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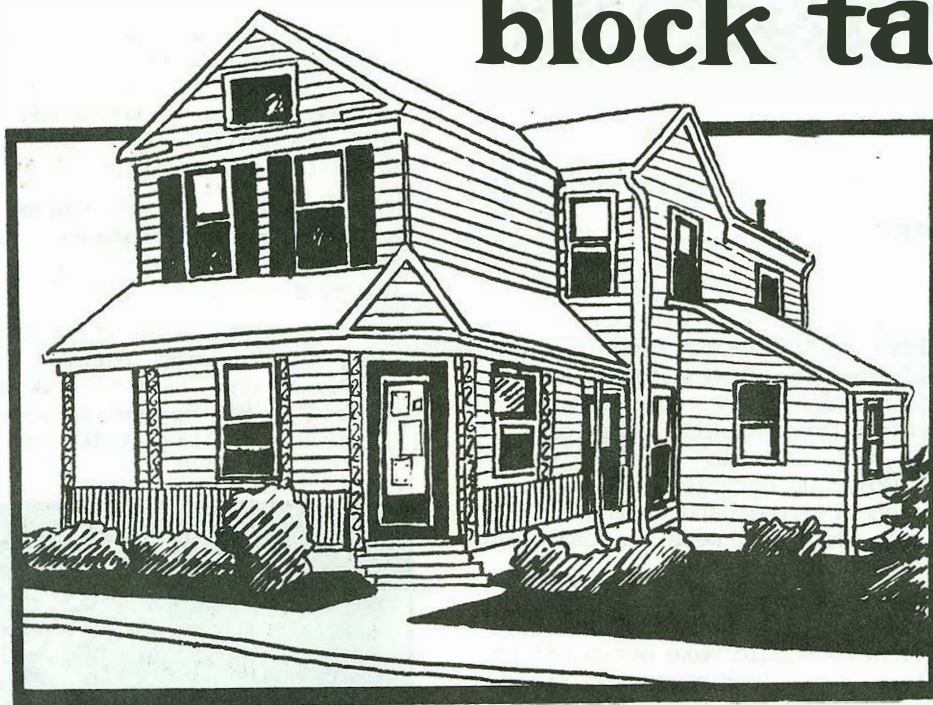
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## The Off Campus Center

# block talk



REPORT SHOWS THAT A HOUSE FIRE OCCURS  
EVERY MINUTE

Here's a good resolution for the new year! Why not review your safety habits and practices around the home so you don't run the risk of an accidental house fire this year?

Why not conduct a safety inspection of your home?

According to 1978 statistics compiled by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) one American home is involved in an accidental fire every minute of the day. Over a 24-hour period, approximately 14 people will die in some 1,700-plus fires in one and two-family homes across the nation.

House fires are only one part of the overall fire picture. For calendar 1978, fire departments reported there were some 3 million fires, and property damage was estimated at \$4.4 billion. There were 8,621 deaths associated with fires and 32,023 injuries. And 162 firemen were killed fighting fires while another 106,000 were injured on the job.

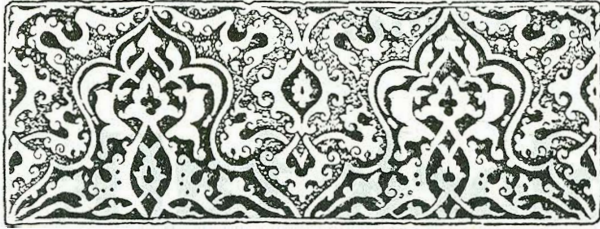
The greatest property loss, the most injuries and the greatest number of deaths are associated with accidental house fires. For this reason, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, (CPSC) believes that continuing reviews of your fire safety practices at home are your best defense against a fire.

For example, cigarettes account for 32 percent of all deaths in fires of one and two-family homes. NFPA lists cigarettes as the cause in five of 18 major sources of fires in homes. In most fires, the association says cigarettes ignite upholstered furniture in living areas and bedding in sleeping quarters.

Other major sources of home fires include electrical wiring components, matches, lighters, candles, and cooking and heating equipment.

CPSC estimates that electric and gas kitchen ranges are involved with some 20,000 consumer injuries treated in hospital emergency rooms, about two-thirds of which are for fire and burn injuries.





## NEIGHBORS

### --- HOUSE FIRES

Flammable liquids, primarily gasoline, are responsible for about 10,000 annual burn injuries treated in hospital emergency rooms. Some are caused by improper storage of these liquids, resulting in fires when the volatile gases are ignited by a source many feet away from the stored flammable liquid. Some 500 burn injuries were reported when kerosene ignited, and another 1,300 persons, mostly children, were treated after swallowing some kerosene.

