From the Director’s Desk

When was the last time you offended another member of the UD community? Perhaps an odd question, but in reality, it might have happened today. Or yesterday. Maybe you’ve not been the “offender” recently, but instead have been on the receiving end of someone else’s offensive words or actions. On the relatively innocuous end of the spectrum are words and/or behaviors that make others feel uncomfortable. They don’t like what you’ve done or said, but they probably won’t make an issue of that single incident. At the more egregious end are things said or done that can cause real fear and anxiety; things that cause the other person to change their own actions or behaviors to avoid similar encounters in the future. What really makes this question, “have you offended someone?” difficult is that often the intent of the words or actions is quite different than their impact. And when that disconnect occurs, often it’s difficult for the “offender” to recognize an offense happened unless the person they offended or a trusted colleague speaks up. That, too, is often difficult. In thinking about this issue, I sought the advice of Amy Lopez, the Director of Kennedy Union and Conference Services, Amy has served as a UD Grievance Officer and been actively involved in promoting and facilitating sexual harassment training at UD. Amy had some useful advice to offer. 1.) “If you’re not 100% sure how your comment, joke or touch will be received, don’t do it!” It’s better to risk losing some part of the interaction than to inflict damage or pain on another. 2.) “Confront offenders.” While acknowledging that doing so is never easy, if you assume the person is well intentioned but oblivious to their impact, confronting the offender becomes a bit easier. It’s also important to keep in mind that when the offender’s words or actions appear to fall within the University’s policies against sexual harassment, we all have a moral obligation, as members of this Catholic and Marianist community, to act within the boundaries of those policies. Finally, what about those “gray” situations we sometimes encounter? For example, when we witness members of this community acting in ways we believe are unprofessional, un-Maristian, etc.? Again, I encourage you to assume the person’s motives are pure, but find a way to help them see how others might perceive what they’re doing or saying. Telling an “emperor” (or empress, as it may be) that he or she “has no clothes” takes guts, but doing so helps create an environment in which we can all grow and thrive, including “the emperor.”

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Success After Tragedy

Hope for Women Survivors of Sexual Abuse

Unfortunately, not many women are aware of the tremendous amount of helpful resources available to them when they begin working through the emotions of their childhood sexual abuse. The University of Dayton set out to change this with the event “Women Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse.” In support of National Women’s Health Month, the Women’s Center and Fitz Center for Leadership in Community joined forces with Womanline, Artemis,Care House at Children’s Medical Center, and The Ohio Department of Health through the Wright State University Center for Healthy Communities worked to make women more aware of the support available to them. On Monday, September 18th the “Women Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse” event was held in the Kennedy Union Ballroom.

The featured speaker was Holly Sowels-Jenkins who spoke to the audience about her personal experiences with childhood sexual abuse. Her journey through the pain and anger of sexual abuse served as an example of not only a tremendous survivor but a healthy woman who is also a writer, wife, and mother. Sowels-Jenkins’ main goal is to “help other people who’ve been sexually abused by teaching them to release the pain, so they can manage their lives. Because the memory of the abuse is not going to go away, it’s important how we manage our lives in spite of the memories.”

She was able to provide the audience with an excellent example of a woman who has managed her life successfully and persevered in order to provide others with a sense of hope and determination.

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Stop Hate Week promotes diversity

In order to promote diversity and inclusion and to create an awareness of bias and hate that exists on campus, the University of Dayton composed a full week of scheduled events for Stop Hate Week. The primary goals were to increase awareness of bias and hate that exists on campus, to provide everyone with information on how to seek help, and assist in making the UD campus a safer place for everyone.

Those who were interested in learning about other cultures met some new possibilities on Monday, September 28th at the Intercultural Speed Meet. This was an event designed to bring together diverse and interesting people from a variety of ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Participants met in pairs for a few minutes to learn about one another’s culture so they could see what they had in common and what things they could learn from one another. Then they each moved on to another person and began again. It was a fun and casual way to learn about new cultures and the diversities that exists on the UD campus.

Others preferred movies offered throughout the week. On Tuesday evening, those interested met at the Artstreet Amphitheatre to watch Hotel Rwanda, Crash, and Transamerica.

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Women’s Center

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Inside
What’s Going On?

Love Your Body Month focuses on prevention

According to the National Organization for Women (NOW) Foundation, 80% of women in the United States are dissatisfied with their appearance. This boils down to only one out of every five women having a positive body image. To counter this, the UD Women’s Center has dedicated the entire month of October to building a positive self-image. The theme, Be A Better You: Love your Body Month will focus this year on prevention.

