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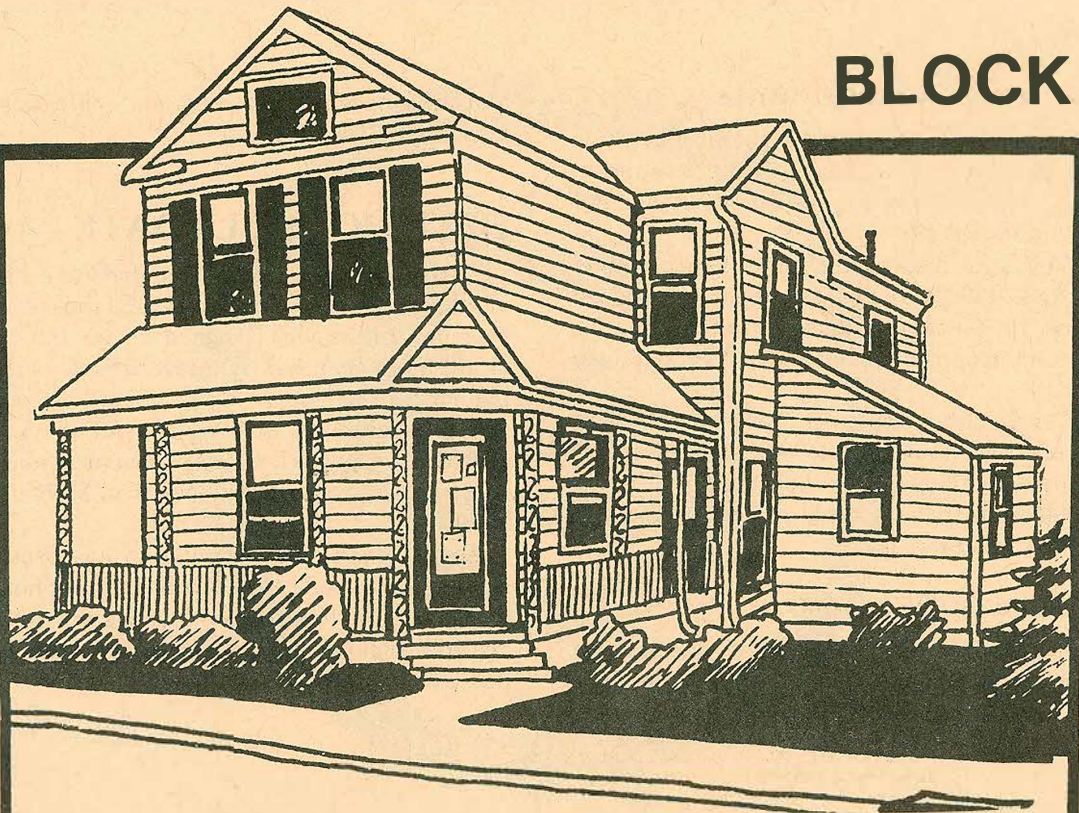
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BLOCK TALK



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SHHHHHHH!!!

From December 3rd through the 13th silence reigns supreme in the Off Campus Center...in the evening hours, anyway.

For the week of final exams and the week preceding that the Center will become the haunt and haven of those students who need a reasonably comfortable, specifically quiet place to cram, study, review notes and write term papers.

At a time when your housemates may not be the most sympathetic to your need for quiet and the library is bristling with business (thus noise) the Center can provide space and quiet for your needs,

Quiet will be enforced from 5:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. each night. There will be plenty of coffee for those who feel they could use it.

Security Assessments

While you're at home for the holidays how can you be sure that your home away from home in the off campus area is secure and not getting ripped-off?

Well, if you just call the Dayton Police Second District (449-1270) and ask them to send an officer to assess your house for the potential for such an occurrence they will be happy to help you.

Free security assessments are a part of their job and they know what to look for in a house... Vulnerable spots, things you may have never considered, such as easily picked locks, weak windows and the like.

WHILE YOU'RE AWAY...

