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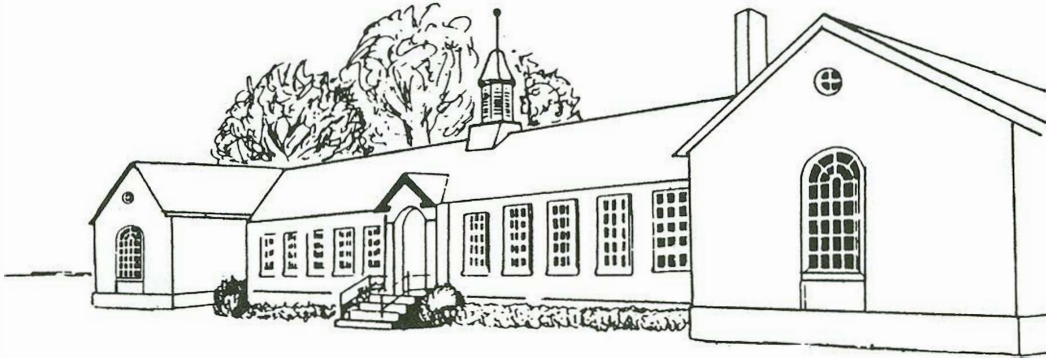
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McGinnis Center

April 17, 1989



1988-89 – What a Year!

Thanks to all those who worked to improve the quality of life in the area. The combined efforts of students, faculty, administrators, and City officials have aided in making this unique student community a positive living experience for all.

Several individuals deserve special recognition for supporting our efforts. Elaine Johnson and Gloria Smith from the Southeast Priority Board have been instrumental in their help with the fall and spring Clean Sweeps. Additionally, we are grateful to the City of Dayton Waste Collection Department for their assistance with the Clean Sweep Program, Adopt-A-Dumpster, and for providing additional dumpsters in the area.

We greatly appreciate the support of Lt. Jerry Morgan and the City of Dayton Second District Police Department. Their cooperation and concern for the community has led to better relations between students, University officials, and the police.

Many programs were successful due to the efforts of the Student Government Association. A special thanks to Jeff Pfeifer and Rick Ruffolo for their help and support.

Block Representatives were also a big help in the community this year. We appreciate their assistance in making the neighborhood a better place for everyone to live.

Lastly, thanks to the many students living in the area who helped in any way. We wish you all a happy, healthy, and safe summer.

Goodbye Ganster

"Block Talk" and the McGinnis Center wish to thank Angie Ganster for her work during the 1988-89 school year. Angie, a senior communications major from Chicago, was selected to work at the McGinnis Center as part of the Student Fellowship Program. (The Student Fellowship Program was begun in the Fall of 1988 to place students with special skills in jobs to utilize these skills.)

Angie's responsibilities at the McGinnis Center included the writing and layout of "Block Talk." Additionally, she greatly assisted the Block Representative Program and many others such as Clean Sweeps, Hands Across the Ghetto, the Christmas Luminary Project, the Housing Fair, and GhettoOlympics.

We will miss Angie after she graduates from UD in April. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

S.G.A.

Congratulations to the new Student Government Association Officers, Senators, and Coordinators. Get to know these students who are working for you. They are:

Rick Ruffolo	President
Kristi Kerscher	Executive Vice president
Mark Minatel	Vice President, Operations
Al Fratini	Vice President, Academic Affairs
Vicki Corron	Vice President, Entrepreneurial Activities
Michelle Stevens	Treasurer
Debbie Juniewicz	Senior Class Senator
Michelle Grimes	Junior Class Senator
Ara Manooshian	Sophomore Class Senator
Nancy Kiely	Arts and Sciences Senator
Reggie Riley	Arts and Sciences Senator
Dave Fallon	Business Senator
Amy Schwieterman	Business Senator
Michael Burdett	Education Senator
Jackie Scheetz	Education Senator
Al Fratini	Engineering Senator
Laura Hutchinson	Engineering Senator
Michael Hawk	Programming Coordinator
Jean Sullivan	Publicity Coordinator
Colleen Pero	Public Relations Coordinator
Cathy Anth	Student Organizations Coordinator

Many thanks to McGinnis Center desk workers. We appreciate their good work and ability to keep the McGinnis Center running smoothly in the late night hours. They are: Dennis Bergerson, Margaret Bradley, Chris Cardella, Dave DelBene, Dan Allspaw, David Miller, Doug Eifert, Jim Kunz, Jim Stenger, Mike Whisonant, and Chuck Rymarowicz. Congratulations and good luck to Chris, Dave, Dan, and David who will graduate this spring.

