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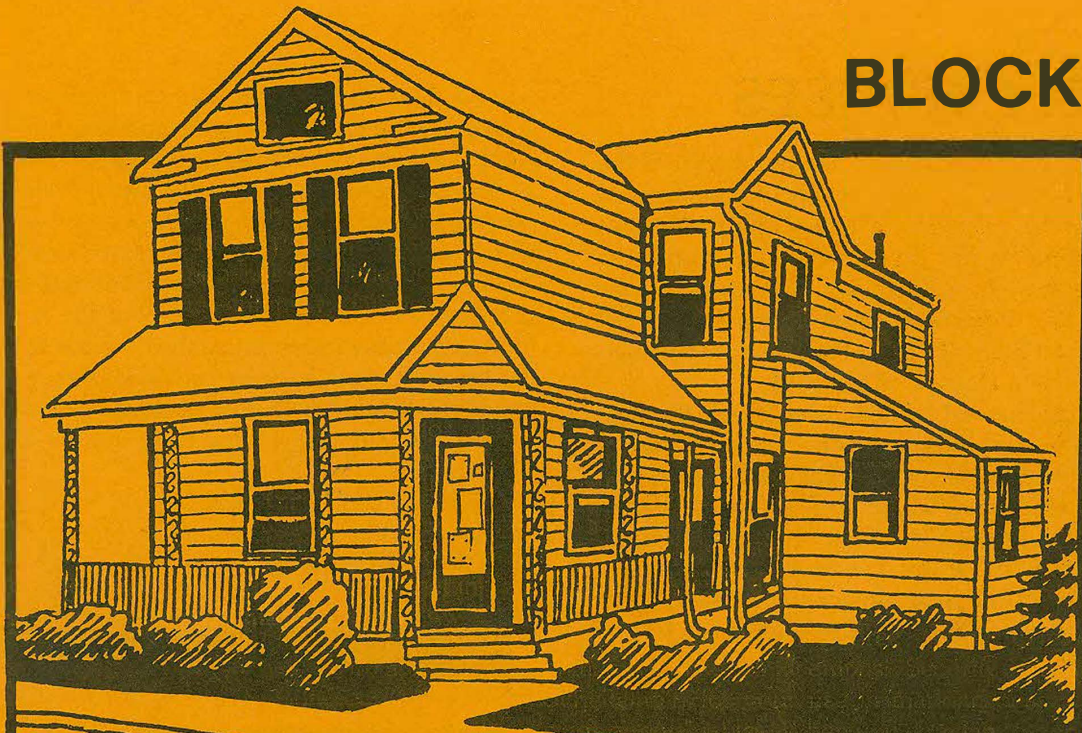
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BLOCK TALK



October, 1979

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Get to know your neighbors.

Citizens who are unacquainted with their neighbors tend to ignore and, subsequently, fail to report suspicious activities occurring in their neighborhoods. Burglars think they can get away with crime because they know residents aren't watching or don't care what they see as long as it's not happening to them.

Unfortunately, it can happen to anyone.

You can increase the security in the off campus area by looking out for each other. In residential areas with active neighborhood watch programs, bur-

glary rates have been reduced up to 50%. Criminals cannot and will not operate in areas where the citizens are constantly alert.

Call the Dayton Police whenever you observe suspicious activity in your neighborhood. Record descriptions of suspicious persons and car license numbers.

Take the initiative. All you have to do is pick up the phone. The Off Campus Center will be more than happy to help you start your own watch group. But you've got to let us know that you want it.

HELP HOUSES

The off campus area, like most parts of the city, has had its share of security problems. It would be negligent to ignore the possibilities for crime in this area. In an effort to provide more support in the event of a security problem, the Women's Interest Group and the Off Campus Student Center have organized numerous "Help Houses" in the area.

"Help Houses" are designated houses throughout the area where anyone can go if he/she feels threatened, or if he/she needs assistance in an emergency situation. The residents of the help house will offer comfort, shelter, information and will advise Campus Security of any problems that arise. Anyone who feels threatened or has been assaulted should feel free to knock on the door of a help house for emergency aid.

The "Help House" sign is designated by the

male and female symbols flanking a blue Roman cross. The signs will be hung on or at each house so that they may be readily seen from the street.

