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Floor collapses prompt UD to limit occupancy in houses

University responds to third, fourth floor collapses by changing contracts, limiting occupancy at 6-19

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A rapid succession of reported floor collapses over the weekend has evicted 11 students from their houses and caused the University of Dayton to immediately amend the student housing contract to include occupancy limits on university-owned houses.

Two floors of university-owned houses broke during the early morning hours of Saturday, Jan. 19, in separate incidents at 1522 Frericks Way and 118 Lawnview Ave. Both residences were hosting parties at the time of the incidents. University officials attribute an additional Tuesday, Jan. 22 floor incident at 218 Kiefaber St. to termite damage.

"We have an issue here with our student houses," said Chris Schramm, dean of students. "As educators and administrators we have to make sure we are ensuring the safety of our students"

Schramm went on to say, "Our houses are safe under reasonable conditions." She also identified large parties with people jumping around as an unreasonable condition.

The university will assign all UD-owned housing a maximum occupancy limit. The limits will be between 6-19 people per house or apartment.

Dayton Fire Department responded at approximately 12:50 a.m. on Saturday to a report of a hazardous condition at 1522 Frericks Way. According to DFD, university officials informed

the department upon arrival that "the living room floor partially collapsed during a party in which at least 50 students were in the room." University officials say the floor dropped 7-to-8 inches.

According to the DFD, the house was evacuated and crews entered the basement. There the crew found six broken two-by-eight floor joists. The department said the gas lines directly under the floor showed no damage or leaks.

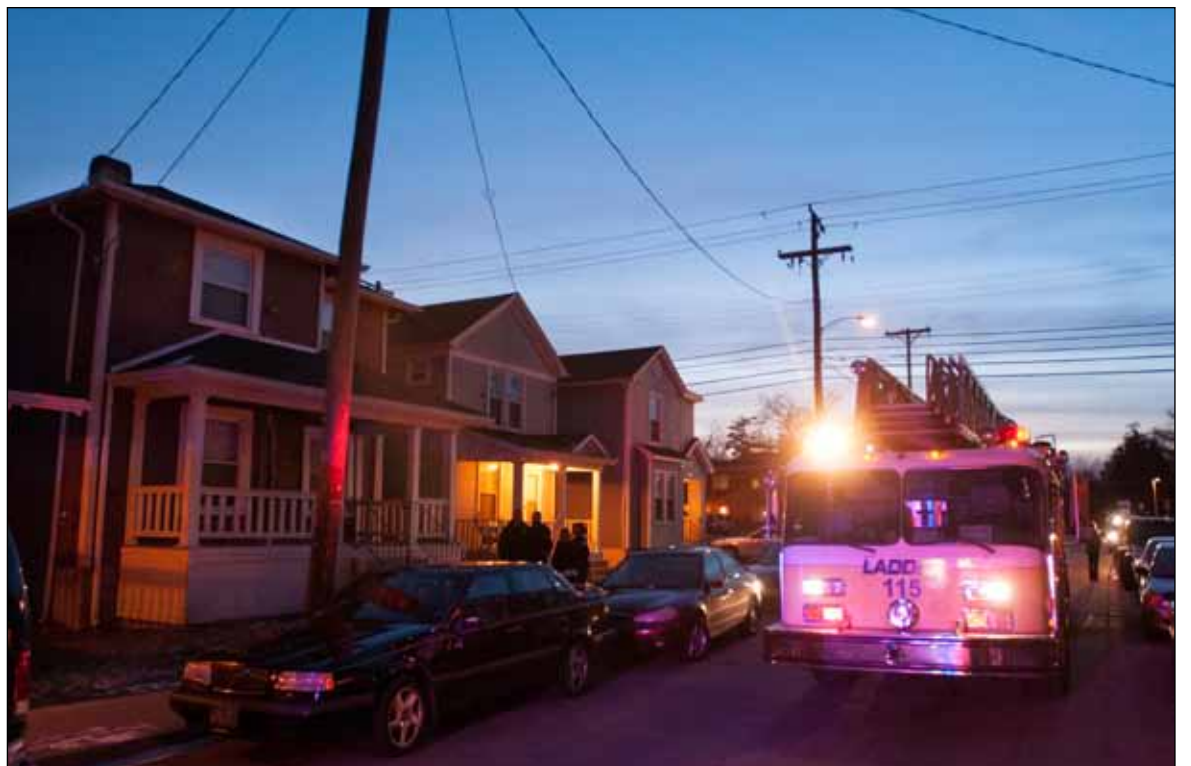
Around the same time, a floor at 118 Lawnview Ave. buckled during a party. University officials state the residents of the house did not report the incident until around 10 a.m.

University officials convened on Monday, Jan. 21, to discuss the crisis. At the meeting, university officials identified what they called the "common denominator" among the incidents: the large number of people in the house. They also decided to reimburse students for the weekend's food expenses.

On Tuesday, Jan. 22, the university publicly responded to the incidents with an email to upperclassman residents of university housing, placing responsibility for preventing further incidents on students.

"In light of these events, upperclass students who reside in University-owned houses and apartments will receive notices of occupancy limits for their particular residence later this week," said Bill Fischer, vice president for Student Development, in the email.

"Effective immediately, your hous-



(ABOVE) University of Dayton Public Safety officers and Dayton Fire Department respond to a report of a collapsed floor at a university-owned house at 218 Kiefaber Street, Tuesday, Jan. 22. (BELOW) UD senior Margaret Barrett, a resident of 218 Kiefaber Street, speaks to reporters about her university-owned house's living room floor collapsing, Tuesday, Jan. 22. ETHAN KLOSTERMAN/MANAGING EDITOR

ing contract will be amended to include these occupancy limits. These limits have been developed based on the recommendations of a structural engineer, and the limits will vary by structure."

According to Fischer's email, the university expects student tenants "to manage the number of people inside your house or apartment to ensure that the number does not exceed the occupancy limit."

"We expect you to be responsible tenants," Fischer's email said.

Fischer's email said students

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Eboo Patel speaks, encourages faith harmony

CHRIS CRISANTI
Lead News Writer

“Hey it’s cold outside, but this stage is smokin!” speaker Eboo Patel jokingly said to a jam-packed RecPlex Tuesday night after the Dayton Contemporary Dance Company performed in honor of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and the civil rights movement.

An acclaimed author, Huffington Post and USA TODAY blogger, CNN contributor and Advisory Council on Faith-Based Neighborhood Partnerships member, Patel grew up Muslim and founded the Interfaith Youth Core in 2002. The Chicago-based organization is devoted to building social bridges in religious diversity.

“Our goal is to make interfaith cooperation a social norm in the course of a generation,” said Katie Bringman Baxter, director of campus engagements for the IFYC. “I believe this university has a combination of Catholic tradition with great people to make forms a vibrant interfaith community.”

Patel was introduced by former U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See Miguel H. Diaz, and delivered a speech pertaining to King’s impact and goals of interfaith cooperation. He began his speech by telling a story of how his father introduced the idea of interfaith cooperation to him at an early age.

Patel said his father came to the United States from India to attend the University of Notre Dame in 1985. He began to become an avid fan of ND

football, traveling to South Bend, and always stopping to admire the Grotto Shrine.

“At 10 years old, I remember standing outside the Grotto and asking my father, ‘Aren’t we Muslim?’” Patel said. “My father said, ‘Don’t forget how the Quran describes God. Always remember the relevances.’”

Patel said King was one of the best examples of a man who respected relevances of other religions and became a great interfaith hero.

“The beating heart of King’s life was his faith,” said Patel. “That faith had wings.”

Patel began to describe King’s effect on the interfaith movement by reflecting on King’s adversity in the civil rights movement. Patel said for 380 days there was suffering and abuse that resulted in death threats and loss of jobs. However, King was resilient in continuing his effort to build the community, rather than seek revenge on his enemies.

Patel said a lot of people think religion is a poison and that different faiths are destined to fight. He said some believe religion is a boom of destruction and a barrier of division. According to Patel, society must adopt King’s philosophy to “make faith a bridge of cooperation,” rather than a bridge of division.

