little more. You can learn a surprising amount of information about someone from spending time with his or her family.

So invite your family in; show them the drinking games, bring them along with your roommates to get food on Brown Street and ask them to join you on the treadmills at the RecPlex. Show them the UD you know and love, as you know and love it. Because after all, they’re the ones proudly displaying the “UD Mom” and “UD Dad” stickers. And even if only for one weekend a year, they deserve to be a part of your life here.

Choose to be great today

“There’s a 90 percent chance that you’re awesome. Act like it.”

This quote, found on that most sagacious of forums, Brotopia.com, is one that I find particularly uplifting. Not only is it an affirmation of my own natural talent, but it is the same for everyone else. Seriously, there really is a very high probability that you have some sort of unique talent or skill that, when properly honed and nurtured, has the ability to make an indelible mark for the good of the world.

Even if you don’t have a talent now, anything can be learned. Neither Van Gogh nor Bruce Lee nor Einstein nor Jon Stewart was born with all of the qualities that gave rise to their fame. No, their qualities were learned and nurtured over a lifetime. You, too, have something that can launch you to greatness. Of the vast array of occupations, I doubt that the one best suited to you or me is to sit in little cubicles staring at computer screens all day. To quote the great Ron Livingstone, “... human beings are not meant to do that.”

And so I ask, what’s holding you back from being awesome? Think about it. Really, think about it. Are you striving to be the best you can be, or have you let your own perceived roadblocks hamstring you before you can even get going? Go ahead and think about it. I’ll wait.

From my point of view, UD is practically throwing opportunities for awesomeness at our feet, but many of us step around them like a pile of laundry in the middle of a bedroom floor. “I’ll get to that later,” we tell ourselves. Meanwhile, we distract ourselves with video games, political races or other forms of pop culture until we hit 40 and realize that we let those opportunities for greatness lie on the ground for so long that someone else came to pick them up.

What’s preventing you from becoming a world-class Tango dancer or the next guy to break the sound barrier with nothing but gravity? Who is to say that you can’t figure out a practical cold fusion method or even exactly how many licks it takes to get to the center of a Tootsie Roll Pop? There are an infinite number of paths your greatness can go, and, though indecision can be a formidable adversary when faced with so many choices, just pick one. Pick something, learn all you can about it, and use that knowledge to turn it into something that is entirely your own. The path you pick may not be the one with the most prestige, income or power, but the very act of making it your own gives you something that no one can take away.

To be clear, there is no contract on this. You can pick something and over time decide that you’ve done all you can with it and move on to something else. The only qualifier that I set before you is that your occupation, talent, hobby, whatever, makes you feel alive. It needs to be something that excites you, not something you do just for a salary or because you don’t think you have the competence to do anything else. I agree with Michelangelo when he says, “The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low, and achieving our mark.”

Please, don’t let your fear hold you back. The world needs awesome people, and there is no reason why you shouldn’t be one of them.
Softball

Fall exhibition schedule a success in preparing for spring

TOM STANKARD
Staff Writer

The University of Dayton softball team ended its fall season on a good note by sweeping the competition in the UD Fall Softball Classic on Saturday, Oct. 13, at the UD Softball Stadium.

The Flyers played two games on Saturday. In the first, UD beat Urbana University 2-1 thanks in part to junior pitcher Alysha Isaacson and sophomore pitcher Kayla English’s combined 11 strikeouts. In the second game, the Flyers won 4-1 against Otterbein University, courtesy of freshman pitcher Emily Froment and senior pitcher Sydney Cicchetti’s combined 10 strikeouts.

UD freshman infielder Paige Rhodes batted 3-for-4 and senior outfielder Kathleen Maloof went 4-for-7 and hit one RBI in the two games.

Redshirt sophomore infielder Jordan Jennings hit a two-run home run, and sophomore outfielder Natalie Mariano and junior infielder Jenna Lopes both drove in one run.

The Flyers played six exhibition games during the fall schedule.

The team won four out of the six games it played against other universities. In addition to its victories over Urbana and Otterbein, Dayton defeated Miami University 4-2 and Northern Kentucky University 7-6 at UD Softball Stadium on Sept. 15.

UD’s pair of losses came in Columbus, Ohio, during the 2012 Ohio Collegiate Charity Classic on Sept. 20 against Ohio State University and the University of Akron.

“We’re really happy with our fall season,” said head coach Cara LaPlaca. “We want to see our freshmen learn on how they adjusted during the season and [have] retuning leadership guide them.”

The fall season had been an unforgettable bonding experience for the softball team, according to Maloof.

