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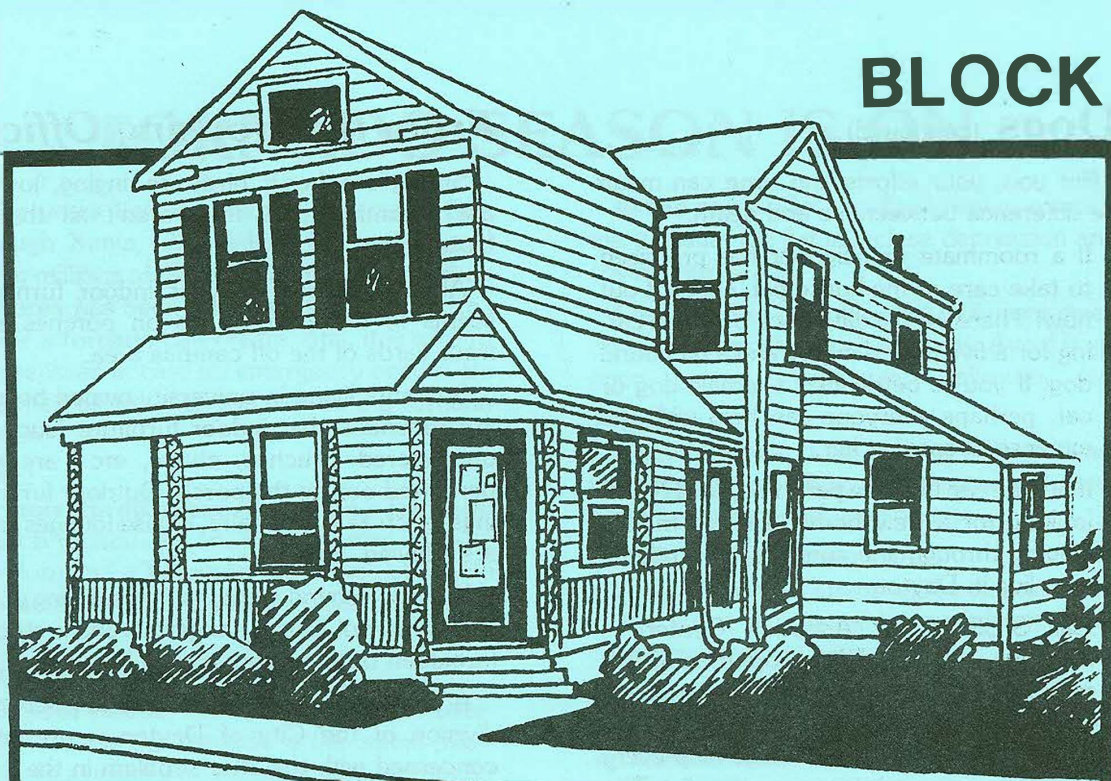
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"Freedom's Just Another Word for Nothing Left to Lose"

The words from "Me and Bobby McGee" are also very true for the many dogs that will roam the University area this summer. The cute puppies that were the neighborhood or house pet through the school year have grown into good-sized dogs. And one by one the students who fed and cared for the dogs have gone home. With no one left to feed them, the forgotten dogs soon learn to fend for themselves: stealing garbage in the morning, begging from fast food stores at night. The average dog survives only four days on his own, but the strong will survive....for a while.

Slowly the dogs forget the joy of being in a house, responding to an owner's voice. By June they have learned to run with other dogs, enjoying their new-found "freedom". But as the weeks pass, the irregular diet begins to take its toll. The groups of dogs become smaller as one by one they fall victims to car accidents. Before long every dog has the thin, gaunt look. Disease sets in. The group becomes smaller. By the end of summer most will be forgotten and gone. But by fall the students will return, new puppies, will appear, and the cycle will begin again.

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Dogs (continued)

But you, your efforts and **time** can mean the difference between life and death.

- 1) If a roommate or neighbor has promised to take care of the house pet, check it out now! There's a big difference between caring for a five pound puppy and a 60 pound dog. If you've befriended a female dog or cat, perhaps everyone can help with the expense of spaying her.
- 2) If no one can take the pet home, start **NOW** looking for a new home. Talk to friends staying through the summer, or students who live in Dayton.
- 3) Call SICSA's Pet Adoption Center — 294-6505 — **NOW**. With more than 50,000 puppies and kittens born **every hour** across the United States, there are just not enough homes. SICSA cannot help every dog and must work from a waiting list. The Pet Adoption Center does offer a special showing on weekends for pets that need a new home. Call now for an appointment.
- 4) If SICSA can't find a home, **DON'T LEAVE YOUR PET ALONE**. Take your pet to the Humane Society of Montgomery County, 1747 Danner Rd. (just west of the U.D. Arena).

