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The Off Campus Center **block talk**



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SECURITY: DON'T BE A STATISTIC

It can not be repeated enough; security in the Off-Campus Area is always a problem. Security can pertain to your property and/or, more importantly, yourself. We at the Student Center For Off-Campus Community Relations feel that basic security measures should be a priority for all Off-Campus residents.

Especially during holidays, the Off-Campus Area is a prime target for crime. And, since Thanksgiving vacation is soon, it is necessary to start taking security measures. A Vacation Security Kit is enclosed in this month's Block Talk. Inside this Security Kit you will find ideas, hints and instructions for keeping your house and valuables safe. In addition, the Off-Campus Center provides free use of security devices such as electric engravers and free light bulbs for outdoor lights. Statistics prove that engraved items are avoided by thieves, and if stolen, they can be easily identified. Also, a thief will avoid a well-lighted house. Lastly, if you plan on leaving a vacant house behind, you can call and register with the Dayton Police Vacant House program by calling 449-1057.

In terms of personal safety, the Center's Help House program, and Campus Security's escort service (available by calling 229-2121) have helped a great deal in eliminating potentially dangerous situations. Remember, when your security is at stake, take precautions. **HAVE A GOOD AND SAFE VACATION!**

Block Rep Update

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. Check to see who your Block Rep is below.

- 1100 Alberta Louise O'Neill 228-4514
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- 1400 Alberta Terri Bertelsman 228-0641
- 1500 Alberta (even) Maureen Pryor 228-4514
- 1500 Alberta (odd) Wally Bekta 461-6889
- 1600 Alberta Lew White 228-2053
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- 1300 Brown Ken Charbat 224-0118
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- 0-99 Evanston (odd) Joe McCabe 461-6903
- 0-99 Evanston (even) Tim Evans 293-0319
- 100 Evanston Becky Dilly 293-1594
- 200 Irving Lew White 228-2053
- 400 Irving Linda, Beth, Laura, Annette 224-4542
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- 200 K Debbie and Erin 228-5620
- 200 Kiefaber(even) Mike and Ken 461-9040

