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The Off Campus Center block talk



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Housing Lottery

In April there will be students graduating and moving on to another town. We wish them good luck and success. However, the majority of students will return again in August to continue their education. For this majority, it is time to make living arrangements for next year. More specifically, for those considering University housing, that time is just around the corner.

Most of us will have to make the decision between University housing and private landlord. Both lifestyles have certain advantages. In order to assist those who are interested in University Housing, the Housing Office is having a booklet insert in the Tuesday, February 23rd edition of the "Flyer News." This booklet will explain everything from the cost of University Housing, what is available, who is eligible, how and when to apply and much more. If you are unable to secure this booklet, you can obtain it from the Housing Office in Gosiger, or at the Off Campus Center, 239 Kiefaber Street. Good luck in your search. (See next page for lottery schedule)



An Open Ear...

While I was growing up (and not out), whenever a neighbor caught me out of line, a tongue-lashing from him or her usually prefaced the spanking I got when I walked in the house. On Kellywood Ave, everybody had a hand in raising and thwarting us potential juvenile delinquents.

However, when a neighbor died, hands were everywhere: preparing mountains of food, reaching out in compassion, and pitching in so that the family could be spared a lot of details. Likewise, when you needed some stakes to tie up the tomatoes, or when you ran short of that one cup of milk, all you had to do was send out a signal and someone in the neighborhood would respond.

Like any living organism, a neighborhood has a personality and a life all its own. When properly attended to, it blossoms and bears fruit; when abused or neglected, it suffers or dies. Buildings do not make a neighborhood. Houses get built, but a neighborhood's personality is created.

The off campus area known sometimes as the ghetto or the triangle area, also enjoys a life and a personality all its own. Just what all the hallmarks of its personality are may not be clearly discernable, but it is safe to say that none of what we have seen is the worst that could be, nor have we yet seen the best.

I see U.D. students taking time to chat with some of the permanent residents, cleaning up after a Saturday-night-Special, removing debris from the front yard, etc. Certain practices often become traditions, and my own hope is that some healthful and life-giving traditions are in the process of growth.

Imagine the combined talents, skills, and wisdom of the up to 2000 students who live in the off campus area. Imagine what could happen if just some of that people-power could be channeled into constructive outlets to improve the quality of life among the ghetto residents. Specifically, could the Block Reps get together to organize a Barter Service Network (like, I'll type your paper for an oil change?)? Those who can tune an engine, prepare party foods, mend clothes, and make a dumpy living room come alive could be listed in a simple directory. Help and service could be found next door instead of just the Yellow Pages.

What would be the impact of a Service Brigade for the elderly residents? Could a similar listing of services and talents be made available by 100 or so volunteers who could shovel snow, supply transportation in bad weather, help with those many domestic tasks that need an extra strong pair of arms or an extended reach?

Ask any city planner, social worker or local politico what makes a neighborhood healthy. Ultimately it is the interdependency built up in many small ways that is based on trust and mutual respect. There's no doubt in my mind that U.D. students in the off campus area can further what is already happening to bring about growth in the area's personality.

Whether I like it or not, for the rest of my life I'll be somebody's neighbor. And somebody will be mine.

See you around!

Bro. Paul Bredestege (229-2010)

LOTTERY SCHEDULE 1982-1983

February 23-Tuesday	Publication of lottery information out! (Flyer News Insert)
February 28-Sunday	Open House of University owned Off Campus Houses, 2-4 P.M.
March 2-----Tuesday	Lottery Applications must be returned to Housing Office by 4:30 P.M.
March 7-----Sunday	Off Campus Lottery at 2:00P.M. Kennedy Union Ballroom.

Feature on...

This month's feature story focuses on 302 Kiefaber St. In what the Off Campus Center describes as a "Model-Home" this story describes a group of U.D. students who live a type of lifestyle which consist of positive attributes and leads to a happy home.