Patel proceeded to talk about interfaith leadership and two dimensions surrounding the concept. According to Patel, a good interfaith leader must appreciate knowledge of other traditions and adopt a theology of



Eboo Patel speaks at the UD Speaker Series, Jan. 22, at the RecPlex. IAN MORAN/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

interfaith cooperation.

“This was the stuff my dad was trying to teach me, see the beauty in other traditions,” Patel said. “The knowledge is to articulate and admire other traditions.”

Patel said UD is a university so much further in the practice of interfaith cooperation than other universities in the nation. He said it is in the nature of UD, having a diversity of religions and great people, which builds a theology of interfaith cooperation.

Patel said while speaking about interfaith cooperation at DePaul University, he heard people say “We

love other religions even though we are Christian.” He said the next step to build on a bridge of interfaith cooperation is to say, “We love other religions because we are Christian.”

“Faith is a bridge of cooperation,” Patel said. “We need to be builders of that bridge.”

Individuals in attendance of Patel’s talk also received an invitation to a follow-up session.

The university will hold a follow-up discussion on Patel’s speech for students, faculty and staff on Feb. 5 in Kennedy Union West Ballroom from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Sister Laura Leming, associate

professor and chair of the department of sociology, anthropology and social work, said the follow-up session is a “town hall meeting to explore how Patel’s insights apply here at UD and how we can expand our interfaith understanding, dialogue and cooperation.”

The next speaker participating in UD’s 2012-2013 speaker series will be civil rights lawyer, author and associate professor of law at Ohio State University, Michelle Alexander. The event will take place on Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Kennedy Union Ballroom.

Sigma Chi punished with two year suspension

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The University of Dayton chapter of the Sigma Chi fraternity has been suspended for two years following disorderly conduct at a London, Ohio gas station Nov. 17.

After the university investigation, the Madison County prosecutor decided Sigma Chi will not face any charges, according to an email sent to Flyer News from Teri Rizvi, associate vice president for university communication.

However, they will pay \$200 for damages and will perform community service in Madison County, she said.

Rizvi also said the fraternity is no longer allowed to live in their special interest house on 461 Kiefaber St. or participate in organizational meetings, events or gatherings.

“The house will be used for either general or special-interest housing,” Rizvi said.

Sigma Chi will be eligible for reinstatement following the suspension term and can submit a plan of action for the fraternity’s intentions to remain in good standing, she said. They will also commit to being alcohol free for the first year, Rizvi said.

She said the fraternity also has the option to appeal the university

decision.

The fraternity stopped at the Lake Side Plaza after a university registered event involving alcohol in Columbus, according to a Flyer News article published on Dec. 3.

Madison County police officers received anonymous calls about a disturbance at the location. Officers found broken items in the store, students standing on parked cars and exposing their genitals to customers, urine covering the floors and walls of the establishment, used condoms on the floor and a cooler with several containers of alcohol, according to the FN article.

The subjects, who were identi-

fied as UD students, had admitted to consuming alcoholic beverages prior to the incident, according to the FN article. Of the 80 recorded students involved, 33 were under the age of 21, as stated in the police report.

Rizvi said based on the nature of the case, the hearing board felt two years was an appropriate suspension.

Sigma Chi President Matt Walters and Interfraternity Council President Patrick Durham could not be reached by the time of publication.



The badge of Sigma Chi on the fraternity’s Kiefaber Street house. ETHAN KLOSTERMAN/MANAGING EDITOR

LOCAL

DAYTON COMEDY NIGHT

The Antioch Shrine Center will host a comedy night featuring Jack Wilson, Gary Offill, Adrian Cosby, Carla Brittain and Joanne Viskup. Food will be available and is \$8 for attendees. Doors open at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26.

Information from events.
activedayton.com

MINIVAN COLLISION INJURES THREE

Three Kemp Elementary students were sent to the hospital Jan. 25 after a minivan collided with the Dayton school bus. The students were treated for minor injuries while an additional bus was used to transport the other children.

Information from whiotv.com

THE TICKER



Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts administers the oath of office to President Barack Obama during the inaugural swearing-in ceremony at the U.S. Capitol, Jan. 21. WHITE HOUSE PHOTO/SONYA N. HEBERT

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UD THEATRE PROGRAMS

The University of Dayton Theatre Program will present Edward Albee's one-act plays, "The American Dream" and "Zoo Story," at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25 in Kennedy Union's Boll Theatre. General admission tickets are \$12 and \$7 for UD faculty, staff and students.

STUART HALL FIRE

Students were evacuated from Stuart Residence Hall at 1 p.m. Wednesday after furniture caught fire on the seventh floor. The fire was quickly put out, but some students reported water damage. Students were allowed back in the dorms after 20 minutes, according to Dayton Daily News.

RAPE REPORTED

A female student was sexually assaulted at Marianist Hall after leaving a party at Lawnview Avenue Jan 19, according to an email sent to students Tuesday. She left with a male named either "Mark" or "Mike." She described him as a tall white male with brown hair.

NEWS

THREE INJURED IN LONE STAR COLLEGE SHOOTING

During an argument between a student and another man, three people were shot Jan. 22 at Lone Star College near Houston. All three victims were hospitalized for injuries. The authorities are unsure if both men were armed.

Information from usatoday.com

BIEBER TOPS LADY GAGA ON TWITTER

The Huffington Post recently reported Justin Bieber acquired 33.33 million followers, topping Lady Gaga at 33.32 million followers. Bieber fans created the hashtag #33MillionBeliebers to celebrate the victory.

Information from huffingtonpost.com

University creates four-year net tuition plan

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The University of Dayton has developed a four-year net tuition plan for freshman students enrolling in 2013-2014 school year.

The plan gives incoming freshman a four-year guarantee that their net cost of tuition will not increase over four years. The net cost of their tuition as a freshman, will be the price they pay for all eight semesters.

"This is a four-year plan that students will be able to see exactly what their tuition costs will be," said Robert Durkle, assistant vice president for enrollment management and market development. "There will be [increases] in tuition but any merit scholarship money or UD money that is offered to them will increase as well so that what they pay out of their pocket each year will remain the same."

"A family that enrolls here next fall will see that their net cost for tuition is a guarantee for the next four years," Durkle added. "It could be less than that, but it will never be more than that."

Durkle also said that even as

a family's circumstances change, the cost of tuition will never go up for the family.

"If there is a loss of federal aid or state aid the net tuition will stay the same," Durkle said.

Essentially, even if cuts are made to Federal Pell Grants or other types of federal aid for students, the university will make up those costs so the student's family will not have to pay a higher tuition rate.

"In this day and age the cost of higher education keeps escalating and families are more confused," Durkle said.

Durkle said the university is at a point financially to be able to offer this program.

"We have been very successful in terms of enrollment for the last four or five years and we thought it's time to start thinking about the consumer and how can we be more transparent with who we are," he said.

The new tuition plan will also make billing simpler, Durkle said. The total cost will only be defined by tuition, room and board. There will no longer be additional fees such as an orientation fee, lab fees etc. It will all be included in

tuition.

Durkle said the plan has received positive feedback from the public.

"This has been well-received, our national critics have looked at it and said, 'I wish more schools could do this because it lays everything out so that there are no hidden costs or charges.'"

However there are some restrictions to the program. A student's original tuition price is not guaranteed indefinitely, Durkle said.

"This is an eight-semester program," he said. "If a student wanted to study abroad they would have to plan with the financial aid program."

Also, if a student changes his or her major, the tuition would not be locked in to the same tuition price past eight semesters.

"Some students may take five years because of changing their major midway through their senior year," he said. "There's a good chance they'll be charged the tuition amount at the time they get into the ninth semester of whatever the tuition amount is at that time."

Durkle also says the plan is independent, meaning currently en-

rolled students will not be paying higher tuition rates for the purpose of funding the new tuition guarantee for incoming students.

As for current students the year-to-year tuition billing will remain the same.

"We are going to eliminate the fee structure for the currently enrolled students," Durkle said. "They will see the same tuition increases but they are going to streamline the billing process and illuminate the fee process."

Current students have expressed mixed feeling about the program.

