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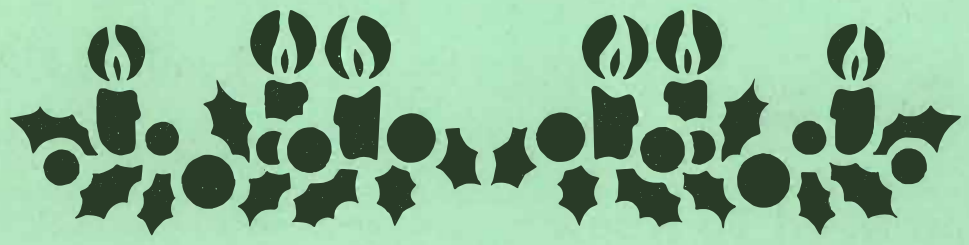
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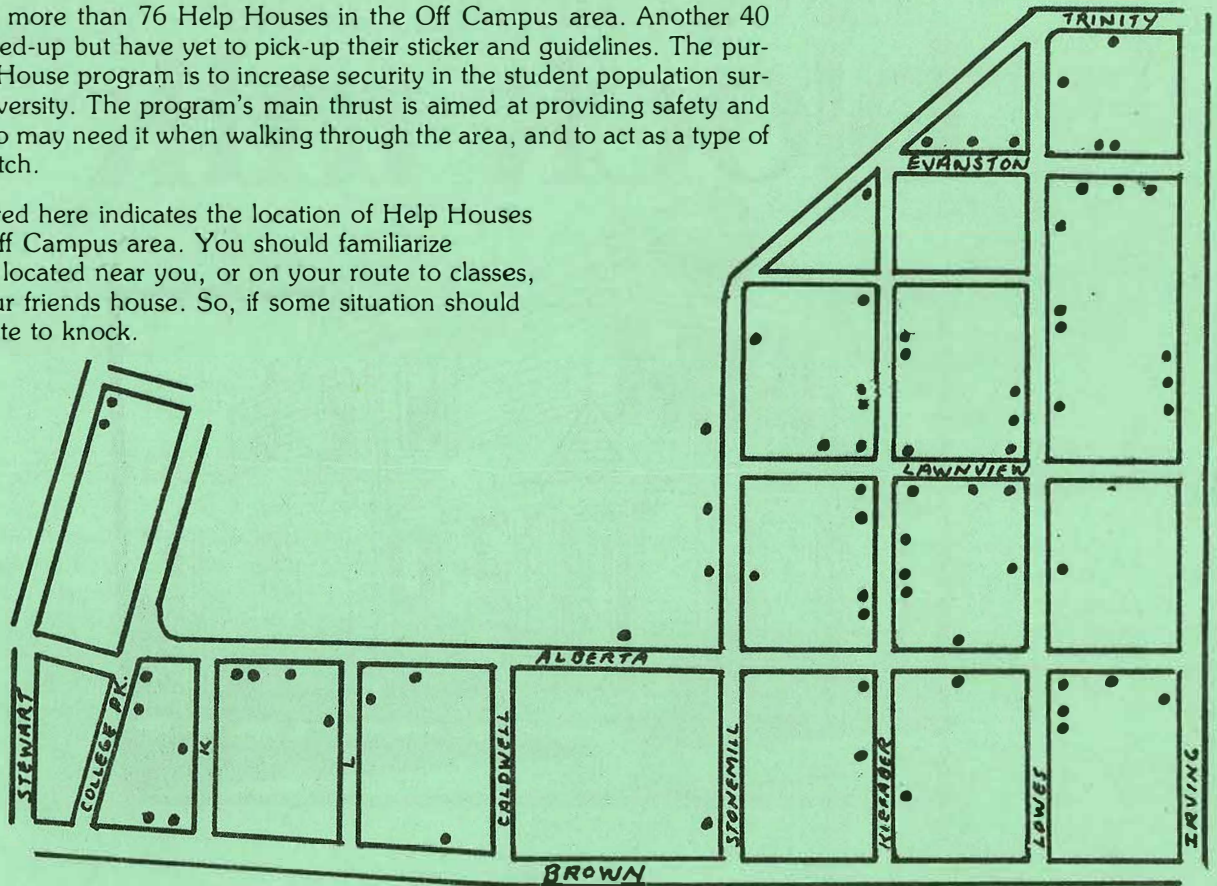
*The Off Campus Center
sends its Holidays Greetings
for a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*



Help House Update

There are now more than 76 Help Houses in the Off Campus area. Another 40 Houses have signed-up but have yet to pick-up their sticker and guidelines. The purpose of the Help House program is to increase security in the student population surrounding the University. The program's main thrust is aimed at providing safety and help for those who may need it when walking through the area, and to act as a type of neighborhood watch.

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 house. So, if some situation should arise, don't hesitate to knock.



Facts You Need To Know

★ Trash Pick-Up:

Garbage pick-up for this area is every **Wednesday**. To avoid having bags torn by animals, or being ripped open, it is best to wait until Tuesday night before setting out your trash.

★ Bulk Pick-Up:

For a **free** bulk pick-up of large items such as sofas, mattresses, etc. call 443-4833.

★ Dog License:

All dog owners are required to have their dog licensed. The fee is \$6.00 and the deadline is January 20, 1984. After the deadline there will be a \$2.00 penalty charge. For further information call the Animal Shelter at 898-4457.

Lock It Up

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

- Make sure all doors and windows are locked and secured tightly.
- Stop all newspaper and mail deliveries for the period you are away.
- Leave a light on in the upstairs hall or bathroom. Leave the porch light turned on. (Free porch light bulbs are available at the Off-Campus Center.)
- Make the house look lived-in. Keep a few upstairs drapes and blinds partially open.
- Engrave all your valuables left behind, then store them in a locked closet. (Electric engravers are available at the Off Campus Center.)
- Register your house with the Dayton Police Department's Vacant House Check by calling the 2nd District at 449-1270.

