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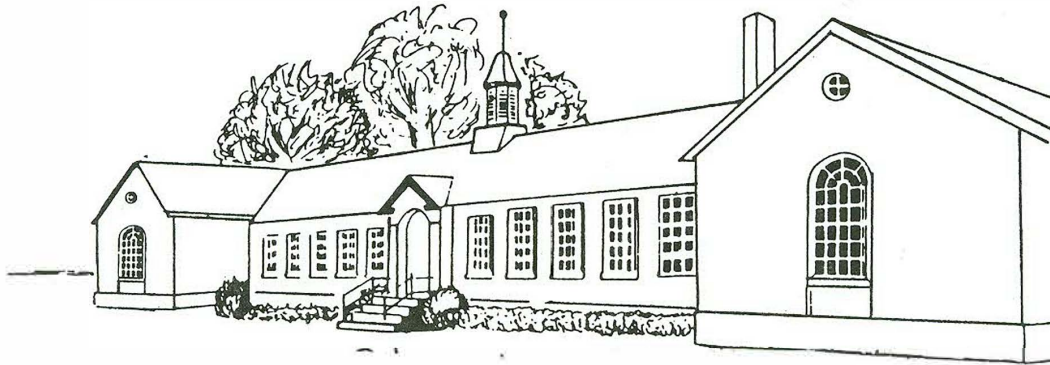
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McGinnis Center

March 14, 1989



Spring Cleaning Without Mom

By: Angie Ganster

Spring cleaning your house with Mom was never fun. But, spring cleaning the ghetto with all your closest friends can be fun! Grab all your friends as well as brooms and trash bags to attend this spring's Clean Sweep. The Student Government Association and McGinnis Center join together again to hold this biannual Clean Sweep at the McGinnis Center on Saturday, April 1, at 10:00 a.m. (no foolin!).

All recognized University organizations are encouraged to participate. Each organization's president must present final member rosters at 9:45 a.m. at the McGinnis Center. A \$75 prize will be awarded to the group with the most people participating and to the group with the largest percentage of their members participating. The second place group in each category will receive \$50 and the third place organizations will be awarded \$25. Following the Clean Sweep, non-cash prizes donated by Brown Street businesses will be awarded. Each group member must sign in to be considered part of the organization and to be eligible for prizes.

With your support, the Spring Clean Sweep will surpass last fall's Clean Sweep grand total of participants of 700 students. The Southeast Priority Board and the City of Dayton Waste Collection Department also support Clean Sweep by providing equipment.

If you don't believe Clean Sweep is more fun than Mom's spring cleaning, believe the hundreds of students who return each year rain or shine, to clean the streets, alleys, and lots in the area. See you at the McGinnis Center on April 1, at 10:00 a.m. to make the neighborhood as spotless as possible. Thanks to everyone for participating.

Congratulations to **Rick Ruffolo**, the newly-elected President of the Student Government Association, and **Kristi Kerscher**, the new Executive Vice President of SGA.

Rick and Kristi have both been involved with SGA for two years. They plan to use this experience and continue "Building on a Tradition of Excellence and Leadership." They plan to maintain and strengthen the important vital link SGA holds between students and the administration. They also hope to broaden their constituency representation and promote greater student participation with SGA.

SGA and the McGinnis Center sponsored several successful events together this year. They included the Help House Program, Adopt-a-Dumpster, and Clean Sweep. As past Executive Vice President, Rick was involved in the planning and implementation of these programs.

Congratulations again to Rick and Kristi. Under their leadership, SGA will continue to work for students.

From Seoul to Dayton— Ghetto Olympics

Good News—You don't have to wait another four years for Olympic excitement. The Olympic flame will burn on the UD campus as the Campus Ministry G.E.T.T.O. Reps and McGinnis Center Block Reps bring you the first annual Ghetto Olympics.

This fun-filled anything goes competition will be held on April 14 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the McGinnis Center lawn. The purpose of these friendly games of skill is to build community in the ghetto area. Now is your chance for you, your housemates, and friends to show your athletic skills. For those with few athletic skills, fun will be in abundance and door prizes donated by area businesses will be given following Ghetto Olympics.