"I think it is unfair to the students that are here now," said Allison Gallucci, a senior photography major. "It's unfair to implement this new tuition program when we're still paying tons of money."

Emily Kaylor, president of the Student Government Association, said it is tough when beneficial programs like this are aimed at new students, but it is the university's way of improving on current practices.

"Students need to be cognizant of the university trying to better itself and build on student feedback," Kaylor said. "One of the is-

sues has been tuition price."

Kaylor recalled the \$500 textbook scholarship incoming freshman received this year as something she wished she had.

"When something changes there will always be a group that wished they had that benefit. I said that about the \$500 textbook scholarship," she said. "It is just how it is. The university is evolving."

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The partially collapsed floor inside a University of Dayton-owned residence at 218 Kiefaber Street is seen, Tuesday, Jan. 22. ETHAN KLOSTERMAN/MANAGING EDITOR

COLLAPSE (cont. from p. 1)

“will be held accountable for failing to comply with their assigned occupancy limits and may be held financially responsible for any damage to their University-owned housing that may result — just as any tenant in a typical landlord-tenant relationship would be.”

Fischer's email recommended students not enter overcrowded houses or apartments, and asked students to report “obvious occupancy limit” violations and houses or apartments with extra stress on the floor immediately to Public Safety at 937-229-2121.

In terms of enforcing the maxi-

mum occupancy limit for residences, Fischer is hoping students will influence each other to abide by the maximum occupancy limits.

“This will be a peer-influencing-peer situation,” Fischer said.

“Students are expected to comply with the occupancy number, if they don't they will be at fault for failure to comply,” he said.

This means if students have a party and Public Safety is called for another reason, the student could also be written up for a violation of their occupancy level if more than the number of students allowed are in the house.

If there are damages to the house and the maximum occupancy level of the house was violated, then the student may be responsible for the cost

of repair.

Then, on Tuesday afternoon, the residents of 218 Kiefaber St. alerted the university to an unstable floor. The Dayton Fire Department was called to inspect the floor. Crews determined there was a “soft spot” in the floor “due to uneven floor joist from [a] previous repair.”

The floor in the house was sinking down from the wall and a heating vent had sunk roughly two inches into the basement.

According to Dayton Daily News, the Dayton Fire Department initially told the residents the house was uninhabitable due to the condition of the floor, but a UD maintenance official overruled the fire department allowing the students to stay.

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University officials announced in a meeting Wednesday that the issue at 218 Kiefaber was actually a result of termite damage. The university said it is currently repairing the termite damage and has repaired the sinking vent.

“This has been a really rough weekend, we came together to ensure the safety of our students and the uniqueness of our student neighborhood,” said Schramm. “Houses will be assessed so that we can have some relative peace and this won't happen.”

Bruce Bullman, director of residential properties, said the limits were computed after a number of factors were taken into account including: the year the house was built, additional weight of objects in the house,

the structural integrity of the house and square footage.

The new Caldwell apartments will also have a maximum occupancy limit of eight people, he said.

Schramm emphasized the need for an occupancy limit for safety, but did address student concern over the administration trying to control the neighborhoods.

“I've been at the university since 1989, I've heard the rumor that we are taking away the Ghetto,” she said. “We have yet to do that.”

Editor-in-chief Chris Moorman contributed reporting.

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UD band excited for upcoming album release

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Staff Writer

With an EP coming out, the Customer Service & the Gem City Horns have everything to look forward to as a band.

"Highlights," set to be released on Saturday, Jan. 26, has six songs with mostly rock influence and undertones of funk and jazz. The EP was made in collaboration with ArtStreet's StreetSounds.

"We wanted to do originals, and these were the first six songs we got," said junior biology major Dillon Corrigan, drummer for CSGCH. "It's a good first impression to show people what kind of music we play." For "Highlights," frontman and senior music education major Wil Morris wrote most of the songs.

CSGCH was originally started as a project for ArtStreet.

"We weren't all good friends at the beginning, and it started out as an ArtStreet project," said Corrigan. "I was asked because they needed someone to play drums. Matt, Wil and David all lived together and needed to do a project. Wil had an idea to get together a band.

"'Gem City' came from Dayton's nick-

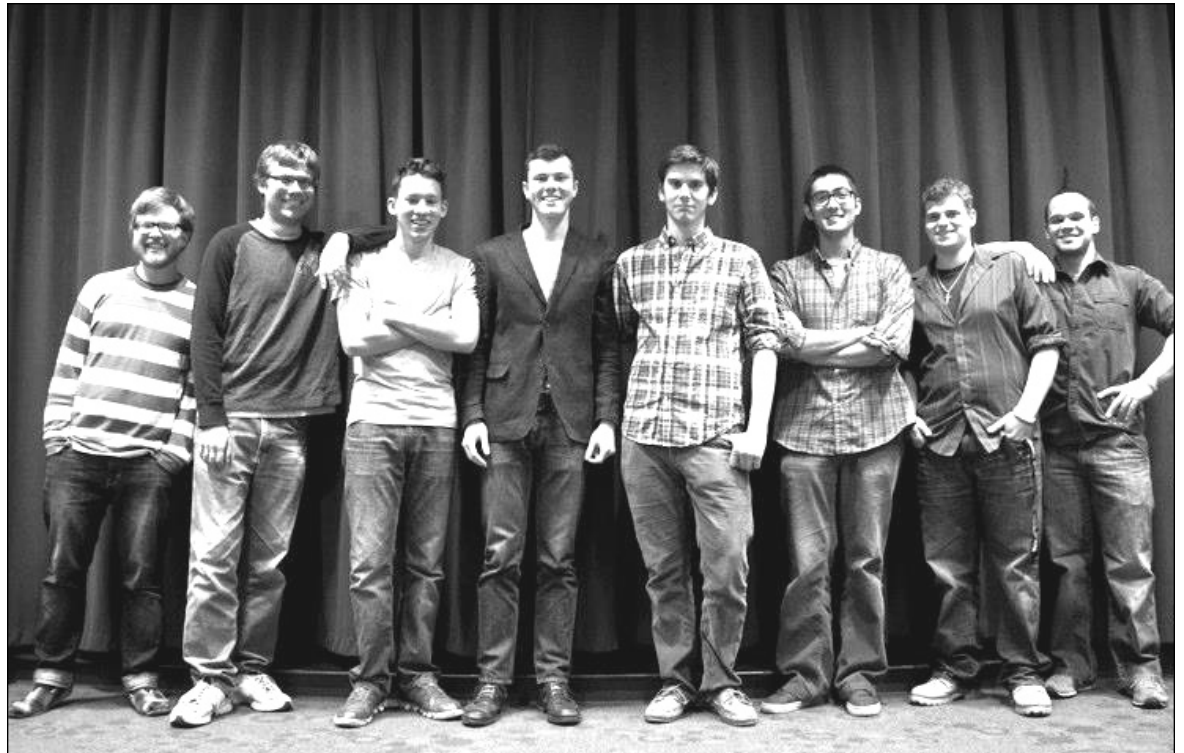
name, and 'Customer Service' was something catchy Wil thought of. One of our mission statements is to promote live music in the Dayton area and beyond. We want to treat people as our customers and give them a good time. We kind of took it and ran with it."

Members Corrigan, Morris, junior music performance major Peet Cerrone, senior English major Peter Mills, senior philosophy major Mike Jones, junior music education major Mike Francis and senior music education majors Dave Watanabe and Matt Schroeder came together to create a sound that has a fusion of funk, jazz and rock. The band's unique sound comes from the inclusion of instruments such as the saxophone, trombone and trumpet.

It only took off from there. According to the band's website, CSGCH has played for venues such as the Downtown Dayton Revival, opened for Lupe Fiasco and played at Barnjam and Rocktoberfest.

"Our best venue was the Downtown Dayton Revival. We like small venues because it's more of an intimate feel and the people are really responsive to the music," said Corrigan.

Since the band's inception, all eight mem-



Customer Service & the Gem City Horns will release "Highlights," its debut EP, Jan. 25. COURTESY OF CUSTOMER SERVICE AND THE GEM CITY HORNS

bers have only grown closer.

"As we've spent more time playing with each other, we've become really good

friends. Our sound has become more clean and tight," said Corrigan.

