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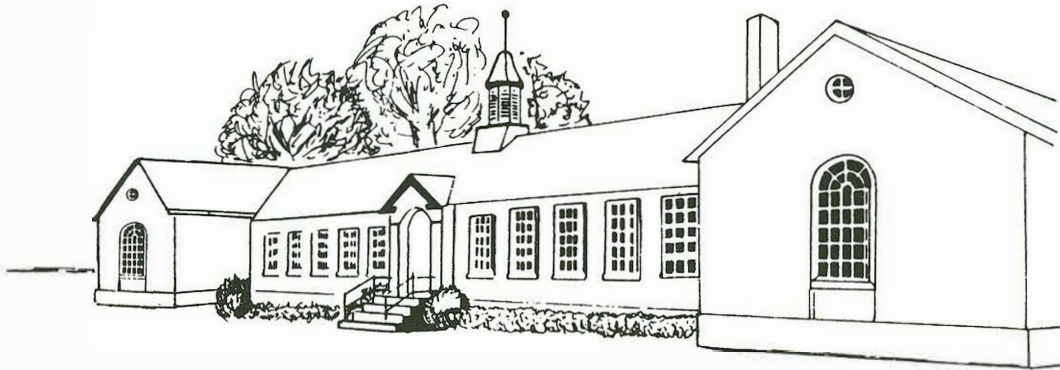


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THANKSGIVING AT YOUR HOUSE

Believe it or not, but Thanksgiving is fast approaching us! As everyone heads home to enjoy their turkey and dressing, they should remember a few simple tips to keep their house in good shape while they are away.

- Make sure all windows and doors are locked and secure.
- Close all blinds/shades.
- Empty garbage/clean out refrigerator before leaving.
- Make sure all electrical appliances are turned off.

Anyone staying in his/her house over the break should remember the following tips.

- Make certain doors and windows are secure.
- Ask what a visitor wants before opening the door.
- Perhaps stay with someone else who will also be in the area over the break.
- Don't hesitate to call the Campus Security at 229-2121 or the Dayton Police at 222-9511 if you see or hear anything strange. Remember the police would rather respond to a call and find nothing than to not receive a call and jeopardize your safety.

Whether you stay at UD or head elsewhere, don't be a turkey by leaving your house unprepared for Thanksgiving break.

Hunger Awareness Week

Oftentimes we forget how fortunate we are to have what we have. We take for granted the basic needs that we are lucky enough to have fulfilled such as food, shelter, and clothing. The focus of Hunger Awareness Week is to awaken us to the fact that others are not so lucky. Hunger Awareness Week takes place on November 13-21. During this week students will get a chance to give to those who are not so fortunate. Beginning Monday, November 16, students can sign away meals to the needy. On Wednesday, November 18, students, faculty, and staff get the chance to attend a Hunger Banquet in order to better understand the reality of hunger. Fast Day is being held November 19 with Mass at the VWK Hall Chapel at 9:00 p.m. This week is a time for us to be thankful for the food we have and to remember those less fortunate. Give to others by participating in Hunger Awareness Week.

Safe Holiday Decorating

When picking out decorations for the holidays for your house, remember the hazards involved in unsafe decorations. The following regulations should be followed to insure the safety of you, your house, and your neighbors.

- Live or natural foliage may not be used as part of any decorations on the interior of any University-owned 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 kerosene lamps may be used.
- Smoking should be avoided near decorated areas.
- Ceiling light fixtures may not be painted.

Keep these in mind when you get your decorations and the Christmas season will be safe and bright for everyone.

Christmas House Decorating Contest

Now you and your housemates can win a free dinner at the Pine Club or Westward Ho by decorating the outside of your house for Christmas. This is the contest you have been waiting for. It's the Fourth Annual House Decorating Contest. Decorate your house and judging will take place on Wednesday, December 9. All houses are welcome to join in the Christmas spirit by decorating the outside of their house. When you go home for Thanksgiving, you may want to pick up any extra exterior decorations you find and help make the area look festive.

To enter, simply fill out the entry form below. Be sure to include all the information and return it to the McGinnis Center by December 7, 1987. This event is sponsored by the McGinnis Center Block Representatives.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

ADDRESS _____

NAMES _____

PHONE NO. _____

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

Christmas Already?

