'12-Hour Dance Marathon, Service Day for Law Students, Mock Trial Competition

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GOTTA DANCE:
CIRCLE K TO DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY IN 12-HOUR MARATHON

Jan. 28-29: For the 16th year, the University of Dayton’s Circle K Club will dance “around the clock” to raise money to send children to the Muscular Dystrophy Association summer camp and to buy school supplies for a Dayton-area school through the Teach the Children program. Dancers will take the floor at 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, and the event will wind up at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, in the Frericks Athletic and Convocation Center on campus. A games festival will be held from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Local Key Clubs from Carroll, Alter, Catholic Central, Chaminade-Julienne and Northridge high schools have been invited to attend. UD’s event has raised more than $20,000 over the years for MDA. For more information, call Vicki Rettig at (513) 229-5222.

THIS IS NO LAWYER JOKE:
LAW STUDENTS TO PERFORM DAY OF SERVICE

Saturday, Jan. 29: Tired of all the "lawyer bashing" and seeking exposure to public interest law opportunities, between 80 and 100 students from UD’s School of Law are expected to participate in "Law Student Work-A-Day 1994," a nationwide community service day that’s slated for Saturday, Jan. 29. Last year, more than 6,000 law students from 52 law schools participated in the event, originated by the American Bar Association.

"We get a bad rap," says Angelo Angelakos, a second-year UD law student from Chicago and one of the organizers. "This event is a way for law students to be exposed to the societal problems that will demand our attention as attorneys. It is also a way to show the community that the law students of today share a sincere concern for working toward a solution for the problems that plague our society."

Law students will volunteer at a dozen spots around the community, from visiting the elderly at Heartland of Kettering nursing home to serving brunch at the House of Bread to insulating houses of low-income residents. A full schedule will be faxed by Friday. The "Work-A-Day" program illustrates the growing popularity of public service in the nation’s law schools. At UD, 20 students are actively involved in the new Public Interest Law Organization and another two dozen are involved in the Public Service Placement Program, a new voluntary pro bono program sponsored by the Greater Dayton Volunteer Lawyers Project and UD’s School of Law.

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ON TRIAL:
LAW STUDENTS PRACTICE FOR PREMIERE MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

Saturday, Jan. 29: If law students were college basketball players, this might be considered the warm-up to the "big dance."

From noon to 3 p.m. in the School of Law's courtroom on the first floor of Albert Emanuel Hall on campus, four University of Dayton law students will practice their lawyering skills in preparation for the regional mock trial competition at Wayne State University Feb. 11-13. UD has won the regional contest each of the last two years and has competed in the national competition six times in 10 years. The region consists of Ohio and parts of Michigan and Kentucky.

"In the past we’ve done phenomenally well," said law professor Tom Hagel, who is helping coach the team of prospective attorneys with Dayton attorney Dana Cole. "This is the premiere law student trial competition in the country."

The students, all in their final year of law school, are preparing both sides of the case, which deals with a parent suing a school board over an alleged assault by a student. They won’t know which side they’ll be arguing until they arrive in Detroit.

Besides Saturday, Jan. 29, they’ll be practicing Saturday, Feb. 5 at noon and Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. in UD’s courtroom. For more information, contact Tom Hagel at 229-2423 or 277-7126 or Dana Cole at 223-6211.