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DAYTON, Ohio, December 2, 1968 — Christmas—as usual—will come early to the University of Dayton. The traditional "Christmas Comes to UD" program will be celebrated again on Sunday, December 8, with evening-long festivities sponsored by the Union Activities Organization. It is open to the Dayton community.

Highlight of the annual activities will be the Candlelight Procession which opens the program at 8 p.m. In this traditional procession, 800 to 1500 persons take positions at designated points on the campus and, with all University lights out, converge with candles, to the area behind the Kennedy Union where a live Nativity Scene and a 40-foot Christmas tree serve as a focal point.

Upon arrival at the scene, the Christmas tree lights are turned on simultaneously with all campus lights. Christmas carols are sung, the Marianist Scholastics offer an original presentation and the people offer gifts of food, clothing, etc., to be distributed later to the poor of Dayton.

The festivities then move into the Kennedy Union and the UD Fieldhouse. The Interfraternity Council will take over the second floor of the Union and individual fraternities and sororities will serve as hosts.

The annual Family Christmas Show, designed for the little ones, will be held in the Ballroom complete with an early appearance of Santa Claus.

The Kennedy Cafeteria is turned into a night club complete with live entertainment, principally for UD students, and the U.D. Players will offer their final presentation, "A Thurber Carnival" at 8:30 p.m. in the Boll Theater. The show also runs Friday and Saturday, December 6 and 7.

The 19th Annual Christmas Concert, presented by the University's Music Department, is the musical feature in the fieldhouse at 8:30 p.m. The community-wide chorus, drawn from volunteers and directed by Professor Lawrence Tagg, and the Dayton Philharmonic Training Orchestra, conducted by Jaroslav Holeovsky, will present "Christmas Cantata," by Daniel Pinkham, and G. F. Handel's "The Messiah."

Other features are the free refreshments available during the entire evening and Chi Sigma Alpha's party for orphans from the Dayton area.

Two contests will be conducted during the day. Decoration of Snack Bar windows by campus organizations will be sponsored and judged by the Fine Arts Department while decoration of the small Christmas trees which line the tennis courts will be sponsored and judged by the Cleveland Club. Winners will receive cash awards from the UAO.

The entire campus will be decorated, particularly the main doors of all buildings and the Kennedy Plaza, which serves as the center of the campus.