Have You Visited the Placement Center Yet?

By Angie Ganster

A boost of confidence, a handshake, and smile greets you as you walk through the doors of the Jesse Phillips Center. This center is a place where all relevant work experience is under the same roof.

The placement program, which helps students with their future endeavors, began in the 1950s as a single operation made up of a director and secretary. The operation expanded to the multi-person, multi-faceted program it is today. In 1982, the Placement Center outgrew its home in St. Mary's Hall and relocated to its current home on Caldwell Street.

The Placement Center offers individual attention in resume writing, interviewing, and career counseling. It also offers practical experience in interview training, company research, career guidance, phone skills training, and job salary information.

"It's often not what students put on a resume, but what they fail to put on a resume that hurts them in their job search," Brother Ray Martin, Director of the Placement Center, said.

The Placement Center also offers an active Alumni Referral System in which UD graduates help other UD graduates. These services are available to undergraduate students, graduate students, and alumni.

Students furthering their education by going to graduate school, law school, or medical school can find valuable information at the Placement Center. Guidance in resume writing, applications, and interviewing for these students is also available.

Even those students who are not graduating this April are encouraged to visit the Placement Center. John Kelly, Assistant Director of the Placement Center, said, "A person's career starts the first day of school, freshman year." He added that students who use the Placement Center have a good quality about them. The main change he has seen over the years is competitiveness among students.

In 1988, 700-900 seniors took advantage of the different programs offered through the Placement Center. About 91 percent of these participants found jobs. "Our goal is not to get these students a job, but to show them how to get a job," Brother Martin said.

Mr. Kelly and Brother Martin advise students to take advantage of the companies that come to campus and ask for co-op jobs and career jobs. The Placement Center is conveniently located to accompany students.

Advice given to all students is "to get started early." The Placement Center wants to help students help themselves for the future.

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.



APRIL SPOTLIGHT

Block Representatives are a group of volunteer individuals who plan, coordinate and assist the various events to help the community become a safer, more enjoyable place to live. They willingly give up their time to become actively involved in the community's well-being. Four of these representatives deserve special recognition for taking on the responsibility of holding a position as an officer. Gina Antonelli—President, Dan Fink—Vice President, Mike Dobek—Social Chairman, and Mike Miller—Secretary are the four officers who were an asset to the Block Representatives and created unity among all students involved.

Gina, a graduating Public Relations major, left her hometown of Mayfield Heights, Ohio to attend the University of Dayton. UD's atmosphere gave her a sense of warmth and welcomeness. Gina said she is going to miss living in her house with her best friends more than anything. "We're more than just buddies, we're like sisters," Gina said. As a Block Representative, Gina believes she's helping bring a closer bond between people who live in the ghetto.

"The block representatives show that not only administrators care but students do too," Gina commented.

Gina enjoyed being the President of Block Representatives due to the responsibility she held. "People could come to me for advice," Gina said. "People trusted me enough to let me lead them." She will use these skills to help her land a good job in Marketing or Public Affairs.

A Fort Wayne, Indiana native, Dan Fink, followed his father's footsteps to the University of Dayton. Dan, a Communication Marketing major, admired UD's size and loved all the people he met while visiting UD. "Everyone comes from a variety of places and backgrounds," Dan said. "It makes UD very interesting." In Dan's third year of school, he said his fondest memories were St. Patrick's Day weekends because of their uniqueness. Dan said his position as Vice President of Block Representatives gave him a sense of responsibility and taught him organizational skills. He joined the group to become more involved with administration and his community. "It was a perfect opportunity to meet new people," Dan said. Dan hopes to work a sales job with an airfreight corporation in Fort Wayne this summer.