Coed groups of six people can register for Ghetto Olympics by signing up in Kennedy Union the week of April 10-13 or by simply filling out the form below and dropping it by the McGinnis Center anytime. For more information on Ghetto Olympics, contact Chrissy McKeown at 228-1445 or Overzenia Robinson at 229-2047.

Ghetto Olympic Registration

Group Name _____

Contact Person _____

Phone Number _____

Ghetto Olympics
April 14, 1989 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
McGinnis Center

Please return this form to the McGinnis Center prior to April 13.

"The Greenest Day of the Year"

By Angie Ganster

A few tint their hair green for the day. Others dip their white dogs into emerald green-colored baths. At the University of Dayton, Kegs 'n Eggs parties are held. Some bars around the University vicinity help celebrate this day by opening early in the morning. This "green day" can only be—St. Patrick's Day.

St. Patrick's Day, the Feast of St. Patrick, bishop and confessor, has traditionally been recognized on March 17 by Roman Catholics and some Episcopalians. This apostle, Ireland's patron saint, had a dream in which he was told to escape from the slavery he had been in for six years. He did and returned to his home to live a religious life.

Many of the legends about Patrick are portrayed in pictures and statues. The shamrock, the most famous emblem associated with St. Patrick, conveyed the idea of the Holy Trinity.

After 30 years of a successful missionary life, St. Patrick retired and died on March 17 in or about the year 461. Catholics decided to commemorate his life with celebrations in the color green to resemble Ireland on March 17. Green can be found everywhere—in clothing, food, and drink.

This day has been celebrated in unique manners. In 1965, the mayor of Chicago ordered 100 pounds of emerald green dye to be poured into the Chicago River. Another uniquely celebrated St. Patty's Day occurred when Irish airline flight attendants presented another touch of green by having shamrocks flown in from Ireland to city officials.

UD students might not receive shamrocks from Ireland, but they certainly produce their own celebration with originality. If their faces aren't painted green, they most likely have a green beer stain on their nose. To help celebrate the traditional March 17, UD's Irish Club has its annual "St. Patty's Day" bash.

The students' celebration is complemented by bars opening their doors to customers in the wee hours of the morning. Some serve drinks dyed green, others have green-dyed bagels for breakfast.

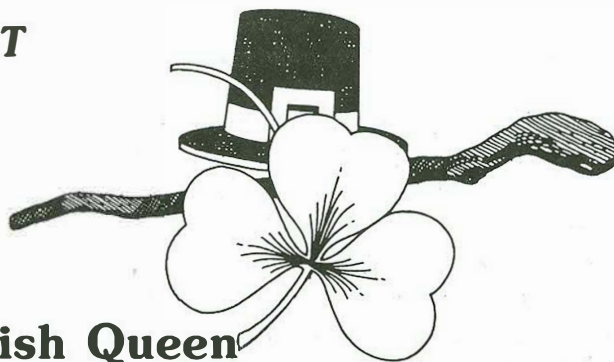
The Irish and non-Irish will both celebrate this day to honor St. Patrick. So, don't be blue if you're not Irish. Green should be your dominating color on March 17. Put a little on and do an Irish jig (just move your feet around if you don't know any real Irish jigs), and you'll fit in with all who celebrate the life of St. Patrick on St. Patty's Day.

Welcome Spring

Spring is here and that means activity moves outside. All students should behave in responsible adult manners. Turning over dumpsters, fires, and bottle-throwing are inappropriate behavior and will not be tolerated. Don't behave in this manner and don't encourage others to behave in a way that they might hurt themselves and others.



MARCH SPOTLIGHT



UD's Irish Queen

By Angie Ganster

UD has an Irish queen in its midst. Her name is Erin Walsh. Erin's freckles, thick, red hair, and Irish tap dancing are giveaways to her heritage.

Erin, who is one hundred percent Irish, speaks highly of her nationality and family heritage. Her grandparents on both parents' sides came to the United States because of the Irish potato famine. Her parents grew up in Chicago and raised their own family of five children. All five children plan to marry one hundred percent Irish people also. Erin believes Irish people have great qualities. "Irish people are always happy, jolly, and well accepted," she said.

