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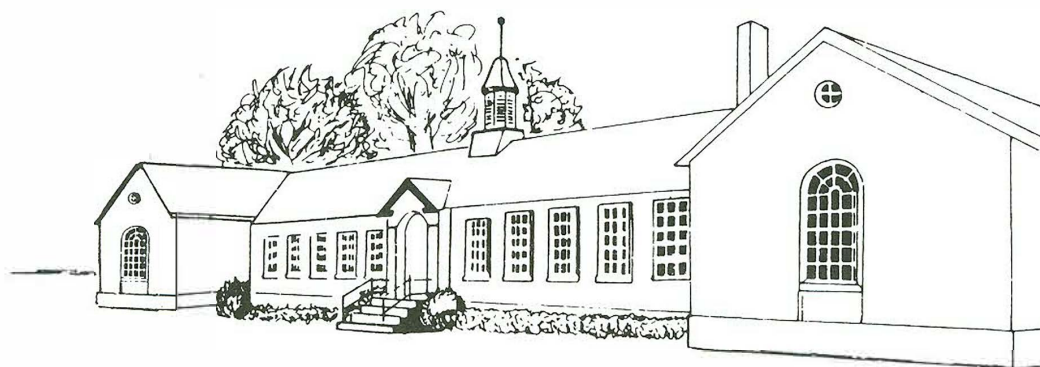


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Lotteries: Your Ticket to a UD Home

By: Angie Ganster

The UD Housing Lottery System has been devised to house as many students as possible in the fairest way possible. As most UD students know, Virginia Kettering Residence Hall, University houses, and University apartments are all awarded through this lottery system. Students form groups, complete Lottery Applications, and then obtain a ticket from the Housing Office. This group then attends the lottery of their choice (lotteries are held on consecutive Sundays beginning February 26 and ending March 19). When a group's lottery number is drawn they are able to choose the suite, house, or apartment for their group's size (usually three, four, five, or six person facilities) according to availability.

A number of students and housing administrators felt the system should give priority to those groups with higher class standings. The Housing Office took this proposal into careful consideration, and after working out the logistics of system, decided to use it.

The lottery process begins by figuring the class standing of each individual entered in the lottery using credit hours. Students with 24-57 credit hours are considered sophomores. Those with 58-87 credit hours are considered juniors, and those with more than 88 credit hours have senior status. A point value is then assigned to each individual. Seniors receive four points, juniors receive three points, and sophomores receive two points. The average point value of each group in the lottery is then calculated by adding the points of each member together and then dividing by the number of members in the group. Each group then falls within a 4.0 priority scale. Five priority groups fall within this scale. The first priority group has a 4.0. (This is also considered a pure senior group because each individual in the group has a senior point value of four.) The second priority group falls within the 3.5-3.9 range. The third priority group has a range of 3.0-3.9 with the fourth priority group following with a 2.5-2.9 average. The fifth and final priority group falls within the 2.0-2.49 range on the scale.

The lottery process has a one hundred percent check and balance system. "Checks and balances of the student credit hours are a must," said Robin Shuleski, Assistant Director of Housing in charge of housing assignments. She added, "This is the fairest system we can have."

Each group may enter only one lottery at a time. If their ticket is not selected at the first lottery they enter, then they are eligible to enter the next lottery which is held the next week.

Last year forty-one percent of the groups entered in the Virginia Kettering Residence Hall Lottery won a suite. Thirty-five percent of those groups in the UD House Lottery won coveted spaces there. Fifty-two percent of the groups entered in the Garden Apartment Lottery were chosen. Likewise, fifty-two percent of groups entered in the Campus South Lottery were chosen.

The University is continuing property acquisition efforts in order to make more housing available for students through the lottery system.

The Most Romantic Day



By: Angie Ganster

February 14 is around the corner and this day remains, as ever, a day to express love. This day is expressed by giving flowers, candy and cards.

There are many theories about how St. Valentine's Day came to be. In the early beginnings a story of two saints gave us the first theory of how Valentine's Day started. Two saints, one a priest from Rome, the other a Bishop of Interama, suffered martyrdom in the second half of the 3rd Century. Both were buried in the Flaminian Way, also named the Gate of St. Valentine.

