

Education

Education Is Power

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Christmas time is a time for giving as well as a time for receiving. Most of us are anxiously awaiting Christmas morning to see what we have received. Some of us may let our minds wander in anticipation of others opening our gifts to them and look forward to their expressions of gladness.

As important as this all may seem, we should be good to ourselves by giving something of ourselves to others, such as our monies, our talents, our time, etc. Our real and lasting joy seems to come from our giving to others.

As students in our schools, why not give to ourselves a resolution to study harder and improve our academic standings. As adults, we may pledge to give to our children the time and effort necessary to help them improve themselves and be able to help others in their studies.

Youth are, by nature, vigorous, filled with vitality and motion. Their heads are not or should not be cluttered with all of the cares and worries inherent in making a living and otherwise providing for their families. Then it would seem feasible that they should be able to spend much of their time during this holiday season catching up on missed assignments, reading good books, and studying in general. If a plan for self-improvement was begun and implemented during the holiday season, our youth would be far ahead in their trek towards taking on the responsibilities of adulthood.

Give of yourselves. Give of your time, money, talents. Help someone who is less fortunate than you are, run errands for some senior citizens, read to

someone who cannot read, talk to someone who needs someone to talk to, become a friend to someone who does not have a friend. These and other activities will help to make your holiday season the best ever.

Education is much more than book-learning. A conversation with an older person about his or her past life may be as educational as reading a history book about the period in which they grew up.

The things mentioned above may serve as guidelines for activities that will lift one's spirit and cause one to learn more about his or her past history. A visit to the library in your neighborhood may be very revealing.

As we do our last-minute shopping, let us not forget that books make excellent gifts if they will be read, for it is through books that we learn about the thoughts of others and are stimulated in our thinking in many directions. It is through books that we are able to formulate our views of past activities and relate them to the present. No matter what we consider a book to be, it still is an inexpensive way to receive information that could be very helpful to us in the future.

Finally, in all of our giving, let us not forget the real meaning of Christmas. It is a day set aside to celebrate the birth of the greatest gift to mankind, that of Jesus Christ, God's Son. Without Him there would be no Christmas. As we give our gifts to our families and friends, the greatest gift that we can give to Jesus Christ is ourselves.

May God bless!! We wish for you and yours a very merry Christmas.

ARC Offers Advanced First Aid Course

To learn everything from bandaging to treating sudden illness to emergency childbirth, take the Advanced First Aid Course being offered by the Clark County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Classes begin Jan. 6 and continue through Jan. 29. Standard First Aid Certification is required before enrollment in this course.

Learn how to care for yourself and those you love in 1984.

CLARK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Special Computer Courses Offered In January Mini Term

Dr. Dale A. Etheridge has announced two new courses for interested students for the January Mini Term at Clark County Community College.

Apple Graphics, an elementary introduction to programming on an Apple II computer, will be taught Monday and Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Both low resolution and high resolution graphics techniques will be discussed as well as how to convert data into bar and line graphs. Prior knowledge of the BASIC language and some knowledge of algebra and geometry is a prerequisite for this course.

A *PILOT Language* course, intended to introduce the language to educators who are interested in producing their own Computer Assisted Instruction (CAI) courseware, will be taught Tuesday and Thursday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

PILOT is a simple language to learn. It is optimized for the production of programs used in teaching. The persons taking this course will learn how to develop simple CAI based courses, and no prior experience with computers is necessary.

For information, call 643-6060, ext. 308.

UD/AFLC/DESC SEARCHES FOR ENGINEERING TALENT

DAYTON, Ohio—The University of Dayton, School of Engineering, the Air Force Logistics Command (AFLC), and the Defense Electronics Supply Center (DESC) have joined together to provide funding for an engineering scholarship program that offers one year of paid tuition and at least three years of employment. This reentry program requires the students to fulfill specifications for a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree and to make a minimum three-year commitment to work for AFLC or DESC.

This is the first year that DESC has joined UD and AFLC in the reentry program, and their participation will provide additional funding for the project. Consequently, the University is now recruiting students nationwide with degrees in mathematics, physics, computer science, or other technically related fields for the April 1984 class.

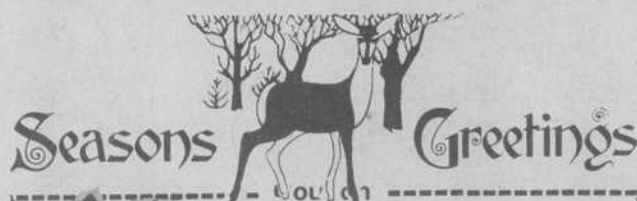
This program is an adult retraining model designed to build on the applicant's prior academic work experience.

Recruits should be talented people who already have a sophisticated scientific and technical training, but who are not working in engineering related work.

Carol M. Shaw, assistant dean of Engineering and project director at UD, indicates that this "program is unique because it involves an Air Force command joining with another Department of Defense organization to tap into the underutilized technical talent in the U.S."

Graduates of the reentry program desiring employment with AFLC will relocate to one of five bases: Robins AFB, GA; Tinker AFB, OK; Kelly AFB, TX; Hill AFB, UT; and McClellan AFB, CA. Graduates desiring to be employed with DESC will be employed at DESC in Dayton, Ohio.

Persons interested in this joint venture should contact Shaw at the UD School of Engineering, Dayton, Ohio, 45469 or 513/229-4632. Completed applications must be received by Feb. 15, 1984.



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