Many students dream about one day starting their own business, and many students hope to make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate. Colin Johnson does both.

When the sophomore entrepreneurship major realized he had free time in college, he started the business Hammocks That Help, which supports local Nicaraguan artisans and funds houses to be built for Nicaraguan families in need.

“I have always loved to give back,” Johnson said. “And I knew I wanted to be an entrepreneur, so why not start now?”

When Johnson told his parents about the idea, they were supportive. Johnson said he began networking, and once he was connected with some people, they connected him with more people.

“To do something like this, you need help,” Johnson said. “I have been lucky to have such great support.”

With the idea in his head, Johnson took a two-week trip to Nicaragua over the summer. He arrived in Masaya, Nicaragua, or what he calls the “hammock capital,” and looked for local hammock makers.

He settled on a big family who has been making hammocks for more than 50 years. Hammocks That Help partners with a nonprofit agency, 4 Walls. 4 Walls identifies the Nicaraguan families that need a new home built the most. Johnson said that it takes the purchase of 100 hammocks to fund a home.

“4 Walls has started the building process on the first home this past week,” Johnson said, “It will go to a husband and wife who just had a baby.”

Johnson hopes to continue the business post-graduation by expanding the product line. His next project includes creating a portable bamboo hammock stand. He likes the idea that bamboo is a green product, but is also durable.

With the portable stand, people can take their hammock anywhere,” Johnson said.

Jordan Sanfretello, a senior pre-physical therapy major, was one of the first UD students to purchase a hammock.

“The hammock was a great addition to my porch,” Sanfretello said. “Not only is it beautiful, but I am glad to support a worthy cause.”

Dillon Murphy, a sophomore entrepreneurship major, said he was excited about his hammock purchase because of the hammock’s fine quality and the opportunity to support families in Nicaragua.

“After sleeping in the hammock in Colin’s room, I realized I needed to invest in a hammock of my own,” Murphy said. “Everybody loves a good hammock.”

Johnson hopes that sales will continue to increase as information about Hammocks That Help spreads. Johnson’s advice to aspiring entrepreneurs is to “jump headfirst” into creating a business right away.

“If you have a great idea, why not just do it right now?” Johnson said.

For more information about Hammocks That Help, visit www hammocksthathelp.com.

SUE GOGNIAT
Staff Writer

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A student walks out of Roesch Library, Sunday, Jan. 20. The library is in the middle of an exterior renovation project which is estimated to be complete around June 2013. ETHAN KLOSTERMAN/MANAGING EDITOR

ANNUAL BEER TASTING EVENT
The Muntzanni School of Dayton is hosting their 2nd annual Brew Ha-Ha craft beer event at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 at the school. Tickets can be purchased in advance for $30. More than 35 beers will be available for sampling. Information from events. activedayton.com

BIKEWAY TO BE COMPLETED THIS SUMMER
The bikeway linking the University of Dayton and trails in Kettering and Centerville is expected to be completed this summer. Dayton is also currently working on a path connecting downtown and the Wright State area. Information from Dayton Daily News

ANNUAL MLK ADDRESS
Interfaith Youth Core founder and executive director Eboo Patel will speak at the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 22 in the RecPlex. A signing for Patel’s book will follow the presentation.

STUDY ABROAD MEETING
Students interested in participating in UD’s study abroad programs can attend an open house from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23 in the Kennedy Union Torch Lounge. Contact the Center for International Programs at 937-229-3514 with questions.

THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE
UD musicians will be showcased in the weekly event at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24 on ArStreet. The event is free for all attendees.

OBAMA FORMALLY SWEARING IN
President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden were officially sworn in to office Sunday, Jan. 20 at the White House. The event formally marked the beginning of their second term. Public ceremonies were conducted Monday, Jan. 21. Information from uadayton.com

MAMA, ZERO DARK THIRTY TAKE TOP SPOTS
During the holiday weekend, the films Mama and Zero Dark Thirty beat out Mark Wahlberg’s film Broken City and Arnold Schwarzenegger’s film The Last Stand. Mama was estimated to make $33.2 million by Martin Luther King Jr. day on Monday. Information from eonline.com

UD has more channels, HBO
ELAINE LAUX
Staff Writer

The University of Dayton will receive new cable channels on Thursday, Jan. 24, after a decision by Student Development and the provost to update the university’s current Time Warner Cable package.

The system will be substantially upgraded, operating with one of the most comprehensive cable TV systems of any college, with a mix of educational programming and an array of sports and entertainment channels, according to an email announcement on Wednesday, Jan. 16, from UD Information Technologies.

The university’s campus-wide digital cable television network currently provides programming received via local television stations and the local cable television provider. This will remain the same, but there will be more accessible channels.

“Our 10-year contract with Time Warner was over, [meaning] we had the opportunity to revisit our entire TV lineup and have it reflect the changing interests and academic needs of our students,” said Thomas Skill, university associate provost and chief information officer. “The last channel lineup only changed by about five channels over 10 years. This is a huge transition to a ‘best-in-class’ campus system.”

Student Development and the provost selected the new channel lineup with input from students, faculty and staff. There will be nearly 50 high-definition channels, more than 35 international channels and six Home Box Office channels, which will replace the one current movie channel.

“The new international channels will support our various academic programs,” Skill said. “[They will also] give some of our international students programming from home.”