The Women’s Center and other UD departments are sponsoring many events on campus to inspire women to take action and to better their health. The Women’s Center has a positive body image. The theme, Be A Better You: Love your Body Month will focus this year on prevention.

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Residence halls are also joining in on “Love Your Body Month” by offering many different programs. Students are encouraged to attend floor programs such as movies with healthy snacks and a recipe exchange called “Beyond Ramon Noodles and Easy Mac.” Bulletin boards will also be displayed addressing topics such as depression, body image, dieting, homesickness, pap smears, breast exams, and eating disorders. Nutrition information will be posted in dining halls to show different ways to make healthy meals with the food available. Be sure to also keep a look out for events on Breast Cancer Awareness taking place the rest of October. Check out the Women’s Center’s website for a complete calendar of Love Your Body Month events.

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“Welcoming international students to campus educates the entire university by allowing students from a number of backgrounds and cultures to exchange ideas on gender role expectations. By learning how women are viewed in different cultures, each woman can use what she has learned to create a gender role that breaks free of stereotypes and encompasses those qualities that best suit

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Voices Raised
Facebook raises issues

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How do you feel?

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-Claire, Sophomore

“I think if people are going to put unflattering things about themselves on the Internet, then I believe employers have the complete right to go check it out. If they get into trouble, it’s their own fault in the first place.”

-Sarah, Junior

“It’s my private life and I wish to keep my private life separate from my work life.”

-Stephanie, Senior

“Admit it, if you’re a student you love it. You poke, you post and you tag. Life for college students wouldn’t be the same without Facebook, a social networking Web site for high school and college students. However, now Facebook is taking it one step further. According to the Facebook website, people who work for companies can now register for a Facebook address. Many companies are using this feature to access the accounts of potential and current employees. Has Facebook gone too far?

Mark Sisson, an Associate Director in Career Services at the University of Dayton, is conducting research involving Facebook. In his preliminary surveys he has found that most employers do not consider Facebook an accurate portrayal of their client. “Many employers view it as a window into the personality and professionalism of the person,” explained Mark. “It seems that they are looking at insights into the discretion and maturity of the candidate.”

However, Mark admits that’s not the case for all companies. “For some employers, such as government agencies and law enforcement, the information of Facebook takes on a whole new dimension,” Mark said. “I think these employers take it more seriously.”

Many students admit to signing on to Facebook at least 5 times a day and most of them cringe at the idea of a future or current employer looking at their Facebook account.

So next time you go to poke, post or tag remember that your employer could be checking you out.

“College students think anything they put on Facebook is just for their friends but obviously it can hurt us in the long run if employers are starting to use it.”

-Liz, Senior

The University of Dayton welcomed a new face to the Engineering department this past summer. The new edition, Laura Bistrek, has taken on the task of managing the Minority Engineering Program along with creating the Women Engineering Program.

Bistrek graduated from UD with a degree in Civil Engineering in 1997 and received her Masters of Business Administration degree at the University of Louisville in 2002. Prior to her 1999 graduation, she accepted a position with Tetra Tech, Inc., an engineering company located in Atlanta. As a result of the work experience she gained through co-oping at UD, Bistrek is significantly involved in many professional organizations.

The University of Dayton alumna is currently working as a construction manager for a construction firm. She also works part-time at the University of Dayton as a Career Development Specialist. “I recently joined the Women in Engineering Programs and Advocates Network, the National Association of Multicultural Engineering Program Advocates, Inc., the Society of Women Engineers, the National Society of Black Engineers, and the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers.”

“I feel that being involved in professional organizations has helped me establish contact and build community with other women engineers,” says Bistrek. She believes that this is a great way to network with other female engineers in such a male-dominated field.

Through the majority of engineers are men, Bistrek has had a positive experience working as a woman in the field. However, there were several comments in her career where she had to work twice as hard. There were also times Bistrek felt disregarded and had to work hard to gain trust and respect in order for prospective contractors to take her seriously.

Other issues that she encountered consisted of “fitting in with the guys” during lunch conversations, or dealing with the fact that there was no official maternity leave policy at her office and co-workers assumed that she would not return to work after her first pregnancy.

Bistrek’s motivation to return to UD as part of the staff in the Engineering department was her desire to work with students on a full-time basis. She says that the part of her job that she always enjoyed the most was working with co-ops, mentoring younger engineers, and the outreach programs through the professional societies. Bistrek knew this position would be perfect for her, stating that she would go to do work with students and promote diversity in engineering.

