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Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Week at UD

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DAYTON, Ohio, October 12, 1978 --- The UD chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is sponsoring a "Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Week" on the UD campus the week of October 16-20.

The primary purpose of the awareness week according to Carlos Menendez, president of the chapter, is to tell the university community about Cystic Fibrosis (CF) and to highlight the activities of CF volunteers. The week also marks the tenth anniversary of the CF organization on the UD campus.

There are currently 60 members in the chapter and Menendez hopes that, as a result of the awareness week, more student volunteers will join.

CF is an inherited and incurable disease that primarily attacks the lungs and digestive system. One out of every 1,600 children is born with CF. The disease causes a thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs and airways causing breathing difficulties, high susceptibility to infection, and lung damage. Only about 50 percent of the people that have CF live to be 20 years old; few live to their late 20's. In 1978 there are only 380 people over 30 with the disease.

Four programs about CF will be presented, throughout the week, each dealing with a specific topic. Speakers from CF organizations, people with CF and parents with CF children will be talking about the problems they face in everyday life and hopes they have about CF research.

On Monday the program is "Our Beginnings"; Tuesday is Health Night; Wednesday is Employment Night; and Thursday is Education Night. Each program will begin at 7:30 p.m. Monday's session will be in Wohlleben Hall, 218; and the rest in Kennedy Union.

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