The new international channels will feature programming in Arabic, Chinese, Spanish, Russian, German and Japanese.

Students expressed support for the new cable package.

“We do not currently have a very good movie channel,” said Lauren Lombardi, a freshman early childhood education major.

“The new HBO channels will be of interest to me because I enjoy watching movies, especially without commercial breaks.”

In addition to the six HBO channels, UD’s new cable system will include a channel popular among many students, ABC Family.

“I am excited to finally have the channel ABC Family,” said Katie Odell, a freshman early childhood education major. “I watched ‘Pretty Little Liars’ and ‘Harry Potter’ weekends at home, and was devastated to find that I could not when I am at school.”

The signal quality of the system will be greatly improved to more closely match new HD televisions. All television sets will continue to receive the 20 traditional analog channels, but only newer digital TVs will get all of the channels, according to Skill. Because this move takes UD to a digital, rather than analog system, analog televisions will not have access to many stations.
Three UD students present research at Harvard

CHRISTOPHER BENDEL
Staff Writer

At the end of the month, three University of Dayton students will have the honor of presenting research at a forum sponsored and held by Harvard University.

Nicholette Smith, Elizabeth Wetzel and Alex Ulintz will share their research and conclusions with peers and professionals from around the nation at The National Collegiate Research Conference in Boston from Jan. 24-26.

The cutting-edge research of UD students will stand alongside the work of some of the brightest undergraduate researchers from across the nation.

Four hundred applicants applied to the annual conference and only 212 were accepted, according to a Jan. 7 press release.

The conference’s website explains its mission as bringing together a host of budding minds and established researchers.”

Participating students will display their research on a poster as part of an open forum where they can receive feedback from the scientific community, according to presenter and senior psychology major Nicholette Smith.

The conference will allow interaction between the undergraduate researchers as well as give them feedback from - and exposure to - the professional research community.

Students “present their research and enter a competition judged by Harvard faculty with a prize pool of $3,000,” according to the press release.

Smith will present her research on the effects of low self-esteem on an individual’s ability to handle rejection.

Smith conducted her research as part of her senior thesis. The research looks “at how people with different levels of self-esteem are impacted by rejection differently.”

Motivated by her interest in social psychology, Smith’s investigations target how some people allow rejection to “just roll of their shoulder while some people really have trouble with it.”

While Smith’s research involves social psychology, senior biology major Elizabeth Wetzel’s investigations deal with biological answers stemming from medical questions.

Wetzel will address the ability for Cope’s gray treefrog to literally freeze itself when temperatures become too frigid for the frog to function properly.

Her research explains how the frog survives freezing temperatures due to its high level of glycerol in its cells.

In applying her research to possible advances in medicine, Wetzel’s abstract explains that “understanding the physiological process of [Cope’s gray treefrog] may ultimately lead to the preservation of mammalian tissues, thereby increasing organ viability for transplants.”

Like Smith, Wetzel applied to the conference through the university’s Honors Program and is working on an honors thesis with her research.

Wetzel has presented research before, but she knows that the world-renowned setting of Harvard will present a different challenge.

“I’m very excited and also a little nervous,” Wetzel said. “It’s very humbling ... I’m honored to be able to go.”

Although the conference offers a monetary reward for excellence, Wetzel said the conference also offers invaluable professional research and graduate school connections for the participating UD students.

Alexander Ulintz, a senior pre-med and German major, rounds out the students representing UD at the Harvard conference.

In teaming up with his honors thesis advisor, biology professor Eric Benbow, Ulintz traveled to the United Kingdom to do research with a colleague of Benbow.

There he researched the intricacies of Buruli ulcer disease, a condition that affects young children in West Africa by examining the proteins of contaminated white blood cells extracted from mice.

Extensions of his research could have implications in our understanding of the treatment of diseases such as arthritis.

Like Wetzel, Ulintz explains that the prestige of the conference humbles him.

“For some reason I always thought that presenting at an Ivy League school was not an option for someone at UD... the honor to present my research at Harvard is a testament to what’s possible here,” Ulintz said.

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FLYER NEWS CORRECTION:

In issue 21, Fwyer News printed an article with the headline “Three UD students present research at Harvard.” The story that followed was from the Nov. 30, 2012 issue of Flyer News about a startup company created by a UD alumnus. Flyer News sincerely apologizes for the mistake.
UD CHANNEL LINEUP

On Thursday, every TV accessing UD’s cable system will need to be re-scanned so its tuner recognizes the new channels. On most tuners, viewers can select “menu,” “channels” and “auto-scan.” For more information on the new channels, or any questions relating to them, call the UD Help Desk at 937-229-3888. Students can also email them at helpdesk@udayton.edu, or visit bit.ly/XeJJ41.

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Porches, Isidore rearranged, given uniform look

BYRON HOSKINSON
Staff Writer

Students may have been a little surprised when logging on to Porches or Isidore for the first time this semester. The sites received upgrades over break in preparation for the upcoming spring semester.

The upgrade to Porches was conducted “to better facilitate internal communication with our university faculty, staff and students,” according to Molly Wilson, assistant vice president for university marketing and strategies.

Sundar Kumarasamy, vice president for enrollment management and marketing, said the renovation takes the university’s portal to the next level and “is an opportunity for us to streamline communications and to let the campus community be the first to know the information that defines us as a community.”

