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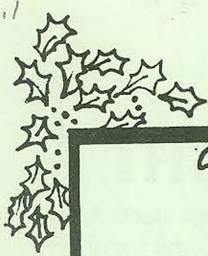
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DECEMBER 1979

# SEASONS GREETINGS!

*FROM THE  
OFF CAMPUS CENTER*

## 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.

### BLOCK REPS

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## 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 lighted. 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 NEWS

In the next week or so, your block rep may be stopping by to ask you to sign a Christmas Card. These cards are being distributed to permanent residents of the Off Campus area. If you don't have a block rep, or if you aren't asked, you can still share wishes of joy and happiness by getting your own card and sending it to those of your neighbors who make this community their permanent home. Just an idea... 'tis the season!

Block Representatives represent your voice at the Off Campus Center. Through them you can channel ideas for programs, suggestions, comments and questions for the attention of the University. They are volunteering their time to help make the Off Campus area a nicer place to live.

## FINALS WEEK STUDY HALL

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.

# PROTECT YOURSELF

You can protect your house against burglary, simply, inexpensively.

**Doors** are the first place burglars are likely to try. Proper locks can prevent this avenue of entry. The most secure type of lock is the deadbolt lock and it comes in many styles.

**Double cylinder deadbolt.** This is the best type and requires a key for both inside and out. One of these is desirable for doors with glass panels in or near them. If a burglar can simply break a window and reach the latch with his hand even the strongest lock is of little good. With the double cylinder type, even if a burglar does get in through another entry, such as a window, he cannot carry large items out because he cannot get the door open even from the inside without a key. **Note:** If you install a double cylinder deadbolt lock keep the key in the inside lock when you are at home for easy escape in case of fire.

Chain locks offer little protection. Most are easily broken.

**Windows** must be secured as well. Double hung windows (the kind on most houses in the off campus area) can be pried open. If the window is frequently opened and shut in use, drill a

downward slanting hole through both windows where they overlap and insert a nail or a pin. This pin should be easily removed from the inside in case of fire.

**Lights.** Burglars will more than likely pass by your house at night if it is well lit.

**When You Leave.** If you are gone for a day or two, use a timer to turn indoor lights on at dusk. Photoelectric devices are inexpensive enough. Don't close every drape and blind; that makes it look like your house is empty. Have someone you trust pick up mail, newspapers, etc. Don't leave a note saying when you will be back. Don't hide a key outside; burglars know where to look even if you think your spot is perfect.

When you are going to be gone for a week or more, discontinue mail, newspaper deliveries, etc. (don't leave a note, call the companies). Have a trusted neighbor check for advertising circulars. Take advantage of Campus Security's Vacant House Check program (You can fill out a form at the Campus Security office and "security" will keep an eye on your house over the vacation.).

Even if a burglar gets in you can still keep him from cleaning you out. Put valuables in a locked closet (use a good lock on one closet for jewelry and other things such as stereos, cameras, etc. that you want to protect.) Engrave all articles of value. The Off Campus Center makes these engravers available to you.

# 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 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-brooms 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.

## SNOW SHOVELS

The Off Campus Center has snow shovels for winter maintenance. They may be borrowed by simply leaving your student I.D.

