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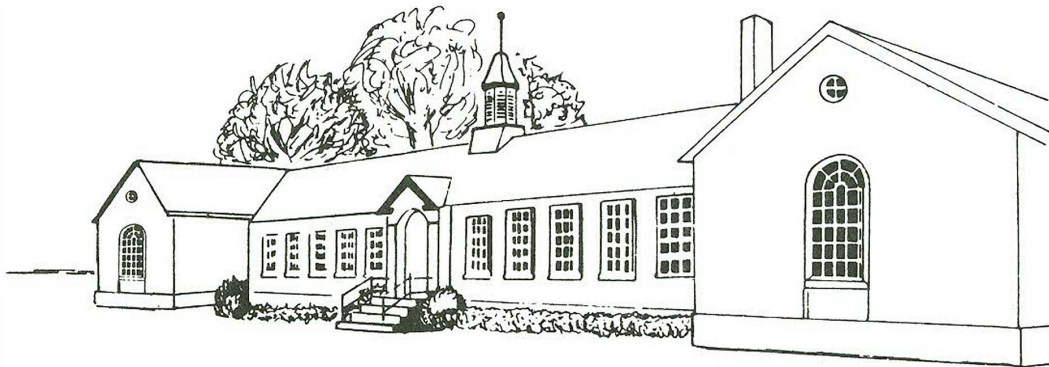


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On November 1, after your Halloween celebrations, take off your mask and pick up a trash bag for the 1988 Fall Clean Sweep. It's time again to show pride in your neighborhood by picking up.

All participating students should be at the McGinnis Center on November 1 at 10:00 a.m. for clean up equipment and street assignments. Cash prizes will be awarded to the three organizations with the most students participating. Additionally refreshments and door prizes donated from Brown Street businesses will be given out following the clean up. This fall's Clean Sweep will be concluded with a Mass celebrating All Saint's Day. (There are no classes on this Holy Day.)

Clean Sweep, now in its ninth year, is sponsored by the Student Government Association and the McGinnis Center. Its purpose is to clean up the area and promote litter awareness among UD students. The Clean Sweep program is greatly aided by the Southeast Priority Board and the City of Dayton Department of Waste Collection.

All students interested in participating should contact Rick Ruffolo at 229-4444 or Judy Raines at 229-2047 for more information.

Neighborhood Watch Update

Recently, Campus Security has received several reports of suspicious persons in the UD neighborhood. In the month of September, suspicious persons were reported on Kiefaber, College Park, Brown, Evanston, Lawnview, and Lowes Streets. UD students should be aware of the following incidents that were reported to Campus Security and should remember that *no one* is immune to these types of incidents.

On September 17 at 4:30 a.m., an unlocked house on Lawnview Avenue was entered. A sleeping resident was awakened and asked the person to leave. On September 24 at 5:00 a.m., two unlocked houses on Evanston were entered. Residents of one of the houses told the intruders, who said they were looking for a party, to leave. An unlocked house on Lowes Street was entered on September 24 at 7:00 a.m. The intruder was told to leave after one of the residents was awakened. Several members of the household were home during this incident. At 5:00 a.m., on September 29, an unlocked house in Kiefaber Street was entered without permission. Again, the intruder was asked to leave by an awakened resident.

It is important to note that these houses were unlocked and in most cases, more than one person was home at the time of the incident. Suspicious persons in the area have also been reported on Kiefaber Street and College Park Avenue asking for money. The persons asking for money are *not* UD students and usually have an imaginary, exaggerated reason as to why they need money. Students should not give any suspicious person money for cab fare, gas, or concert tickets.

Several ways to curb these types of incidents in the UD neighborhood include:

- Report any streets or alleys in the UD neighborhood that need better lighting to Judy Raines in the McGinnis Center, 229-2047.
- Keep your house well-lit at all times. Outside porch light-bulbs are available free at the McGinnis Center.
- Keep all doors locked when residents are away from your house. Ensure that your house has proper locks on all doors and that everyone living there has a key. Most importantly, use the locks on your doors.
- Report any suspicious person to Campus Security at 229-2121. Try to get a description of the person if possible.

Join Hands for Hunger

Although most of us have never experienced real hunger, it is widespread in the world and even in the Dayton area. You can help make others aware of the hunger problem by participating in the third annual Hands Across the Ghetto.

On Friday, November 11, 1988 at 3:30 p.m., hundreds of hands will join together to show that UD cares about those less fortunate. Hands Across the Ghetto will stretch on Alberta Street from Irving Avenue to College Park Avenue. At 3:30 p.m., three songs that relate to the hunger issue will be played on a local radio station.