"Highlights," will be

released at ArtStreet on Saturday, Jan. 26. For more information contact ArtStreet at 937-229-5101.

Marathons contribute to physical, mental, emotional health



Editor's note: Columnist Riley Quinn is not a licensed doctor ... yet.

Just last Sunday, I logged 26.2 miles at the 20th Anniversary Disney World Marathon. This "bucket list" item of mine is an accomplishment I have been working persistently towards since last June.

Countless hours of pounding the

pavement, power bars, pasta dinners and running buddies have assisted in the success of my first marathon completion, and I couldn't feel more fulfilled.

Originally, I made the decision to attempt my first marathon a year ago in hopes of being able to call myself a "runner." I know it sounds trivial, but this title has always been attractive to me. Like the way one's favorite word in Italian might sound as it rolls off your tongue, I wanted to be able to recite my new word as often as possible just to hear the beauty in it.

I began training in the summer months, running alongside the St. Lawrence River with my dog, Rudy, and falling in love with the sunsets and the island breeze. My love for running had been instilled during those perfect blue sky days. Upon return to school in August, I managed

to keep up with the training, but it was much more difficult.

I had less time with classes, my Residence Assistant duties and planning Greek Week. Also, at this point in my training, the mileage was increasing immensely. Each day, I'd run between seven to nine miles, while Saturdays were reserved for long runs anywhere from 10 to 20 miles.

I soon uncovered my love for yoga during this strenuous process, as I found it was a beneficial exercise to soothe my "Sunday sore muscles." I sustained my body with "green smoothies" and a mostly plant-based diet, still receiving plenty of protein, calcium and iron to finish the whole 26.2 miles with very little animal product.

My mental capacity strengthened and I learned the power of mantra meditation to pull me through the tough miles. Training for a marathon was no longer an activity or a goal, but rather a lifestyle. It was not easy, nor was it always fun or rewarding, but it was worth it. I was finally a runner.

It was in the spring that I joined University of Dayton's Distance 4 Dreams, an organization devoted to granting a "dream come true" to a Dayton-area child suffering a terminal illness. D4D hosts multiple

fundraisers and events throughout the year to support a "wish child" and their family for a magical week in Disney. Over Christmas break, a group of runners complete a half or full marathon course, weaving through each of the Disney World parks in honor and support of the wish child. This year, our organization selected Navada, a warrior at only 5 years old battling T-Cell Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

There are many reasons for attempting a full marathon, but fewer reasons to complete one.

Often times, we as runners feel we have something to prove. We train and condition ourselves to endure intense physical pain, and for what reason? At mile 21 of my race, I began "hitting the wall," a term used by marathoners to describe the extreme mental road block you reach where you think you cannot go any further. All the reasons for why I began my training in the first place no longer seemed to hold suit for these last 5.2 miles. Instead, I let the strength of the little girl who wakes up each morning to fight through physical, emotional and relational pain so severe carry me through the finish line.

Training for a full 26.2 miles is a revolutionary act. Eventually, you learn that the projected marathon takes control of your

social life as well as your physical and mental state.

You begin waking up earlier to beat the sun, so that you can fit a good 10 miles in before the unbearable summer heat takes its toll. You learn to live with frozen cheeks and toes when it's single digits outside. You start developing a relationship with the beautiful world that surrounds you as your days become filled with miles upon miles of hills, canal paths and city streets. You experiment with nutritional diets and learn what it really means to "nourish" your body as opposed to punishing it, and you find that the quality time spent with the thoughts in your own head leads to an unbelievable meditative experience only marathoners will understand.

Despite the difficulty in accepting so much change in your life, the miraculous feeling of completing a marathon is so indescribable, you must consider experiencing it for yourself.

You will find strength inside you greater than you ever thought possible, and you even develop a righteous respect and love for yourself out of the disciplined training process. Since the completion of my first marathon, it has been love at first finish line and I plan to continue on to the next race ahead.

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Flyer News: How did The Leaps Years come to be?

Joe Oliveri: People just know us.

Pat McKeone: Joe plays guitar, and I play drums.

JO: I came to school and thought, "I really need to find a drummer." And in the first three days, I found a drummer. Bam.

PM: We were actually in a band called Abstract View last year, but two of the members transferred. So, we were no longer as abstract.

JO: [The Leap Years] really just happened.

PM: We came up with the name for one show, and it had good feedback, so we just kept it.

FN: Who's the front man?

PM: Joe sings.

JO: We're both co-writers. Pat's "all ear" when it comes to drums. I'll start playing something, and he'll just go, without thinking.

PM: If I think, it gets off.

JO: As you see, we're not music majors.

PM: We're just good.

JO: It's as least professional as professional can get.

FN: What would you say your sound is like?

PM: Dope.

JO: Even though dope is bad for you, our music is still good.

PM: We sound like everything.

JO: Well, Ben Rector is the inspiration, kind of. I've always liked that style and Pat's in love with the dude. Man crush.

PM: A little bit. We have a chill, acoustic sound as well as upbeat tunes. It's probably classified under pop, even though I hate that word. We strive for lyrics that have a meaning behind it. Joe won't sing if the lyrics don't make sense. Sometimes I'll just be messing around and he'll be like –

JO: No.

FN: So Joe's in charge?

JO: I wear the pants; Pat wears the panties.

PM: I can't write music. So even if I think some lyrics are cool, I can't put the words with the music. Joe is kind of in charge of how it sounds. But, it always sounds good.

JO: I promise.

PM: So good.

JO: Nothing that sounds bad is ever going to be played.

FN: Are you involved with StreetSounds?

PM: Yes.

JO: We recorded some stuff already. Six tracks. Two of them we have put up on this little web site called YouTube.

FN: How did The Leaps Years get their name?

JO: Ha ha. We are bad at coming up with names.

PM: Actually, we're really good. Most of the names just didn't make sense.

JO: They sucked. Wait, let's come up with a new name right now. The Pepper Shaker.

PM: The Bananarama.

JO: In a Nut Shell. Think about that. Everything we play is "in a nut shell."

PM: Little World, Big World.

JO: My Time to Shine.

FN: You really are bad at this.

JO: I know!

PM: We were actually thinking Pat McKeone and the Joe Oliveris.

JO: That actually came from a Thursday Night Live, when Pat contacted ArtStreet and told them The Leap Years would be playing, but they just put down Patrick McKeone. So, we're actually The Patrick McKeones.

PM: I guess it just came up. The Leap Years.

JO: I just like the notion of leaping.

PM: Just take it as it is.

JO: If you try to find a meaning, it will just be terrible. Stop asking so many questions.

FN: What can we expect from The Leap Years in the future?

PM: Grammy's.

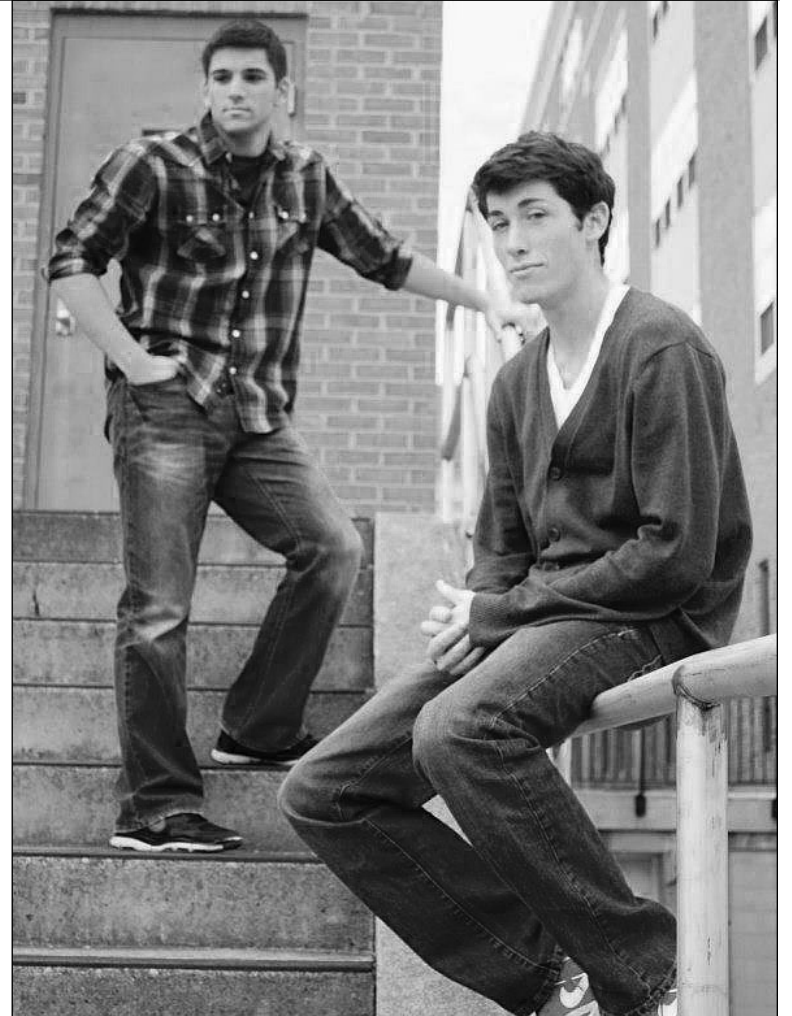
JO: We're going to strive to elect the first female president.