“Now that the fall season is over, the team has definitely gotten more comfortable playing with one another,” said Maloof. “Having chemistry and camaraderie are things teams have to work for, especially teams like us when we have eight new girls on the team.”

This fall, we also really worked on the basics and focused on coming together as a team.”

Now that the fall season is over, LaPlaca said the players can settle into their respective positions.

According to LaPlaca, over the course of time before the spring season gets under way, the players will practice their individual roles of the team.

The Flyers will head into the winter after having intrasquad scrimmages during Family Weekend at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19, and 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20.

Editor reflects on college football’s first half

With the first half of the college football season behind us, it’s now time for a review of what was a fantastic first half filled with plenty of excitement and drama.

While some teams, games and players may have been a surprise to some, one thing is for sure. The Southeastern Conference is still king.

With the first Bowl Championship Series poll released, the SEC has seven teams in the top 25, as well as four in the top 10. Atop the poll at No. 1 and 2 are the University of Alabama and the University of Florida, respectively.

While it would be impossible for these two teams to finish the season undefeated (they would play each other in the SEC championship game as they are in separate divisions within the conference), the possibility of another SEC matchup in the BCS national championship game is not out of the realm of possibility.

With that, let’s look at the first half highlights.

Biggest Surprise: The University of Notre Dame

I must admit, I did not see this coming. For years, the Fighting Irish have been an afterthought in the college football world, a far cry from their days as a college football powerhouse. This season, ND has been getting it done with its stout defense and right now looks like the dark horse candidate for the national championship.

However, much work still is to be done if their ascent out of the doldrums is to be complete, as they still have road games against fellow top 25 opponents such as the University of Oklahoma and the University of Southern California.

Honorable Mention: Oregon State University. Kansas State University and Duke University.

Biggest Disappointment: Big Ten Conference

When it rains, it pours in the Big Ten this season, as the conference has failed to produce any teams that can be considered title contenders.

As of now, only two teams are ranked in the Associated Press top 25 poll, one being the post-season-ineligible University of Ohio State and the other No. 23 University of Michigan. In the poll’s seventh week, the Big Ten was entirely absent from it for the first time since its inception in 1950. The conference also has zero teams in the initial BCS poll.

As of right now, it is almost anybody’s game as to who will win the conference championship. All in all, this is turning into a season to forget for the entire conference.

Honorable Mention: University of Arkansas, Michigan State University and Virginia Tech University.

Heisman Leader: Senior quarterback Geno Smith, West Virginia University

Going into the season, it seemed the surefire choice for the Heisman Memorial Trophy was USC senior quarterback Matt Barkley, but a new superstar has emerged in the first half, and that is Smith.

Through the first six games, Smith has thrown for 26 touchdowns and zero interceptions. Until this past week, which saw his Mountaineers lose 49-14, Smith seemed unstoppable, but now some doubt has started to creep in. He’s still the clear favorite, but don’t sleep on players like the Kansas State University senior quarterback Colin Klein, or even Notre Dame senior linebacker Manti Te’o.

Honorable Mention: Klein, Te’o and Ohio State sophomore quarterback Braxton Miller.

Biggest Upset: North Carolina State University 17, Florida State University 16

In a game I’m sure no one saw coming, the Wolfpack scored a late touchdown to shock the then undefeated No. 3 Seminoles. The loss almost assuredly knocked FSU out of the national championship race, as well as going to show that the ACC still does not have an elite team.

Honorable Mention: University of Louisiana-Monroe 34, Arkansas 31 (OT); Texas Tech University 49, West Virginia 14; Stanford University 21, USC 14.

Best Game: West Virginia 70, Baylor University 63

While this game might not have the most impact on the college football standings, it was by far the most entertaining to watch. In a game that featured almost no defense, this was also Geno Smith’s coming out party, with the QB throwing for 456 yards and eight touchdowns. The game also featured two 300-yard receivers. This game was as close to a video game as college football games get.

Honorable Mention: Louisiana State University 23, University of South Carolina 21; Notre Dame 20, Stanford 13 (OT), West Virginia 48, University of Texas 45.

Lastly is my mid-season prediction for the BCS national championship.

I’m sticking with the most likely scenario of Alabama versus the University of Oregon.

These two teams have been the most dominant thus far, and have the inside track to run the table to season’s end. The thought of Alabama’s ironclad defense against the lightning fast-paced offense of Oregon should produce a game for the ages. Although going against the grain, I pick Oregon as my national champion, winning 24-21.
Volleyball

VISIT TO SLU TO HIGHLIGHT ROAD TRIP

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Lead Sports Writer

The University of Dayton volleyball team is preparing for its upcoming match against Saint Louis University, which will be battled in St. Louis by the Billikens on Friday, Oct. 19.

