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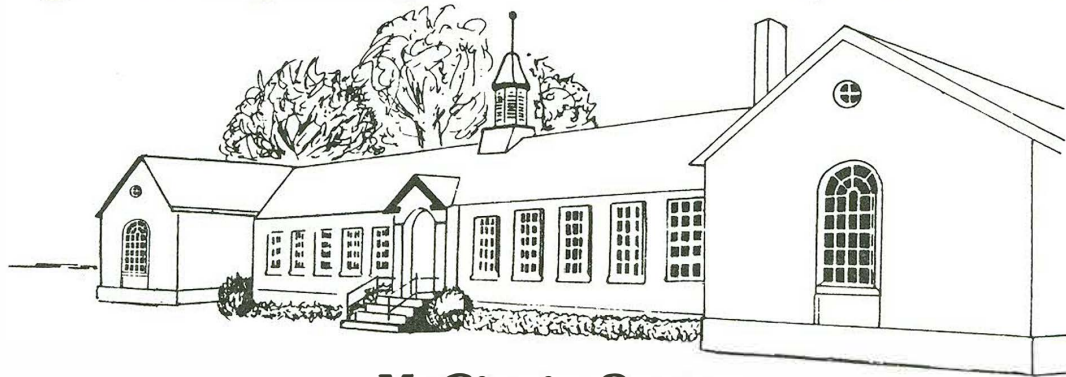
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block talk



McGinnis Center

November 11, 1986

HANDS ACROSS THE GHETTO

Usually it is out there, away from us and our world. Usually it is impersonal, no one we know. It is a picture in a magazine, a small child on TV., headlines in the newspaper or statistics in a report. Still it is a problem that won't go away, an issue that can't be ignored --HUNGER!! And it has come home to UD.

On November 14th at 3:30 PM the University of Dayton Family is going to take a stand against starvation and hunger around the world and close to home in the Miami Valley. With the joining of hundreds of hands across the UD Ghetto, Campus Ministry is providing the UD community with the chance to say that we can make a difference. Last May, many of the students and faculty stood in a line that stretched across the country to raise money for the hungry and needy in the United States. But a good portion of us, author included, missed that opportunity to show that we care. However second chances do happen. Campus Ministry's kick off to Hunger Awareness Week, HANDS ACROSS THE GHETTO, affords us just the second opportunity.

Hands Across the Ghetto will stretch through the extended campus from Irving and Alberta, down Alberta and around up to the Chapel. Everyone who stands in line is invited to get people to sponsor them with money, food or clothing. To be a part of this event, one must sign up at McGinnis Center, Campus South or the Chapel or call x3339. Once registered, a person will be given a spot in line, a sponsor sheet, and the privilege of joining in the tailgate which follows. To unify the event, WVUD has promised to play for us the songs that have also been responses to World Hunger, "Do They Know It's Christmas" and "We Are The World". To make this work, we need you to put your stereos in the windows of your homes (OK for this event only!!) at 3:00 PM and turn on WVUD before you go to gather on line. The rest will be history.

This one event will not stamp out World Hunger. But on November 14th and throughout the rest of Hunger Awareness Week, **WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE MIAMI VALLEY!!**



Christmas on Campus 1986: a Yuletide Tradition of Giving

Dear UD,

Even though most of us are worried about just making it to Thanksgiving vacation, Christmas is just around the corner -- Christmas on Campus, that is. This December 8, the University of Dayton family will celebrate its twenty-third annual Christmas on Campus. The theme this year is "A Yuletide Tradition of Giving", and our goal, as always, is to get as many people involved as possible because we think it is an extra-special evening.

At 5:00 p.m., on December 8, approximately 1200 children and senior citizens will arrive on campus, ready to experience the love that is a UD Christmas. At 6:00 p.m., the opening ceremonies will begin in KU Plaza. After a Christmas carol sing-along, and a reenactment of the birth of Jesus, the Christmas tree will be lit, and these children, senior citizens, and their adoptive students will descend on Kennedy Union in search of Santa Claus and Christmas cookies. At 10:00 p.m., after returning all children and senior citizens to buses, the UD family will gather in the Fieldhouse for a more serious celebration -- that of the Sacrament of the Mass.