The most prominent change is the rearrangement of tabs (pages) and channels (blocks of information). Tabs had been set in a linear fashion across the top of the front page, but they are now are found on the left side. The channels, which had previously been set in columns of three, are now arranged in two.

The front porch now includes a periodically changing feature story that “highlights an important event or priority that the university wants the community to know,” according to Wilson. That story will vary contingent upon the individual user’s status as a student or as faculty and staff.

The featured story incorporates a comment section to permit a reciprocal form of communication, an element that was lacking in the previous version.

The front porch will also include a profile of a UD community member and a new channel that will display either a poll question or feeds from the university’s social media channels.

According to Wilson, the university hopes to achieve enhanced functionality through Porches’ upgrades and establish a “more consistent look with the university’s overall web presence.”

The ultimate goal of the site’s overhaul was “to continue to build our relationships and overall university community by providing an engaging online environment,” she said.

Porches was introduced to the campus in February 2010 as an entry point for accessing information and tools that are relevant to individual students, according to “What is Porches?”, an explanatory YouTube video uploaded by the university.

Student responses have been mixed in regards to the redesign. Justin Gregory, a junior economics and finance major, said he did not like it initially and leveled the criticism that Porches now “has links to a bunch of things that I have no connection to.” However, after some time tinkering with the novel features, the new interface had grown on him.

“It took all of four hours,” he said. “Then I was fine with it.”

Wilson says that Gregory’s criticism is something that they hope to fix with later versions of the portal.

Wilson emphasized the importance of end-user feedback and analytics in the formulation and production of the Porches’ update. She said the developing team wants to “encourage users to provide constructive feedback on the feedback button that is shown on the side.”

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writer for PBS, the “soul food” approach worked its way into popular culture during the 1930s with the prominent jazz scene where musicians came to the restaurant too late for dinner but too early for breakfast thus prompting the need to combine the two.

In my opinion though, I just see the dish as a glorious mixture of the most important meal of the day with a rich and savory component leaving one honestly speechless. Adding creamy, beer-infused gravy in the same pan left the chicken pieces happily tender, swimming together with mushrooms, onions and various spices.

Though my original vision was to use the waffle base as pizza dough to make a pizzette, the chicken and gravy mixture proved to be too overwhelming for the waffle. No worries though, a fork and knife work just fine.

Liberal tossings sharp cheddar atop the compilation, offers a tangy and smoky presence that is warmly welcomed by the other ingredients. It is said amongst cheddar enthusiasts that the salty, robust taste develops from a relatively short window of about six months to a year and a half. The older the wheel of cheddar is the better, for it allows the bacteria time to produce enzymes that break down fats and proteins forming a complex flavor structure.

Thrown in the gravy it not only thickens the sauce, the sharp cheddar just enhances everything in ways that are harder to explain than Inception. As is the beer used to deglaze the vegetables. It doesn’t need to be an expensive or fancy microbrew with an overly eccentric name. The idea of deglazing is to use a cool liquid like beer or wine against a hot pan to loosen the browned seasoned bits left behind by the chicken and vegetables.

Using something like water would achieve the same goal but could dilute the overall flavor. Chicken or vegetable broth work as well.

Though it may sound like I’m torturing my own horn, I strongly encourage anyone and everyone to give this recipe a go. It’s simple, cheap and takes no more than 30 minutes to make.

And to those who are worried about the consequences of routine- ly missing breakfast, I’d say problem solved.

Recipe:

-3 Tbsp. Olive Oil
-About 10 crimini mushrooms, sliced
-1 red onion, diced
-3 cloves garlic, minced
-1/4 cup beer, wine or broth
-1 cup heavy cream
-1 1/4 cup sharp cheddar, grated
-Two medium chicken breasts
-2 Tbsp. chili powder, 2 Tbsp. thyme
-Salt & pepper to taste
-4 frozen waffles

Rinse and pat dry chicken. Apply seasonings, add oil to pan and cook at medium high heat. Sear about 5 minutes each side, apply lid once chicken has crust, lower heat to medium low and cook for additional 3 minutes.

Remove chicken, turn heat back to medium high, add oil if needed, then add vegetables. Cook with lid on for 8 minutes, then without lid for additional 5 minutes stirring occasionally.

Once vegetables are tender and slightly browned, add beer, heavy cream and sharp cheddar. Reduce heat to low. Slice down the cooked chicken, place into pan with vegetables. Simmer for 8-10 minutes. Salt and pepper to taste. Cook waffles according to package instructions. Spoon chicken and gravy mixture atop toasted waffles. Apply more cheddar cheese. Garnish with fresh thyme. Cook time: 32 minutes. Serves four.

Work of ‘innovative’ playwright addresses social issues

GRACE BLUMBERG
Staff Writer

Beginning Friday, Jan. 25, the University of Dayton Theatre Program is presenting “The American Dream” and “Zoo Story.”

Both pieces are by Edward Albee, an experimental playwright who changed the voice of American theatre and one of the most prolific playwrights in American history, said Tony Dallas, a local director in charge of these particular shows at UD.

Dallas said that Albee grew up outside of New York City with adoptive parents and ran away when he was a teen leaving behind his privileged life.

The playwright opened up American theatre, using language that was not considered to be prim and proper and addressing taboo topics.

Dallas said that Albee is one of the most inventive and experimental playwrights that America has had.

