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AUG 21-24: STUDENTS GET ORIENTED TO UD, MEET FRIENDS, GET CONNECTED

First-year University of Dayton students will be moving their boxes of belongings ranging from stuffed animals to stereos into the residence halls on the UD campus from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21.

In addition to meeting their roommates and navigating campus, the 1,771 members of the class of 2003 will spend their first few days getting acquainted with their computers. For the first time at UD, freshmen are purchasing or leasing a desktop or laptop computer through the University, with the cost factored into their financial aid package.

Other events during the weekend will include:

Today through Monday, Aug. 23

• The Pride of Dayton marching band will hold practice on the field outside the UD Children's Center on Alberta Street from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 20; from 9 a.m. to noon and from 2:30 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 21; from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 23.

Saturday, Aug. 21

- New UD students who plan on playing a varsity sport will attend an athletics open house from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 21, in the Frericks Convocation Center.
- Parents will get their last-minute questions answered by Bill Schuerman, dean of students, during the parents orientation from 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 21, in the Frericks Convocation Center.

Sunday, Aug. 22

- Brother Raymond Fitz, S.M., president of UD, will give the official welcome to new students and their families at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 22, in UD Arena. A Mass will follow the presidential address.
- New students will get a chance to play during a carnival with games and prizes held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 22, on Founder's Field. A picnic dinner will follow from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the field outside Kennedy Union.

Monday, Aug. 23

• After attending informational sessions in the morning on Monday, Aug. 23, students will have free time with an ice cream social from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Monday on the field outside Kennedy Union. Mike Spremulli, a hypnotist, will entertain students from 8 to 9 p.m. on Monday. There will be an outdoor movie from 9 to 11 p.m. in the Humanities Plaza and late-night cookouts will be held outside Marycrest, Stuart and Founders Halls from 10 p.m. to midnight.

Tuesday, Aug. 24

• The new student convocation, symbolizing the start of the students' academic careers, will be held from 8:45 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 24, in the Frericks Center. The convocation is a formal event that includes an academic procession with faculty dressed in robes and students in skirts and slacks.