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# The Off Campus Center block talk



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## Be Energy Wi\$e

Undoubtedly, most of you have already experienced the results of this winter. These results include the bitter cold and, oh yes, the large increase in the cost of energy you use. That cost comes out of everyone's pocket in the form of increased utility bills and/or rent hikes.

Thanks to information and brochures supplied by D.P.&L.'s Energy Center, located at Courthouse Plaza in downtown Dayton, the following are some low cost and even free measures to take that will save you money but won't leave you without the convenience of a comfortable home.

One of the biggest energy users in your home is your heating system. Set your thermostat as low as comfort permits, and remember that each degree over 68F can add 3% to the amount of energy needed for heating. Infiltration of outside air is your heating systems greatest enemy. Armed with only a bit of caulking, weatherstripping and plastic you can easily eliminate air intrusion. Encourage occupants to keep windows and entrance doors closed. Close heating vents in unused rooms, and make sure that registers for supply or return air are not blocked by drapes or furniture. Also, when entertaining large groups lower the thermostat a few degrees since people generate heat. (continued on next page)

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Next to heating, your hot water system is your biggest energy user. Keep the system properly maintained and, make sure the filters are cleaned or changed regularly. You might also want to investigate an inexpensive water heater insulation kit to keep from losing heat through the walls of the tank. Repair leaky hot water faucets promptly. A steady drip of hot water can waste many gallons per month and the energy to heat it. Don't let hot water run while shaving or washing dishes. Avoid this by using sink stoppers and dishpans. Set the wash temperature selector to cold or warm as much as possible on your washer. Tests indicate that new cold-water soaps clean almost all fabrics thoroughly in warm or cold water. For less than one dollar and hardly any effort you can install a flow controller in your shower head. While your shower continues to give off a good hot spray, you can save one gallon of hot water per minute.

Good cooking habits save energy use also. Make sure menus include stews or other single dish meals. Such meals require far less energy than those requiring, say, the oven plus two or three surface units. Remember that "lids on" cooking permits the use of the lower temperature settings and shorter cooking times. Also, shiny pans help focus heat rays on utensil bottoms; dull or solid pans absorb heat wastefully.

Considerable savings can be found in the lighting of your home. Urge people to turn off lights on leaving a room. Provide "task" lighting so that work and leisure activities can be carried on without illuminating entire rooms. Remember that Fluorescent lamps produce about four times as much light per watt as do incandescent bulbs. The reflectance of interior surfaces has an important bearing on lighting efficiency. Choose light colors for walls, ceilings, floors and furniture. Dark colors absorb light and would require higher lamp wattage for a given level of illumination. If possible, locate floor, table and hanging lamps in the corner of a room rather than against a flat wall. Lamps in corners reflect light from two wall surfaces instead of one, thus giving more usable light.

Make sure lighting fixtures are cleaned regularly. Dust on lamps and reflectors impairs lighting efficiency. When purchasing light bulbs, remember the wattage ratings tell you only the amount of power it takes to make a bulb work. The amount of brightness is measured in lumens. So called "long-life" bulbs emit less light than a standard incandescent bulb of the same wattage. They should only be used when long life is advantageous, as in hard to reach places.

Lastly, remember every house is a solar collector. You can cut fuel bills by opening the shades in the morning on the eastern and southern sides of the house and by closing them late in the day. If it is sunny in the afternoon, you can get additional solar heat by opening shades on the west side of the house. The shades on the north windows should be kept shut at all times during the winter.

Energy shortages and rising energy costs have made it all too apparent that most of our energy forms are limited and must be conserved. The preceding tips are only a few of the energy and cost saving measures available today. However, these measures alone will go a long way towards solving the nation's energy problem. For more information feel free to call or write the Energy Center at 224-5966, Courthouse Plaza SW, P.O. Box 1247, Dayton, OH 45401. D.P.&L. built the Energy Center with you in mind to help you save energy.



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To all University owned properties:

In an effort to prevent frozen pipes, University Off Campus Housing urges to keep your faucets dripping slightly during bitter cold weather. In the event that your pipes become frozen or furnace problems arise, please call Campus Security at 229-2121

# Feature on...

This month's Off Campus Center's feature story focuses on Joe and Cecilia Reesa who live at 335 Kiefaber Street. Joe and Cecilia are originally from Bitritto - Bari, Italy. To make a living, Cecilia and her two children, John and Camilla, worked a farm they owned outside their Italian city. The principle crops grown were grapes and olives. Joe, however, earned a living playing the Baritone in a 70 member orchestra.

The Reesa's decided to move to the United States in hopes of a job opportunity that would result in more money and a better lifestyle. However, due to the limited quota of immigrants allowed into the United States, the Reesa's had to make their way into the U.S. via Canada. It was their son John who first left Italy, and moved to Toronto in 1952. One and a half years later he moved to New York City where, a short time later, he married. Later, in July of 1956, Joe, Cecilia and Camilla moved to Toronto.

