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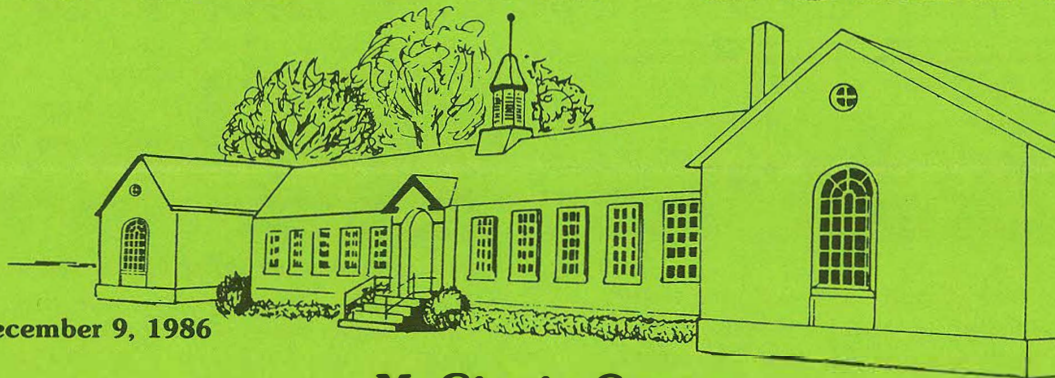
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December 9, 1986

McGinnis Center



***The McGinnis Center
sends its Seasons Greetings
for a happy and safe holiday.***

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 area 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.

McGinnis Center Late Study Hours

During final exams the McGinnis Center will have extended hours for anyone wishing to get out of their house or apartment in search of a better study atmosphere. The building will be kept open from 9 a.m. until 2 a.m. on December 11, 14, 15, 16, and 17. In addition **free** study refreshments (coffee, tea, milk and donuts) will be available for the taking.

Also please note that the McGinnis Center will officially close for the Christmas recess on **December 19** at 5 p.m. and reopen **January 4** at noon.



**Best Wishes
from
Student Development
to
December Graduates**



Newspapers And Mail

To those students who will be leaving for Christmas vacation, be sure and temporarily stop newspaper and mail delivery. Mail delivery may be stopped by contacting the Post Office and to stop the delivery of the *Dayton Daily News* and *Journal Herald* call 222-5700.

LOCK IT UP!

The McGinnis Center has put together a few tips that should be checked before the last resident leaves your house. Following just one or two of the guidelines will decrease the likelihood of your house becoming a target for a thief:

- Make sure all doors and windows are locked and secured tightly.
- Stop all newspaper and mail deliveries for the period you are away.
- Leave several lights on inside your house. Also leave the porch light on. (Free porch light bulbs are available at the McGinnis Center.)
- Make the house look lived in. Keep drapes and blinds partially open.
- Engrave all your valuables left behind, then store them in a closet.
- Complete the enclosed form and return it to the McGinnis Center prior to your departure.

Upcoming University Events

December

- 12 Final Exams begin
- 18 Final exams end; Christmas vacation begins following last exam
- 20 Graduation exercises for December graduates

January

- 5 Second semester classes begin
- 13 Last day for late registration, change of grading option and schedules
- 19 Martin Luther King Day; no day or evening classes except those held only once weekly at 4:30 p.m. and after

February

- 6 Friendly Floyd's
- 11 Housing Fair
- 16 Lincoln/Washington Day; no day or evening classes except those held only once weekly at 4:30 p.m. and after
- 17 Mid-term break; no day or evening classes except those held only once weekly at 4:30 p.m. and after
- 20 Dance Marathon
- 27 Turnabout Dance

March

- Clean Sweep; date to be announced
- Housing Lotteries; date to be announced
- 25 Last day to withdraw with record of W

April

- 3/4 Siblings Weekend
- 10 Senior Ball
- 16 Examinations
- 17 Easter recess begins
- 20 Monday only classes at 4:30 p.m. or after have exams
- 21 Examinations continue
- 25 Second term ends after last examination
- 26 Commencement

Feature On . . .

JOHN BRITT

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.

