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06.12.2008 | Students In UD's version of the National Endowment for the Arts' Big Read, all incoming first-year students will read the same book this summer and meet regularly in their first term to discuss how the book's lessons can apply to relationships, society, values, mission, spiritual growth and personal development.

They're reading Mark Kurlansky's *Nonviolence: Twenty-five Lessons from the History of a Dangerous Idea*, winner of the 2007 Dayton Literary Peace Prize.

In the fall, faculty who teach first-year students will be asked to devote at least one class period to some aspect of the book; Lori Phillips-Young, coordinator of the first-year read, is preparing materials for each of the 25 lessons in order to assist the faculty in incorporating the book into their regular curricula; and every Thursday night from orientation through October, small groups from orientation will gather to discuss it.

Sept. 25-28, Kurlansky will be on campus for a lecture in the Frericks Convocation Center and a series of smaller "lecture and learn" forums.

On Sunday, Sept. 29, Kurlansky will present the 2008 Dayton Literary Peace Prize for nonfiction in a ceremony at the Schuster Center in downtown Dayton.

FACULTY AND STAFF: For a copy of the book or to get information about helping with the first-year read, contact Phillips-Young at 229-3449 or via e-mail (url: <mailto://e-mail>).

— Maureen Schlangen