It was in December of 1959 that the Reesa's joined each other at Uncle Tony Bruno's house in Dayton. They came here because Tony has guaranteed Joe and John employment at N.C.R where he worked. Both Joe and John were employed in The General Service Department of N.C.R. a short time later. Joe retired in 1973, while John is nearing his 23rd year (although he now works at the N.C.R. Country Club).

In May of 1959 the Reesa's moved to 235 Kiefaber St. At one point there were eight people living in that house: Joe and Cecilia, Camilla, John and Angelina and their three children (Cecilia, Prudenza and Joe).

In 1964 Camilla married Deno, and moved to Salt Lake City, Utah. She has one child - Michael. In 1967 due to the fact that there were beginning to be many more students than children in the off campus area, John moved his family to Kettering where he felt his children would enjoy being around more children their own age. Consequently, since 1967 Joe and Cecilia have had 325 Kiefaber St. to themselves. The Reesa's enjoy living in this area, and feel that, especially recently, the students are both friendly and polite. Joe says, "I love the students, and they love me."

## Advisory Committee

The Off Campus Center for Community Relations would like to announce that the Off Campus Advisory Committee will again be meeting this year.

Organized three years ago, the Committee's purposes are to: 1) hear and review the plans and programs designed by the Director and staff of the Off Campus Center, 2) suggest other activities and projects which might be undertaken, 3) represent the concerns of the off campus area residents and propose solutions to such problems, 4) foster good will and cooperation between students and permanent residents in the off campus area, and 5) promote a positive relationship with municipal authorities.

The committee consists of members from nearly all facets of life in the off campus area including police, city officials, community and civic leaders, university administrators, permanent residents and students. Anyone who would wish to learn more about the Advisory Committee is welcomed to drop by the Off Campus Center at 239 Kiefaber St., or call 229-2047 and ask for Mike.

# Did You Know That...?

- The Off Campus Center provides rakes, shovels, brooms and trash bags to those who want to clean up their yards after a party or any other messy occasion, such as a normal weekend.
- The Off Campus Center has RTA schedules! Drop on in and pick-em-up.
- You can keep your porchlight on at night. If you need a light bulb for your front or back porch, come by the center and get one for FREE!
- You can secure your valuables by engraving them for positive identification. The Off-Campus Center has two engravers to lend out to those who want to be safe.
- Both on-campus and off-campus telephone directories can be picked up at the Off-Campus Center.
- The Official Student Handbook can be picked up at the Off-Campus Center. It is every student's responsibility to be aware of the information contained in this publication.
- Garbage pick-up for this area is every Wednesday. Garbage collectors will not come onto your property to get your can if you forget to set it out.
- If you would like to have someone keep an eye on your house over any vacation period, you can call and register with the Dayton Police Vacant House program by calling them at 449-1057.
- Campus Security's escort service is available between 6 am and 2 am by calling 229-2121
- In most cases, it is the responsibility of the residents to shovel their own sidewalk. So, next time it snows, come down to the Center and borrow a shovel!

# Events

- 18 Martin Luther King Day - Holiday
- 19 Basketball: Miami-Women (Home) 5:45pm  
Jersey City-Men (Home) 8pm  
Guitar Duos: Jim McCutcheon & Lawrence Pitzer - 8pm Boll
- 21 Prayer Service - Joseph Chaminade will be remembered with a service in UD Chapel - 4:30pm
- 22 Movie: "Escape From New York" Boll  
Uno Tournament KU Ballroom 8 pm
- 23 Basketball: Northwestern-Women (Away)  
Crimson & Cream Disco Supreme Dance  
KU Ballroom, 9-1 am  
Hockey: Purdue-4:30 Kettering  
Ice Arena  
Movie: "Stripes" UAO Whol.
- 24 Hockey: Purdue 4:30pm (K Ice Arena)
- 25 Last day to withdraw without records  
Basketball: Western Kentucky-Men (Away) 8pm
- 26 Town Hall Debate Series, KU Torch  
Lounge 7:30 pm  
Basketball: Western Kentucky-Women (Away) 7:30 pm  
Tournament Night- 7:30pm KU
- 27 Last day to change first term grades  
Art Series: The Acting Company Boll 8pm  
Wrestling: Hanover, 7pm UD Fieldhouse
- 28 Variety Show - Black Concert Choir  
Boll 8-10:30pm  
Basketball: Providence-Men (Home) 8pm
- 29 Concert: Faculty Jazz Ensemble, Recital  
Hall 8pm  
Game Show (Snackbar)  
Movie: "Arthur" Boll  
Hockey: Bradley U. 5pm (K Ice Arena)
- 30 Basketball: Detroit (Home) Women - 5:45, Men-8pm  
Career Workshop 12:30-4:30pm, KU311  
Hockey: Bradley 4:30pm (K Ice Arena)  
Session: Communication Skills 9:30am-5pm MH (Info 229-4327)
- 31 Hockey: Toledo 4:30pm (K Ice Arena)

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