Adoption sign-ups have already been held, and students can pick up their child's name the week after Thanksgiving. For those who did not get to sign up to adopt, don't worry because there are always extras.

For those of you for whom this will be brand-new experience, then welcome to Christmas on Campus 1986! For those of you who are thinking, "This sounds just like last year!" you are right! Christmas on Campus is a tradition, a UD tradition of giving, and one of which all of us as students have a right to be very proud.

Hope to see you there!

the COC Committee

Any questions? Call or stop by our office in KU, ext. 4405.

*Have a
Happy
and Safe
Thanksgiving
from the*

McGinnis Center Staff



Security Precautions Over Thanksgiving

With the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday, as residents leave to enjoy turkey festivities, an air of quietness will overcome the off campus area. But there are always a few people who choose to stay in the comfort of their off campus home. If you are one of these residents, here are a few helpful security tips:

- Make sure all windows and doors are secure.
- Before opening your locked door ascertain what the visitor wants
- If you know someone else that is staying in the area get together with them.
- Call the McGinnis Center and tell us who you are and where you live. We will report your address to Campus Security.
- Never hesitate to call both Campus Security (229-2121) or Dayton Police (222-9511) if you see or hear something strange. Remember the police would rather respond to a call and find nothing than not receive a call and jeopardize your personal safety.

Why Wait Until the UD Housing Lottery?

As a result of December 1986 graduation, several houses and garden apartments have become available for University students to rent. Don't miss this opportunity to secure a University-owned house or apartment with possible retention rights for the 1986-87 school year. All the houses and apartments are fully furnished -- and don't forget you won't receive any heating bills this winter. There's no better place to live in the Off Campus than in a University-owned house or apartment. For more details regarding costs, retention rights, and any other information, call the Housing Office at 229-3317.

Holiday Decorations

For the safety of all students, the McGinnis Center Office of Community Relations would like to remind all students of the hazards of holiday decorations. The following regulations are issued to the University-owned off campus houses following consultation with the Dayton Fire Dept. It would be a safe measure for **all** residents of the off campus area to follow these measures.

- Live or natural foliage may not be used as part of any decorations on the interior of any University-owned Off Campus houses.
- Paint is not permitted on the windows.
- Only flame-proof material may be used in the decorations.
- All lights or lighting devices must have the approval of the National Board of Fire Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., Factory Mutual's Laboratories, or the National Bureau of Standards.
- No Christmas decorations may be placed in doorways, stairways, or the general passageways.
- Christmas decorations should not be placed on lamps or ceiling lights.
- No open flames, such as candles or keorse lamps may be used.

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Feature on . . .

Elaine Johnson

Each month the McGinnis Center Office of Community Relations will use this space to feature people who live in this area and/or make an impact through their concern and service to the extended campus area.

This month's feature story focuses on Elaine Johnson, Coordinator of Neighborhood Affairs for the Southeast Priority Board. Elaine was recently appointed as Coordinator following the departure of Joseph Cosowic.

Elaine was born in Dayton, Ohio at Miami Valley Hospital. For her first two years she lived on Wayne Avenue in a house that was subsequently torn down to make room for Route 35. She and her family then moved to a house on the north side of town, where she lived until going to college at Dennison University. While she lived on the north side of downtown, she went to E. J. Brown Elementary School. She eventually graduated from Colonel White High School. During high school she "liked to stay busy" so in addition to her studies, she was very active in extracurricular activities. Among her accomplishments, she was an officer in the Colonel White Marching Unit, editor of the yearbook, president of the Latin Club, and an officer in the American Field Services. "The American Field Service was an organization that brought a person over to the United States from Europe. It also sent one person over to visit Europe, like a cultural exchange program." In fact, in her senior year, Elaine was chosen as the alternate to go to Europe in the program. In addition, Elaine worked during the summer, although she was "very disappointed" when she did not get the job she wanted in an upstate New York tourist resort -- Lake George.