The residents who are all Seniors are: Mark Potticary and Dave Montag from Cincinnati, Ron Mysona and Jim Kebe from Cleveland, and Dale Miller from Dayton. In a sense, 302 Kiefaber is as much a family as anyone else. They do their grocery shopping together, and confront problems together, and share good times with each other. They also eat and do household chores together.

In terms of groceries, they go shopping every week to eight days. Only two residents will go and they take \$80 with them. By having just two do the shopping, they feel they eliminate confusion, but also they can make sure that only one is not left to choose items as he feels. They do their shopping at Warehouse type grocery stores to keep their cost down.

At the start of each semester, the residents set a cooking schedule. They eat together Monday thru Friday, while keeping the weekends flexible. They plan their meals a week in advance, and each person gets his own choice as to what goes on the menu that week; however, they do limit ground beef meals to three times a week. Also, as one person cooks, another person sets the table. The table setter also washes the dishes as the cook puts them away. That is, "except for Jim and Dave who prefer to do everything on the same night by themselves," quipes Mark.

In doing chores, they divide their house into five separate areas, and alternate sections each week. Friday is the switch day for assignments, so the house will look good on the weekend.

The residents of 302 Kiefaber believe that their key to maintaining order during problems or conflicts is sitting down and having gripe-sessions." They also feel that the opportunity for interaction is good since they eat dinner together, thus alleviating the possibility of avoiding each other for any length of time. As Mark says, they're a happy home because they're structured to deal with problems not avoid them.

BLOCK NEWS

ELDERLY AND NEED HELP?

The Off Campus Center would like to inform its elderly neighbors about the Sunrise Center. The purpose of the Sunrise Center is to provide social services to any resident who lives in its service area, which includes 45409 residents.

Help may be available to you for the following needs: Public Assistance, Food Stamps, Transportation, Health Services, Child Care, Counseling, and Employment and Training.

For more information contact Mary Crimmins at 225-4920, and tell her the U.D. Off Campus Center sent you.

ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE

The Kappa Chi Sorority would like to announce that they are having an Aluminum Can Drive to raise funds to support their service activities and other sorority functions.

The drive will continue till April 16th. Anyone wishing to contribute, can call the Kappa Chi's at 222-0713 to make arrangements for a pick-up.

Events

- 16 Basketball: Eastern Kentucky
Women: (Home) 5:45 pm
Men: (Home) 8 pm
- 18 Art Series: The Scholars (Madrigal Singers) 8 pm - KU Ballroom
- 19 Friendly Floyds-KU Ballroom 8 pm
- 20 Basketball: Michigan Women: (Away) 6 pm
Men: Marquette (Away) 8 pm
Hockey: Denison (Home) 4:30 pm
Kettering Ice Arena
- 21 Music-Brass Choir/Concert Band
Boll Theatre 3 pm - Free
Hockey: Denison (Home) 4:30 pm
Kettering Ice Arena
- 22 Lecture: 'Papacy: Problems & Promises. UD Chapel, 8 pm - free
Engineer Week begins (22-27)
- 23 Lecture: Fr Robert Hater
'Healing in Our Lives'' UD Chapel
8 pm - free
Collegium Musicum: Ohio State students perform in UD Chapel 8 pm
Basketball: Morehead State (Away) Women 7:30 pm
- 24 Ash Wednesday - Freshman Midterm grades due
- 25 Basketball: Duquesne Men (Away)
- 26 Lecture (Photography) ME Bldg 3 pm
PVA Production: 'Hello Dolly'
Boll. 8 pm. (26th-28th)
Movie: Elephant Man-Wohl.
- 27 Hockey: Indiana (Home) 4:30 pm
Basketball: Canisius - Men (Away) 7:30 pm. Engineers Day
Movie: The Deer Hunter-Wohl.
- 28 University Organ Series-Seventh Day Adventist Church-8 pm free
Hockey: Indiana (Home) 4:30 pm
Kettering Ice Arena

VOLUNTEER!

I want to be a block representative.
Call me soon so we can meet and discover
new ways to make the Off Campus
neighborhood a safer, happier place to
live.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

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

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.

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