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The Off Campus Center block talk



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Beware Of The Burglar

Historically speaking, the number of houses in the off campus area that are victimized by burglary greatly increases in November and December. Although there are many guesses as to why, the logical reason is that this is the time of year that criminals need extra money for the holidays. The Off Campus Center would like to impress in everyone's mind that basic security measures should be a priority for all residents of the area, especially with the burglary season upon us.

In many cases, simple security measures can prevent homes from being broken into. Last year, for example, the police reported a string of nine burglaries, all of which involved unlocked doors and windows. It cannot be repeated too often—keep doors and windows locked even while you are home. A burglar can slip in while you are upstairs or outside in the yard, and slip out with your wallet or purse in a matter of seconds.

In addition, a well lit home will help keep burglars away. Statistics have proven that a thief will avoid a well-lighted house. The cost of electricity is small enough that no one should hesitate to turn on a few strategic lights, particularly in the kitchen and living room because these are the two most used rooms in the house. Also, keep your porch light

on at night. The Off Campus Center provides free light bulbs for porch use.

It is important to report suspicious activity. Both the Dayton Police and Campus Security strongly recommend you to call them if you see any suspicious activity. The police would much rather respond to a phone call and find nothing wrong than not receive a report and allow a person to lose valuable possessions. The Help House program in the off campus area is just one way in which neighbors can watch each other's property and report suspicious activity. When calling the police, report the location of the activity, description of individuals involved, vehicles used and license number. Do **not** hang up until the police operator has all the information needed and thanks you for your call. Also, the Off Campus Center is instituting a new program in which residents of an area will be notified in writing when a burglary occurs. This will be done in the form of a flyer delivered to your house (within a day or two of the crime) informing neighbors to be on their guard.

Truly effective crime prevention can only be accomplished through the joint efforts of police and the public. By exercising common sense precautions, we can all help "turn off the burglar."

Is Your House Registered?

Recently, the City of Dayton passed an ordinance which requires all rental properties to be registered with the City of Dayton by January 1, 1984. The registration is free until 1-1-84; after this date there will be a \$25 fee per unit.

Students are encouraged to check with their landlords to make sure their house is properly licensed and registered. Rooming houses are licensed by the number of residents that a house can handle. This is figured by allowing each resident 60 square feet of floor space for each resident in each sleeping unit.

Students in the off campus area should be aware of two points concerning their house. First, is the house registered with the City of Dayton? Second, is your house an approved rooming house with the City of Dayton? By approved, it means 1) is the house in the proper zoning area, and 2) if there are more than two occupants, the house is required to be an approved rooming house in the area zoned university. Before signing any leases or contracts, check-out the approved occupancy for your house by asking your landlord and the City Inspector. Always ask questions before you sign anything. Ignorance is no excuse. Don't blame anyone but yourself when you find yourself homeless midway through the school year because you are found to be the sixth person in a five person approved house. Always check things out with your landlord first. Afterward, if you have any questions or doubts, don't hesitate to contact the City Inspector, Mr. Roger Baxter, at 443-3968.

Keep It Clean!

The Off Campus Center would like to thank all those who participated in the Fall Clean Sweep of November 1st, 1983. According to news reports, approximately seven tons of debris were removed from the area.

This feat of accomplishment was the result of over 250 students and the City of Dayton bulk pick-up trucks and street sweepers, working together for the good of the community.

Let's continue the Clean Sweep energy throughout the year and pick-up trash on a daily basis. If everyone takes a few moments periodically to clean-up, in and around their house, the off campus area will quickly become a better living environment.

An Open Ear. . .

Ideas. Creative ones. So necessary for progress and there's no lack of them. I serve on Gonzilla-knows how many committees, boards, clubs, etc. and each group bulges with ideas to expand, improve, repair or replace this or that aspect of its mandate.

Yet, not all ideas arrive at the delivery room. Some are aborted because of poor communication, prejudice or fear; others die because of neglect or over-possessiveness; and others don't survive because they are born out of time, too late or too soon. Then some are so weak that they can't even be kept alive artificially and the plug must be pulled.

Like you, I've got fantastically creative ideas that if enacted would lead to permanent world peace, a portable electronic toothpick (suggested retail \$44.95), and improvement of student life in the off-campus area (OCA). But my greatest challenge—and major source of frustration—is my inability, unwillingness, or ignorance about how to move a creative idea out of the nursery and into a day-care center where it will be understood and accepted.