In its technical analysis of residential fires, NFPA says that consumers should make every effort to break the ignition chain leading to the fire. Because they cause the greatest percentage of home fires and deaths, cigarettes continue to be the target of most fire prevention programs. Consumers should recognize that they are risking fire when smoking around household articles that can ignite. Aside from safer smoking habits, increased use of flame-resistant fabrics could also break the ignition chain. NFPA also points out that the ignition of wearing apparel is a major source of fires and injuries in the home.

Beyond fire prevention, prompt fire detection offers the greatest hope for saving lives. Statistics show that the majority of home fires occur between midnight and 8 a.m., with many fires burning for upwards of 20 or 30 minutes before detected. NFPA points out that no matter how skilled at fire fighting a fire department may be, firemen cannot save many victims because they died before the fire was detected.

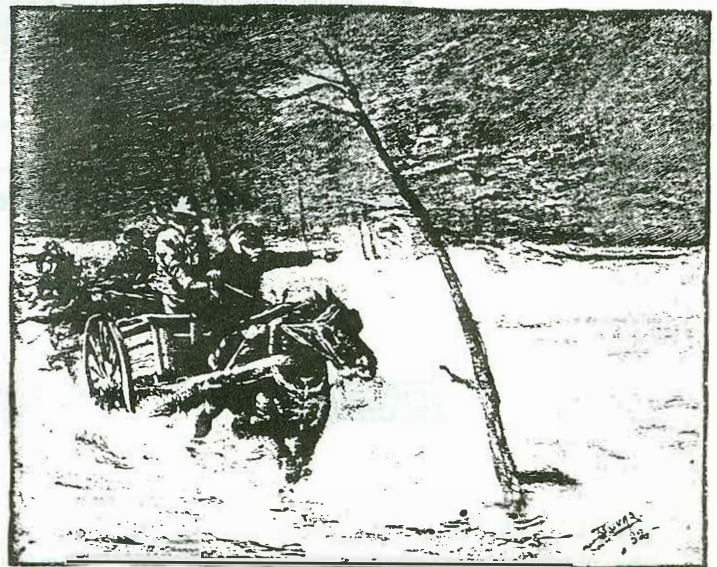
For this reason, no home should be without one or more smoke detectors for early warning. Many fire companies offer free literature on the proper location of smoke detectors. Home insurance companies offer many similar publications on detectors and fire safety programs for the home.

For additional information about smoke detectors and installation in the home, write Smoke Detectors, Washington, D.C. 20207.

Right in your neighborhood, living among your friends and neighbors there is a man who has personally met and known the likes of Enrico Caruso, Charles F. Kettering and Albert Einstein. John Grasshoff, a fifty-plus year resident of Stonemill Road is a retired concert violinist.

Mr. Grasshoff, age 89, played for years with the Boston Symphony Orchestra. He has travelled twice around the world performing in concerts. His favorite composer? Who else...Beethoven!

Mr. Grasshoff is an artist and, while time has stopped his bowing, elects to express himself in other ways. When we recently stopped in to visit with him he recited several poems by Longfellow and Bryant for us. From memory!



## Emergency Numbers

### For ALL Off Campus Students:

Campus Police ..... 229-2121  
Dean of Students ..... 229-3311  
Health Center ..... 229-3131  
Dayton Police ..... 222-9511  
Dayton Fire ..... 224-9241

### For Students in U.D. owned housing:

Off Campus Properties ..... 229-2531

### Repairs: Call:

Maintenance ..... 229-2531

### After Hours, Call:

Campus Police ..... 229-2121



# ENERGY

## CONSERVATION



Your best response to rising utility prices is conservation.

You use more energy heating your home than anything else, so try to concentrate your efforts on reducing heat loss. Just remember that heat flows toward lower temperatures. You also lose warm air through leaks which exist in most homes.

According to the Bureau of Standards, an air change of 20 percent per hour is perfectly satisfactory. We know that an air exchange of twice per hour is quite common in most older homes. That is why many homes in the off campus area not only feel drafty but cost more than they should to heat.

### HERE ARE WAYS TO KEEP HEATING COSTS DOWN:

Eliminate the leaks and further reduce your heat loss with insulation. Don't forget storm windows and doors. Even plastic sheeting used temporarily will make a substantial contribution since glass areas are a major source heat loss.

Once the physical requirements are met, there are still ways you can reduce the amount of energy you use to keep your house comfortable.

### OTHER WAYS TO CONSERVE:

Repair faucets. A dripping faucet can waste an amazing amount of hot water. Replacing a faucet washer should be done as soon as it becomes a little difficult to completely shut off the flow of water.

Substitute showers for tub baths. In general, a shower requires less water than a tub bath. Add a device to your shower head which restricts the flow of water even when turned on full. The less hot water you use, the less energy you require.

A warm air system needs clean filters periodically. The fan motor and fan bearings should be lubricated periodically.

Reduce temperatures. Lower thermostat settings produce an immediate saving. Each degree you permanently turn down saves about three percent of the energy you would require. Wear warmer clothing, sweaters and save energy.