Both of Albee’s plays that UD is performing are one-act.

Dallas said “The American Dream” is a comedic, absurdist play that shatters the myth of the happy American home, and the characters are large and cartoon-like.

“Zoo Story” was the first play that Albee wrote, and it is a much darker look at America and deals with issues such as social responsibility and it holds up a harsh mirror to American society, he said.

Alex Chilton, an English major who plays the character Jerry in “Zoo Story,” said that the story involves two characters who meet at a park bench in New York City.

The play begins with one character saying to the other, “I’ve been to the zoo” and goes to some crazy places towards the end, Chilton said.

According to Chilton, as a character, Jerry is someone who yearns for a connection with other human beings and is unable to find strong relational or emotional attachments with any person throughout his life.

“The play is a critique of upper-class living and their ignorance of how other people live,” said Chilton.

An allegory is made that there are literal bars between the animals and the people and Jerry is attempting to get across the point that there are figurative bars between people in society and it is difficult to connect to one another. Chilton said that he has enjoyed working on the play and Jerry is one of the most difficult characters he has had to interpret.

“It’s a very valuable play that has a lot to say,” Chilton said. “It is not light stuff, and both plays are very hard hitting and worthwhile to see.

Both plays connect to a modern audience because they address things that human beings share throughout eternity such as what is love and how we connect to one another,” he continued. “It is timeless but very pertinent to the time we’re living in right now.”

“Not only are these plays important but they will be very entertaining,” Dallas said. “The purpose of theatre is to act as a place to go to reflect on who we are as people and as a society.”

The plays will take place in the Boll Theatre at Kennedy Union. Admission is $7 for UD students, faculty and staff, and $12 for general admission.

Show times are at 8 p.m. Jan. 25-26, 7 p.m. on Jan. 27, and 8 p.m. Jan. 31 through Feb. 2.

For more information contact the theatre program at 937-229-3950 or visit arts.udayton.edu.
Flyer News: How did you guys meet?
Lou Zambelli: Well, Ross, Mike and I met on the ground floor of Founders and we met Sean working together through intramurals at the RecPlex. Ross, we kind of found on the corner.

Ross Gueltzow: No, you didn't.
Mike McCormick: We traded in a bunch of bottles in for money and he was there.

FN: How is living in the Ghetto different from living at Irving Commons?
LZ: Haha, how long you got?

SM: I wouldn’t know.

RG: There are people here instead of raccoons.

MM: Less cats.

LZ: Less dumpster cats and the bars are close.

MM: The cats only have four legs instead of five.

LZ: It doesn’t take 45 minutes to walk to class.

RG: No, you didn’t.

MM: Watching British comedies. I’m already back from Tim Hortons and have had three cups of coffee.

SM: I don’t leave bed.

MM: Lou’s asleep with eBay bids and Yahtzee on his iPad.

SM: I don’t leave bed.

MM: Lou is lying face down in his bed with his phone and iPad.

FN: Do you guys do anything together as a house?
LZ: Yes, everything.

MM: Play video games, watch TV, go to Brown Street, work.

LZ: Watch “24.”

MM: We hug each other as a group.

RG: The majority of my hugs with people are group hugs with you guys.

MM: We write funny e-mails.

FN: What singer would be the soundtrack to 215?
LZ: R. Kelly.

MM: Rusted Root, “Send Me On My Way.”

RG: Mark Cohn.

LZ: If we could make a band to represent this house, it would consist of R. Kelly, Mark Cohn and Rusted Root.

FN: What does a typical Sunday morning look like at 215?
SM: When you say morning, do you mean before noon? Because that means we are all in bed and Ross is sleeping on the couch.

MM: Watching British comedies. I’m already back from Tim Hortons and have had three cups of coffee.

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MM: Lou is lying face down in his bed with his phone and iPad.

FN: What is one word to describe the dynamic of your house?
LZ: Sexy.

RG: Vicious.

SM: How do I follow up “vicious?” Inappropriate.

MM: Smooth or funk.

FN: Anything else you want to add?
LZ: Ross is currently looking for women.

SM: Ross is an eligible bachelor.

RG: Can’t I just eat pizza in peace? I just want to eat pizza and watch Netflix like I’m supposed to.

SM: He’s on the prowl. Rawr. Lou is in the running for most eligible bachelorette in the Ghetto.

LZ: Ladies, get at me.

MM: Don’t put Twinkies on your pizza.

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Not your daddy’s Cadillac

You know what we haven’t been talking about enough lately? How well the automotive industry in this country is doing.

Since the massive auto industry crisis of 2008, most of what’s been said about the American auto industry has included criticism and pessimism. A negative perception of American car companies, in general, seems to have developed as a direct result of the auto industry crisis.

To be fair, the whole bailout period sucked, for everyone. Car companies had to make huge job cuts, plant closings, and kill off entire car brands. Tax payers were angry that American car companies were bailed out, rather than being left to go out of business. The companies themselves weren’t too thrilled about having to be bailed out, either.

So, were government bailouts of American companies during the crisis a bad idea? Some 54 percent of the American population at the time of the bailouts seemed to think so. But have these companies wasted opportunities or taken advantage of the bailouts since? No way.