So, you thought Thanksgiving crept up on you? Well, don't look now but, Christmas on Campus is just around the corner. On December 8, the University of Dayton family will celebrate the twenty-fourth annual Christmas on Campus. At 5:00 p.m. this special day, area children and senior citizens will arrive on campus for the festivities. The opening ceremonies will take place in KU Plaza at 6:00 p.m. Highlights of the evening include a nativity scene, Christmas carols, and the lighting of the Christmas tree. In addition, Old Saint Nick will make an appearance to the delight of everyone. Later that evening, after the children and senior citizens have returned to their homes, the UD family will gather for a 10:00 p.m. mass at the Fieldhouse.

Take part in this year's Christmas on Campus, a tradition that UD students can be proud of.

NOVEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Tony and Carmella Brindisi

Tony and Carmella Brindisi, who live on Evanston Avenue, have lived in the UD neighborhood long enough to know its history. They remember when the area was filled with permanent residents like themselves and have watched as the neighborhood grew into the uniquely student populated area it is today.

Their part in the history of the community began in 1939 when Tony's uncle encouraged him to leave his home in Italy to visit the United States.

"I heard it was a nice country, so I came over," he said.

Tony moved into 337 Stonemill and took a job along with his uncle at NCR. He continued to live there and work until 1948 when he returned to Italy for a visit. Once there he saw the woman of his dreams and after a two week courtship, he married Carmella.

The newlyweds returned to the U.S. and moved into an apartment at 1520 Brown Street. Life in a new country was not always easy for the Brindisi's. Neither spoke English upon their arrival here. This was especially hard for Carmella who missed her family and friends in Italy and was unable to communicate with people in this country. However, they overcame this obstacle by taking classes to learn to speak and write in English. Eventually both became citizens of the United States.

In 1959, the Brindisi's and their two children, Phyllis and Anna, moved to 131 "L" Street. This location was ideal for Tony, who walked to work at NCR on Brown Street, and for Carmella, who worked in the cafeteria in Kennedy Union at UD. Both daughters walked to nearby Holy Angels school.

The Brindisi's packed their belongings and again moved to their present home on Evanston Avenue in 1960. Since that time, both daughters have graduated from Chaminade-Julienne High School and have families of their own. Tony retired from NCR in 1973. Carmella retired from full-time work at UD in 1986 after 28 years of service. She currently works at Virginia W. Kettering cafeteria two days a week.

"I enjoy seeing the students and talking with them," she said.

They like Dayton and their life here has been good, but they have decided that the time has come for them to move again. Unfortunately, this time it will not be within the community. Another chapter in the UD neighborhood will close this spring when Tony and Carmella leave Dayton to be near their daughters and four grandchildren in New Jersey. The UD community will miss Tony and Carmella and the important role they have played in its past and present.

Greek Happenings

- Greeks can register community service projects through the Greek Life Office. New forms are available.
- Congratulations Lambda Lambda Lambda and Phi Beta Alpha on 25 years at UD. Congrats also to Epsilon Delta Tau on 20 years at UD.
- Keep your eyes open for the All Greek Happy Hour. Details coming soon.
- Start making plans now for Rush "88."
- The official pledge period ended November 14. Congratulations new initiates.
- Newly initiated status change forms due by 9:00 a.m., November 20.
- Inquiries are still being accepted for leadership seminars for chapters for next semester. Contact Greek Life to plan yours now.
- Take advantage of the many campus offered service projects to fulfill your community service projects.

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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| November 18 | Hunger Banquet, McGinnis Center, 6:30 p.m. |
| November 20 | Basketball (men), Italian National Team, 7:30 p.m.
Basketball (women), Welsh National Team, 5:00 p.m. |
| November 25-27 | Thanksgiving Holiday (No Classes) |
| November 28 | Baskeball (men), Wittenburg home, 8:00 p.m.
Basketball (women), Holy Cross, home, 5:30 p.m. |
| November 30 | Basketball (women), Bradley, Home, 7:00 p.m. |
| December 3 | Winter Songfest: Gospel Choir, Boll Theatre, 7:30 p.m. |
| December 8 | Feast of Immaculate Conception—
No classes
Christmas on Campus, 6:00 p.m. |
| December 9 | Final day of classes |
| December 10 | Study Day |

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Quotable Quotes

"Success is a journey, not a destination."

Ben Sweetland