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UD SERVICE CLUBS HIGHLIGHTED DURING CSC WEEK

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON, September 28, 1981 -- "The Caring Connection," a phrase that describes the Central Service Club's role as coordinator for the University of Dayton's service organizations, will be the theme of this year's CSC Awareness Week at the University.

Beginning Sunday, September 27, the Central Service Club (CSC) and its fifteen organizations will devote a week to publicizing themselves and to encouraging students to join them in serving both the University and the Dayton community. The fifteen member organizations include: Aid to Special Children, Appalachia Club, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Circle K Club, Cystic Fibrosis Volunteers, Faces, UD Jaycees, Knights of Columbus, Fr. Chaminade Council, Kids, Monk's Inn Coffeehouse, Music Therapy Club, Readers for the Blind, Religious Education Club, St. Joseph's Tutoring Club, and Students for Life.

Events scheduled for the week include distribution of brochures detailing the main objectives of member clubs on Sunday, September 27; public appearances by Faces, a clown and mime group, in the Kennedy Union Plaza of the University on September 30 and October 1; an evening of musical entertainment at the Monk's Inn in the basement of Liberty Hall on October 2; and a picnic for all prospective members of service clubs behind Liberty Hall on October 3. Throughout the week, representatives of the service clubs will man tables near the El Granada cafeteria

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in Kennedy Union to recruit interested students. Each club will also have an open meeting during the week.

CSC is an organization of representatives from the fifteen University service clubs moderated by Brother Don Smith, S.M., director of service organizations. According to Smith, CSC Awareness Week "is an attempt to recruit members to the clubs. It's also an attempt to help the University community become aware of the service clubs that are available."

Smith, in his fourth year as director, views his role as that of a provider, offering assistance in organizing new service clubs, as well as making vans, copying machines, and other supplies available to the established clubs.

The established clubs' combined membership exceeds 700 students, Smith said, and service clubs activities range from running a coffeehouse to working in the Appalachia region.

Despite the great number of services the various clubs provide, Smith believes some needs are not being met. He is currently assisting students in organizing Partners, a club devoted to international development issues. Smith also thinks a club to help the elderly is necessary but is hesitant to initiate it himself because he believes the most viable clubs are those that students begin themselves.

Smith is generally impressed with the amount and quality of service that UD students provide to the community. "I really feel... that UD has a very generous student body. In my meeting with other campus ministers on a national level, they are always impressed with the number of students (over 700) and the different types of organizations the students are involved with," he said.

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