The help houses serve the function of helping individuals and eventually decreasing the number of crimes in the off campus area. Located on the next page is a map which indicates the locations of help houses throughout the area. It would be wise to familiarize those help houses which are closest to your own residence and perhaps those which are located along any streets on your trips to and from classes, the library, etc.

If you and your housemates would like to get involved in this project we invite you to call the Off Campus Center for more information.

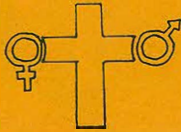
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October 25
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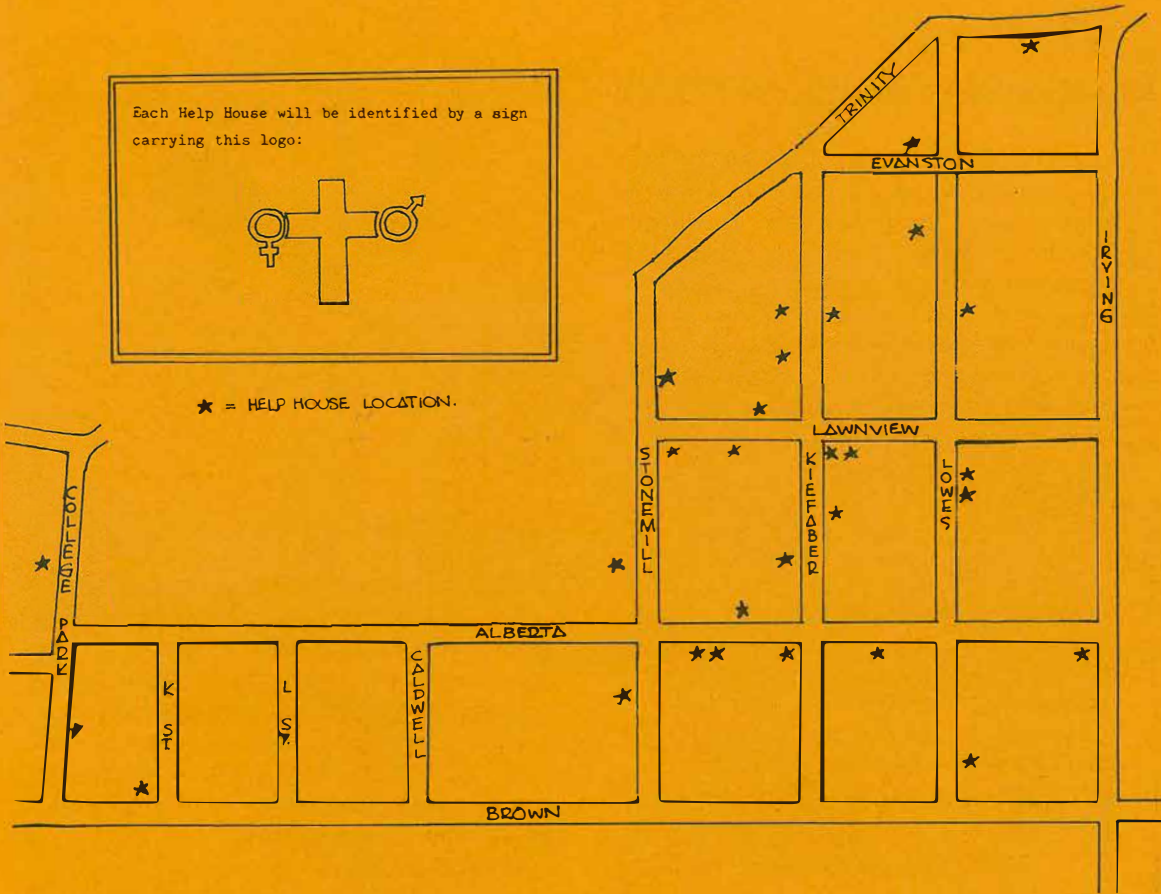


MAKE IT OPERATE FOR YOU!

Each Help House will be identified by a sign carrying this logo:



★ = HELP HOUSE LOCATION.



PROJECT PORCHLIGHT

One way to effectively secure your house and make it a safer place to live, and for others to visit is to keep it lit. Although we should all be energy-conscious about using electricity, it really pays to keep your porch light on for the night.