“Get excited when we see the team improving. That’s when we get fired up to play,” said head coach Kelly Sheffield. “We feel like we are getting better each week, however, we know that we still have a lot of areas that we can improve in, but we do have tangible proof that we are getting better and the team and I are very excited.”

For the 55th consecutive week, Dayton has either been ranked or received votes in the American Volleyball Coaches Association Poll. Currently, the Flyers (15-4) are ranked No. 18 for the third consecutive poll, including the one released on Monday, Oct. 15.

Dayton is also the only team from the A-10 conference to be ranked in the poll.

All four of Dayton’s losses have come against teams which are in the top 25, including No. 10 University of North Carolina, No. 14 Kansas State University, No. 19 Western Kentucky University and No. 20 Ohio State University.

According to Sheffield, the team has been working on the offensive side of the game between the offensive game, both front and back court,” said Sheffield. “We are much better on the offensive side of the game because we have made it our focus. This is what we have been talking about in practice in order to prepare for the end of season games.”

After facing SLU, Dayton will take on Butler University at noon on Sunday, Oct. 21, in Indianapolis.
Football

FLYERS’ FORTITUDE GROWING AFTER PFL WINS

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Back-to-back Pioneer Football League victories have put University of Dayton football head coach Rick Chamberlin in a positive mood as his team gets set to host Valparaiso University at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Welcome Stadium.

Valpo has won only twice in its last 40 games, dating back to its 2008 season finale, but no longer is Valpo a pushover, according to Chamberlin.

“They played Drake [University] tough last week,” Chamberlin said. “I’m telling you, they were just a few plays away from possibly getting an upset there. They believe in themselves, both the coaches and the players.”

Valpo comes in with a 0-6 record overall and is 0-3 in the PFL. The team ranks 120th out of 121 FCS schools this season in total defense, giving up an average of 530 yards per game. Valpo also allows an average of 47 points per game, which is the third most in the country.

Chamberlin said despite the gaudy looking numbers for the Crusaders’ defense, it has been a team that has been in games until the big play strikes against them.

“It’s not like a team just dominates up and down the field there,” he said. “They’ll play well for a play here, a series here, a series there, and then bam, a big play will happen.”

And according to Chamberlin, it is not an opponent for his team to take lightly.

“There was a couple times [against Drake] they could have folded and been the old Valpo,” he said. “They didn’t. They came back with a play to respond to what had happened to them there. That’s why we’re saying, our guys, they are going to be prepared and ready for Valparaiso.”

Dayton’s offense enters Saturday’s game coming off its highest yardage output in more than five years after gaining 532 yards against Morehead State University with a near-even balance of 269 yards rushing and 263 yards coming through the air. Chamberlin said the offensive effort has just been building on top of itself every week this season.

“All at once, we were talking about confidence and players, you need confidence because then you’re not hesitant out on the field,” he said. “That’s what I’m not seeing right now out on the field is hesitancy. I see them just go and do what they’re capable of.”

According to Chamberlin, the guy leading the offensive surge has been redshirt sophomore running back Robert Washington (29), who threw for three touchdowns in the game against Morehead State.

“I felt like the last couple weeks, Will has been more decisive in his throwing, in his running, completely different,” Chamberlin said. “When I say different, I see it four quarters out of Will, where in the past you would see a couple series like that and then he would take a step back.”

On the other side of the ball, the Flyer defense has remained consistent in its last six games after opening the season by giving up 56 points to Illinois State University, who is currently ranked No. 13 in the latest Football Championship Subdivision coaches poll released on Monday, Oct. 15.

Dayton has given up an average of just 17 points per game in its last six contests.

Against MSU, Dayton’s defensive line took charge in hurrying the opposing quarterback five times, after having six hurries previously as a team all season.

Senior defensive lineman Victor Kaczkowski said the confidence level for the team is growing, especially as the final weeks of the season start to arrive.

“Especially coming off that win last week, yeah definitely, very high,” Victor Kaczkowski said about the team’s growing confidence on the recent winning streak.

With October being dedicated to breast cancer awareness, UD will join other schools around the nation during the game in decking themselves out in pink gear. UD will use pink tape, wristbands and gloves, along with a decal being applied on the team’s helmets.

Victor Kaczkowski and his brother Nick Kaczkowski, a redshirt freshman linebacker, are currently growing out their hair for the Locks of Love foundation. According to its website, Locks of Love is a public non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children … suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis.

“It just shows you the character of our players that are in our program,” Chamberlin said. “It’s not all about them … They have relatives that are struggling with cancer, and I think all of us have a contact and experience of people that have been affected by cancer. We want to always help in any way we can.”