FN: Anything else you'd like to add?

JO: Yes, I do know Denzel Washington. I have eight followers on Twitter, and one of them is Denzel.

PM: Kanye West hooked us up.

JO: That was your question, right? We're always coming out with new stuff. Like us on Facebook, hit up that Twitter, look at the YouTube channel.



Sophomore roommates Patrick McKeone and Joseph Oliveri will perform as "The Leap Years" at ArtStreet's Thursday Night Live on Jan. 31. COURTESY OF GABRIELLE GUM

PM: It makes us feel good.

JO: Talk to us. Challenge us to cover songs!

PM: We're performing at the next Thursday Night Live [Jan. 31] and hopefully at M-Fest this spring.

Tarantino's 'Django Unchained' allows seriousness, satire

LANE GIBSON
Staff Writer

Quentin Tarantino graciously provided audiences with a new, diabolic comedy over the holiday season. Most audiences familiar with Tarantino's style of filmmaking, as well as new viewers, will be satisfied.

"Django Unchained" follows the hilarious sprawling story of two unlikely allies: Django, the freed slave played by Jamie Foxx and the German bounty hunter, Dr. King Schultz, played by Christoph Waltz.

Django and his wife Broomhilda, played by Kerry Washington, were sold to separate slave owners. While separated, Schultz employs Django to aide him in hunting wanted slave owners, The Brittle Brothers. The

two become friends, and Schultz offers to help Django save his wife from plantation owner Calvin Candie, played by Leonardo DiCaprio, to whom she was sold.

I have to admit that I am an obsessive Tarantino fan. From the moment I walked out of "Inglorious Bastards," which I proudly snuck in the theater to see (how rebellious!), I endlessly quoted and forced everyone to see the film.

When I found out about the new movie "Django Unchained," I naturally announced to all family members that I would be indisposed on Christmas Day because I would be firmly planted in the movie theater.

Both Foxx and Waltz were perfect together as an unlikely dynamic duo and carried the film. Their roles were both crucial to the

success of the movie and each delivered. In contrast to Waltz's role in "Inglorious Bastards," he plays on the good guy team denouncing slavery and aiding Django. His Robin Hood-esque philosophy to bounty hunting made me question my general dislike of killing people for money, and his line delivery is endlessly quotable.

The title character Django was a powerhouse performance and his quest became so exciting, I even participated in the awkward pseudo slow clap that sometimes occurs in theaters. I honestly couldn't help but cheer with the rest of the audience because Django was such a successful character.

DiCaprio's performance was frighteningly believable. His character as the evil owner of the plan-

tation "Candy Land" once again proved that DiCaprio is one of the best actors of our time. Even though he is a dreamboat, his character is played so convincingly as a deplorable character, that his charming good looks become irrelevant and even I hated him. Furthermore, recently, the social media sphere wept for DiCaprio's unfortunate Golden Globes snub -- again. The people want answers, Academy.

Also worth mentioning was the sound track, which included both western sounds and modern hip-hop tracks. Perfectly complementing the action, I immediately bought the whole album promptly after the movie. The film also boasts that somehow artistically beautiful shots amidst the violence

and is still pleasing to the eyes.

Additionally, supporting appearances from Jonah Hill and Samuel L. Jackson provided unexpected humor, which added entertainment to the movie despite the long running time.

The movie tackles serious issues from our nation's past that can often be misrepresented and offensive.

However, "Django" is handled in such a way that allows the seriousness of the subject matter to be evident, yet include comedy. The success of "Django Unchained" lies in the ability to present a clear stance on equality, while giving room for the audience to understand the issues through the lens of satire and talented filmmaking.

forum

"I cannot stand people who disagree with me on the issue of Roe v. Wade ... which I believe is about the proper way to cross a lake."

Stephen Colbert
American satirist and TV host, 1964–

fn editorial REFLECTION:

FN WELCOMES DEBATE IN ORDER TO REACH COMMON GROUND

A common theme among the Opinion section's content today is a reflection on the topic of abortion.

This is by design. Tuesday, Jan. 22, marked the 40th anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court case Roe v. Wade, which guaranteed American women the legal right to choose.

Despite the court's ruling – or, some would say, because of it – there continues to be a heated debate between "pro-life" Americans who want to limit or eliminate the legality of the procedure, and those who are "pro-choice" and support its legality.

This is a raw, painful, emotional topic for those on both sides of the issue, especially at Catholic colleges across the country. We want to be clear that we are not trying to incite controversy by publishing this content – though we always welcome members of our community to join in the conversation.

Rather, we felt that – not in spite of, but because of – our community's relationship to the issue, we would be remiss if we did not reflect on it at this time.

As a staff, we will not take a stance on Roe v. Wade or abortion rights, but we will say this: we believe that both sides are just trying to do what is best for the country and for society as a whole.

The philosophical chasm between the two camps is so great that it would be naïve to ask for a truce. There is no way that the debate over the issue will be settled in the foreseeable future – no matter how many marches, elections, lawsuits, tears, attacks, broken families, strained friendships or even casual disagreements, the controversy will remain.

At the very least, we hope that one day there will be a feeling of mutual empathy between the opponents.

Please, recognize that we're all just trying to do what we think is best for each other. You don't have to agree with the activists or even like them, but you can recognize the patriotism in their attempts to do what they know to be right.

Where's the love, Obama?



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At the beginning of our Christmas break, I was upset to learn the disturbing news of a young Connecticut man who took his own life, along with the lives of 20 innocent children and 7 adults, including his own mother.

It was also tough to see President Barack Obama respond to this tragedy. As the most prominent member of our nation, how could he even begin to convey his true sorrow to the victims' families without seeming insincere? Given the challenge he was faced with, I believe he did the best he could in responding to the Sandy Hook shooting during his Dec. 14 and 16 addresses.

However, it was discouraging to hear the language he used in these responses: The loving, affectionate tone he used in referring to the young victims. The authentic sorrow he communicated over the loss of the promising potential of each of their lives. The true determina-

tion he expressed in committing to keep such tragedies from happening again. While I recognize the genuineness of his emotions toward those vulnerable and innocent young children, I was upset to be hearing them for what seemed to be the very first time.

What I mean to say is that President Obama has spent a considerable amount of his time and effort to thoroughly support abortion; in its legality, availability, frequency and convenience. Yet, in his speeches to the families of Sandy Hook victims, he demonstrated a sincere distress to the loss of such defenseless human life, and was even moved to tears.

However, he has never expressed such an emotion for the losses of those even more defenseless young human beings whose lives are taken before they leave their mothers' wombs. It was this contradiction between his consoling words and his track record with abortion that was so upsetting to witness.

It's intentional that I mention this during the month of January, specifically this week. This Jan. 22 represented the 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the infamous court case that made abortion a fundamental right to U.S. women. Since then, according to a study released in August 2011 by the Guttmacher Institute, well over

50 million abortions – which amount to over 3,000 per day – have been performed legally in the United States alone.