In fact, according to an April 2010 MSNBC article, GM paid back what it owed in government loans from the US, and Canada, with interest, almost three years ago, which at the time was five years ahead of schedule. The rest of the loans were transferred into ownership of GM shares, and GM has bought back those shares as late as December 2012. The government’s stake in the company has already dropped to 19 percent from a previous 61 percent, where it was those three-ish years ago. And, according to a MSNBC article from last week, the government just hired financial giants JPMorgan Securities and Citigroup Global Markets to sell off its remaining stake in General Motors.

In other words, the little part of the government’s fingers that was still in the GM pie will soon be removed. And yet, people still refer to GM as “Obama Motors” or “Government Motors,” as if the government has the same authority over the company it once had. More than ever, the American auto industry is doing.

It’s sentiments like these – ones that suggest, in comparison to their foreign competition, that American car companies are somehow illegitimate or under-qualified – that, when perpetuated, keep the uninform ed, non-enthusiast car buyers from ever considering buying American. That’s a darn shame, too, because American car companies have been producing some extraordinary cars in the last decade; cars that wholly outperform their foreign competitors at a fraction of the price.

Since many of us are nearing our post-college car-buying days, I think it’s time we open up our eyes and realize that, contrary to outdated stereotypes, you don’t have to look further than this country’s automakers to find some of the very best cars in the business.
Obama’s proposal for gun control legitimate, necessary action

PATRICK BITTNER
Columnist

The current argument facing both the nation and the opinion section of this fine newspaper is this: is regulating the sale of certain types of firearms a good or a bad thing?

Simply put, it’s neither.

Rather than being an instrument of good or bad, gun regulation is a necessity. Fundamental to understanding this concept is an understanding of the origins of the conflict that it encompasses.

As Alex Hunton stated Issue 21, the basis of the argument against firearm regulation is derived from that all powerful and divine document, the Constitution of the United States of America. This I agree with. But what I cannot concede is the idea that the Second Amendment to that document is an accurate or relevant guide for the distribution of firearms.

When the Constitution was created in 1787, the United States had just experienced a number of years of failed government. The Constitution rectified this by doing the only logical thing when such failures occur: it created stronger and better government, in part to control violence.

To put the Second Amendment in perspective, we must examine Shay’s Rebellion. From 1786-1787, a group of former Revolutionary War soldiers used force to shut down county courts in Massachusetts. The rebels were defeated not by police, but by a militia raised for this single purpose. Many historians, including myself, believe that this was the inspiration for the Second Amendment.

Ultimately, the intent of the amendment was for individual citizens to be guaranteed the right to join together and protect the nation. It does not protect the right for private citizens to own military hardware and fight for what they believe to be the defense of the constitution, defense of individual freedoms from the government or defense of skewed and unimaginative cultist beliefs. If it did, then the Oklahoma City bombing, the Unibomber attacks, and the incident in Waco, Texas, in 1993 would all be considered heroic and constitutionally guaranteed acts of liberty rather than the acts of sadistic terrorism that they were.

The Constitution strengthened the ability of government to, well, govern. I find it disturbingly frightful that so few individuals understand this. The government is there to protect the people from themselves. This has been demonstrated in depth throughout the history of this great country and yet still very few people are able to realize it.

The debate over gun control is essentially a magnified part of the much larger question in American politics: what is the proper role of government, specifically the federal government, in American life? For years, it has had different answers that change with the social climate at the time.

Currently, the president’s proposed solutions are the appropriate answer to the gun control question. The government is taking legitimate actions – through legislation and regulation – to solve a problem. It is doing its job, protecting the American people.

It is time for this country to realize that perhaps the cause of the problem is not reckless and inadequate people, but reckless and inadequate government. Basically, the histories of firearms and the U.S. are so desperately intertwined that to even suggest such a notion is borderline insanity.

However, I believe that we have the ability as the most advanced society the world has ever known to understand and fix the problems that face us. And so the time is now, the opportunity is upon us to leave a better world for our children than we have now. So let us do just that, move forward into this infant century with the mind and the heart to produce effective change for our communities.

That is good, that will last and will be forever studied and emulated to better this great nation of ours. God bless us and God bless the United States of America.

Recent Te’o hoax brings to light bigger issue

Manti Te’o, the golden boy of Notre Dame and previous Heisman hopeful, has ruined our favorite sob story of this college football season by having a fake relationship with a girl who had the worst luck in the world.

The elaborate tale of a football star who played through the pain of losing his love was proven to be a hoax. I wonder why Te’o thought this would work. He gave journalists numerous details about his “girlfriend” and painted an elaborate picture with himself as the hero. Now, he just looks like an idiot.

Perhaps Te’o was the victim and had no idea he was being duped. Perhaps he was in on it the entire time, going along with a publicity hoax to build his image as the gold-en-as-the-dome, family-oriented sports hero.

Perhaps his girlfriend actually does exist and you have to sing the State Farm jingle to see her.

No matter the truth, the only thing left for Te’o to worry about at this point is if this fiasco will hurt his draft stock. Despite the accusations or beliefs of fans and critics, Te’o is still a remarkable football player, a loveable Samoan in a three-year relationship. The player whom she accused in a coma from a car accident, I would probably expect a visit once he was found “not responsible” after accusing a Notre Dame football player of sexually assaulting her in her dorm in 2010.

The “producers” at ND are suddenly confronted with a problem. His girlfriend is getting too difficult to maintain, or the audience is getting bored. Of course, they kill her off. Maybe this whole scandal is just Te’o’s big reveal.