Anyone interested should sign up for Hands Across the Ghetto in the Campus Ministry Office, the Residence Halls, and the McGinnis Center. Afterwards, all participants are invited to a lawn party at the McGinnis Center.

Do your part. Join hands in the fight against hunger at Hands Across the Ghetto, November 11.

Campus Security Escort Service

Campus Security is now offering an escort service to the University community to provide secure transportation for everyone after dark. One hour after dusk each night, Campus Security Cadets will have a Campus Security squad car available to transport students, staff, faculty, and guests from one location to another in the campus area. Transportation to area businesses will not be provided. This service will end at 3:00 a.m. each night. To utilize the escort service, call Campus Security at 229-2121 and give your name, social security number, and the place you would like to be picked up. A Campus Security car will then pick you up and drop you off at any location in the campus area.

The Campus Security Escort Service is for you. Use it!

What's G.E.T.T.O.

There are three definitions of the word ghetto. A ghetto can be the slum in New York, an off-campus residential area, or a group of representatives called Ghetto Enhancement Thru Trusting Others.

Marycrest representatives for Campus Ministry branched out last year and became G.E.T.T.O. Reps. They are a group of peer ministers throughout the residential properties who are working toward building a closer community through such activities as Safety Awareness Week, Hands Across the Ghetto and the upcoming Ghetto Olympics.

Additionally, G.E.T.T.O. Reps are working on a crisis hotline. Still in the developmental stage, they want to train volunteer students, known as campus counselors, from Campus Ministry to listen and help troubled students. They believe some students will feel more comfortable talking to someone their own age instead of a minister.

The G.E.T.T.O. Reps are also interested in getting groups, organizations, houses, and residence halls to sponsor Masses at the McGinnis Center at 9:00 p.m. on Sundays. This would include readers, Eucharistic Ministers, gift bearers, and contributions to the music and liturgy planning.

If you are interested or have any questions about being a G.E.T.T.O. Rep, contact Patti Trausch at x2010.

By Angie Ganster

Recently, *USA Today* published statistics on crime at colleges and universities across the country. Unfortunately, data included in this report on the University of Dayton was inaccurate. There was a mistake in the analysis of the raw data and the tabulation of those figures. The figures are inaccurate and misleading. The figures were tabulated without proper direction shortly after the resignation of the Director of Campus Security and during a period of departmental transition. There was a duplication of reports, and a number of incidents were reported as crimes that didn't involve criminal activity. The University is in the process of re-tabulating the figures and providing documentation of accurate figures.

We very much regret the errors made in the submission of this data. The University places high priority on maintaining a safe campus environment. Crime and threats to safety have not been a major problem on campus, and the University is continually taking proactive steps to maintain the high standards of safety and security enjoyed by our students and staff.

OCTOBER SPOTLIGHT

HAVING IT ALL: FATHER CHRIS CONLON

Some people have it all. Father Chris Conlon, the new Director of Campus Ministry, believes he is one of them.

Conlon, who grew up in Queens, New York, began his journey into the priesthood at the age of 18 when he enrolled in a Novitiate Program. This was a one-year program into religious life where candidates take their first vows. He likens it as being similar to Army boot camp. Conlon first came to UD after graduating from the Novitiate Program. While at UD he studied Philosophy, Latin, and English and earned a bachelor's degree in 1957.

After graduation from UD, Conlon moved to Cleveland to teach high school. Five years later he journeyed to Switzerland to study at a seminar where he received a Licentiate Degree (S.T.L.). His graduation from the seminary lead him back to New York to teach in a Long Island high School. Education beckoned again in 1970 when Conlon took a break from teaching to study for a master's degree from Loyola of Chicago which he received in 1972. He then moved to Hollywood, Florida, to resume high school teaching.

Eventually, he wanted a more fulfilling lifestyle, so in 1987 he returned to UD. He felt UD was the best Marianist university to express his creativity, humor, and friendliness.

Conlon, who teaches religion and mathematics at UD, become the Director of Campus Ministry in July 1988. Father Joe Lackner stepped down from the position leaving "open steps" for Conlon. His new position includes attending numerous meetings, organizing programs and conducting a Unit Review.

"I applied for this position because my talents and descriptions filled the title," Conlon said.

The director position requires a creative person. He implements existing programs as well as initiating new ones.

"I even create my own course materials," Conlon explained. "The students are happy because they don't have to buy the book."

Besides his creativeness in class, Conlon uses his creativity in liturgies and masses. Students say he keeps them alert in Mass and they find him interesting and entertaining.

