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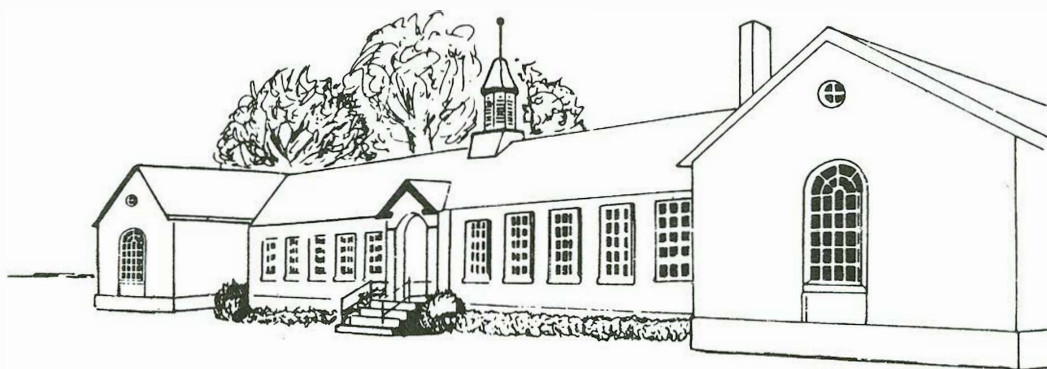


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**McGinnis Center**

**November 16, 1988**



## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

This Thanksgiving before you leave for your break, make sure your house is secure. The following tips could prevent a lot of headaches when you return.

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

Anyone staying at his/her home over the break should consider the following.

- Make sure doors and windows are secure. Lock your door when you are gone even for a few minutes.
- Consider staying with someone else who is staying at UD during the break.
- Don't hesitate to call Campus Security at 229-2121 or Dayton Police at 222-9511 if you see anything strange. Remember, the police would rather respond to a call and find nothing than jeopardize your safety.

Whether you stay at UD or go home, have a safe, happy, and healthy Thanksgiving break.

## Christmas on Campus

December 8th is a very special day for all of us at the University of Dayton. This is the day that we, together as a Christian community, celebrate the feast of Immaculate Conception. At the University of Dayton this traditional Catholic celebration is also the day we open our home and hearts to the spirit of Christmas.

On December 7, months of generosity and preparation by the entire UD community are put into action. Decorating the donated tree in the Kennedy Union Plaza heralds the beginning of the celebration.

The excitement builds on campus until our guests arrive. Many people from youth and retirement centers are brought in on buses. These special guests are each adopted by a student for the evening.

A live nativity scene, the lighting of the tree, and the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Claus officially start the evening. The campus and festivities come alive as people walk into Kennedy Union which has been changed overnight into a Christmas wonderland by many dedicated workers. Throughout the campus exhibits, shows, and performers entertain the crowd. After the festivities the pace calms and the attitude on campus becomes reflective as we gather together to celebrate the birth of Christ and the joy of the evening at a special Christmas Mass.

This is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the celebration of Christmas on Campus, so it promises to be extra special for everyone. The Christmas on Campus committee members would like to extend a special invitation to you, your family and friends to come "home" for Christmas on Campus this and every year to come.

## 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 should not be placed on the windows.
- Only flame-proof material should be used in the decorations.
- All lights or lighting devices should 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.

## Student "Saints" March Through Getto

By: Angie Ganster

"When the Saints Go Marching In" echoed in the halls of the McGinnis Center during the All Saints Day Mass held there. Father Jerry Chinchar's theme song was very appropriate for the attendees of this Mass who had "marched" through the ghetto earlier that morning with brooms, rakes, and garbage bags sprucing up the area. These student "saints" were participants in the Fall Clean Sweep.

More than 700 students, representing 37 organizations, participated in this Clean Sweep making it the largest to date. First prize for the most participants went to Alpha Phi. The Lambda Lambda Lambda Sorority was awarded second and Zeta Tau Alpha won third prize for the most participants. Four groups tied for the largest percentage group award. They were the Daytonian, Sigma Nu Little Sisters, Rho Rho Rho Little Sisters, and the Cheerleaders. Each of these groups had 100 percent of their members present. Additionally, door prizes donated by area businesses were given out to participants.