The Center is making light bulbs available for free so **you** can keep the porchlights on, so that **we** can keep the area lit at night, so that **all** can sleep easier.

BLOCK REPS STILL NEEDED

In order to establish a link between the Student Center and off campus residents, a system of block representation has been developed. The block reps aid the center in two ways: 1) as a source of distribution for the center's newsletter and other information, and 2) as a channel through which students voice their needs to the Center. There will be monthly meetings for all block reps to share ideas and to establish programs to meet students needs.

These streets still need reps: Lawnview, Evanston, Trinity, K, L, and College Park. But if you live on another street and want to get involved, don't hesitate to call us.

Block Talk is published monthly by the Center for Off Campus Community Relations. We are open to your comments and suggestions on how to improve the newsletter.

The Off Campus Center
239 Kiefaber
229-2047

Open Monday — Friday
10 — 5

RIDES/RIDERS WANTED

The Off Campus Center will soon be providing a "Rides and Riders' Switch-Board" service for students planning trips home or elsewhere over holiday breaks and weekends.

This service is being established in response to one of YOUR block reps' suggestions. Furthermore, the service we're providing will be specifically for Off Campus Students.

Why bother with the bulletin boards in the Union when this service is available, at your fingertips, in the time it takes you to dial our number?!

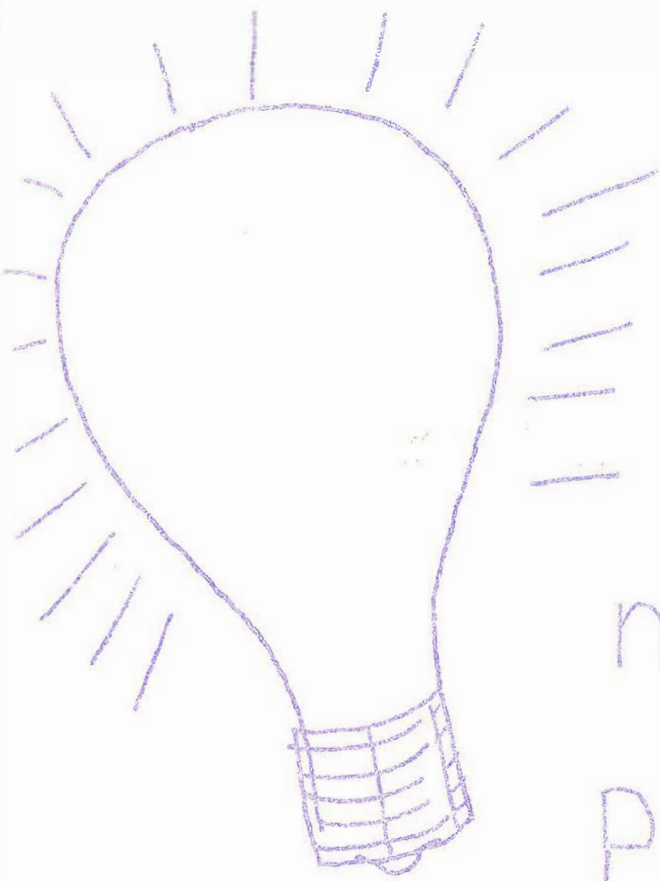
You can make it work! More information will be furnished in the next **Block Talk**. See you then. . .



OPERATION I.D.

The Center now has three engraving machines (thanks to Campus Security Chief Schekelhoff) for your use in marking possessions and valuables. When you come in to borrow an engraver, just leave your student ID and we'll give you the tool as well as adhesive stickers which you can affix to doors and windows to warn would-be thieves that you have taken measures to protect yourself.

When you engrave your articles, we urge you to keep a record of all your possessions, identifying the item, make and model, color, etc. and the **serial number**. Desirably, a second copy of this record would then be turned in at the Campus Security office in Gosiger Health Center so that if such an article is found, it can be returned to its rightful owner.



Light up
— this area at
night by keeping
porch lights ON!

If you need light bulbs,
stop by the Student Center
for Off Campus Community
Relations at
239 Kiefaber

Keep your house well-lit and protected!