The most plausible theory came from throughout rural Europe during the Middle Ages. The birds began to mate on February 14. This became known as St. Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day might have also come from English Literature containing frequent references to February 14 as sacred to lovers. To explain the connection between St. Valentine and lovers suggest that the association grew out of similarity between the Norman word *galatin*, meaning a lover of women, and the name of a saint. Historians believe that Galatin's Day with the initial *g* frequently pronounced as *v* led to confusion in the popular mind. The word, therefore was pronounced Valentines Day.

Valentines Day custom's have changed throughout the century. Homemade valentine cards were sent to ones favorite in the 17th Century. In the 1800's, the majority of cards sent were commercial Valentines. Valentine's Day soon switched to a children's holiday early in the 20th Century, where the custom of sending Valentines was observed especially by and for children.

Senior Jimmy Kovac said, "Valentine's Day is like a second Christmas to some people." For some parents, Valentine's Day is an excuse to express their love to their children in the forms of gifts.

Junior Josette Montello views Valentine's Day as a time for couples to express their love. She appreciates cards from her parents but she would rather spend the day with that someone special.

Nonetheless, millions of cards are stamped by a posted service prior to February 14. The present widespread distribution of Valentines brings gladness not only to senders and recipients but also to members of the greeting card industry, which in recent decades has grown to mammoth proportions. Senior Pat Enright supported this statement by remarking, "Valentine's Day is a Hallmark Holiday."

Many cards sent have read:

Roses are red, violets are blue,

Sugar is sweet, and so are you.

This verse is, of course, customarily signed "Guess Who?"

A Room with a View

By: Overzenia Robinson

If you were in the McGinnis Center during January, you were probably greeted with the aroma of fresh paint, the sound of buzzing saws and loud hammering. As you might have guessed, the McGinnis Center Multipurpose Room underwent a renovation from top to bottom. The face-lift has added personality and atmosphere to the room. Originally the room had dark wooden floors and plain egg-shell white walls. Now the room has everything from beautiful new carpeting and a dance floor to very "mod" tubular lighting and sound baffles.

The floor is carpeted in a teal blue and blue, peach and gray combo, with a section left uncarpeted to serve as a dance floor. The walls are painted a soft grey which is enhanced by dark wood trimmings. Beams were added to lower the ceiling and give it some geometric design. Instead of blending fluorescent lights, new tubular lights hand down from the ceiling. The lighting can now be adjusted with the flip of a switch, so that the lighting in the room is appropriate for the activity. There is bright lighting for seminars and workshops and dimmer lighting for social gatherings. In addition to the beams and lighting fixtures, rust-colored sound baffles extend from the ceiling, adding not only flavor to this now very modern looking room, but also adding buffers to keep the noise from bouncing around. The stage now has track lighting. The wooden stage floor has been refinished.

No room is complete without the appropriate furnishings. New tables and chairs are color coordinated to match the new carpeting.

Edge and Tinney Architects designed the Multipurpose Room. (Other Edge and Tinney designs include Virginia Kettering Residence Hall, St. Joseph's Hall renovations and the Fieldhouse renovations.) The Rayburg Construction Company completed the work in one and a half months.

Several new policies are now in effect due to the renovations. Kegs of beer are no longer permitted in the McGinnis Center. Beer may be served in cans only. All recognized student organizations interested in using the McGinnis Center are encouraged to contact the Coordinator of the McGinnis Center for more information.

The University of Dayton is in the process of selecting a candidate to fill the position of Director of Campus Security. As part of the interview process, each candidate will have the opportunity to address an open meeting of the Campus Community. The dates scheduled for four of the candidates are February 13th at 2:00 p.m., February 21 at 2:00 p.m., February 27 at 2:00 p.m., and March 2 at 2:00 p.m. Evaluation sheets will be available for the Campus Community to assess the candidates and resumes of each candidate will be on reserve at the library.



FEBRUARY SPOTLIGHT

A New Face on the Block

By Angie Ganster

The Residential Properties Area has a newcomer in its midst. Her name is Susan Fowler.

Sue, a native of Dayton, may be new to the area, although, she isn't new to the University of Dayton altogether. John Hart, Director of Legal Affairs, hired Sue as a Special Assistant for Legal Affairs in October. This position requires her to become acquainted with the area and its residents. A primary goal for this job is to see the realization of the Environmental Design Plan," she said.