The Student Government Association and McGinnis Center, who co-sponsored this event, would like to thank everyone involved for making this another successful Clean Sweep. A special thanks to all student "saints" who marched in and around the ghetto cleaning. The area is much cleaner due to their efforts.





## NOVEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### GLORIA SMITH

*By: Angie Ganster*

Gloria Smith's artistic talent, technical experience, and big heart won her a position with the Southeast Priority Board two years ago. As the Communication Service Advisor for the Department of Neighborhood Affairs, she insures that residents are aware and have input in their neighborhood issues.

Gloria is very familiar with neighborhood issues in the City of Dayton. She grew up in Dayton as the second oldest in a family with fourteen children. Upon graduation from Roth Intermediate High School, she journeyed to the University of Cincinnati where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Urban Planning. She took a job as a city planner for the City of Kettering after completing her education. In this position, she implemented policies and goals for development within Kettering. Programs she concentrated on include Block Grants, which are federal funding programs, and Housing Rehabilitation, a street improvement program.

After ten years as a city planner for Kettering, she went into business for herself as a private consultant.

"It was a one-person operation, but overhead killed me," Gloria said pointing to her youngest son, whose medical problems prompted her to close her private business.

However, Gloria longed to return to work and soon found herself as an Assistant Director of the Dayton Metropolitan Housing Authority. This experience lead her to her current position with the Southeast Priority Board.

The Southeast Priority Board is a group of elected citizens who volunteer to address neighborhood concerns and to take action to improve their neighborhoods. Through Priority Boards, citizens can take leadership roles in working with other members of the community to improve neighborhood life and resolve community problems. This allows citizens to be actively involved in forming policies and goals that shape their neighborhoods.

The University of Dayton neighborhood, known as University Park, has benefitted greatly from Gloria's hard work. She contacts the McGinnis Center if someone in the neighborhood has a concern and keeps the University informed on happenings in the UD area. Additionally, she is instrumental in the success of the biannual Clean Sweep program.

"University Park is just another neighborhood. The differences between it and other neighborhoods are the closeness, the age, and the organization," Gloria said.

Gloria enjoys her work with many different people and organizations. She feels that a calm temper and the ability to solve many different problems are the keys to success in her job.

Evidence of Gloria's big heart appears as a young, red headed boy waves and tells her of his improvement in school. He is a regular visitor of Gloria's and even calls her "mom." She said she feels like he really is a third son.

One can sense that Gloria enjoys her work. Her friendly, easy-going manner make this apparent.

"If I did not have the enthusiasm I have, I definitely would not be able to work in this field," Gloria said. "In this world it's easy to become disenchanted."

Gloria's satisfaction comes from seeing others satisfied. Her artistic talent, technical experience, and big heart have enabled her to satisfy many people and with these qualities, she is sure to satisfy many more.

## Greek Happenings

- New member forms due immediately following Greek initiations.
- Congratulations to all newly initiated Greek brothers and sisters.
- Turn Community Service forms in—available from the Office of Greek Life.
- Start planning for Rush 1989!
- Need a community service project? The Office of Greek Life has information.
- Officers Brunch—Saturday, December 10, 1988; sponsored by Greek Councils and the Office of Greek Life (VWK 11:30 a.m.), Virginia W. Kettering Hall Multi-Purpose room.
- Watch as the Greeks "Light Up the Ghetto" on December 8, 1988—Christmas on Campus. All participating Greeks meet at the McGinnis Center at noon on December 8. This counts as a service project.

## Join in the Christmas Spirit and win \$\$\$

All houses in the UD neighborhood are invited to join in the Christmas spirit by decorating the outside of their house. On December 6 at 6:00 p.m. all houses entered in the contest will be judged. The winning house will be awarded \$100 for their efforts. Second prize is \$50.

