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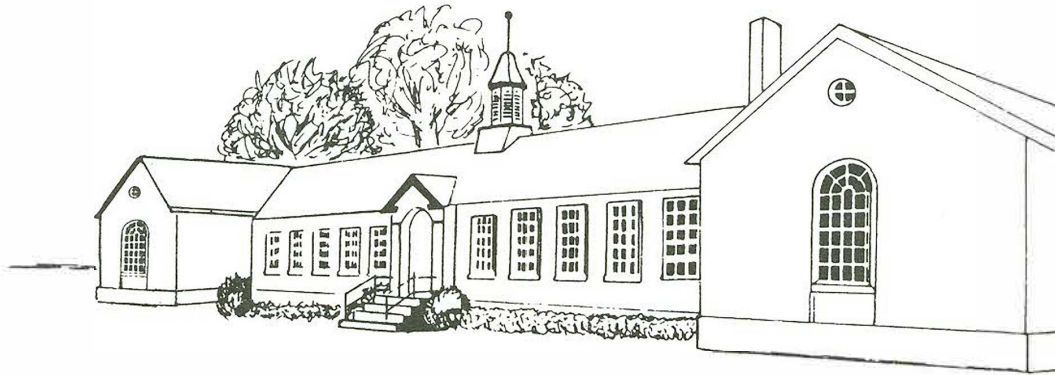
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McGinnis Center

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SAFETY AND SECURITY THROUGH HELP HOUSES

Everyone enjoys living in the UD neighborhood with its unique personality. It is different and more exciting than most neighborhoods. However, like many others, the UD neighborhood has its share of security problems. The area at times can seem uninviting, even for someone who is familiar with it. This is especially true when someone becomes distressed due to an illness, accident, or feels that he or she is being followed.

In order for the UD neighborhood to live without fear, the Help House Program was established. The McGinnis Center and Student Government Association are once again organizing the Help House Program to increase security awareness and to provide support for those in the area. Any house in the UD neighborhood can become a Help House. As a Help House, you agree to display a Help House logo below your porch light and offer assistance to someone who may be in distress.

The Help House Program began eight years ago. Help Houses serve a dual purpose: they aid individuals who need safety in the area and help decrease crime by acting as a type of neighborhood watch group. All students should familiarize themselves with the Help Houses in the neighborhood. Help Houses are important for everyone's safety and security. If you and your housemates would like to get involved in the Help House Program, contact the McGinnis Center at 229-2047 or sign up at the Student Government Association in Kennedy Union. Help continue to keep the neighborhood safe. You may sometime need a Help House hand.

Fall Clean Sweep

Once again it is time to clean up the neighborhood. The fall Clean Sweep is set for Saturday, October 24, at 10:00 a.m. Clean Sweep is an organized project to get groups and individuals to clean up the UD neighborhood. Last spring over 400 students participated in this worthy cause.

Clean Sweep will take place rain or shine. All brooms, rakes, shovels, and trash bags will be provided by the McGinnis Center and the City of Dayton. Clean Sweep is sponsored by the Student Government Association, the McGinnis Center, Brown Street Business District, Second District Police Department, and the City of Dayton.

All organizations are required to sign up one week in advance in the SGA office located in Kennedy Union, Room 236. The organization with the most members participating and the one with the highest percentage of members participating will win prizes donated by the Student Government Association and the Housing Office. In addition, some Brown Street businesses have donated door prizes. To be eligible to win, all presidents should be at the McGinnis Center at 9:30 a.m., October with their final membership roster.

Once the area is sparkling clean, free donuts and juice will be provided for all participants. So come on out October 24 and help "Clean Sweep" the area. See you there.

Warning: Noise Violations

The Housing Office and Second District Police Department want to warn everyone that loud music and/or noise **WILL NOT** be tolerated in the campus neighborhood. Police will be monitoring the area with decibel meters. Houses with unreasonable noise or music levels will receive citations from the police. When this happens, members of the household must make a court appearance and a judge will determine the fine. There will be no warnings granted. More than thirty houses have already received citations. Remember, keep the noise and music levels down or **you** could wind up in court.

At Your Service

Need to copy those class notes, fliers, or anything? Don't waste your time trudging to the library or another copy center. The McGinnis Center has a Xerox machine for your use. The machine is located in the McGinnis Center Office. Get your copies made in the neighborhood today!

Space Available

Need a change in your living arrangement? The Housing Office has several openings in Founders Hall. This includes double and single occupancy spaces. In addition, there are some spaces available in UD Houses. For more information, call Robin Shuleski in the Housing Office at 229-3317.

VOLUNTEER . . .