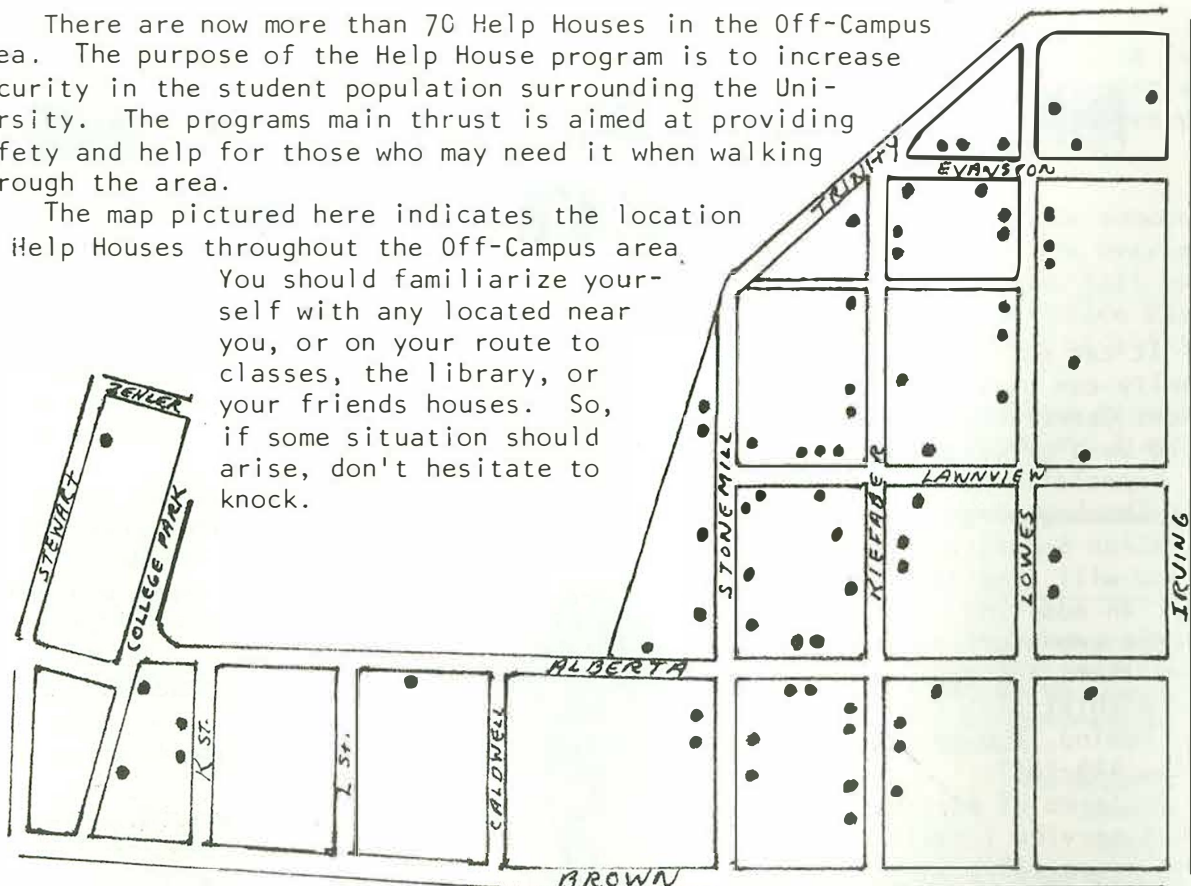
- 200 Kiefaber(odd) Mike Larison 222-4246
- 300 Kiefaber(even) Lynn Heinold 228-5788
- 300 Kiefaber(odd) Maureen and Liz 223-1212
- 400 Kiefaber(even) Chris Kelley 223-8598
- 400 Kiefaber(odd) Bob Remler 223-4643
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- 200 Lawnview Shelley Kurtz 228-1983
- 200 Lowes Cheryl Lynn Williams 223-2445
- 300 Lowes Rosemary Sheehan 461-1041
- 400 Lowes(even) Linda, Beth, Laura and Annette 224-4542
- 400 Lowes(odd) Marianne Campisano 228-0206
- 500 Lowes Joe McCabe 461-6903
- 200 Stonemill Judy, Julie, Kathy 222-1237
- 300 Stonemill Bob, Tom 461-9070
- 400 Stonemill Mimi Cygnarowicz 223-6782
- Trinity Becky Dilly 293-1594

Help House Update

There are now more than 70 Help Houses in the Off-Campus Area. The purpose of the Help House program is to increase security in the student population surrounding the University. The programs main thrust is aimed at providing safety and help for those who may need it when walking through the area.

The map pictured here indicates the location of Help Houses throughout the Off-Campus area.

You should familiarize yourself with any located near you, or on your route to classes, the library, or your friends houses. So, if some situation should arise, don't hesitate to knock.



Other locations include: 40, and 50 Chambers/929 Brown (near Alexanders) (Not Shown On Map) 225 Medford, and 275 Medford Apt. #15

Feature on...

Ms. Clara M. Hirsch who lives at 427 Stonemill has lived in the Off-Campus Area since she was born here 78 years ago in a house located on Irving Avenue where the railroad tracks cross the street (not far from the rear entrance to the Univ.) In fact, Clara remembers that railroad well. She speaks of going to the station on Brown St. (near what is now Frank Z) with her family, and traveling to visit her father's cousin in Beavertown (which was somewhere in what is now Kettering). Upon their arrival they would be picked up in a horse and buggy. Not many knew about cars yet.

Clara talks about her days at Holy Angels School, and how she had to cross over the creek (at what is now Caldwell St.) by stepping carefully over a bridge which was nothing more than a board. The appearance of the area was quite different then. There weren't any houses on Alberta Ave. In fact, Clara has fond memories of seeing John Patterson (the founder of NCR) riding his horse around this sparse area early in the morning. On occasion, he would see a neighborhood boy, Eugene Newkirk, delivering the morning newspaper, and pull him up onto the horse and ride him around to help him deliver his papers.