“I would like to increase the number of diverse, well-educated graduates, who continue to provide service to society,” says Bistrek of her visions for the Minority and Women Engineering Programs.

Women’s Center Profiles
UD Alumna Leads Women’s Engineering Program

The University of Dayton is committed to increasing diversity in its student body. Recent initiatives by the University include the Minority and Women’s Center, which has been instrumental in support the diversity of students at UD.

Laura Bistrek graduated from the University of Dayton in 1997 with a degree in Civil Engineering. She returned to UD to work as a Career Development Specialist in the Women’s Center.

Bistrek believes that being involved in professional organizations has helped her establish contact and build community with other women engineers. She also noted that the University of Dayton is an excellent place for women engineers to work.

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Now imagine what it would be like to go to college in another country, one with very different ideals than yours. Currently, there is a group of 12 female Chinese students here on campus doing just that. These women are from Shanghai Normal University in China and are participating in a dual degree international program majoring in Mechanical Engineering Technology and Electrical Engineering to complete their last year of college here at the University of Dayton.

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The international students live in international housing located in the apartments on East Stewart Street.

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As a woman, I am very much aware of the social pressures placed upon women to uphold a standard of youth, beauty, and motherhood. As a psychologist in training, I am also very aware of how these social expectations of women can have a very detrimental effect on women’s self-worth and overall happiness. As a feminist, I can envision how things could possibly be different through consciousness raising and providing support through sisterhood. Many people believe that the social expectations of beauty often harm women even if it is not in the literal sense. Women do not experience these expectations in isolation and it may be helpful to begin a dialogue with other women in our lives about how these expectations make us feel.

During Love Your Body Month, it is especially pertinent that we begin to talk with other women about our own bodies and how we can begin to feel proud of our bodies, as well as of our womanhood. Loving our own body can be difficult at times but it is important that we provide ourselves time each day to truly invest in who we are. These do not have to be large grandiose investments. They can be as simple as learning a new word each day or as complex as teaching yourself to play an instrument. I propose that we, as women, begin to support ourselves and each other in loving ourselves as well as loving our bodies.

Overall, the social expectations of beauty are still constraining women even if it is not in the literal sense. Women do not experience these expectations in isolation and it may be helpful to begin a dialogue with other women in our lives about how these expectations make us feel.

Judging a book by the back cover...

Stopping Cancer Before It Starts

"Who should read this book? Almost anyone can and should. Diet and cancer are among the more hotly debated issues and the debate, and make intelligent choices." - Oncology Times

Can’t Buy My Love

Hi Dr. B-
I have a lot of people in my family who had cancer. Is there anything I can do to reduce my risk?

Lisa-

You didn’t mention the types of cancer, as some have a hereditary component, and some cancers don’t. There are, however, a number of things you can do to reduce your risk of getting cancer.

1. Foods:
   - Eat a diet that is rich in a variety of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains.
   - Try to eat 6 or more servings daily of colorful produce (e.g., dark green leafy veggies, sweet potatoes, blueberries, strawberries).
   - Choose brown rice instead of white, multigrain instead of white bread.
   - Minimize the amount of processed foods you eat. Limit red meat to 3 oz./day or avoid completely, and avoid processed meats such as lunch meat or hot dogs. Eat more fish or skinless poultry and non-meat proteins such as beans or peas.
   - Limit fat intake, especially saturated fats. Lean toward olive oil and polyunsaturated oils (e.g., canola oil).
   - Avoid or minimize heavily salted or cured foods.
   - Minimize charred (grilled with blackened surface) foods.
   - Keep your weight within a normal range. Limit weight gain includes being fit and maintaining a healthy body mass index.

2. Exercise:
   - Be active. Aim for 30 to 60 minutes of exercise most days of the week. Use sunscreen and minimize outdoor activities during peak sun hours (10 am-3 pm).
   - Avoid alcohol. If you drink, women should drink no more than one drink per day, and no more than two.
   - Avoid tobacco products.
   - Get regular check-ups. Young women should have annual Pap tests and breast self-exam, and young men should do monthly testicular self exam. All young folks should have large (bigger than a pencil eraser), irregular, or changing moles evaluated by a physician.

Is this an all or nothing proposition? Certainly not. Cancer isn’t usually a sudden development. The most common cancers take years (some as many as 7-9 years) to develop. Every day, at the cellular level, your body responds to toxins and oxidative stresses with changes that could cause cancer. However, the body also has an amazing capacity to repair these changes. Taking care of our body by making some or all of the recommendations above enhances the body’s ability to repair and remain healthy, and to prevent cancer.

Lisa-