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NEWS TIPS

THURSDAY, JAN. 4: **FAMILY AND FRIENDS REMEMBER A.J. COHEN AT CAMPUS MEMORIAL SERVICE AT UD**

"A Celebration of Life" will be the theme of a memorial service for Austin "A.J." Cohen, a University of Dayton senior economics major from Loveland, Ohio, who died in a pre-dawn house fire in the student neighborhood Sunday, Dec. 10. A capacity crowd is expected at the service, to be held at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, in the Immaculate Conception Chapel on campus.

Music, readings and prayers will be offered during the service. Joe Owens, assistant director of athletics, and Mike Kelly, head football coach, will speak at the service. Cohen, 21, was a wide receiver on the football team.

Also expected to speak of A.J. during the service will be a member of his family. Students will perform the readings and intercessions, and an open reflection will invite service participants to share their thoughts of A.J.

The Immaculate Conception Chapel seats about 400, including balcony seats.

FIRE AND SMOKE ALARM INSPECTIONS TURNING UP FEW MALFUNCTIONS

An inspection of fire and smoke alarm systems in the student neighborhood at the University of Dayton is turning up a minimal number of malfunctioning systems, UD officials report.

The inspection, which should be completed this week, has discovered two houses with pull stations disabled, although the alarms placed in various rooms in each of the houses were functioning. Officials suspect the pull stations, intended to be activated manually when a person spots smoke or fire, were disabled to prevent prank alarms.

No other malfunctioning alarms have been found in the approximately 350 UD-owned houses in the student neighborhood. The inspections are being conducted by two external companies, Silco Fire Protection and Dunham and Sons Fire Protection, both of Dayton.

The inspection was scheduled following the fire at 414 Stonemill Road Dec. 10 that resulted in the death of A.J. Cohen. A similar inspection is conducted at the beginning of each school year.

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