Sue hopes to become an integral part of the Residential Properties Area through property acquisition and assisting in the development of the Environmental Design Plan. (The Environmental Design Plan is UD's future plan for the development of the Campus Area for the next thirty years.) Sue believes the residents in the area can benefit from a variety of property disposition options. She hopes both residents and the University can both gain from a plan which will ultimately make the community a better place for everyone.

Sue's quest for knowledge of legal affairs and law began while she was a student at Southern Methodist University. As a pre-law student, she worked as a volunteer legal runner, legal secretary, a legal clerk, and a probation officer. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and criminal justice at S.M.U.

After college, Sue travelled the globe as an International Travel Agent. "It was more of an adventure than a job. I was able to travel all over the world," she said. Three and a half years of non-stop travel led Sue home to Dayton to attend the University of Dayton Law School.

After obtaining her law degree, Sue worked for her father as an administrative assistant at Colonial Ad Products. This job entailed her handling the financial aspect of this closely held corporation. Although Sue liked her position in the financial world, she knew that law was the profession for her. When the Special Assistant Position at UD became available, Sue knew it was the job for her. She already loved UD and the people there.

Since coming to UD, Sue finds working in a university atmosphere very special. The students, faculty, and staff all have a vitality and creativity that is particularly desirable to her.

Sue believes the Residential Properties Area brings students together to share a common spirit, but is concerned about the area's development. She hopes the Environmental Design Plan will improve the structures while enhancing the common spirit it possesses now.

Besides her work at UD, Sue has several outside interests to keep her busy. She has a strong commitment to the preservation of Antarctica. This interest began while she was in college at S.M.U. and has increased through the years. She is currently involved with the Antarctic Society located in Washington, D.C. In the future, she and her husband Gerry, a purchasing manager for General Motors, plan to visit Antarctica.

Sue's love for thoroughbred horses also keeps her busy. She attends horse shows and takes riding lessons weekly. She plans to lease a horse in the near future.

Sue's organizational skills enable her to have time for hard work at UD and other interests such as Antarctica and horses. She believes organization makes a person more effective and efficient. Sue plans to work effectively and efficiently in the important areas of property acquisition. She believes this plan is the best for all parties involved. Sue may be the newest face on the block, but already she has a deep sense of commitment to the community.

Greek Happenings

Mrs. Bernice Sadler, the Executive Director of the Project and Status of Women, will be addressing greeks and pledges/associate members on Wednesday, February 22, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. in VWK. Plan on attending to welcome Mrs. Sandler to the University of Dayton.

Greek 101's schedule for February:

- Monday, February 13, 1989 at 7 p.m. in O'Leary Alcohol and Advertising
- Wednesday, February 22, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. in VWK Mrs. Bernice Sandler

*Make-up sessions will be announced at a future date.

If you need a speaker, or are planning a program and could use resources (i.e., articles, videos), the Office of Greek Life can help you. Stop by Gosiger Hall RM 230.

The Office of Greek Life wishes the Sigma Nu Fraternity **GOOD LUCK** on their 5th Annual Game Boll Run for Cystic Fibrosis on February 24, 1989.

The Office of Greek Life wishes the Sigma Tau Epsilon **GOOD LUCK** on their annual Hug-a-thon on Monday, February 13, 1989.



Warm weather will be here sooner than you think. As the temperatures rise, activity moves from indoors to the great outdoors. All students should remember to behave as responsible citizens of the community. Turning over dumpsters, fires, and bottle-throwing are all inappropriate behavior and will not be tolerated. Don't behave in this manner and don't encourage others to behave in a way in which they might hurt themselves or others.



Quotable Quotes

"Real friends are those who, when you've made a fool of yourself, don't think you've done a permanent job."

Upcoming Events

February 1989						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

March 1989						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

February

16th	Basketball, St. Louis (away)
18th	Basketball, Evansville (away)
20th	President's Day—no classes
21st	Midterm Break—no classes
21st	Basketball, Notre Dame (home)
25th	Basketball, Butler (home)

March

2nd	Basketball, Marquette (home)
3rd	Jail 'n Bail—KU Plaza, 3-8 p.m.
4th	Basketball, Xavier (away)
9, 10, 11th	PVA Production, "Little Mary Sunshine"
16, 17, 18th	PVA Production, "Little Mary Sunshine"
22nd	Easter recess begins

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 for 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 the chapel too far? McGinnis Center offers a mass every Sunday night at 9 p.m. with Fr. Jerry Chinchar.

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