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# The Off Campus Center **block talk**



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## **Needed: U.D. Help Houses**

The Off Campus area, not unlike other areas of the city has its share of security problems. It would be negligent to ignore the possibilities for crime in this area. In an effort to provide more support in security awareness, the Off Campus Center and Student Association will again be organizing numerous "Help Houses" in the area.

The Help house program, which originated three years ago, provides designated houses throughout the area where anyone can go to if he/she feels threatened, or needs assistance in an emergency situation. The Help Houses serve

the function of helping individuals, and also help in eventually decreasing crime in the area by acting as a sort of neighborhood watch house. The residents of the Help House will advise Campus Security of any problems that arise.

Help Houses are an important safety measure in the Off Campus area; if you and your housemates would like to get involved in this program please call the Off Campus Center (229-2047) or S.A. (229-4444) for more information. In the meantime, look for upcoming information concerning sign-ups, and think safety!

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## **Block Reps to Aid Off Campus Center**

The Off Campus Center is looking for students to volunteer to be their block's representative. Block Reps 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.

There are currently 20 block reps, and more are needed. Block Reps are concerned individuals who aid in making the Off Campus area a better environment. Although there is not a great deal of work involved in being a Block Rep, the role of a good Block Rep cannot be underestimated. Some of the things the Block Reps do are to compile a block listing for "your" block, deliver the monthly edition of *Block Talk* to the student residents, and to meet approximately once a month to discuss the Off Campus living environment. The Off Campus Center urges students to come by the Center or call 229-2047, and sign up to be Your Block's representative

# Being a Neighbor

They come in a splashing array of shapes and sizes. Sometimes visible and audible, other times barely heard or seen, they are around us 24 hours a day. If you think I'm referring to cockroaches and other house hold pests, I'm not. Read on. We don't need them in the absolute sense of the word to survive, but their presence can be reassuring and bring refreshing whiffs of variety and newness to our lives. Hmm—maybe that describes a motorized back scratcher or a built in PAC MAN in the bathroom? Not quite. Neighbors — they are what I'm trying to describe. My neighbors, your neighbors — all kinds of them.

One of mine stopped by to wave a pistol in my face a couple of years ago while I was standing on the sidewalk. He was in hot pursuit of a 19 year old who had just vandalized his new fence. "I'll kill that %&#!" Another of my neighbors hosted a would-be gang battle in the yard across the street — chains and all. Fortunately it was a stand-off. The widow next door would give you all her time and whatever money she could spare if you needed it, and the old fella in the back (after 8 years I still don't know his name, nor he mine) — well, we chat regularly about the weather, our respective gardens, and his 40 years as a butcher of beef. Yes, there are all kinds of neighbors, and whether we like it or not, you, I and the next person for the rest of our lives will be somebody's neighbor. And a handful of folks will be lucky or unlucky by being ours.

Like you, I'm learning that people alone do not make a neighborhood, any more than a house makes a home. City planners, social workers, and local politicians testify that truly, healthy neighborhoods come about where mutual trust, respect, and sensitivity are voluntarily generated by and among the residents. This means reaching out; this means communicating. The family on the other side, virtual strangers for months, now chats with us regularly and asks us to watch their house when they visit grandma in Kentucky — and all we did is take time to give his crate of a car a battery jump last winter. That little deed broke the ice.

Breaking the ice by means of a similar gesture, a wave and "hi", "I like your flowers" can go a long way, especially with the older, permanent residents in the off campus area. These folks, mostly up on years, some living alone, are refreshed by student life and student interest in their lives.

Breaking ice can be difficult for the one-third or so of new student who come as new residents in the ghetto each year. Most have sprouted wings from the dorms and the majority adjust to different lifestyle demands and responsibilities fairly early. Yet, a one-third turnover of residents in any neighborhood can have an unsettling effect for a time, and at worst, can contribute to unrest, confusion, and as we know from recent events, anger and misunderstanding.

Ironically, the opposite is also true. Many newcomers can take the extra effort to sink roots early just as the veteran student residents continue to deepen and nourish theirs. Veteran students and newcomers daily are seen chatting with permanent residents, cleaning up after the Saturday Night Specials, taking pride in their house, and even greeting the lonely campus minister as he wanders through.

Now there are structures and support systems that can help improve the quality of life in the Off Campus Area, specifically, the Block Rep system and the Off Campus Advisory Committee (news about which both are reported in **Block Talk** regularly). But these official channels and structures,

though good in themselves, mean little without the grass roots involvement, and street level support.

Years from now we will be referring to UD and our life in the Off Campus Area as the "good old days". What you'll remember most will not be the house where you live, how the street is paved, or whether Kiefaber is a one-or two-way street. What you'll remember — and what will make the "good old days" really good are the people you bring into your lives.

Ma Bell's "reach out and touch someone" is an ok motto, but whenever I hear it, I think long distance, and forget how easy it is to reach out beyond the front porch and the sidewalk and touch a neighbor.