Shouldn't that be just as troubling to our sympathetic president?

While I wouldn't ever want to detract from the awful sadness of the recent tragedy in Newtown, I can't understand how the loss of the innocent lives of those children could ever carry a different weight than the loss of the innocent lives of aborted children.

President Obama commented that we lost "beautiful, little kids" in the shootings who "had their entire lives ahead of them – birthdays, graduations, weddings, kids of their own." But if you think about it, how many of those over 50 million aborted children were denied the same opportunities? They, too, are children who will never have a birthday, swing on a swing, grow up or have a chance to attend college like all of us.

As we mark the 40th year since the legalization of such a tragic procedure, it begs the question: What have we gained since Roe v. Wade?

Some argue that women today can celebrate their right to choice. But, maybe, in looking back on these 40 years, the more important question is: What have we lost, specifically for our nation, for our families and for our future?

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Word on the street...

Do you feel safe in UD housing after recent floor collapses?



"No. Eighty percent of the walls in my house are held together with plaster and probably duct tape."

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"No, [the collapses] make me question the safety of the houses and second guess going to a Ghetto house."

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"Yes, absolutely. My house here is nicer than the house I normally live in."

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Anniversary of Roe v. Wade spark debate in Opinions section

Roe v. Wade was a monumental decision made by the Supreme Court on the issue of abortion.

The case began when a pregnant single woman, designated as Roe, brought a class action lawsuit that challenged the constitutionality of Texas' criminal abortion laws. These laws made it illegal to obtain or attempt an abortion, except upon receiving medical advice to save the

life of the mother.

The three other plaintiffs in the lawsuit included Hallford, a doctor who was facing prosecution for violating those state abortion laws, along with a married couple designated as the Does. The Does wanted to prohibit the enforcement of the abortion laws, under the warrant that they were unconstitutional.

The three cases were argued to-

gether in a three-judge District Court panel. Roe and Hallford won their lawsuits at trial, but the court ruled that the Does' request for an injunction was not warranted. The Does appealed directly to the Supreme Court, and Wade, the defendant for the county, cross-appealed the district court's ruling in favor of Roe and Hallford, contesting the decision of the district court.

The Supreme Court held that the decision must be left to the judgment of the woman's doctor. Although, states may promote their interests in the mother's health by regulating abortion procedures related to the health of the mother. States may even go as far as to promote their interests in the potentiality of human life by regulating or even prohibiting abortion, except when necessary to

preserve the life or the health of the mother.

This ruling effectively made abortion legal for any reason if requested before the 24th week of pregnancy.

Abortion has become a focal point for debate in the U.S. because it is such a serious issue with ranging opinions on the matter. Flyer News has asked for two students to debate the topic within the Opinions section.

letters to the editor

Life matters

One of the core principles of the Republican Party is that no human being should be considered property of any kind.

This can be traced back to the issue of slavery where Abraham Lincoln fought for freedom and stated that slavery was "a moral, a social, and a political wrong." Abortion could be considered as one of the main the right-or-wrong issues of our time because it has been receiving increasing attention, and cannot be removed from controversy. It is purely a moral issue because it deals with life and death, the treatment of a human fetus as property of the mother, and the question of when exactly it is considered OK to terminate the life of a human being.

Forty years ago, the Supreme Court made a decision based on the scientific knowledge of its time. The court effectively legalized abortion before the 24th week of pregnancy, which was when the fetus became viable. It allowed states to enact laws prohibiting abortion after viability, except in cases when abortion is necessary to preserve the life or health of the woman.

The debate around the right of the mother to choose in instances of rape, incest or her health and well-being is important, but it is a red herring to the central argument because in the United States the number of abortions due to rape, incest or life of the mother are fractional by any account or measurement.

The balance of the 54 million abortions in the United States since Roe v. Wade have been for other reasons. For the purpose of this argument, those are the abortions that will be discussed.

The real dilemma is, are we comfortable with taking a life?

Taking a look at our knowledge of life and conception today, we find

that life is viable virtually at the moment of conception when the sperm penetrates the egg. It starts as a zygote that is composed of DNA and other human molecules, which makes its nature undeniably human. The zygote holds a design that is completely unique to itself, guides early development and carries hereditary traits.

Also, as a counterargument to "It's just a cell, it's not really a life yet," this stage of the embryo carries all four criteria needed to establish life. They are metabolism, growth, reaction to stimuli and reproduction. No matter what stage of pregnancy a woman is in, abortion is taking a life.

It's plain and simple. It is the taking of a life of another human being.

In 1973, Wade avoided the topic of taking a life and effectively treats a human embryo as the property of another to make decisions regarding life or death. But we know since the time of Lincoln that humans are not property. A fetus is a human life, and Roe v. Wade has done little to address the question of the taking of a defenseless human life.

In America, we have settled that score in our laws where murder is the worst of crimes. Yet we haven't had the courage to legislate this matter because it is such a controversial issue. Set aside an understanding that a woman should have undeniable rights in exigent circumstances. In this author's opinion, the controversy around the issue of abortion begs the question: Is abortion the taking of an innocent life?

There is only one answer, and in the conservative opinion, Roe vs. Wade permits the unthinkable.

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Women have the choice

As a career-driven woman with an interest in sex similar to any other human being, I've given a great deal of consideration to what implications a pregnancy would have on my current stage of life. I would like to say that if I were confronted with an unplanned pregnancy, an abortion would be firmly off the table.

However, this statement would be unfairly made since I can barely fathom the situation I would be in if I thought I needed one.

A strong, partisan stance can seem straightforward when discussing one's individual beliefs. If you believe abortion is murder there isn't much sway of opinion there. I do not mean to disempower the many strong women who have religiously or ethically decided that abortion is not an option for them, regardless of how "legitimate" the case is. However, I believe that the various contexts at which abortions occur obscure a definite solution. It would be against my own code of ethics to prescribe an inflexible decision to a choice that entails a variety of unequal circumstances.

This conflict in moral decision-making exemplifies the stubborn debate, which creates a fundamental obstacle in the way we conceive a solution to the problem of abortion. As a firm believer in the woman's choice, I still acknowledge that abortion is a problem

that needs a solution. I see no end to the debate on life at conception or at birth. Therefore, having a religious debate around abortion is ineffective, inefficient and honestly, it has no place in a secular government.

To respect this topic's diversity, legislation needs to be formed in light of a utilitarian perspective. Policy cannot be based solely off of moral judgments, which are not normally supported by the greater population. Abortion policy needs to be focused towards challenging the context in which abortions occur rather than the moral will-power behind it.

It is statistically supported by data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP) in 2009 that abortions are largely the result of an unwanted pregnancy.

Reasons women might not want pregnancies are not unclear. Socioeconomic struggles, coercive relationships, immaturity and fear are all valid reasons to wish not to have a child. Therefore, policy is more effective when focused on pregnancy prevention and child-support services.

Unfortunately assumptions about abortion are made based on ill-conceived notions. It is argued that legal abortions allow an acceptable "out" for the unwanted pregnancies of irresponsible teenagers. In actuality, only 15.5 percent of abortions recorded in the

year 2009 came from an age group of 15 to 19 years old.

We are also misled by the depiction of partial-birth abortions when in-fact only 1.3 percent of 784,507 abortions occurring in 2009 took place after 21 weeks gestation and even less beyond (CDCP Data and Statistics on Abortion).

It is believed that illegalizing abortion will help stop it.

However, the legalization of practices in the past has never drastically decreased their occurrences. Realistically, the illegalization of abortion will just give rise to illegal abortion practices that could be unsafe to women. Outside forces such as the father or family can be coercive persuaders to the extent of even forcibly inducing the abortion themselves. Without access to safe abortion services, these instances would undoubtedly rise.

Women should not have to suffer from the uncertainty of safety. Until these assumptions are ended and stubborn arguments are ceased, the American government will be unable to minimize the negative impacts of abortion. By supporting women before and after pregnancy we are more effectively preventing the abortions than if they were banned.