In all seriousness, though, Notre Dame is image-obsessed.

The school has continuously stooped to using its players to market a product. In acting like Te’o is a victim, Notre Dame is illustrating immense hypocrisy.

Remember Elizabeth Seeberg? No?

That’s because Notre Dame took every possible measure to stifle the media around this actual victim, in this case, a victim of suicide, who killed herself nine days after accusing a Notre Dame football player of sexually assaulting her in her dorm in 2010.

The player whom she accused was not interviewed until 15 days after the allegations were made, five days after Elizabeth’s death. He was found “not responsible” and didn’t miss a single day of football practice.

None of this proves that Seeberg was actually raped, but grossly neglecting to investigate the possible misconduct of a member of its prestigious football team and then effectively suffocating all press about the situation is a really dirty move on Notre Dame’s part.

Notre Dame is desperate, putting its football team above every other aspect of the university. Lying to help cover up Te’o’s obviously orchestrated backstory and ignoring a situation that would have cast an unsightly shadow on the team are just two examples of their desperation to maintain the inspirational image of a wholesome football team akin to that of the coaching years of Ara Parseghian and Lou Holtz.

A football team alone does not make a school good, and Notre Dame really needs to rethink its priorities.

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Women’s Tennis

Flyers fall on the road at Butler, Michigan State

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The University of Dayton women’s tennis team began its spring season on the road this past Friday, Jan. 18, and Saturday, Jan. 19, with back-to-back losses at the hands of Butler University and Michigan State University.

The Flyers earned victories from both junior Maureen Stevens and sophomore Victoria Marchant in singles play against BU, as well as a doubles victory from sophomore Sammi Hornbarger and freshman Katie Boeckman.

Recently hired head coach Ryan Meyer said that he was most pleased with the play of his team against Butler, especially his doubles teams.

“Overall our play against Butler was fantastic,” Meyer said. “Boeckman and Hornbarger won their doubles match, which was a great win. Our biggest thing we improved on was our doubles play. We’re developing good partnerships and were getting more aggressive.”

Even in a 5-2 losing effort to Butler, UD had a few close losses in matches, according to Meyer, including matches that lost on tiebreakers that “could have gone either way.”

These included losses from Boeckman in singles play 6-2, 6-3, 6-7, junior Erin Filbrandt 7-6, 6-3; and a close loss in doubles play by Filbrandt and sophomore Georgia Lammers 6-8.

After the close losses, Boeckman said that she thinks the team has learned a valuable lesson on finishing matches.

“I think the biggest thing we can work on is closing out matches,” Boeckman said. “We just have to focus on the finish line, push through, and get the win.”

As for the MSU match, success was much harder to come by against the Spartans as the Flyers dropped all of their matches.

In total, UD only ended up winning 12 of their singles sets, and 7 of their doubles sets. Meyer said that it was tough to find positives following the losses, yet he saw many things the team could improve on after falling to Michigan State 9-0.

“I think the biggest thing we can work on is being able to adjust to the strength of our opponents,” Meyer said. “Besides that we can also work on developing more strategies, instead of just trying to hit the ball hard.”

For Meyer, these matches represented the first time he has coached the tennis team in a regular season game since his hire back in November 2012. He said that despite his relative lack of time being able to coach his team, he thinks that it didn’t have any effect on these past matches.

“At this point, we’re playing much better than we played last year against these same opponents,” Meyer said. “Even though we haven’t had very much time together yet, we are still very much on the same page.”

UD will continue their start of the spring season at Western Michigan University with two more matches in two days, facing Valparaiso University on Sunday, Jan. 20, at 6 p.m. and Western Michigan on Monday, Jan. 21, at 9 a.m.

Editor’s note: These two matches occurred after Flyer News had gone to print. There will be an update on the results in the next issue of Flyer News.

Track and Field

Several personal bests set at Gladstein Invite

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The University of Dayton track and field team ran in Bloomington, Ind., on Friday, Jan. 19, to compete in the Gladstein Invitational, hosted by Indiana University.

Heading into the invitational, the Flyers had been practicing since the fall in order to get ready for the meet.

“We started practice back in the fall, so it’s been an accumulation process ever since,” head coach Jason Francis said.

In the team’s last outing, UD finished in third place at the Bowling Green Opener. The field performers performed strongly, earning 50 points for the Flyers.

The meet started on Friday at noon with the pentathlon and concluded later that night with the 5,000-meter run.

UD performed strongly at the invitational, setting multiple personal records across the board. Sophomore Maya Pedersen completed the 400-meter in 59.15 to place 12th.

In the 600, sophomore Relsey McDonald set her personal record by finishing the race in 1:38.46 for second place.

Sophomore Chelsie VanHook also beat her personal best by four seconds in the 800, finishing in 2:18.56.

In the one mile run invitational, junior Lizzie Gleason just broke the five minute mark in passing the finish line in 4:59.55, earning third place. Junior Nicole Cargill took eighth with a time of 5:04.72.

In the 3,000, sophomore Nicole Armstrong broke her personal record, crossing the finish line in 10:14.69 in third place. Hot on her tail, sophomore Katie Ollier finished in sixth place beating her personal best with a time of 10:20.95.

The pole vaulting group, noted by Francis as possibly the top group of competitors on the team, had three top-10 finishers.