BLOCK REPS NEEDED

The McGinnis Center Office of Community Relations is looking for students to volunteer to be their block's representative. Block Reps voice ideas for programs, suggestions and questions for the attention of the University. There is very little time involved in being a Block Rep, but the results are significant. If you have an interest in serving your neighborhood and improving the quality of life in the off campus area, please fill out the form below and drop it off at the McGinnis Center, 301 Lowes Street, or simply call Judy Raines at 229-2047.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

SEPTEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Jeff Pfeifer: Making the Most of It

Jeff Pfeifer can answer almost any question one might have about the University of Dayton. His involvement in many activities on campus makes him a well-rounded source of information.

However, it wasn't always this way. When Jeff, a junior in Communications Management, left his home in Cincinnati to move to UD, he knew very little about it. He made his decision to attend UD in one day and had never visited the campus before. Jeff quickly found life at UD very much to his liking.

"The size of UD is comfortable. There is something for everyone here," he said. Jeff also spoke about the friendly atmosphere at UD. He attributes this to the "ghetto" area.

"I've been to a lot of schools, and I've never seen anything like the 'ghetto.' It is a social gathering place and one special part of UD that students never forget," he said.

Most people have probably heard of Jeff through his involvement with the Student Government Association (SGA). After a year-long stint as an Off Campus Representative for SGA, Jeff was elected Vice President of SGA for the 1987-88 school year. In past years students knew SGA as the Student Association (SA). The name was changed to reflect the goals of the group. "The governmental aspect of SA was looked at less than the programming part. This year we want to make strides toward better representation for students," he said. Jeff added that he hopes students will feel comfortable bringing their concerns to SGA.

"We have a good relationship with the administration and that can be beneficial to students," he said.

Besides his work with SGA, Jeff is active in Greek life at UD. He currently is Vice President of Sigma Nu fraternity. Jeff feels Greek life at UD is unique in that it is not exclusive. "People don't limit themselves to just their fraternity or sorority. The system is loose enough that you can develop relationships with other Greeks and non-Greeks," he commented.

In addition, Jeff is a UD tour guide. He likes being one because he loves talking about UD. He said giving tours gives him a chance to tell other people about the great experience they could have here.

Jeff has seen a lot of changes since he got here. The physical changes such as the new buildings, the new plaza, and the new food court are apparent. He feels these changes show the concern the administration has for the student. "The important part is that these changes meet the needs of the students at the time. The University is very concerned with the quality of student life," he said.

Jeff is the first to admit he will miss his busy college days. His favorite times here have been Halloween, beating Notre Dame, and life in general in the "ghetto."

"College is the time of your life that you never equal. I don't think you ever have that mix of social life and business again," he said. For Jeff Pfeifer, he definitely is making the most of his time at UD.

Greek Happenings

In an effort to keep UD Greeks updated on Greek happenings, a regular column will be established in Block Talk. Suggestions and information should be given to the Greek Life Office (x2638). Space is limited.

Campus ministry and Greek Life are sponsoring a "Greek Getaway" for October 2 and 3. Each fraternity/sorority is allowed to have three representatives at the overnight. See your chapter president for details. Deadline for registration is September 25.

A Panhellenic/IFC/Black Greek and Order of Omega Leadership Experience is slated for Sunday, September 27. Call Greek Life for details.

Pledge Educators: The pledge program runs from September 22 through November 14.

Take pride in your fraternity/sorority house. Your house appearance speaks more for you than you think.

If you need programming help, party ideas, workshops, or seminars, call Greek Life. The calendar is getting booked quickly.

"It's Great to be Greek at UD"

McGinnis Center Hours

Sunday — Noon to Midnight

Monday thru Thursday — 9:00 a.m. to Midnight

Friday — 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Saturday — 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

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| September 29 | Last day to submit candidacy for graduation in December |
| October 2 | Oktoberfest, KU Plaza, 5:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. |
| October 3 | Football: Adrian, 1:30 p.m., away |
| October 4 | UD Open House: Noon-3:00 p.m., Kennedy Union Ballroom |
| October 8 | Art Series: Banu Gibson & New Orleans Hot Jazz, 8:00 p.m., KU Ballroom |
| October 10 | Football: DePauw, 1:30 p.m., home |
| October 12 | Columbus Day (no classes) |
| October 9, 10, 11 | Parents Weekend |
| October 16, 17, 18 | Parents Weekend |
| October 19 | SGA Hypnotist: 8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m., KU Ballroom |
| October 24 | Clean Sweep: 10:00 a.m., McGinnis Center |
| October 24 | Football: Frostburg State, 1:30 p.m., away |

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