*Bro. Paul Bredestege, S.M.*

## "Animal Rights Conference Scheduled"

On October 9, 10, 11 animal rights activists and humane organizations from across the country will gather in Columbus, Ohio for a conference on animal rights. The conference, to be held at the Holiday Inn East, will encompass a planning meeting of the Mobilization for Animals, a coalition of over 80 groups working to strengthen the movement and establish the concept of "animal rights".

Do animals have rights? This is an ethical question being raised with increasing frequency. Domestic pets have been accorded some rights through laws against cruel treatment, but most other creatures remain relatively unprotected. Consider as an example the wild animal or bird captured and shipped to another country for sale as an exotic pet, to an owner who may or may not be able to provide for its needs; or the coyote, a naturally occurring predator, trapped, poisoned, and shot from planes to protect grazing sheep no longer guarded by the traditional herdsman; or the laboratory animal, force fed a new cosmetic ingredient until death occurs (the lethal dose test) ostensibly to satisfy safety standards for human use.

These are a few of the issues being addressed by the animal rights movement. At the Columbus conference attention will focus on the initial project of the Mobilization for Animals. Mass protests will be held at three of the nation's government-funded primate research centers, in April of 1983. These institutions are noted for decades of behavioral experiments with monkeys and other primates, producing depression, aggression and other psychological abnormalities. Animal advocates maintain these experiments are cruel, repetitive, and have doubtful applicability to human concerns.

The conference will also include film presentation and workshops. Successful activists and professionals in the field of animal rights work will act as session leaders. Registration fees are \$15.00 for the full three days, \$7.50 per singleday. Interested persons may obtain additional information on the conference by writing Citizens for Humane Education, P.O. Box 70, Dayton, Ohio 45402, or by contacting the Mobilization for Animals Conference Office, P.O. Box 510, Columbus, Ohio 43216 (phone 614/279-5919).

Brochures concerning the Animal Rights Conference are available at the Off Campus Center, 239 Kiefaber St.

*The above information was made available by: Citizens for Humane Education, P.O. Box 70, Dayton, Ohio 45402.*

## Feature on. . . Angelo and Lee Manzo

*Each month the Off Campus Center will use this space to feature people who live in this area and/or make an impact through their concern and service to the off campus area.*

This month's feature story focuses on Angelo and Lee Manzo who live at 337 Stonemill Road. Back in 1930, Angelo's grandfather purchased the property at 337 Stonemill. From 1930 thru 1955 Angelo's grandfather (now deceased), parents and two brothers lived there. Perhaps Angelo's most interesting thoughts on the area back then were told to him by his father who spoke of how the neighbors were upset at Angelo's grandfather because of all the animals he tried to raise in their small backyard. The neighbors did not relate well to the over 100 rabbits, 150 - 200 pigeons, chickens, roosters, and 2 or 3 hunting dogs that Angelo's grandfather raised. Back in the 1930's things were scarce and the economy wasn't good, and Angelo's grandfather actually raised pigeons to eat; feeding them and letting some of them go in hopes that they would bring more pigeons back with them. Things finally came to a head when Angelo's grandfather purchased a cow! The neighbors complained loudly to the police, who agreed things were getting a bit ridiculous. Angelo's grandfather was told he belonged on a farm. Thus, it was a combination of the grandfather's interest in keeping his animals and Angelo's father's interest in not raising his children in a city environment, that the Manzo's moved to a small farm in Xenia in 1955.

From 1955 to 1979, the Manzo family rented their property at 337 Stonemill to numerous families. In May 1979, Angelo Jr. moved back in, and was working for U.P.S. In August 1979, he started working at Dayco. It was at Dayco that he met his wife, Lee. Angelo and Lee were married on May 30, 1981.

Angelo was fairly adjusted to living in this area, but Lee, who was born and raised in Huber Heights was leary about moving into an area that had received such negative press (i.e. the Stagg Bowl 1980). Lee eventually adjusted to a degree after a few months. Angelo speaks of some of the drawbacks of the area such as theft, noise, and trash. He also mentions conveniences such as being close to work and school (he is in the M.B.A. program at U.D.), and notes that he feels much more secure, since he visibly sees Campus Security patrolling the alleys and streets often.

Angelo's feelings about the prominent student population are "that the students generally do not act consciously at the expense of other people's lifestyle, and that the good makes up for the bad". He says, "That the kids help you when you need it", and mentions of the times the students have helped him jump start his car, and helped him carry in his refrigerator.

### **Clean Sweep Set for November 1st**

On November 1st, 1982 the Off Campus Center and Student Association will hold "Fall Clean Sweep 82" in the off campus area.

Last year's two Clean Sweeps each had a participation of approximately 15 student organizations, or 250 - 300 people. Over 400 bags of trash from surrounding streets, alleys and open lots, as well as numerous bulk items were hauled away. This year, we are hoping to have an even better turn-out.

It is very important for everyone to realize his/her responsibility in keeping a clean environment from day to day; on at least one particular day, November 1st, we hope to see everyone pitching in to help clean up the Off Campus area.