Junior Hanna Krizmanic led the Flyers in the event, leaping 3.90 meters into the air, breaking a personal record, to finish in third place. Junior Katrina Steinhauser had a good day vaulting 3.70 meters, earning sixth place.

Sophomore Ashley DeMange finished in tenth place with 3.50 meters.

Senior Christine Borchers had a 16th place finish in the shot put with a top throw of 12.59 meters.

Francis was pleased with his team’s performance this weekend at the Gladstein Invitational.

“We performed much better this weekend, than last weekend,” Francis said. “We’re hoping to keep the momentum we have going into next week.”

Krizmanic said she was also satisfied with her team’s performance this weekend.

“I think we performed very well,” Krizmanic said. “We came back from Christmas break and performed the best we could.”

The next meet is the Youngstown Invitational on Friday, Jan. 25, in Youngstown, Ohio, hosted by Youngstown State University.
RECPLEX LOCKER TROUBLES UPSET STUDENTS

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With more than 10,000 visitors per week, the RecPlex is one of the most used buildings on the University of Dayton campus.

This, however, has caused problems of late, as locker room amenities have become a source of frustration for many students and faculty members.

While the men’s locker room contains a total of 306 individual lockers, just 24 are available for free, daily use. The rest — all but 12 of which are already occupied — are rented out to members at rates of $50 and $80 per year.

According to Mark Hoying, assistant director for facilities and memberships, the decision to change locker room rental policies last semester came after numerous member requests to do so.

“I’ve had at least 30 of our members come to me and ask if those [day-use] units were available for rent,” Hoying said. “Despite the way some may perceive it, we didn’t make the decision so people wouldn’t have a locker. We did it so we could provide better services to more members.”

Hoying said in his experience current students rarely use the lockers, opting to put their belongings on benches nearby. While official counts weren’t readily available, he said that between 10 and 20 percent of the lockers occupied on any given day are used by students while the rest are used by faculty, staff or other members.

He said he understands the concerns he’s been hearing from those opposed to locker rental, but at the end of the day more people will be helped than hurt by the policy alteration.

Student Government Association president Emily Kaylor, a senior political science major, said the issue has never been brought to her attention until now, but hopes more students will help shed light on the situation.

“The RecPlex was built for students and by students,” said Kaylor. “There’s a fee included in the tuition for student activities, so we’re paying not just to use the building but to keep it around, too.”

At rates of $50 for a basic half-locker and $80 for a premium, full locker, Kaylor said the cost of the rental is impractical for most students, adding that the RecPlex could offer students priority or a discounted rate.

Hoying said the locker-room lockers aren’t the only option for available storage in the building.

“Our coin lockers are really underused. People don’t really even know about them,” Hoying said. “They’re not very big, but most of the time, they’ll hold whatever students need them to aside from backpacks.”

Though most attempts to speak to students about the issue were declined, a few students did say they think charging for lockers at all is unnecessary.

Junior communication major John Keefe added that he thinks having rentals is unfair and it would be easier for people if they were all open for free.

“For how much we pay to go to school here, you should be able to have a locker if you want it,” he said. “If you’re not a student, you should have to pay, but students should get them for free.”

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“Make them all daily,” he said. “Free for 24-hour use.”

For freshman marketing student Conner Haenszel, finding a locker isn’t a problem, either.

“I’ve never had an issue … But free, daily lockers sure sounds nice,” he said. “I think it’s in some way practical; the university could find funds to do it.”

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“In the long run, we’re doing what we can to help our members,” Hoying said. “I’m always open to suggestions.”

The UD RecPlex, Sunday, Jan. 20. ETHAN KLOSTERMAN/MANAGING EDITOR

Editor welcomes return of hockey after NHL lockout ends

Hockey has become a foreign six-letter word to many because of the long, unnecessary lockout the NHL had been under for the previous 113 days.

Finally, it is getting a chance to grow back as a part of our lives again with the kickoff of the regular season on Saturday, Jan. 19.

If you were like me, you tuned into the Los Angeles Kings-Chicago Blackhawks game on NBC Saturday to watch the Kings raise their long awaited banner that was supposed to take place on Oct. 11, the original date of the start of the season.

Of course, the Kings milked it for as long as they could by having every player carry the Stanley Cup around the rink one more time before getting on with the rest of the pregame activities. After almost four months of waiting, that’s more minutes to sit around through before the puck gets to drop, I guess.

Thankfully, when action did get underway, the rust that would have been accepted did not seem to be present for a lot of the 26 teams that began play. Goals came in bunches, some goalsies made some miraculous saves, namely Henrik Lundqvist of the New York Rangers on Saturday at the Boston Bruins, and the Columbus Blue Jackets actually won a game.

With the season schedule reduced to 48 games, it could be expected that anything could happen, but who knew something crazy like a Blue Jackets win would already be occurring? Kidding Columbus fans, if there is one out there.

The shortened 48-game schedule the league created will not be giving the top teams in both conferences as much room to catch up this season should they get off to slow starts, but things still should work themselves out over time as far as who will make the playoffs.

In the Western Conference, the Vancouver Canucks still have to be seen as the top team in the league from the power it has in its top lines with Ryan Kesler and twins Henrik and Daniel Sedin. Roberto Luongo in net isn’t a bad thing, and he’ll be fine despite whatever trade rumors he was mentioned in.

