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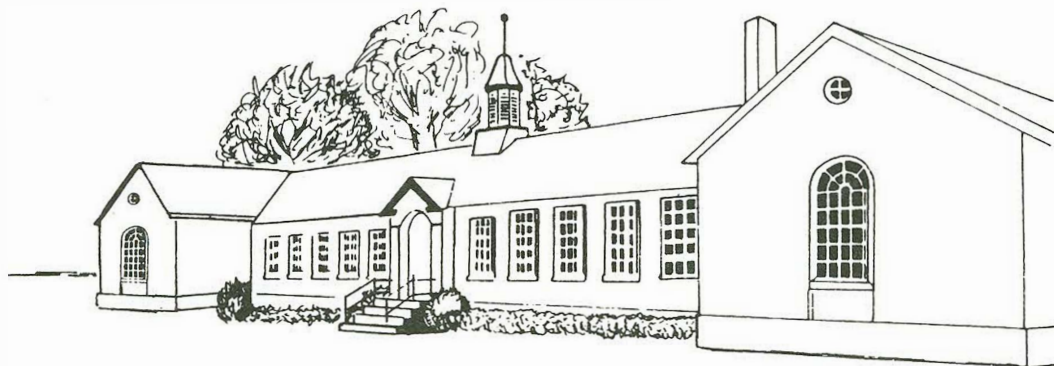
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**McGinnis Center**

**December 4, 1987**



## **CHRISTMAS ON CAMPUS**

Season's Greetings to you this holiday season. The UD family will celebrate the Christmas holiday early again this year with the traditional Christmas on Campus festivities. The twenty-fourth annual Christmas on Campus will take place Tuesday, December 8. At 5:30 p.m. on December 8, area children and senior citizens will arrive on campus for the celebration. 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. Santa Claus will be on hand to greet everyone. The UD family will gather for a Mass at the Fieldhouse at 10:00 p.m. that evening. Take part in this year's Christmas on Campus celebration. It will be a festival.

***Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
from the McGinnis Center!***

**Season's  
Greetings**

## 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.

## 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.

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.

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### CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## Fireless Festivities

The Flyer football playoffs and the upcoming basketball season are likely to bring about various celebrations in the UD neighborhood by students. Enthusiasm for Flyer sports is great, but inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. Any students starting fires or contributing to a fire will face immediate suspension from the University. Recently, one student was suspended from the University of Dayton for starting a fire in the neighborhood. You have been warned. Should you choose to celebrate in poor taste, be willing to suffer the consequences. Remember, this is your neighborhood and fires will cause a disaster in our community. We all want a safe and fun community.

**Best Wishes  
December Graduates  
from Student Development**



### **Jan Lepore-Jentleson on Inspectional Services and You**

Ever have a problem with the house you are renting such as the heat or plumbing not working or the roof caving in, and your landlord seems less than eager to fix it? The situation is not hopeless. The City of Dayton Division of Inspectional Services can help you.

Jan Lepore-Jentleson, a UD alumnus who now serves as the Superintendent of the City of Dayton Division of Inspectional Services, recently talked about the Division of Inspectional Services and the relationship it has to students who live in the rental properties surrounding UD.

Lepore-Jentleson said that the mission of Inspectional Services is to protect the health and safety of the public who occupy buildings. This includes tenants, homeowners, and office and factory workers. Inspectional Services is divided into two sections, residential and non-residential establishments. Each section is governed by codes which define basic health and safety standards for these properties, their use, and the environment surrounding them.

The residential division of Inspectional Services applies to UD students living in rental properties. The City of Dayton is divided into 75 residential planning districts. A housing inspector assigned to each district designs a plan of action to improve the quality of housing stock in that district each year. Additionally, housing inspectors evaluate each structure (house/apartment) in their district yearly. Each house/apartment is rated on a scale of one to five. Structures that are rated with a one need no repairs, while houses with a rating of five are deemed beyond repair. Lepore-Jentleson added that the annual inspection is made to ensure that residents live in a safe and sanitary structure that meets interior and exterior codes.

Lepore-Jentleson advises that students who have a maintenance problem with their rental property should notify their landlord of the problem first before calling Inspectional Services.

"It's a lot easier to deal with the first party before bringing in the beauracracy," she said.

However, when a landlord does not make repairs within a reasonable time, the student who is renting can call Inspectional Services. A housing inspector will evaluate the situation and give the landlord a time frame to get repairs made. The compliance period depends upon the seriousness of the problem. For example, painting is generally given a three-month compliance period, while heating and plumbing repairs are given a 24 to 48 hour compliance time. If a landlord refuses to make repairs, he has the option of going to court. Once in court, a judge usually orders that the repairs be made. If a landlord then refuses to comply, he can be charged with a misdemeanor and face a \$500 fine and up to 60 days in jail.

"The owner gets a lot of chances. We've gone to court 100 times this year and not more than six have gone to jail," Lepore-Jentleson said. However, she warned that a tenant can be held responsible for problems due to bad living conditions. An example of this occurs when a housing inspector checks for a roach or bug problem. If he finds unsanitary living conditions, he can order a tenant to clean up. Another example is when a toilet is stopped up due to the tenant's negligence. It becomes the tenant's responsibility to repair it.

Lepore-Jentleson reminds students that they should not have to suffer with maintenance problems in rental properties.

"When a tenant calls us, we will respond and get results," she said.

So, the next time repairs that effect your health and safety are not getting done to your rental structure, you may need to call the City of Dayton Division of Inspectional Services.

## Greek Happenings

Congratulations New Panhellenic Officers!!

