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McGinnis Center

April 1990



Senior Memories

By Rachel Brown

Four years have come down to just under 18 days.

Undergraduate exams, papers and all night study sessions will all end on April 29 as the Class of 1990 accept their diplomas from Brother Fitz in the UD Arena.

The unique opportunity of living in an area surrounded by people basically the same age is what many seniors will miss most. Although things are changing, seniors will probably never forget the Ghetto area.

Seniors have had four years to develop many lasting friendships and memories.

"I am going to miss coming home and having all my friends in the house," said senior Kelly McCarthy. John Tinsley, a senior from Bedford, NY, will also miss the "strong friendship ties you develop in the Ghetto."

One of senior Tim Kalil's most memorable experiences was the first two weeks of his freshman year. "No one knew anyone, but everyone was so friendly," he said. "It is so easy to meet people here."

Many seniors, like Kelly Brady from Bellview, OH, will miss the excitement of seeing the Flyers travel to Austin, TX for the NCAA Tournament. The Class of 1990 was here just long enough to experience the school spirit which was a memorable part of their last semester.

But there may be many seniors who leave UD wishing they had done a few things differently.

"I wish I had read my textbooks," regrets Casey Barry, a senior from Michigan City, IN. "For some reason, I never really considered them as being homework."

Although many seniors will forget the exams, papers, and homework they worked diligently on for years, most will never forget the memories and friendships they gained as UD students.

Eleven University of Dayton students have been suspended from the University for a period of two semesters as a result of their involvement in activities in the University residential area known as the "ghetto" from March 10-March 17, 1990. Suspension is defined in the University's student handbook as "...complete separation from all University activities, services, facilities, and grounds." The eleven students were positively identified as participating in fires, destruction of property and resistance to campus or City of Dayton police officers. Students involved in less serious violations have also received disciplinary action ranging from fines to required participation in an alcohol abuse program.

University officials have begun a review of video tapes and photographs in a continuing effort to identify and hold responsible those students whose conduct led or contributed to a rash of street fires and unruly behavior following the string of UD Flyer basketball victories.

"While the University understands and accepts the spirited celebration resulting from our basketball victories, we cannot and will not tolerate behavior that threatens life and property behind the ugly face of a mob. We have repeatedly warned students that involvement in fires, damage to property and non-compliance with police will lead to removal from the University. Unfortunately, some students have either ignored these warnings or felt secure in the anonymity of a crowd. The consequences that they now suffer is the serious damage to their academic records and aspirations. This is truly tragic. However, the University will continue to aggressively take severe disciplinary action in our effort to prevent injury and a tragic conflagration in the "ghetto" area."

Take Care of Your Personals

by Rachel Brown

If you live in a University-owned house and you're thinking about storing your belongings there until after Daytona, you better change your plans.

The University is beginning their spring cleaning on Monday, April 30. Non-graduating students must remove all their personal belongings 24 hours after their final exam. Graduating seniors have until Monday, April 30, at noon to remove their belongings. All houses will be cleaned top to bottom and anything left behind will be removed.

If you plan on going to Daytona and need a place to store your things, find a friend in a landlord-owned house or rent a storage room.

Also, don't forget to clean your houses and throw out all trash before leaving!

Thanks for your cooperation and have a relaxing summer!

Many thanks to McGinnis Center workers. We appreciate their good work and abilities in keeping the McGinnis Center and its events running smoothly. Thanks again to Jeff Pond, Grant Yoakum, Shelly Tucker, Casey Barry, Jim Stenger, Brian McRoberts, and John Morris. A special thanks goes to Bill Noelker, the McGinnis Center Graduate Assistant for his contributions this year. Bill was instrumental in boosting the Block Representative program and in organizing Ghetto Photo Days. "Block Talk" would also like to thank Rachel Brown who wrote many of the stories published in "Block Talk." We appreciate her hard work and dedication and wish her the best of luck after graduation in April.

Lost Laundry?

The McGinnis Center has a huge pile of laundry that has been growing each week! If you have been missing your favorite shirt or shorts, chances are we've got it! Stop by the office and claim your things. Anything left over at the end of the semester will be donated to the needy.

*Best Wishes
from
Student
Development
to April
Graduates*

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

APRIL SPOTLIGHT



Changes

by Rachel Brown

In only four short years, UD seniors have witnessed many transformations in the campus' appearance. Among the changes are renovations to the Kennedy Union cafeteria, the addition of The Pub, renovations to Marycrest Cafeteria, the construction of the Virginia W. Kettering Residence Hall, and the reconstruction of St. Joseph Hall.

Most UD seniors remember the days when long lines of students waited at the cafeteria doors to get their student ID numbers checked before being allowed to enter. At that time the only cafeterias were Marycrest's Brass Lantern and KU's El Granada. Both have since been remodelled and students have the option to eat in whichever they choose.