Following graduation from high school in 1966, she attended Dennison University, where she graduated in 1970 with a B.A. in Political Science and a minor in Sociology. It was at Dennison that she was elected to her first office, the Women's Judicial Council. She left Dennison six months prior to graduation, spending the time traveling in Europe. She took with her the book "Europe on Five Dollars a Day." "We were even able to travel Europe on three dollars a day. Europe is very beautiful. We enjoyed meeting all the different people. They were wonderfully warm and open. What made Europe special was the people."

After returning to the United States, Elaine spent some time in Colorado before moving to Cleveland to work in the Cuyohoga County Welfare Department as a social worker. In 1974, she decided to move back to Colorado, where she worked in a newspaper production and layout department. In 1975, she moved to the outskirts of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, on a "hobby farm." "A hobby farm is a farm with a few cows, horses, a dog, and a big garden." Her first child, Nathan, was born that same year. The next year they moved into the historical district in the town of Eau Claire. It was here that she began to become active in community affairs and politics. It wasn't until 1979 that she ran for a county commission seat in Eau Claire and won the County Supervisor's seat. During her tenure, she worked on the extension to the jail and developed the county's work release program. She also drew up a total reapportionment map for the district according to the census. "The plans were accepted whole-heartedly for the first time in 40 years."

In 1985, she decided she wanted to be closer to her parents who live in Dayton. Elaine is very proud of her family. Her father, Judge Zimmers, was the well known judge of Probate Court in Montgomery County until his recent retirement. Her mom was a housewife and "was very active in community affairs." She also has two brothers, Neil Zimmers, who is an Ohio attorney and in the State Senate, and Craig, who is Deputy Director of the Automobile License Bureau and a Harrison Township trustee.

Elaine is no stranger to the off-campus area. During college summer vacation, she used to "date UD students, and go to parties in the off-campus area." "I went to summer classes at UD, so I feel like I have some connection to the area." Commenting on her recent tour of some University-owned houses, she said she "was really pleased to learn and see first-hand what the University is doing for the Off Campus students. UD has taken the responsibility to make sure the area is safe and hospitable. When I drove by Clean Sweep and saw the numbers and numbers of students who turned out having fun and working together to clean the area, it made me feel good that they care enough to clean it, because it's their neighborhood. This office will continue to work with UD and the students to make them feel a part of their neighborhood and this community."

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS (Continued from page 2)

- No open flames, such as candles, or kerosene lamps may be used.
- Smoking should be avoided near decorated areas.
- Ceiling light fixtures may not be painted.
- Lastly, we suggest you remove your Christmas decorations before leaving for Christmas vacation. The decorations may not appear quite as joyful upon your return in January!

We present this information to you now to prevent any disappointment you might experience if you return after the Thanksgiving Holiday with Christmas decorations you may not use.

CHRISTMAS HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

The Off Campus Block Reps and the McGinnis Center Office of Community Relations are pleased to announce the **THIRD ANNUAL OFF CAMPUS HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST**. Judging for the contest will take place on Wednesday, December 10, beginning at 6:00 p.m. **ALL HOUSES** in the off-campus area, Woodland and Chambers Avenues included, are welcome to join in the Christmas spirit, as we judge for exterior decorations. The first prize will be dinner at the Pine Club and second prize will be dinner at Westward Ho for each resident of the house.

To enter, simply fill out the entry form below. Be sure to include all the names of the residents, address, phone number, and return it to the McGinnis Center by December 7, 1986.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

ADDRESS _____

NAMES _____

PHONE NO. _____

**Return this form to the
McGinnis Center
by December 7th.**

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

- 12 UAO Euchre Tournament, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 14 Last day to withdraw with record of W
- 16 UD Open House, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Kennedy Union Boll Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 19 Film - UAO
- 25 UD Jazz Ensemble, 8:00 p.m., Boll Theatre
- 26 Thanksgiving recess after last evening class
- 28 No Classes
- 29 Graduate Saturday classes meet Basketball, St. Joseph's, 8:00 p.m., UD Arena

DECEMBER

- 1 Classes resume
- 3 Basketball, Miami, 7:30 p.m., at Oxford, OH
- 6 Basketball, Virginia Commonwealth, 8:00 p.m., at Richmond VA
- 8 Feast of Immaculate Conceptionn - no classes
Christmas on Campus
- 9 Basketball, St. Louis, 7:30 p.m., UD Arena

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