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Women's Basketball

MACKAY'S ROLE GROWING IN BREAKOUT YEAR



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Senior guard Samantha MacKay (14) drives toward the basket during a game against Florida Atlantic University, Dec. 8, 2012, at UD Arena. ETHAN KLOSTERMAN/MANAGING EDITOR

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Following a player camp she attended in the eighth-grade, University of Dayton women's basketball senior guard Sam MacKay opened her first piece of mail from a college women's basketball program.

It was a standard questionnaire sent to dozens of players just like her. Nine years later, MacKay plays point guard for the same man who sent that first questionnaire: UD head coach Jim Jabir.

"At the time, I didn't think much of it," MacKay said. "But looking back it's pretty neat to think I am playing at [Dayton] now."

Even more incredible, she said, are the relationship dynamics at play between Jabir and herself.

"He's really hard on me," she said. "I hear from him a lot whenever I mess up. This season I have a much bigger role. I think he is really the reason why I'm able to take it on."

Jabir said he agrees.

"When she came in, she was a great player," he said. "But she

was very irresponsible with her ball handling. She would try to throw the fancy passes and turned it over all the time."

Jabir saw MacKay's high school career flourish at Dublin Coffman High School near Columbus, Ohio. Her ability to take over a game helped propel her team to the regional championship game in the state tournament her senior year.

The talent alone wasn't enough, Jabir said.

He added, "She made bad decisions a lot in her first few years."

MacKay finished her freshman season with 33 assists and 39 turnovers, which according to Jabir was, "totally unacceptable for a player with her talent."

Despite a rough first year, MacKay said she looks back and remembers the milestones well she was part of — wins over nationally-ranked Michigan State University at home, at Purdue University and the program's first NCAA tournament berth.

Those moments put a smile on her face.

"Beating DePaul [University] and Arizona State University this season were incredible, too," she said. "I have seen so many great things happen, but to be able to be part of that and play a role in the game is so much more breathtaking."

Even so, her success hasn't come without some growing pains, especially when Jabir notices a problem first.

He said he spent the first three years of MacKay's career screaming at her, and her resilience has been almost miraculous.

"I've been tougher on [Sam] than I've been on any other player I've had in my coaching career," Jabir said. "She keeps coming back and now she's becoming that player we need her to be."

Following a 65-40 loss at Bowling Green State University on Dec. 30, 2012, the resilience Jabir spoke of was tested. The blemish ended a 12-game win streak for Dayton to open the season, and MacKay had one of her worst games statistically in scoring only eight points while producing three assists.

According to MacKay, it was the best thing that could have happened.

"It helped me see what I need to do to be a leader and brought us all closer to figuring out who we are," she said.

MacKay was named team captain before the season began, along with her two senior teammates, forwards Brittney Wilson and Olivia Applewhite.

For Applewhite, seeing the way her teammate and head coach interact is remarkable.

"She gets her drive to succeed from Jabir, I think ... as a player and as a person," Applewhite said. "He doesn't scream at her so much now, but he still makes it clear that she is a leader."

Both Jabir and Applewhite agree that MacKay has been integral in the success of the program since arriving on campus.

As of Wednesday, Jan. 23, she ranks and first in assists and steals per game and third in scoring for the Flyers this season, and is 37th in the nation in assists per game, according to NCAA.com.

But for MacKay, excelling has little to do with what she does, and more with how she does it.

She wants to finish out strong, even if it means getting screamed at a little bit more.

"One of the best things I remember as a recruit is when Jabir told me, 'Good players and people come here, and good players and people excel here ... the others don't last.'" she said. "We all want to excel."

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Women's Tennis

Flyers get first win of spring schedule over Valparaiso

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The University of Dayton women's tennis team concluded its four-match road trip to begin the spring season in Kalamazoo, Mich., on Sunday, Jan. 20, and Monday, Jan. 21.

Dayton competed against Valparaiso University on Sunday and host Western Michigan University on Monday.

Going into to Sunday's match against Valpo, head coach Ryan Meyer said the Flyers were feeling confident, and the team would sustain it on the court. The team ended up sweeping the competition 7-0.

Dayton sophomore Sammi Hornbarger beat Valpo junior Kristin Zakiewicz 6-0, 6-4 in No. 1 singles play, while UD freshman Carly Peck defeated Valpo sophomore Kaitlyn Hamel 6-3, 6-0 in the No. 2 match. UD junior Maureen Stevens also won in No. 3 singles versus Valpo sophomore Michele Fredlake 6-0, 6-1.

Dayton freshman Katie Boeck-

man, junior Erin Filbrandt and sophomore Victoria Marchant won their respective matches, while overcoming a combined 10 dropped games.

In doubles play, UD swept all three matches to take the point. Stevens and Peck teamed up to beat Zakiewicz and Fredlake 8-3. Hornbarger and Boeckman, as well as Filbrandt and sophomore Georgia Lammers teamed to win the other two matches.

Meyer said he was more than pleased with the team's performance.

"We played great," Meyer said. "I was most impressed with the attitude we put in on the court, and we were able to maintain that attitude in each match."

Western Michigan proved to be too much to handle for Dayton on Monday, winning every match in defeating the Flyers 7-0.

Peck put up a fight in No. 2 singles against WMU junior Kathleen Hawkins. The freshman won the first set 6-4, but lost the following set 4-6, forcing a super-tiebreaker, which Hawkins won.

"We ran into a tough team that was simply better than we were," Meyer said. "They had a head coach that has been coaching there for a long time, now. Being new to UD, it's going to take some time to get to that level."

Hornbarger said she was pleased with her teammate's performances this weekend.

"We performed very well," Hornbarger said. "We played some good teams out there, and played some good matches. Overall, it was a good start to the spring season."

Meyer said he is looking forward to the team's upcoming schedule and hopes for success as the spring season continues.

"I have high hopes for the rest of the season," Meyer said. "We've showed great strides and kept our heads high. I'm looking forward to the rest of the season, so we can make more strides in the right direction."

Dayton's next match is home against Robert Morris University at 5 p.m., hosted at the Five Seasons Sports Club.



Junior Claire McNulty readies for her next shot during the Atlantic 10 tournament, April 19, 2012, in Charlottesville, Va. PHOTO COURTESY OF UD ATHLETICS

Discovery of CTE in living people could help football survive



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Football is by far the most popular sport in the United States today.

Weekly games are always some of the most viewed programs on TV every week, and the Super Bowl is consistently one of the most watched telecasts of their respective years. According to Nielson Media Research, of the 44 most watched U.S. telecasts of all time, 21 of those telecasts were Super Bowls.

Among the hype and excitement surrounding this upcoming Super Bowl, the 47th such game that will be played, there are some major headlines surrounding the game. These include the first ever play-off game in any sport where both teams are coached by brothers, Jim and John Harbaugh, and the impending retirement of superstar Baltimore Ravens linebacker

Ray Lewis.

A third, maybe lesser talked about, but equally important headline, is now being dwarfed by the big game.

This is the discussion on concussions in the NFL, and the problems they cause to former players later in their lives. In the last few years, this problem has come to the forefront of the league, with many cases of former players committing suicide stemming from symptoms suffered from their playing days. Perhaps the most prominent example of this was former All-Pro linebacker Junior Seau who knew he was experiencing psychological effects from his playing days. Seau killed himself in May 2012, in which he shot himself in his chest so that his brain may be preserved for further scientific study.

On Jan. 10, it was revealed that Seau had a brain disease caused from repeated blows to the head called Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy, or CTE. CTE can cause forgetfulness, depression, impulsivity and possibly even suicidal tendencies. Its effects on former players have caused thousands of them to sue the NFL because of the

league's supposed failure to protect them. Never officially being diagnosed with a concussion during his career, Seau did not sue the league before his death, but his family did so on almost two weeks after it.

Just days after it was announced that Seau had CTE, another report came out announcing that doctors found traces of CTE in still-living patients. Prior to this, CTE was only found in patients who had already passed away. This is a seemingly momentous discovery in the fight against these brain illnesses, as being able to detect CTE in living patients can possibly lead to cures for the disease.

Although this brings up the major question: How long will it be until people playing football say enough is enough?