Their top challenger might be the newly formed Minnesota Wild that made a few big free agent acquisitions over the summer. In grabbing Zach Parise away from the New Jersey Devils, the Wild have a playmaker again, such as when Marian Gaborik was their star before leaving for the Rangers.

The other big signing was defense-man Ryan Suter, who may be the top player at his position in the league. In the new tradition of ridiculous NHL contracts, he signed a 13-year, $86 million deal to leave the Nashville Predators. Still, they’ll go as far as aging goaltender Niklas Backstrom takes them at 34 years of age.

In the Eastern Conference, the Rangers may have turned themselves in the most skilled team by trading for forward Rick Nash from the Blue Jackets. He joins Brad Richards and Carl Hagelin on one line, with Chris Kreider, Gaborik and Ryan Callahan on another. They lose Artem Anisimov in the Nash deal, but with Lundqvist in net, they have to be the favorites in the East.

Not too far behind them are Pittsburgh Penguins because of the two obvious reasons: Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin.

Any team would become a top-10 squad with those two, but in the Penguins high-pressure attack they make any team stay on its heels. Somehow, Marc-André Fleury is able to take them far in net every season, this so will be when I finally stop doubting him.

In the end, I’ll take the Canucks to win another President’s Trophy with the most points earned in the regular season, but the Wild to come out of the West. They’ll oppose the Bruins who come up big in two great playoff series against the Rangers and Penguins, and will then win its second Cup in three seasons.

Why? Because anything can happen in this shortened season.

Sure, the Winter Classic was canceled and Columbus missed out on a much needed All-Star Game coming to town. Things were not going to be merry until the lockout ended. It’s over though, and hockey can come back into our vocabularies again.
Volleyball

AFFOLDER PROMOTED AS NEW HEAD COACH

By MICKEY SHUEY
Chief Sports Writer

As he stood in the second floor hallway of the Cronin Athletic Center on Friday, Jan. 18, assistant women’s volleyball coach Matt Affolder did his best to stay calm.

Around 3 p.m., he walked into the team’s office, where athletic director and university vice president Tim Wabler officially introduced him to players and university personnel as the new head coach of the Dayton volleyball program.

“I’m really excited and can’t wait to get working with our players again,” Affolder, 39, said. “I’m just honored to be coaching at a university like Dayton.”

“Expectations are very high for this program,” Wabler said in a university news release. “Matt is the best candidate for sustaining the high level of excellence Dayton volleyball has established.”

Affolder said that when he heard that his good friend and former boss Kelly Sheffield would take over at the University of Wisconsin, he didn’t think twice about whether or not he’d apply for the position.

“As soon as [she departed], I started thinking more about how much I love this place, how much I wanted to help this place get to where they want to go and reach their goals,” Affolder said.

At the conclusion of what the athletic department described as a national search, Affolder was chosen to be the eighth head coach in program history.

He added that having someone so dedicated on his staff at UD was a major part of the success for the program.

“It’s a great day for Dayton volleyball,” Sheffield said. “I know he’ll be a continued part of the success for the program.”

While the sentiment isn’t the same for Sheffield, the Badgers coach said he’s still going to follow Dayton and keep in touch with his former assistant as much as possible.

“I don’t really look forward to playing them, if we ever do,” Sheffield said. “But it would be a lot of fun, I think, to go and compete against some of your closest friends in that way.”

While history is any indication, Affolder has little to worry about. Each of the previous two head coaches have finished their first seasons at Dayton with at least 21 wins and an NCAA tournament appearance.

To do that, Affolder said, improvement is always necessary.

“We’ve got to find ways to get all the individuals a little better; that means each person’s part of this machine,” Affolder said. “We got to ... keep recruiting and getting people in here that can compete at that next level.”

Affolder said having one of his best friends giving him advice will certainly help — even if they’re at different schools now.

“Kelly [Sheffield] has been really supportive and is really excited for me,” he said. “I know he’ll be a continued mentor and person for me to lean on when it comes to running a program.

According to Sheffield, Affolder was the perfect man for the job.

“They brought in a lot of great people and conducted an exhausted and thorough search,” Sheffield said. “At the end of the day, the [administration] realized that the perfect person was right under their nose.”

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The students on campus are just as pleased with the hiring of Affolder as the players.

“This was a no-brainer on the school’s end,” said Red Scare president Matthew Barrett. “To have someone who’s been with the team for a while take over and know what he’s doing... it’s a great day for fans.”

Volleyball has grown to be Red Scare’s most widely supported sport at the university. After the team won the Atlantic 10 Conference championship at the Frericks Center in 2011, the group was invited by the coaches and players to join the team picture with the trophy.

“The level of commitment Affolder has is incredible,” Barrett said. “We’re looking forward to keeping the traditions going and working with him to get more fans here for games.”

Affolder said that he hopes to start hiring assistants onto his coaching staff in the near future and he’ll be working with the administration to find the best people.

“We’re going to work as hard and as fast as we can. I want to get this thing rolling and be able to do that with a full staff,” he said. “We’ve also got to get back to recruiting and working our tails off. We want to reach our goals.”

New University of Dayton volleyball head coach Matt Affolder is seen during a match against Xavier University, Oct. 8, 2012, at the Frericks Center. Affolder replaces outgoing head coach Kelly Sheffield as the eighth head coach in the program’s history. ETHAN KLOS-TERMAN/MANAGING EDITOR