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UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON TAKES STEPS TO ENSURE A SAFE ST. PATRICK'S DAY

DAYTON, Ohio — University of Dayton administrators and the Student Government Association (SGA) are taking precautions to ensure a safe St. Patrick's Day — the first one with students on campus in five years.

All undergraduate students this week will receive a letter informing them of "expectations and responsibilities," a measure designed to prevent a return to the rowdy celebrations of the early 1990s, according to Joseph A. Belle, assistant vice president for student development. SGA will also issue a letter urging students to act responsibly, according to Rodell J. Mollineau, SGA president.

SGA is taking out a "drink responsibly" ad in the *Flyer News* student newspaper, submitting a public service announcement to Flyer Radio and organizing a dinner without alcohol.

Five years ago, UD instituted a spring break during the week that included St. Patrick's Day in response to problems with drinking and damage during past celebrations that attracted college students from around the state and local high school students. This year, St. Patrick's Day fell too close to Easter to justify the timing of the spring break, said Belle, noting that next year's academic calendar has spring break scheduled during the week of St. Patrick's Day.

"Although current students have not been around to witness or take part in St. Patrick's Day festivities, we think it's important that they know they need to make good decisions if they choose to celebrate," Belle said. "All students are expected to demonstrate prudent judgment in their actions and be responsible for their personal behavior."

The letter reminds students of University fire safety regulations that require students to leave the vicinity of any fire or face suspension. It also outlines the University's party policy

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