Sure, this discovery may help solve the biggest problem football currently faces, but it may take years to completely eradicate the issue. How long will it take until players realize the risks of CTE outweigh the benefits of the league, and begin to pursue other opportunities?

While it may be 20, 30, or maybe even 40 years for people to realize

playing football isn't worth it, the game is currently on the dangerous track of being eliminated from culture, or at least go down severely in popularity. It has already been mentioned by many current players, such as New Orleans Saints' quarterback Drew Brees, who do not want their kids playing because of the risks the game brings.

Eventually, there will come a time when young superstars realize that they can make a living that doesn't involve running into each other at high speeds, all the while damaging their bodies and more importantly, their brains.

Believe it or not, there was once a time in which boxing was the most popular sport in the country. Spectators would spend hundreds of dollars to see legends such as Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier duke it out for the heavyweight title. Today, you would seldom find anyone who watches or follows boxing on a regular basis. At least not to the scale as the NFL is on now.

While there may be many reasons for the decline of the sport, one of them has to be people realizing that boxing at its core was barbaric, and in a way illogical.

A sport based around beating someone to a pulp was not worth the revenue it created, and thus it was replaced in the mainstream by other sports.

Now ask a fan of boxing back in the 50s, 60s or even 70s, and he would have probably said you're crazy to think boxing will ever be out of the forefront of the sporting world. You will probably get the same reaction from a football fan in today's world. It's crazy to think that football could not be the most popular sport in the U.S., but it is currently headed that way unless it makes some major, fundamental changes.

While this new study is a major breakthrough to save this beloved sport, it is a far cry from where the game needs to be. There are still thousands of former players who struggle with life because of the injuries sustained from their playing days, and there are thousands more playing now that could have the same problems. While these problems may not have an effect on the game as we see it today, it may not be all that unrealistic to see the first Sunday of February just become another day in the future.

Men's Basketball

DAYTON ROLLS IN LARGEST EVER A10 VICTORY

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Fordham University hit an opening three to take the first lead of the game, but it was all downhill from there for the Rams on Wednesday, Jan. 23, at UD Arena.

The University of Dayton men's basketball team started the game hitting 18 of its first 23 shots from the floor and connected on 15-of-21 shots from three for the game en route to an overwhelming 96-51 win.

The win was Dayton's largest margin of victory ever as a member of the Atlantic 10, eclipsing the previous record of 44 points in an 88-44 win on Jan. 12, 2002 against Duquesne University. It also was the team's first conference win after dropping its first three contests.

"Important win for our team," said head coach Archie Miller. "I just feel good for those guys. We've been through a lot this season and we've had a lot of guys contributing. When you hit any type of rough spot, it feels like the world's coming to an end.

Redshirt senior guard Kevin Dil-

lard led Dayton with 22 points on the night on 8-of-15 shooting from the floor. He hit five of the six 3-pointers he attempted.

"I just got back to having fun tonight," Dillard said. "I just blacked out all that extra stuff and went out there and played for my teammates."

Redshirt junior guard Vee Sanford added 19 points on 7-of-12 shooting and redshirt sophomore forward Matt Derenbecker also had 11, hitting three of his four 3-point attempts.

Dayton (11-7, 1-3 A10) scored 20 points in the first 5:16 of the game before outscoring Fordham 33-13 for the remainder of the half.

"They're a good defensive team and we just had it clicking tonight," Dillard said.

Fordham (5-14, 1-3 A10) started the second half with none of its starting five taking the floor. Its second group outscored Dayton 13-4 over the first four minutes of the half, before Dayton regained control over the remainder of the game.

Fordham senior guard Chris Gaston, the team's leading rebounder and second in scoring, did not make

the trip to Dayton because of a knee injury.

After averaging more than 20 turnovers per game in A10 play, Dayton only gave the ball up eight times while forcing 19 from Fordham, scoring 29 points off turnovers.

Miller said it was one of the biggest keys of the game.

"Tonight we cleaned up some of things that were really hurting us," he said. "We had two excellent guard plays tonight."

And despite his team shooting over 70 percent from three, Miller said he still continues to preach defense first to his team.

"This deal for us is about defending, learning to play with one another, don't turn the ball over and if you're open, shoot it," he said, noting that his team's 24 assists on the night also seemed to be an overachieving number, but was happy it happened.

Heading into its next game against Duquesne on Saturday, Jan. 26, at UD Arena, Dayton will have its final tune up before a trip to Cincinnati to face Xavier University.

Derenbecker said it's good the team

was able to get rid of the bad taste three conference losses gave them, but it can't settle on what it did on Wednesday night.

"We can't beat satisfied with this one win," Derenbecker said. "Any team in this conference can beat us on any given day but we can beat any



Redshirt senior guard Kevin Dillard (1) shoots over a defender during a game against Fordham University, Wednesday, Jan. 23, at UD Arena.
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Chris Johnson signs NBA contract; Australian Open report



Chris Johnson Signs NBA Contract

Former University of Dayton men's basketball player Chris Johnson went undrafted prior to the 2012 NBA season and wasn't able to make a team, but has apparently used his time in the NBA's Developmental League well enough to earn another look.

The Memphis Grizzlies on Tuesday, Jan. 22, signed Johnson to a 10-day contract. The team made room on its 15-player roster after completing a trade with the Cleveland Cavaliers earlier in the day in which it sent three players to Cleveland for just one in return.

Johnson is now the third Dayton alumnus, along with Brian Roberts and Chris Wright, to have made an NBA roster in the last two years after not having a player in the league since Negele Knight played for the Toronto Raptors in 1999.

It's a fantastic accomplishment for the program and could be a sign it's heading in the right direction in its growth.

The likes of Gonzaga University, the University of Memphis and Xavier University have become powers in the so-called mid-major level of college basketball in the previous decade and for each school, it started with getting NBA-caliber talent that eventually panned out in the league.

Gonzaga began with Dan Dickau, Memphis with Earl Barron and Xavier with David West. Whether Chris Johnson or Chris Wright are the ones to begin leading the way for Dayton remains to be seen, but the fact the program can say players are going into the next level again can only do good for it.

NFL Pro Bowl Returns on Sunday

Well, I think we've covered this topic.

Excitement Down Under

The Australian Open is one of my favorite events I look forward to watching every year.

It's a great late night follow that perfectly bridges the gap between the Bowl Championship Series title game and the Super Bowl. It also just so happens to be the best hard court event in tennis and has some of the best fans in sports in attendance every night.

There are not many tennis players I usually have a vested rooting interest against as I enjoy all styles of play and almost all of the elite players. One though I haven't been able to get past has been Serena Williams, and her actions during her elimination match on Tuesday did not help that cause.

Playing against fellow American Sloane Stephens, Williams easily won the first set before her antics began during the second.

Williams began letting some frustration from her play get to her. She ended up stalling play during her service game with an injury timeout trailing 5-4. After letting out a few remarks, she returned to the court but ramped up her emotions.

After Stephens held serve to go up 2-1 in the third set, Williams smashed her racket into the court several times before walking towards her bench and throwing the racket along the way.

During a Stephens' service game at 4-4, Williams attempted to go cross-court with a late forehand and saw her shot go wide of the doubles line and completely off the court. She proceeded to throw one arm up in the air while looking into the crowd before pointing at the racket as if that was the reason for the poor shot. She would lose the game and her composure.

I would also like to briefly point out Victoria Azarenka, the No. 1 ranked player in the world, was then shown by ESPN between games getting dancing lessons from LMFAO's Redfoo, which

was almost as fun as watching the on-going match.

Despite needing to break serve to win heading into the match's final game, it seemed a given at this point Stephens would finish off Williams, which she did before gasping with a look of disbelief of her face that she had won.

In her post match interview with ESPN, Stephens made four mentions of a key word I love hearing from athletes: "Fun."

Williams would not even acknowledge her opponent's name when asked about Stephens during her press conference.

Stephens at 19 years old has a bright future and already exemplifies the qualities of becoming a fan favorite by exhibiting her love for the game and its fans. It's exciting to see her gain success, and for it to come against Williams, who needs to stick to her fashion lines since she has previously spoke of her desire of not wanting to play tennis, I was happy for her.