Night set-backs of at least five degrees will make a noticeable saving of energy. Consider a lower thermostat setting when you will be out: in a well insulated home, today's heating systems recover temperature quickly.

Use Solar Energy. Open all shades and drapes on the sunny side of your house and let the sunshine stream in. It'll generate a substantial amount of warmth..for free! Be sure to close the drapes when the sun goes down.

Control humidity. Many houses are too dry in the winter. Use a humidifier if necessary.

Conserving energy is a matter of common sense, like turning off anything which is not in use. An appliance left on wastes energy.

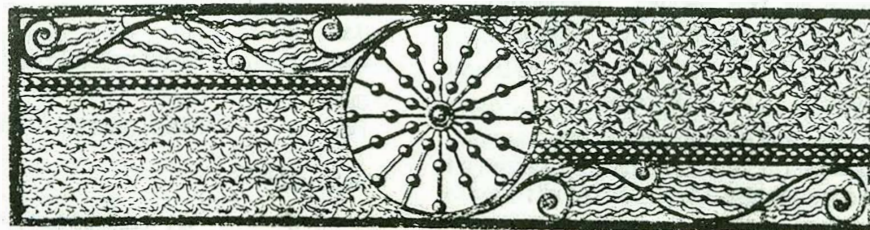
Fluorescent lights provide more light with less energy than the ordinary incandescent light. Where you can, substitute fluorescents.

ENERGY YOU DON'T USE IS ENERGY THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY FOR!

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Decorative woodwork. *Century Magazine*, June, 1890

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## ON CAMPUS EVENTS

January 1981:

Art Exhibits: Kennedy Union Gallery: Judith Webb, Watercolors and oils

Roesch Library: Tom Bross and Steve Gillespie, U.D. Fine Arts Students

Photography Gallery: Jack Teemer, RTA #12

28.....Women's Basketball: Mt. St. Joseph, 7:30 PM

29.....Movie: "Le Salaire de la Peur" (The Wages of Fear), 9 PM, Wohlleben (Orpheus)

30.....UNO Tournament - K.U. Ballroom, 7:30 PM-11:30 PM (U.A.O.)

Movie: "Fame", Wohlleben (Alpha Kappa Alpha)

31.....Movie: "M\*A\*S\*H", Wohlleben



February 1981:

Art Exhibits: Rike Center Gallery: Steve Geddes, Kenner Toy Sculptor

Roesch Library: Penny Inskeep and Ginny Baughman, U.D. Fine Arts Students

1.....Hockey: Purdue, 4:30 PM, Kettering Arena

4.....Basketball: Butler, 8:15 PM  
Women's Basketball: Indiana State, 6 PM

5.....Movie: "Hiroshima Mon Amour", (Orpheus)  
"Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolf" (thru the 7th), 8 PM Boll

6.....Friendly Floyds - K.U. Ballroom

7.....Basketball: Alcorn State, 8:15 PM  
Women's Basketball: Ball State, 6 PM  
Movie: "Return of the Pink Panther", Wohlleben (Stuart Hall Council)

8.....Movie: "The Raging Bull", 8 PM, Boll (free)

Hockey: Cincinnati, 4:30 PM Kettering

9.....Women's Basketball: 7:30 PM

10.....Art Series: Chuck Jones, K.U. Ballroom

11.....Chuck Jones  
Women's Basketball at Wright State

13.....Faculty Workshop - No Day Classes

14.....Hockey: Ohio U., Kettering, 4:30 PM



18.....Basketball: Conisius, 8:15 PM

19.....Movie: "The Point" (Orpheus)  
Women's Basketball, Bowling Green 6 PM  
Talent Extravaganza - Boll Theatre, 7:30 PM (BATU)

20.....Basketball, Duquesne, 8:15 PM  
Brown Bag Concert: Jazz Ensemble I, 12 noon, K.U. Lounge

21.....Movie: "Caddyshack"  
Blizzard Ball (Dorm Council)  
Hockey, Denison, 4:30 PM, Kettering

22.....Basketball, Xavier, 8:15 PM  
Women's Basketball, 6 PM

26.....Movie: "The Ruling Class", 9 PM, Wohlleben (Orpheus)

27.....Turnabout

28.....Movie: "The Blues Brothers", Wohlleben (Alpha Nu Omega)

## OFF CAMPUS EVENTS

### DAYTON ART INSTITUTE:

Temporary: American Furniture from the Dayton Collections

Circulating: "Indiana Five", Graphics and mixed media from five well known Indiana University faculty members

Experience Center: Woodworks I: New American wood sculptures done in the past ten years

### FUN THINGS: January

23 & 27 Mantia's Athletic Club Golden Glove Boxing, Convention Center

24 & 25 Flea Market, Fairgrounds

Jan. 29 &  
Feb. 1 "Joffrey II", Victory Theatre, 8 PM

Jan. 30 &  
Feb. 1 Flea Market, Convention Center

February

5-8 "Il Camiello", Victory Theatre