Mike Dobek held the position of Social Chairman. He thought it would be a challenge of responsibilities to uphold and wanted to assist in all the functions as much as possible. Mike, an Economics major from Shaker Heights, Ohio, got involved with Block Representatives to become more aware of what happens outside the academic and social life. He likes to meet people, to get involved and to help out. His favorite event was the Fall Clean Sweep. "Hundreds of students participated to clean the ghetto," Mike said. "It's great to see the respect and care for what their community looks like." Mike believes Dayton has an overall feel of a second home. Mike doesn't plan to go home for summer. He plans to live in Anaheim, California with relatives.

The secretary of Block Representatives from Sidney, Ohio is Mike Miller. UD's fine academics and reputable social life led Mike, a Management major, to UD. Mike joined Block Representatives to become closer to his community and to meet more people. He found Hands Across the Ghetto to be the most successful event this year because everyone came together for a good cause.

Mike's fondest memory at UD was attending his first block party and seeing hundreds of people having a good time. Mike recalls saying to himself, "This is me." Mike was also a co-op with DP&L and plans to work for them this summer before he finishes his last semester in December.

Other Block Reps who have greatly aided the community include Amy Cashion, Amy Dunson, James Duyer, Lottie Frantz, Adel Hanna, Toby Holcher, Dee Jentgen, Trevor Lemmel, Michelle Miller, Ed Ninestine, Cathy Sengewalt, Rich Simmons, and Sue Skarzynski.

The Block Reps' fearless leader this year was Overzenia Robinson, who did a great job in keeping everyone going. She will be missed next year as she moves on to further her law career.

This community is a better place because of the efforts of these Block Representatives.

Greek Happenings

1. Reminder to all fraternities and sororities—Please submit a roster of your new officers to the Office of Greek Life immediately after elections (A.S.A.P.)
2. All Presidents—Please turn in your Greek Life manuals A.S.A.P.
3. Congratulations to the new I.F.C. Executive Committee. They are: President, Reggie Riley; Ex. V. President, Dave Szink; Administrative V.P., Bob Simm; Treasurer, Van Tane; Secretary, Jim Olsen; Pledge Educator, John Spencer; Sports Chairman, Dan Fink; and Greek Advisory Council, Tim Finnegan.
4. The Office of Greek Life thanks everyone for a good year!

Upcoming Events

April

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| 18th | Jaws (movie), 9:00 p.m., P.A.C. |
| 20th | Last Day of Classes |
| 20th | Ghettofest |
| 21st | Study Day |
| 24-28th | Exams |
| 30th | Commencement, 10:00 a.m., UD Arena |

May

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| 1st | Dayton to Daytona, 6:00 p.m., E-Lot |
| 8th | Summer classes begin, 8:00 a.m. |

Help House Program

The Help House Program sponsored by the McGinnis Center and the Student Government Association will not be in operation over the summer. All Help Houses should please remove their Help House stickers before they leave this summer. The Help House Program is scheduled to resume next fall. Should anyone need emergency aid or assistance this summer, they should call Campus Police at 229-2121 or Dayton Police at 222-9511.

Graduate Assistant Needed

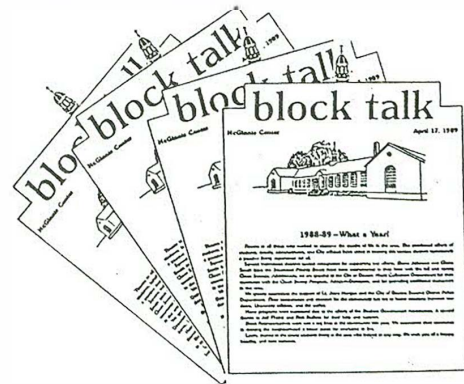
The McGinnis Center Office of Community Relations needs a Graduate Student to assist with programs in the Residential Properties area. If you are going to be a graduate student in the 1989-90 school year and like working with students in the best environment on campus, this job may be for you! Contact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

Christmas On Campus 1989 needs chairpersons and committee members. Anyone interested in helping with this traditional UD event should contact Teresa Paumier-Cusma in University Activities at 229-4114 for more information.

The McGinnis Center will be open this summer from 12 noon until 9:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. It will be closed weekends.

**Best Wishes
from
Student
Development
to April Graduates**

*Good luck in the future and
have a safe and happy summer!!*



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