"I feel I'm humorous. I receive laughter from my audience during homilies," he said.

When Conlon was a student at UD he participated in plays and became experienced at being an emcee at different shows. "Being an emcee, I had to keep the audience entertained or the whole show wouldn't work."

"I have a way with words. Well, a corny way," he added.

As well as creative and humorous, Conlon is outgoing and friendly. He regards students in the highest respect and interacts with them daily through Campus Ministry and class.

"UD is alive, moving and has a wonderful spirit," Conlon said. "I just wish the students could keep the spirit without so much use of the spirits." He is concerned about the students and the unhealthy attitudes held by a few.

Conlon also stays active with administration. He serves on the Presidential Council, Advisory Council, and Distinguished Speakers Series. Conlon enjoys his activities. He is very happy with UD and his new position as director of Campus Ministry. This is where he believes he belongs. To Conlon, he has it all.

By Angie Ganster

Greek Happenings

- Thanks to all Greeks for participating in Greek Week. Congratulations Greek Week winners—Sigma Chi and Zeta Tau Alpha.
- Thank you Greeks for your support of Alcohol Awareness Week and for being present at the featured speaker, Eileen Stevens.
- Congratulations Theta Phi Alpha and Lambda Chi Alpha for a successful Watermelon Bust 88.
- Plan to attend a teleconference entitled: Alcohol: A Special Report, Tuesday, October 18, from 8:15 p.m.-10:00 p.m., in O'Leary Auditorium.
- Greek 101—Project SOAR (Students Organized Against Rape), October 24, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Virginia Kettering Multipurpose Room.
- Greeks get ready to light up the UD Neighborhood for Christmas on Campus, December 8.

Block Representatives

Thirteen years ago the Off Campus Center (now the McGinnis Center) organized a group of students known as Block Representatives (Block Reps). These volunteers work to promote a safer, healthier environment for students living in the campus area. They suggest ideas and opinions to the administration for improvement of the area.

"We are the mouth of the ghetto," said Mike Miller, secretary of the group.

Block Reps have three main tasks. First, they pass concerns of students and make suggestions to the administration. "I'm learning more about students and their needs," said Dan Fink, Vice President of Block Reps.

Block Representatives are also available to assist with the various McGinnis Center Programs such as Adopt-A-Dumpster, Clean Sweep, Help Houses, Christmas poinsettia distribution, Christmas On Campus luminary project, and the Christmas House Decorating Contest. Block Reps are solely responsible for the poinsettia distribution at Christmas and the Christmas House Decorating Contest. This year they will light up the entire ghetto December 8 for Christmas On Campus. They will receive help with this luminary project from Campus Ministry G.E.T.T.O. Reps and fraternities and sororities.

Additionally, Block Reps are responsible for passing out pertinent information to all campus area residents. This includes the McGinnis Center newsletter "Block Talk" each month. Each Block Rep has his or her own block and is responsible for getting information to that block. Block Reps are often the only way the University can get information to students in the campus area. Block Reps serve as a vital link between students and the University. If you would like to help improve the campus area by becoming a Block Rep, call Judy Raines at the McGinnis Center, 229-2047.

Quotable Quotes

Instead of loving your enemies, treat your friends a little better.

Ed Howe

Upcoming Events

October

- 21 Homecoming Dance, 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m., Convention Center
- 22 Homecoming Tailgate, 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Arena Parking Lot
Football, Ferris State, 1:30 p.m. (home)
- 29 Football, Wisconsin (away)
- 30 Film: "The Exorcist," Boll Theater, Midnite

November

- 1 All Saint's Day (no classes), CLEAN SWEEP
- 4-6 Parent's Weekend
- 5 Football, Valparaiso, 1:30 p.m. (home)
- 8 Football, Evansville (away)
- 11 Hands Across the Ghetto, 3:30 p.m., Alberta Street
- 14-18 Hunger Awareness Week

We Want You . . .

to volunteer to be a BLOCK 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 area, please complete the form below and drop it off to the McGinnis Center, 301 Lowes Street, or simply call Judy Raines at 229-2047 or 2531. Thanks!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Mass is celebrated at the McGinnis Center every Sunday at 9:00 p.m. If you would like to assist with Mass in some way, contact Father Jerry Chinchar at 229-2825.

Aerobics are being held at the McGinnis Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. It is free for all students.

Block Talk is published monthly during the academic year by the McGinnis Center Office of Community Relations, 301 Lowes Street, Dayton, Ohio 45409, 229-2047 or 2531. The McGinnis Center and Student Development Staff welcome your comments regarding the newsletter.

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