Senior Lisa Herndon remembers the El Granada's gloomy interior to be a "dreary and depressing place and very behind the times." The colorful neons and open seating of the Food Court and The Pub now give KU a more "high-tech" look, according to senior Beth Wall.

Back in 1986, when today's seniors were freshmen, the Virginia W. Kettering Residence Hall was nothing more than a large grassy lawn. Today it stands on the hill overlooking the campus. Some of the 1990 UD grads were lucky enough to be the first sophomores to ever live in this Hilton Hotel-like structure.

St. Joseph Hall was reconstructed following a fire in late 1987 that nearly destroyed the building. The inside of St. Joe's was completely gutted and remodelled. The inside remake includes all new furnishings, carpet, and air conditioning.

Though these changes may seem dramatic, the future holds an even more drastic transformation of the campus area. The University's Environmental Design Plan, which looks 30 years into the future, will make parts of the campus almost unrecognizable to today's students.

The University took one giant step towards actualizing the changes that will occur in the Ghetto when it purchased 115 houses earlier this year. This summer these houses will be improved to meet University standards. Several houses, however, will be demolished due to poor mechanics of the structures.

Joe Belle, Assistant Dean of Students, said that by August the 300 block of Lowes Street will be closed to traffic. "This will provide additional playing and gathering space," said Belle.

According to the plan, ultimately more houses will be demolished and a village green will be developed in the area adjacent to the McGinnis Center. Additionally, as houses grow older and become too costly to repair, they will be razed and new duplexes housing six students will be built. Parking will be available behind the houses. By the year 2000, complexes similar to Garden Apartments will be built along Alberta and Lawnview.

Other changes include the closing of Alberta Street between Caldwell and L Streets to redirect the flow of traffic. A parking garage will be built near the intersection of Trinity and Stonemill Avenues. A new law school and humanities building will contribute to academic life at the University.

The suggested changes regarding Housing, according to Belle, are just a plan to move in a direction but are not "written in stone."

"The Environmental Design Plan's purpose and my hope is to provide a better quality of life for students," he said.

Although the future promises many changes in the campus, the unique, friendly atmosphere at the University of Dayton will always remain.

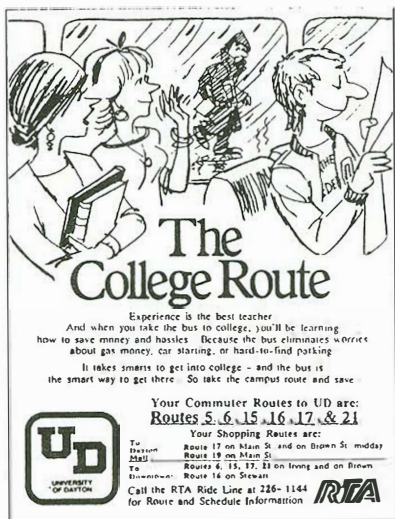


Shake Those Summertime Blues

Sticking around for the summer? Don't complain that there's nothing to do, you just have to know where to find the fun. Here's a guide to events and activities going on around Dayton in the months to come:

- May 12 Thunder Road Bike-a-Thon at River Corridor Bikeway
- May 26-28 Dayton River Festival at Island and Triangle Parks
- May 26-27 Art in the Park at the Riverbend Arts Center
- June 1-3 World A'Fair at the Dayton Convention Center
- June 10-11 The Old Fashioned Spring Festival in Clifton, Ohio
- July 14-15 Hot Air Balloon Rally at the Dayton International Airport and Black Cultural Festival at the Dave Hall Plaza
- July 19-22 The Dayton Air & Trade Show at the Dayton International Airport
- July 30-
- August 4 Dayton Horse Show at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds
- August 29-
- September 3 The Montgomery County Fair also at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds
- September 1 The Annual Kite Festival at the U.S. Air Force Museum

For more information about these activities or others going on in the Dayton/Montgomery County area this summer, call the Dayton Chamber of Commerce at 226-8211.



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.

Upcoming Events

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| April | |
| 12-16 | Easter Break; no classes |
| 18 | Last day of classes |
| 18 | "End of the Year" Party and Mass, 8:00 p.m., Fieldhouse |
| 19 | Study Day; no classes |
| 20-22 | Shrine Circus, UD Arena |
| 20-26 | Final Exams |
| 29 | Commencement Exercises; 10:00 a.m., UD Arena |
| 30 | SGA Dayton to Daytona trip leaves 6:00 p.m., E-Lot |
| May | |
| 4 | Summer School begins |
| 9 | SGA Dayton to Daytona trip returns, 3:00 p.m., E-Lot |

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

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 1990-1991 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.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby officially given that any student apprehended for building fires, throwing objects (bottles or cans), or in any way damaging city or private property will be subject to serious disciplinary action, including suspension from the University.

The danger to lives and property which ensues from the above actions, makes it imperative upon the University to impose these sanctions.

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