Food Co-Op Update

For your added convenience, the food co-op will now be accepting orders on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at the Kennedy Union Ticket Window. We realize that sometimes it's hard for you to make it down to Lowes St. on Thursdays. In that case, we're doing the next best thing. . .we brought the ordering place to you. Of course, you'll still have to visit 301 Lowes to pick up your order. Remember we work on the pre-order, pre-payment basis.

Since the holidays are approaching, the food co-op has added new items with savings in mind. These are:

1 lb. Yogurt Malt Balls	\$2.30
1 lb. Carob Honey Crunch	\$2.00
1 lb. Sesame Sticks	\$1.20
1 lb. Yogurt Delite	\$2.15
1 lb. Mixed Nuts	\$3.65

Also available are fruit baskets, which make great gifts. These are priced at:

1/2 peck basket (12 lbs. fruit)	\$11.75
1 peck basket (24 lbs. fruit)	\$16.25

If you're looking to save money without sacrificing quality, you should be shopping through the co-op. **Order now!**

Some one-time, baby ideas have matured and are clearly visible in the OCA. We now have our own laundry and food co-op in our own OCA student center: alleys are now brighter and safer, and police-student relations are the best they've ever been in years, thanks to the ideas of students, administrators and 2nd District personnel. A Billy Goat street cleaner for post party clean-up, a tool library, outdoor Eucharistic services and a Skills Bank are among other fledgling ideas in circulation.

An OCA Skills Bank would deposit our personal talents and know-how in a common fund which, for little or no interest, others can draw. You show me, or help me, change the oil in my Chevette, and I'll cut the wood for those book shelves you need. A Skills Bank would put students in gear helping one another, and the permanent residents as well, for everyone's benefit. Like the idea?

And here's my official name for the off-campus area; instead of Village Heights, Bottoms, whatever: Udoca (pronounced **you DOUGH ka**). Udoca sounds poetic, unique, almost patriotic and—who knows?—could merit its own ZIP code some day.

Brother Paul Bredestege
Campus Ministry

Feature on. . .William H. Mohr, Ph.D.

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 concert and service to the off campus area.

This month's feature story focuses on William H. Mohr, Ph.D. who lives at 1907 Trinity Avenue. His family and friends affectionately call him "Doc."

Doc's family was the first family to move into the newly constructed homes along Trinity Ave., back on April 19, 1917. Originally, Trinity Ave. was actually known as Kramer Lane. Kramer Lane became Trinity Ave. in 1920, when the City of Dayton extended its city limits to Irving Ave. Doc points out that the homes along Trinity are different from houses along Lowes and Kiefaber, etc. because the Trinity houses were built as an experiment with steel I beams instead of wooden joists as the understructure.

Doc's grandfather, Conrad Mohr, invented the world's first waterproof varnish while a student at the University of Aachen in Germany in 1844. Conrad came to Boston in 1844 and in 1848 was given \$1,000 by the Lawson Varnish Company for his secret varnish formula. With his new wealth, Conrad Mohr left Boston and came to Dayton in 1848 via a steamboat up the Miami River from Cincinnati.

Doc was born in his grandfather's homestead located in east Dayton. At the age of 12, Doc's family moved to 1907 Trinity Ave. Doc graduated from the Patterson Grade School on Alberta and Wyoming Sts. in 1918. In 1922, he graduated from the Moraine Park High School which was located on South View and Stroop Rd. Doc received a scholarship to attend the University of Wisconsin, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering in 1927. Doc notes, that as a halfback football player his freshman year at Wisconsin, he played with Red Grange. Later, Red left to attend the University of Illinois and eventually became All-American.

Doc's first job (1927-32) paid \$100/month with the Pennsylvania Oil Company in Madison. In 1932, he came back to Dayton and worked for his father at the Mohr Paint Store which was located at 937 Brown Street. In 1900, Doc's father, William Conrad Mohr, and his uncle, Ed Mohr, made the first ready mix paint in the United States.

From 1939 to 1945, Doc worked as a chemist for the government at N.C.R. in Dayton. As a result of some of his work done with a team of chemists at N.C.R., (i.e. developing carbonless paper and an ultra violet postage machine), Doc received an honorary Ph.D. in chemistry from Ohio State University.

In 1941, Doc was hired by the government to teach a class at U.D. titled Elementary Chemistry for the Lab Technician. From 1947 until his retirement in 1972, Doc ran the Mohr Paint Store. He then sold out the business entirely.

Doc has been actively involved in Boy Scouts of America since 1916. In 1919, he became the first Eagle Scout in Dayton. Currently he is with troop #105 out of East Dayton. Doc has won two national awards from the American Business Club for the most outstanding boys work in America.