The UD Campus security can check in on your house for you. For more details on their

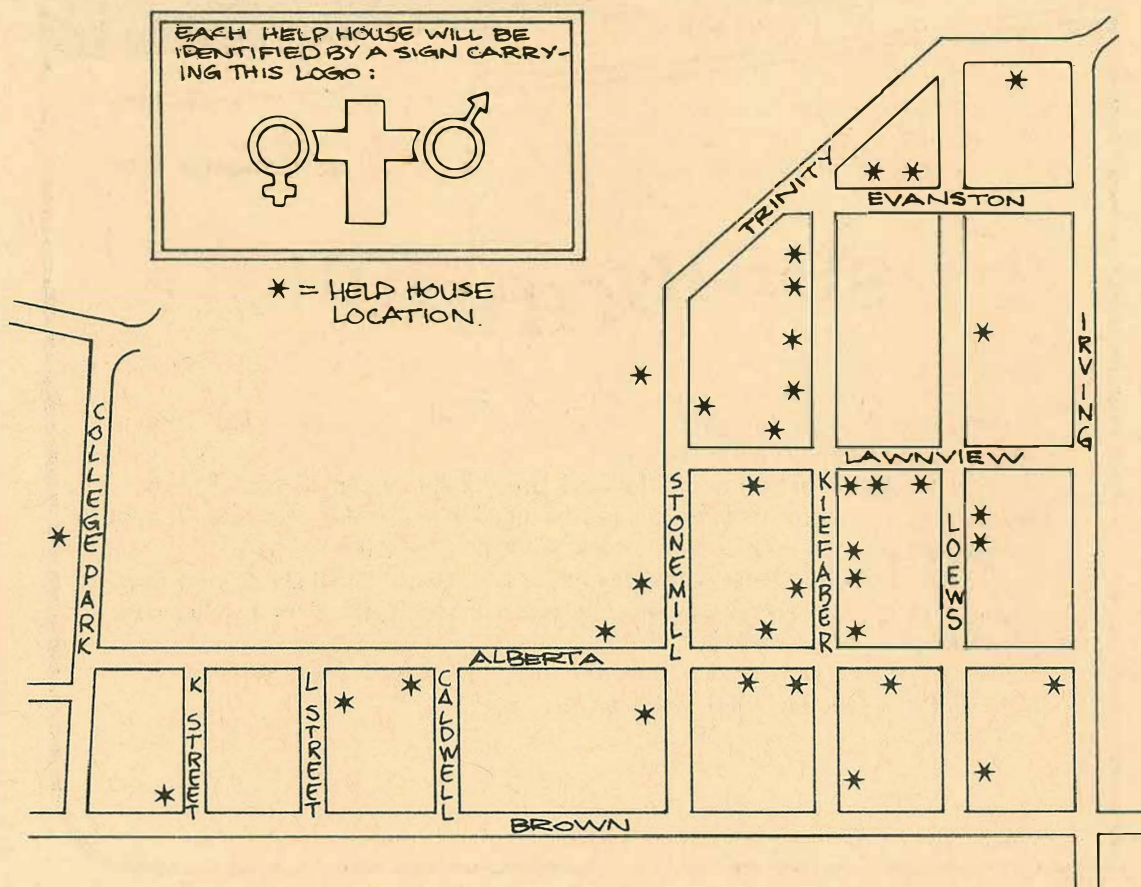
Vacant House Check program, call Campus Security at 229-2121.