President . . . . .	Ms. Ann Murphy (Alpha Phi)
Vice President . . . . .	Ms. Colleen Dempsey (Lambda, Lambda, Lambda)
V.P. Gov't Affairs . . . . .	Ms. Jenny Wharton (Delta Omega Tau)
Secretary . . . . .	Ms. Jennifer Huber (Lambda, Lambda, Lambda)
Treasurer . . . . .	Ms. Maureen Boehlert (Sigma Tau Epsilon)
Social Chair . . . . .	Ms. Margo Fish (Theta Phi Alpha)
Rush Chair . . . . .	Ms. Margo Fish (Theta Phi Alpha)
Pledge Deans . . . . .	Ms. Betsy Krumholtz (Lambda, Lambda, Lambda)
	Ms. Bev Groeber Sigma Tau Epsilon)

Officers' Dinner for New and Old Panhellenic Officers is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 7:00 p.m., in Kennedy Union.

The first Presidents' Meeting and Pledge Educators' Meeting for 1988 is slated for Wednesday, January 6, 7:30 p.m., in Kennedy Union, Room 310.

IFC, Panhellenic, Black Greek, and Co-educational Greek Officers: Don't miss the *Officers' Brunch*, Saturday, December 12, 11:30 a.m., at Virginia Kettering Multi-purpose Room.

Remember: Rush starts January 10th!

Start making plans for next semester, now!

Have you set your goals for next semester?

The Office of Greek Life says "thank you" for a productive and successful semester. A special recognition to GAC and all Greek Councils for a semester well-done. Greeks really are great at UD!

Have a safe and joyful holiday and best wishes for even a better year—

**HAPPY 1988!!**

### 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

December 5	Men's Basketball: Northern Iowa, 8:00 p.m., Arena
December 8	Feast of Immaculate Conception (no classes) Christmas on Campus, 6:00 p.m.
December 9	Final day of classes Christmas House Decorating Contest
December 10	Study Day
December 11	Exams begin
December 12	Men's Basketball: Duquesne, 7:30 p.m., Arena Women's Basketball: Cleveland State, 5:30 p.m., Arena Stagg Bowl, Phoenix City, Alabama
December 17	Commencement, UD Arena, 10:00 a.m.
December 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS!
December 30	Last day to complete registration for second term
January 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR!
January 4	Classes for second semester begin!
January 12	Last day for late registration
January 18	Martin Luther King Day (no classes)

## McGinnis Center Services

- If you need a shovel for snowy days, McGinnis has them for you to borrow.
- Keep your porchlights on! McGinnis has lightbulbs for your porchlight. Each house can get two per semester.
- McGinnis has vacuum cleaners, vacuum cleaner blets and bags, brooms, and carpet shampooers for your use.
- Trash bags for outside cleanup are available at McGinnis.
- The McGinnis Center has a copy machine available for all your copy needs!
- Every Sunday at 9:00 p.m. Father Jerry Chinchar holds Mass in the McGinnis Center multi-purpose room.

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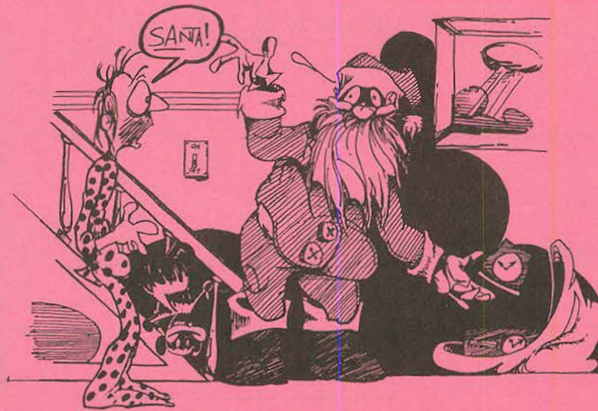
Clyde Wisch  
Associate Dean of Students

### Quotable Quotes

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."  
—Theodore Roosevelt



DON'T LET THE "HOLIDAY SPIRIT" RIP YOU OFF



Help the Campus Police and Dayton Police protect you against thefts: Take a few minutes to better secure your valuables.

As you know, during the Christmas Holiday, the off-campus area has few or no student residents. This is an invitation to burglars and thieves.

In the past we have experienced burglaries during Christmas break due to the residents not taking a few minutes to secure their valuables and houses. By following the precautions listed below, you can better secure your valuables, and also assist the Dayton Police and Campus police in patrolling the off-campus area.

1. Turn on all front and back porch lights.  
\* Porch light bulbs can be obtained from the McGinnis Center.
2. Leave all blinds and window shades open.
3. Leave an inside light on, preferably in a hallway.
4. Lock all doors and windows (use window pins).  
\* Window pins may be obtained from the McGinnis Center.
5. Place all valuables left in the house out of view; use closets or upstairs attics.
6. Stop all deliveries, or have a friend pick up newspapers, mail, etc. on a daily basis.
7. Fill out the form on the reverse side and return it to the McGinnis Center (301 Lowes) before you leave.

Thank you for your cooperation and have a safe and fun-filled Christmas Holiday!!!!

*Mike Armocida*

Ptl. Mike Armocida

Dayton Police Central  
Crime Prevention Unit

*Louis Laquaglia*

Inv. Louis Laquaglia

University of Dayton Police  
Crime Prevention Unit

Christmas Break 1987

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Residents Names \_\_\_\_\_

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Any Authorized persons with access:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose \_\_\_\_\_

In Case of Emergency, Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Person to Leave: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time: \_\_\_\_\_

First Person to Arrive: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Area where lights are on: \_\_\_\_\_

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Any Problems in Securing the House: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\*\*\* Light bulbs and window pins may be obtained at the McGinnis Center  
(301 Lowes St.)