On December 27, 1978, Doc married his lifelong friend, Ruth Gould. Ruth is ex-National President of Sigma Alpha Iota (term 1965-78). With over 1500 chapters in the U.S., S.A.I. is the largest music fraternity in the world. Ruth is a professional music teacher, and teaches from her own studio in Winter Haven, Florida from September thru June. She also directs the Junior Winter Haven Orchestra which plays worldwide.

Doc points out, somewhat comically, that in the five years he has been married, he already has one daughter, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Besides Scouting, Doc keeps active by delivering lunches for the Senior Citizens Club in Kettering. His hobbies include swimming at the Holiday Health Spa, hiking, horseback riding, and stamp and coin collecting.

Doc says that in recent years the atmosphere in the off campus area has improved greatly. He gets along great with his student neighbors and plans to stay right where he is. Doc is a friendly, outgoing and active individual. He is literally a walking encyclopedia on the history of Dayton.

Holiday Decorations

For the safety of all students, the Off Campus Center would like to remind all students of the hazards of holiday decorations. The following regulations are issued to the University-owned off campus houses following consultation with the Dayton Fire Dept. It would be a safe measure for **all** residents of the off campus area to follow these measures.

- ★ Live or natural foliage may not be used as part of any decorations on the interior or exterior of any University-owned Off Campus Houses.
- ★ Paint is not permitted on the windows.
- ★ Only flame-proof material may be used in decorations.
- ★ All lights or lighting devices must have the approval of the National Board of Fire Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., Factory Mutual's Laboratories, or the National Bureau of Standards.

- ★ No Christmas decorations may be placed in doorways, stairways, or the general passageways.
- ★ Christmas decorations should not be placed on lamps or ceiling lights.
- ★ No open flames, such as candles or kerosene lamps may be used.
- ★ Smoking should be avoided near decorated areas.
- ★ Ceiling light fixtures may not be painted.
- ★ Lastly, we suggest you remove your Christmas decorations before leaving for Christmas Vacation. The decorations may not appear quite as joyful upon your return in January!

We present this information to you now to prevent any disappointment you might experience if you return after the Thanksgiving Holiday with Christmas decorations you may not use.

Students in U.D. Off Campus Housing

If you live in U.D. off campus housing and plan on leaving school or are graduating in December, you must contact the Housing Office at 229-2531.

Off Campus Center Carpet Shampooer

As of November 21, 1983, the Off Campus Center, 239 Kiefaber Street, will add a carpet shampooer to its equipment inventory.

The shampooer, like all other equipment, can be checked out, free of charge, with a valid student I.D. We ask students to plan the use of the machine wisely by returning the equipment within one day of check-out. This will allow others the opportunity to freshen up all those carpets out there.

Save Energy. . . Save Money

You use more energy heating your house than anything else. So, concentrate your efforts on reducing heat loss. Each degree you permanently turn down your thermostat, saves about three percent of the energy you would require. Wear warmer clothing and sweaters to save energy and money.

A change in life style is being dictated by the energy supply situation and higher prices for energy. Use energy wisely. **Remember, energy you don't use is energy you don't pay for.**

Paper Drive

Please bring your old newspapers to the Off Campus Center. Each month the Center contributes to the paper drive that S.I.C.S.A. has monthly. S.I.C.S.A. is a private non-profit organization that is dedicated to improving the conditions of stray animals.

New Alley Lights

In the last month, the Off Campus Housing Office has had seven additional Nightguard Alley Lights installed in the off campus area at the following locations:

- 220 L. Street - rear
- 234 L. Street - rear
- 343 E. Stewart St. - rear
- 365 E. Stewart St. - rear
- 215 K. Street - rear
- 222 College Park - rear
- 448 Kiefaber St. - side

This brings the total number of alley lights installed by the University to 38. The University pays a monthly charge for these lights, and encourages students to call the Off Campus Center at 229-2047 to report any problems with alley or street lights.

301 Lowes Events

On December 2, the Sigma Sweethearts are sponsoring a Jingle Jangle Jam for the UD community. The event starts at 10 p.m. and admission is \$1.00. Also, Central Service Clubs will sponsor a dance on December 7th. This is a charitable event with admission being 3 canned goods. Be there from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight.

Look for the continuation of 301 Lowes' Last Lecture Series with such luminaries as Drs. Farrelly, Hawkins, and Rhee. Our backgammon tournament is coming and so is our playwriting contest.

If you would like to see an event sponsored, or sponsor one yourself, call 301 Lowes at 229-3833. It's there for you—the student! We need your input and participation.



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