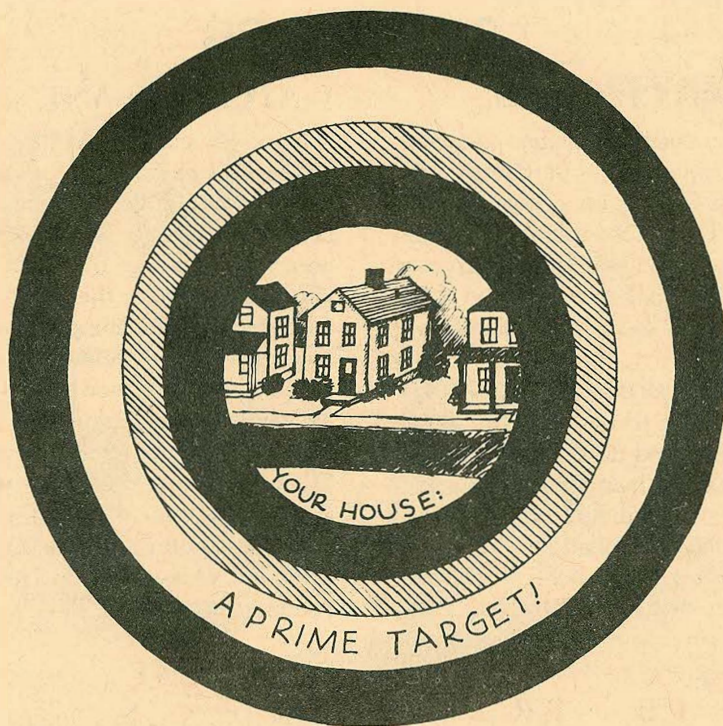
HELP HOUSE UPDATE

There are now more than thirty-five Help Houses in the Off Campus area. Of the roughly seventy houses which signed up for the program, more than half are now actively participating.

This is quite an achievement for the community to realize in the light of past programs in which there were usually less than 25 houses involved.

An amended map is printed in this issue of *Block Talk* to update the last one. If your house signed up for the program but has not yet received a sign you should contact the Off Campus Center at 229-2047.





DON'T BE A STATISTIC

Don't be a statistic when you return from Thanksgiving vacation. While you're home celebrating the holidays, there's a chance someone could be ripping you off in Dayton. The off campus area is a prime target over the holidays. Therefore, it is necessary to start thinking about security now, or continue thinking about it, actually. A Vacation Security Kit is being distributed to off campus houses by the Student Center for Off Campus Community Relations as a step in crime prevention.

Inside this security kit you find ideas, hints and instructions for keeping your house and valuables safe when you are away. We at the Center feel that basic home security should be a priority for all off campus residents. The Center is located at 239 Kiefaber St. on the corner of Kiefaber and Alberta.

Remember, the Center provides free use of security devices to students, such as three electric engravers for identifying valuables. One can be taken out by bringing your student ID to the Center. We also provide Operation ID stickers for windows and free light bulbs for outdoor lights.

These precautions are effective to a significant degree. None of them are useless or ridiculous. Statistics prove that engraved items are avoided by thieves, and if items are stolen they can be easily identified if they've been engraved. Also, a thief will avoid a well-lighted house. We hope you will make use of the Student Center for these as well as other services.

Remember, when your security is at stake, take precautions. Have a good and safe vacation!

SERVICES

RIDE SWITCHBOARD

Need a ride home over the holidays, or just a weekend? Are you driving home yet desire companionship or cost-sharing on gasoline, etc.? The Off Campus Center is operating a Ride Switchboard for people in your situation.

Its purpose is similar to the ride board in K.U. but our service is more easily accessible to off campus students.

Here's what you do: Call the Center (229-2047) and specify your desire (ride or riders), along with your destination, and date of departure.

We will do our best to help you by providing first names and phone numbers of those who have called with similar destinations.

Anyone who is interested in being, (or willing to be) a volunteer to help get this project going is welcome, and invited to drop by the Center for more details.

P.R. P.R. P.R. P.R.

The Off Campus Center's bulletin board and information rack can be helpful if you have publicity items (posters, announcements, brochures) to post. Just drop it off at the center and we'll make sure it gets posted.

The Center can also provide area-wide coverage for your publicity via news notes in *Block Talk*. If you have an upcoming event we'll be happy to help you get the word out.

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

WATCH-A-PLANT

If you are planning to stay in Dayton over the holidays there is a need for your services. Many students will be going home and will be leaving behind them their pets and plants. You could be a real life saver by taking these loved ones into your home for the duration of the vacation (and maybe make a few bucks in the process.) If you can volunteer a few minutes a day to water the philodendron, feed a parakeet, talk or sing to an ailing potted palm, and in general watch someone else's possessions just call the Center.

If you need someone to watch your plants and/or pets over the holidays you should contact the Center and we'll connect you with someone who will be in Dayton over the vacation.

EQUIPMENT

The Off Campus Center has leaf rakes, leaf bags, and push-bromms for use by off campus students. They can be borrowed Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Center, 239 Kiefaber.

The Center has a meeting room available for the use of student groups and organizations in need of a place to gather for discussions, presentations, general meetings, etc. Call 229-2047 or stop by for more information.

**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!**
from the
Off Campus Center.