You may want to pick up decorations while at home for Thanksgiving. Now is your chance to help make the area look festive for Christmas and win \$\$\$.

To enter, fill out the entry form below and return it to the McGinnis Center by December 5. This event is sponsored by McGinnis Center Block Representatives.

### CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Quotable Quotes

*"Life is not a matter of holding good cards, but of playing a poor hand well."*

*Author Unknown*

## Upcoming Events

### November

- 14-19 Hunger Awareness Week
- 16 Hunger Banquets, Marycrest, McGinnis Center, Kettering Residence Hall
- 24 Thanksgiving Day (no classes)
- 25 Thanksgiving Break (no classes)
- 26 Basketball, Bucknell, 8:00 p.m. (home)
- 30 Basketball, Miss. Valley, 7:30 p.m. (home)

### December

- 2 December Graduate Recognition
- 3 Basketball, Central Florida, 8:00 p.m. (home)
- 7 Basketball, Miami of Ohio (away)
- 8 Feast of Immaculate Conception (no classes)
- 8 Christmas on Campus
- 9 Study Day (no classes)

## 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.*

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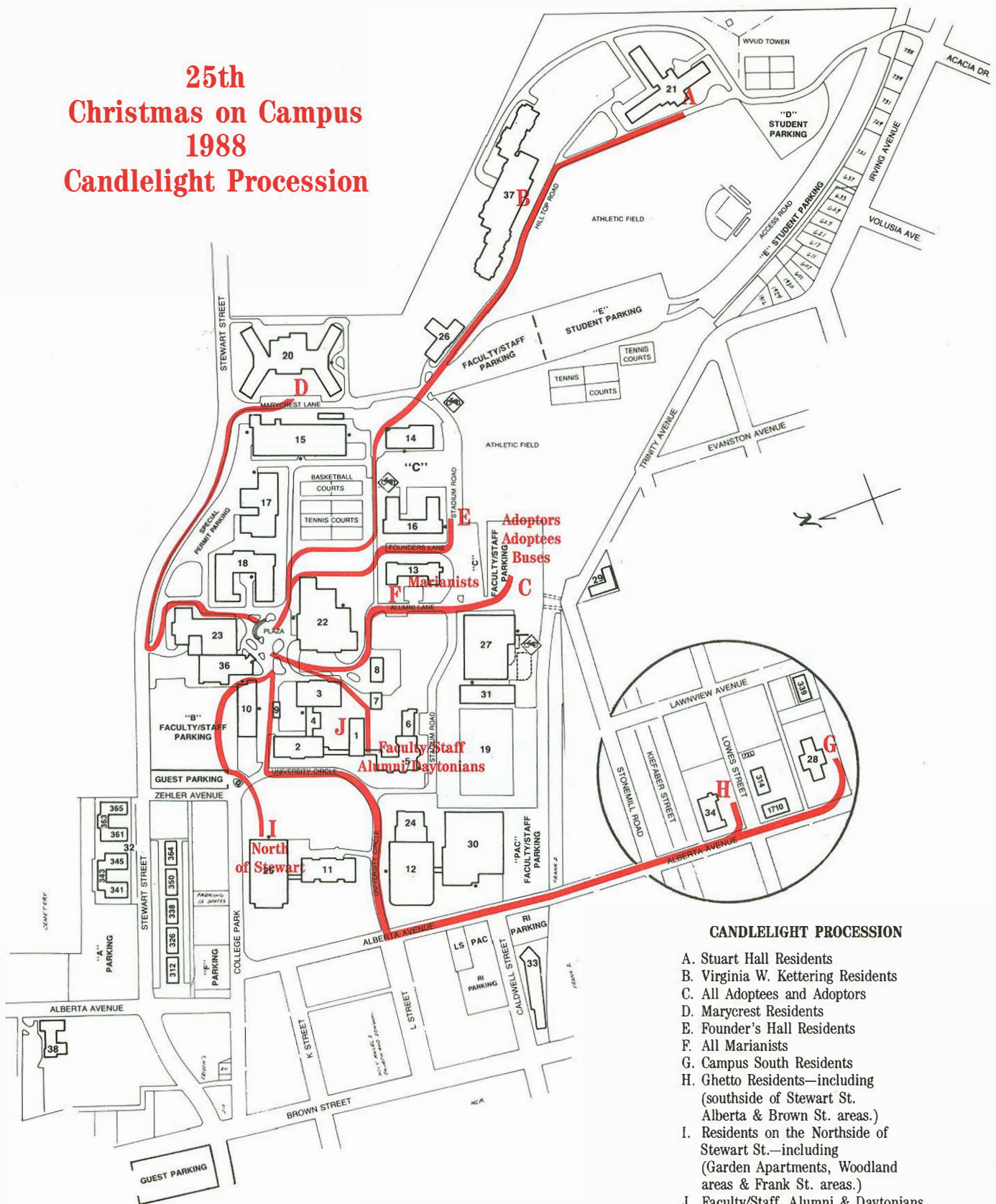
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# 25th Christmas on Campus 1988 Candlelight Procession



## CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION

- A. Stuart Hall Residents
- B. Virginia W. Kettering Residents
- C. All Adoptees and Adoptors
- D. Marycrest Residents
- E. Founder's Hall Residents
- F. All Marianists
- G. Campus South Residents
- H. Ghetto Residents—including (southside of Stewart St. Alberta & Brown St. areas.)
- I. Residents on the Northside of Stewart St.—including (Garden Apartments, Woodland areas & Frank St. areas.)
- J. Faculty/Staff, Alumni & Daytonians

- 11. Albert Emanuel Hall
- 13. Alumni Hall
- 4. Arcade
- 19. Baujan Intramural Sports Field
- 29. Benisek Hall
- 3. Chaminade Hall
- 38. Children's Center
- 27. Eugene W. Kettering Engineering & Research Laboratories
- 12. Fieldhouse
- 16. Founders Hall
- 32. Garden Apartments
- 26. Gosiger Hall
- 1. Immaculate Conception Chapel

- 33. Jesse Philips Center
- 22. John F. Kennedy Memorial Union
- 7. Liberty Hall
- 34. McGinnis Center
- 20. Marycrest Hall
- 15. Mechanical Engineering Building
- 23. Miriam Hall
- 31. Music/Theatre Building
- 10. O'Reilly Hall
- 30. Physical Activities Center
- 9. Post Office
- 8. Power House
- 24. Reichard Hall
- 10. Rike Center for Fine Arts

- 25. Roesch Library
- 18. Sherman Hall
- 5. St. Joseph Hall
- 2. St. Mary Hall
- 21. Stuart Hall
- 28. The Campus South
- 35. UD Arena
- 36. William S. Anderson Information Sciences Center
- 17. Wohlleben Hall
- 37. Virginia W. Kettering Residence Hall
- 6. Zehler Hall

This year's Daytonian has designated Christmas on Campus as the Favorite Campus Event. This is the 25th of that Favorite Campus Event. You are invited to attend and participate in it. You can adopt a child or Senior Citizen or just come and enjoy. There is something for everyone in the UD Family and the Dayton community.

If you have not been to Christmas on Campus you will have an experience you will never forget. This year's "Memories Wrapped in Silver" promises more of everything—more children, Senior Citizens, Faculty/Staff, entertainment, poinsettias, Mass participants, etc.

The Candlelite Procession which was held the first decade of Christmas on Campus will be reinstated. We need your cooperation to make it the beautiful success it was in year's past. The reverse side indicates the routes of the Candlelite Procession and the people who are to assemble at those locations. ROTC and SGA monitors, assigned Student Organizations and a choir will lead each procession to the Kennedy Union Plaza. Everyone is asked to assemble at 5:45 p.m. The Campus South Group will start the procession at 6:00 p.m. with the ringing of the Chapel Bells.

Ten Candlelite Processions enhanced by off campus luminaries will create a panorama of light.

This Christmas on Campus is for you!