Help break the cycle of death. Give your pet more than garbage cans and traffic as his home.

From the Housing Office

Spring is in the air, birds are singing, flowers are blooming....but they aren't all that is blossoming.

About this time of year indoor furniture seems to be springing up on porches and front yards of the off campus area.

Students living in university-owned houses are reminded that indoor furniture (such as upholstered couches, chairs, etc.) are not permitted out on the porch. Outdoor furnishings, such as lawn chairs, chaise lounges, etc. are allowed, however.

We also remind students that sunning yourselves on roof tops is dangerous and is strictly forbidden on university-owned houses.

A recently created Environmental Services division of the City of Dayton is presently concerned with the litter problem in the city. For properties that are littered the division will issue a warning once a year. Thereafter they will be issuing citations for that property.

Telephone Information

As you vacate your house at the end of this semester, remember to make arrangements with Ohio Bell to have your phone service disconnected. To "Save Money", you may take your phones to either of the phone center offices located in the Dayton Mall and Downtown at 369 W. 1st. You will be issued a \$5 credit for all sets.

A final bill will be mailed to the individual whose name appears on the bill and who is responsible for full payment. Final bills **are not** mailed to all residents of the house, and arrangements should be made to coordinate your bill prior to departure.

If you have any specific questions, please contact the Ohio Bell business office at 227-4000.

TORNADO SEASON IS ON

Six years ago this month a tornado tore through Xenia, Ohio killing 33 persons and doing millions of dollars of damage. Since then our area has been fortunate to not relive the terror a tornado can create. Still, it is wise to be prepared in case an emergency occurs. Be informed as to what you can do if a tornado strikes:

ONE:

Know the difference between a Tornado Watch (conditions are right for tornadoes to develop) and a **Tornado Warning** (a tornado has actually been sighted or detected...take cover).

TWO: Actions to take:

In your house — The corner of your basement toward the tornado is the safest place to go. In a house with no basement, hide under heavy furniture in the center of the house. Keep some windows open, but stay away from them.

In the car — Get out! Don't try to outrace the tornado. Lie flat in a close depression and cover your head.

On Campus — Follow the directions given on the signs posted in classrooms. Avoid large open rooms....Fieldhouse, Ballroom, etc.

THREE:

Listen! Radio and TV stations will broadcast warnings and watches. A transistor and spare batteries are a good investment.

FOUR: Public warning signal.

A steady tone of sirens will be disseminated in the event of a possible touchdown. Take cover immediately.

FIVE: Reporting tornadoes

If you sight a tornado call one of these agencies immediately:

National Weather Service 898-4541

Miami Valley Disaster Service ... 433-2651

Montgomery County Sheriff 225-4357

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

Block Reps

In order to establish a link between the Off Campus Center and Off Campus residents, a system of block representation has been developed. Block reps aid the Center in two ways: 1) as a source of distribution for the Center's newsletter, **Block Talk**, and other information, 2) as a channel through which students voice their needs to the Center.

Block Reps meet monthly with the coordinator of the Center to share ideas and establish programs to meet the needs of off campus students. If you have some time next year to represent the residents of your block, if you want to get involved, or if you just want to meet other neighbors who share your concerns we invite you to be a block rep. Call 229-2047 or drop by 239 Kiefaber St. M-F, 10 to 5.

Bulk Pick-Up

On Saturday, April 19th, a Bulk Pick-Up will be held in the off campus area. A Bulk Pick-Up is a project co-ordinated by the University and the City of Dayton Division of Waste Collection. It gives the residents of the area a chance to clear their houses of unwanted bulky refuse, including old sofas, furniture, boxes, refrigerators, etc.

More information on the Bulk Pick-Up will be distributed as it is made available. However we remind you that the Bulk Pick-Up will be made in the morning hours and it would be wise to set your bulky items out as early the day of the Pick Up as possible.

FINALS WEEK STUDY HOURS

The Off Campus Center will once again hold a final exam study hall during the weeks before and of final exams. If you need a quiet place to read, write or study, the Center will be open from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on Sunday. These hours will be in effect from Monday, April 14th through Thursday, April 24th.

Good luck with your exams!