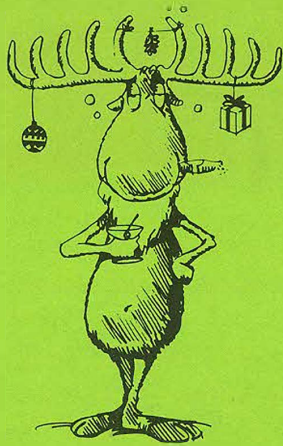
This month's feature story focuses on John Britt, Assistant to the Director of Campus Ministry. John was born in Washington, D.C. in 1958. Before coming to live in the Dayton area in 1966, John and his family lived in St. Louis from 1958 to 1961, in Omaha, Nebraska, from 1961 to 1964, and in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from 1964 to 1966. John explained that his father was in the military at the time, which necessitated the moves every few years. Upon their arrival to the area, they purchased a house in Kettering very close to Fairmont West High School which John later attended. At D.L. Barnes Junior High School, John became interested in sports. It wasn't until he began high school at Fairmont West in 1973 that he began to show his talents. John became a three sport person, playing football, basketball, and tennis. He was also very involved in the Chess Club. He became "first board" and with his teammates competed in state and national tournaments. To this day John is a formidable chess player, but he switched to raquetball as his favorite competitive sport. During high school, John also became interested in geology. One summer he and approximately 25 classmates went on a geology trip to Colorado. For a month, the group "studied different sites and examined wildlife and rocks and the like."

The following fall John began his college career at the University of Dayton. The year was 1976. As a result of his trip to Colorado, John caught the "traveling bug." He eventually graduated in 1982. These six years proved to be very rewarding. Following his first semester at UD, John traveled to Switzerland. For the next four months, he studied French at a Marianist School in Sion, Switzerland. Upon his return he worked for a year in the stock department at E.F. McDonald's. But the bug bit again in the summer of 1979, when he traveled to Ireland, where he worked on a sheep farm for two months. He helped raise prize Scottish rams that were to be shown at fairs. While there he developed a taste for "warm Guinness Stout." He came back to UD for the school year, but left again the following summer to see the USA via bikes. He and a friend rode to Tucson, Arizona, where they stayed for a month before returning to Dayton. John decided it was time to get down to work at UD. He spent the next two years working toward his degree in Philosophy with a minor in Photography, both of which he received in April, 1982.

Following graduation, John worked for Continental Cablevision for nine months. But the bug bit again. This time John was off for seven months of camping and backpacking. His journey began in the outback of Australia. After two months in Australia, John moved to New Zealand where he roamed for another four months. He then headed home via Fiji, Hawaii, and Tahiti. Upon his return he worked for a short time in home repairs before coming to the University in his present position in the spring of 1984.

John is no stranger to the extended campus area. During his on/off times at UD, he spent many an hour in the area. "I used to have great fun down here. A lot of fun people and parties. Although I was never involved, some relations with the communities were tense. It's good to see that is no longer true. Also, the McGinnis Center was a great idea. It fills many of the needs the ghetto has had for years. It was a long-needed addition. But there is one thing the off-campus needs—a small store that is more reasonable than the Deli. Someplace that provides groceries, rather than just beer and munchies."

John has been a great addition to the University. With the recent key role he played in "Hands Across the Ghetto," John is continuing to develop a positive image in the off-campus area.



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 10, 1986.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

ADDRESS _____

NAMES _____

PHONE NO. _____

**Return this form to the
McGinnis Center
by December 10th.**

Did you know that . . .

- Christmas Holiday Security forms are available at the McGinnis Center. The forms will be delivered to Campus Security to aid them when they are patrolling the off-campus area over Christmas vacation. For further information, contact the McGinnis Center or call 229-2047.
- In most cases, it is the responsibility of the residents to shovel their own sidewalk when it snows. So, the next time it snows, come down to the Center and borrow a shovel.
- You can keep your porch light on at night. If you need a light bulb for your front or back porch, come to the Center and get one FREE!
- Every Sunday at 10:00 p.m. Father Jerry Chinchar says Mass at the McGinnis Center. Anyone wishing to help out setting up, breaking down, reading, or helping out in any way can contact Father at 229-2725. All are welcome.
- In addition to cleaning equipment and porch light bulbs, the McGinnis Center has student handbooks, RTA bus schedules, a security engraver, landlord/tenant information, plus much more! Stop by the Center to discover what's available for you.

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