Clara worked at NCR, but was laid off after a couple of months. She then worked at Thomas Manufacturing on West Fifth Street, helping to make "Victrola's" (which have subsequently evolved into the modern day record player). Clara points out that her Uncle owned Hirsch's Grocery Store at 304 Kiefaber (which is currently the Off-Campus Properties building), and that her Grandparents lived in the then farm house at 339 Kiefaber St. One sign of the past from that house is the concrete hitching post for horses which prominently stands on the sidewalk today. When her grandfather went blind, they built a slaughterhouse for chickens (where the garage stands now) to support his family. Clara thinks nothing of her duties of cleaning and plucking chicken feathers, and selling them at the market house downtown; Clara states, "In those days you really worked." In addition, Clara's mother volunteered some of her time slaughtering and cooking chickens for U.D. banquets.

Clara remembers how some of the residents began moving out of the area when students began moving in. She states she has no problems with the students, and that not only is she perfectly content to live where she does, she is glad she stayed. Lastly, she points out that her father, George Albert Hirsch, is a graduate of U.D.--- Class of 1891!

Clean Sweep

On October 24, 1981 the Off-Campus Center and Student Association held a Fall Clean Sweep in the off-campus area.

Thirteen organizations composed of roughly 250-300 people collected over 400 bags of trash from the streets, alleys and open lots. In addition, numerous bulk items were hauled away.

Afterward, many of the participants came back to the Off-Campus Center to enjoy donuts and orange drink, compliments of SA.

It was very apparent that what we accomplished that day was worthwhile. It is important for everyone to realize their responsibility in keeping a clean living environment, and on at least one particular day (Clean Sweep) it was warming to see those who care out there doing their share. Many thanks to all those who participated in this success story.

LOCK IT UP

Here are some things to check before the last resident of your house leaves for the Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks. Following just one or two of these guidelines will decrease the likelihood of your house becoming a target for a thief:

- 1) Make sure all doors are locked and all windows are secured tightly.
- 2) Stop all newspaper deliveries for the period you will be away.
- 3) Leave a light on in the upstairs hall or bathroom. Leave the porch light turned on. (Free light bulbs for porch lights are available at the Off Campus Center)
- 4) Make the house look lived-in. Keep a few upstairs drapes and blinds partially open.
- 5) Engrave all your valuables left behind with an electric engraver (available for students' use at the Off Campus Center). Then store them in a locked closet.

MEMO

TO: All students living in the Off-Campus Area

FROM: Mike Kline
Coordinator for Off-Campus Community Relations/ 239 Kiefaber St.

DATE: November 4, 1981

RE: Responsibility in maintaining a clean living environment,
and abiding to civic and community laws

As most of you are already aware, we live in a setting which, at times, becomes littered with more than everyday trash, particularly "party" trash. However, regardless of where this trash originates, it is everyone's responsibility to clean up their immediate surroundings. The question of who is responsible for the trash is a moot one. It is a simple fact that if trash is in front of your house, you are responsible for cleaning it up, no matter what the circumstances.

In an effort to assist the area, the Off-Campus Center loans out brooms, rakes, shovels and trash bags. In addition, periodic clean-up campaigns are organized. However, the majority of the clean-up effort should not and will not depend on these campaigns. It should and must depend on the efforts of each and every individual and/or household. Your landlord is not responsible for any mess in your yard, you are. In fact, your house can be fined by the City of Dayton for not maintaining a clean living environment, and these fines are the responsibility of the residents.

Also, I would like to remind everyone about the University of Dayton Area Policy and Procedures statement issued by the Dayton Police specifically regarding Fires, Noises, and Traffic Blockages. Fires constitute a serious threat to life and property and will not be tolerated. Additionally, excessively loud noise at any time will not be permitted. Some acceptance of different lifestyles is expected, but police will act to protect the rights of persons to be free from excessively loud noise, and especially to provide peace and quiet in their residences after midnight. Lastly, at no time will students be permitted to block a street illegally. Students will be advised to contain their parties on their own property. If any of the above issues are violated, you must realize that citations and/or arrests will be utilized where appropriate.

Let us take pride in our unique Off-Campus living environment and be conscience of our responsibilities as citizens/residents of this community. Thank you.