Many people at UD have a bit of Irish in them, but the one hundred percent Irish, like Erin, take being Irish very seriously. Evidence of this can be seen on St. Patrick's Day. Erin anxiously awaits this Irish day every year. For as long as she can remember, her family has spent March 17 in downtown Chicago at the St. Patrick Cathedral. Her family hasn't missed a St. Patty's Day Parade in Chicago since former Mayor Richard Daley started it 45 years ago. Along with other members of the parade, her family then attends a celebration at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Erin's personal involvement in Irish activities has increased through the years. She is an active member of the Irish Fellowship Club. The members of this life-long club host fundraisers for the purpose of bringing children to the U.S. from Northern Ireland. The children stay in foster homes for the summer. "Through this program, I meet many influential people, as well as feel good about housing unfortunate children for the summer," Erin said.

In 1984, Erin was chosen from 1,500 other young women as the Queen of the St. Patty's Day Parade in Chicago. Queen candidates are chosen based upon their being one hundred percent Irish, their personality, and presentation ability. "Being Queen of the St. Patty's Day Parade was an honor that I'll never forget," Erin said. As queen, Erin made 60 public appearances and aided the St. Patrick's Cathedral in fundraising events. Every year on St. Patty's Day, she attends a luncheon that is held for past queens.

Erin visited Ireland recently with her family. Many of her relatives still live there. "It's the safest, most beautiful, and green place you'll ever see," Erin exclaimed. "It's exactly what I imagined." Erin found the people there friendly and courteous. After traveling in Ireland, Erin hopes to live there for awhile someday.

Erin compared these friendly Irish people to UD students. "Besides UD having a great communication department, UD people are very friendly and easy to get along with." Erin said she loves UD. Her only regret is that she can't spend St. Patty's Day at UD, where there's always a big celebration.

After Erin graduates this summer in Communication Broadcasting, she wants to pursue a career in TV broadcasting in Chicago or Aspen, Colorado. Wherever Erin goes, it is sure she'll take her Irish qualities with her and will value them with pride.

Greek Happenings

- All pledging/associate membership must be completed by March 18, 1989! All initiations done by March 18th! Remember to turn in New Member Initiation Forms to the Office of Greek Life.
- The IFC is accepting nominations for next year executive board officers. All fraternity leaders are encouraged to run.
- 1989-1990 Greek Year Planning Meeting, Monday, March 20, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. in KU Rm 313.
- As chapter elections take place, please provide the Office of Greek Life with information on new officers (addresses, phone numbers) immediately after the election.
- The Office of Greek Life and the IFC congratulates Tim Collins (Chi Sigma Alpha) as IFC rush chair and Jamie Masticola (Chi Sigma Alpha) as IFC interim secretary.
- Congratulations to the Alpha Nu Omega fraternity on its 20th Anniversary!
- Congratulations to the Sigma Nu fraternity (Kappa Iota Chapter) on its 5 year Anniversary!
- The Office of Greek Life welcomes Pi Beta Phi sorority and Sigma Phi Epsilon to the University of Dayton's campus and Greek system!

Graduate Assistant Needed

The McGinnis Center Office of Community Relations needs a Graduate Student to assist with programs in the Residential Properties area. If you are going to be a graduate student in the 1989-90 school year and like working with students in the best environment on campus, this job may be for you! Contact Judy at the McGinnis Center at 229-2047 for application information.

The upcoming St. Patrick's Day Weekend will bring various celebrations to the area. All students should remember to behave responsibly. Because of safety concerns, unauthorized block parties are unacceptable. All households who participate in unauthorized block parties will receive disciplinary sanctions against them.

Chicago Concert

The UD Arena will present Chicago in concert on Sunday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$17.50 per person and are on sale now.

Quotable Quotes

"Saints are sinners who kept on trying."

Upcoming Events

March

- 15th Arts Series—The Percussion Group—8:00 p.m., Boll Theatre
- 16, 17, 18th PVA Production, "Little Mary Sunshine," 8:00 p.m.
- 23-27th Easter Break
- 28th Classes resume
- 30th Art Series, "Do You Write?," Boll Theatre, 8:00 p.m.

April

- 1st Clean Sweep, McGinnis Center, 10:00 a.m.
- 5th DSS, KU Ballroom, 8:00 p.m.
- 7th Senior Ball, Miami Valley Country Club, 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.
- 14th Ghetto Olympics, McGinnis Center, 3:00 p.m.
- 15th Spring Fling, McGinnis Center, 2:00 p.m.



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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