Cash prizes as well as free donuts and juice will be available for all participants. Any group wishing to take part on November 1st can call and register with SA at 229-4444. Stay tuned for further details!

### **Advisory Committee to Meet in October**

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

The Committee consists of members from nearly all facets of life in the off campus area including university administrators, student representatives, police, community and civic leaders, city officials and permanent residents.

The Committee's responsibilities are to: 1) hear and review the programs of the Off Campus Center, 2) suggest other activities and projects which might be undertaken, 3) represent the concerns of the Off campus area, and 5) promote a positive relationship with municipal authorities.

Anyone who would like to know more about the Advisory Committee, or has an idea or concern that they would like to make known, is welcome to drop by the Off Campus Center or call Mike Kline at 229-2047.

# Facts You Need to Know

## — Alcohol Law

On October 1, 1982 Ammended Substitute House bill 357 states that a person must be 19 years of age to purchase or consume beer. There will no longer be a distinction between 3.2% beer and high-powered beer. A person must be 21 years old to purchase wine or liquor. Penalty for violation: \$1,000 fine; six months in jail. For further information and details contact the Off Campus Center at 229-2047.

## — Noise ordinance

On September 8, 1982 the City Commission passed ordinance Sec. 94.11 titled Stationary Noise Control Regulations. Section "B" states that a stationery noise device or any other source must not be in excess of 55 decibels from 10 p.m. - 7 a.m. or in excess of 61 decibels from 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. The decibel level shall be measured from the property line where the noise originates. This pertains to areas zoned residential, office residential, and University in the city zoning code. Violators are guilty of a misdemeanor of the 4th degree which carries 30 days and/or \$250 fine.

## — Litter/Trash Ordinance

City Ordinance 93.47 makes it the occupants responsibility to keep the exterior premises of a house free of objects or materials which create a safety, health hazard, or public nuisance. Occupants must store waste and garbage in a neat or sanitary manner. Violators will be issued a warning tag, and if necessary, can be issued a \$35 citation.

# Energy Conservation Reminder

With the raising cost of energy and oncoming cooler weather it becomes incumbent upon everyone to exercise energy conservation. Whether your rent includes utilities or not, you pay for needless waste in energy through rent increases or higher utility bills.

If you live in a University owned house contact the Housing Office if you feel your house is guilty of wasting energy, or if you live in a non-University owned property contact your landlord if you believe you have a problem of energy waste. In either case, it is the responsibility of both the owner **and** the occupant to be energy conscious. No matter how you look at it, **everyone** loses in the long run when it comes to wasting energy.

**Block Talk** is published monthly during the academic year 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 - 5:30

# Things To Do In October

- 11 **Columbus Day** (Holiday)  
(No day classes, 4:30 p.m. and after will meet)
- 12 Movie: "Casablanca" 6:30 & 8:30 p.m. - Free - O'Leary Auditorium.
- 13 Queen's Skit, 8-11 p.m. - Fieldhouse.
- 14 Queen's Motorcade at Noon  
11:50 a.m.-12:05 (campus)  
Casino Casablanca  
KU Ballroom 8-11 p.m.  
Voting KU - 12 Noon-2 p.m.
- 15 Movie: "Ragtime" Boll Theatre (Rho Rho Rho)  
Homecoming Proclamation, 3rd & Main Streets,  
11 a.m.-1 p.m. - Courthouse Square Pep Rally &  
TGIF Party, KU Plaza 4:30 p.m. and Casablanca  
Express Parade, Ghetto Route, (approx.) 3:30 p.m.
- 16 **Homecoming:**  
Tailgate Party - Outside Arena 11-1 p.m. (SA)  
Football: Maryville, 1:30 p.m. (home)  
Dance: Wamplers - 10:00 p.m.
- 17 Rugby: Alumni Game (home)  
Founders Field - 1 p.m.
- 20 Pumpkin Sale - 11 a.m.-2 p.m. KU Plaza (Kappa Chi)
- 22 Oktoberfest - KU Plaza 4-8 p.m. (SA)  
Movie: "The Four Seasons" Boll (WDCR)
- 23 **Parents Weekend:**  
Tailgate Party - Outside Arena 11-1 p.m. (SA)  
Football: Canisius (home) 1:30 p.m.  
Movie: "Wrath of Khan" Boll (UAO)
- 25 Pumpkin Sale - KU Plaza 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (Kappy Chi)  
thru October 29  
Film Lottery, KU-231, University Activities  
Sneak Preview of Latest Releases  
Boll Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- 29 UD Haunted House: O'Reilly Hall (Info X4114)  
Movie: "Stir Crazy" Boll (Lambda Chi Alpha)
- 30 Movie: "Monty Python & The Holy Grail"  
Boll (Phi Sigma Kappa)
- 31 **Halloween:**  
UD Haunted House - O'Reilly Hall  
Rifle Range

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## Equipment Available

### At the Off-Campus Center

- Brooms, rakes, bags etc.
- Volleyball set!
- Light bulbs for porches
- **New** Bus schedules
- Telephone Directories