Feature On. . .Mary Robinette

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 Off Campus Center feature story focuses on Mary Robinette. Mary is an off campus area permanent resident who has lived at 234 Lowes Street since 1958.

Mary was born in Martin, Kentucky (Floyd County) on May 7, 1911. Her parents left Kentucky in 1927, and bought a farm house in Clarksville, Ohio (Clinton County), which is roughly thirty-five miles from Dayton. At this time, Mary had her first encounter with the Dayton area. However, she moved back to Kentucky where at the age of nineteen, on July 12, 1930 Mary married Orville Robinette.

For approximately nine years Mary worked at Murphys Five and Dime Store. In 1940, Orville lost his job with the railroad. At this time, Mary and Orville moved to Dayton, Ohio looking for employment. From 1940 until 1942 they both worked for Frigidaire. In 1942, they were employed with N.C.R. Mary worked at N.C.R. until her retirement in 1972. Orville worked at N.C.R. until 1944, when he then enlisted in the Navy. From 1944-46 he served on the Aircraft Carrier Bennington as a telegraph operator. In 1946, Orville returned to Dayton and worked for Frigidaire until his death in 1947.

Since her permanent arrival in Dayton in 1940, Mary has lived in various locations throughout Dayton: 1940-44 on North Main Street; 1944-47 off of Salem Avenue; 1947-51 back to North Main Street address; 1951-53 on Babbit Street; and 1953-58 on Chambers Street. In 1958, Mary purchased her first and only house-which is, of course, 234 Lowes Street. The purchase price for her home was \$9,500. Mary notes that she completely revovated the house.

Mary's only daughter, Dolores, was born in 1931. Dolores died in childbirth in 1950. Dolores's son, Victor Whisman (Mary's only grandchild) recently graduated from the University of Dayton Law School, and is currently a practicing lawyer in Dayton. Mary has six sisters: Hazel, Nell, Rhoda, Lottie, Millie and Virginia, and two brothers: Earl and Carl. Mary is the third sibling of a family of nine children. Mary points out that all of her brothers and sisters currently live in the Dayton area, except for two sisters who live out of state. Mary's mother, Jennie Osborne, died at the age of ninety-one.

In regards to her immediate living environment, Mary states that "I love it here." She points out that her student neighbors have been nice to her. Mary says, "I feel safe here because there are always students around who offer to help out in anyway they can." She adds, "I feel at home here, and would be lonesome if I left." Mary enjoys country music, crocheting, making quilts, reading and cooking. In addition, she enjoys walking her dog, Tiger, around the neighborhood. Mary whimsically notes that some of the students know her dog of sixteen years better than herself.

Christmas On Campus. . .The Dream Continues

Every year the coming of winter brings us the usual cold weather and the realization by students that once again final exams will be rolling around. But this time of year also brings with it one of the most cherished and happily awaited events celebrated by members of the U.D. family. . .Christmas On Campus. And this year marks the 20th time that U.D. has joined together on December 8th to realize the true meaning and spirit of Christmas.

This year's Christmas On Campus is also the event that kicks off the beginning of the 20th anniversary celebration of Kennedy Union and its student programming arm, Union Activities Organization.

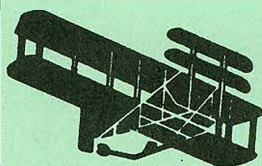
As a tribute to the 20th Christmas On Campus, and the 20th anniversary of Kennedy Union, a special candlelight procession will take place on the evening of December 8th. The "Celebration of Lights" will proceed from 10 different areas on and off campus and each with a special starting time. The campus procession will leave 301 Lowes at 5:50 p.m. and end up in K.U. Plaza.

Approximately 700 senior citizens and children will be adopted by students for the evening, and will share in the fun and festivities that include: The Voyager Puppets, Dayton Contemporary Dance, bell choirs, "Celebration", a ventriloquist, mimes, a variety show, and the PVA's own Christmas Play for Children. Santa Claus himself will be on hand for everyone to see.

The theme for this year's Christmas On Campus, "A Christmas for All Generations. . .The Dream Continues", symbolizes the hope that people of all ages may share in the joy of Christmas together. Co-Chairmen of the event, Mike Haverland and Heather Bersch, feel that Christmas On Campus "spreads the feelings of goodwill and the joy of giving of oneself, and exemplifies what Christmas is all about."

Christmas On Campus will culminate with a special University mass in the fieldhouse at 10:00 p.m. Poinsettias donated by various campus organizations will be presented at the mass. If your organization might be interested in donating a poinsettia, stop by the COC office in K.U. room 133, or call X4405.

Happy Holidays!



City of Dayton, Ohio

NEW PHONE NUMBERS

Bulk Trash Removal	443-4833
Street Lights	443-3850
Street Maintenance	443-4800
Housing Inspection	443-3968
Southeast Priority Board	253-0322
Information and other numbers	443-4000

Show A Little Respect

Each year around the Christmas season, people and property are victimized by senseless vandalism. Cutting down trees for Christmas decoration, and stealing Christmas decorations are a few of the callous acts that the off-campus area can do without. Please show some respect and consideration during this holiday period, and help to make this a Merry Christmas for everyone.

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.
- 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, off-campus, and faculty/staff 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.
- The Off-Campus Center has RTA schedules! Drop on in and pick-em-up.
- The Off-Campus Center has a carpet shampooer and free shampoo, too!
- The Off-Campus Center has two vacuum cleaners to lend out to students.
- **A valid Student I.D. is required for any equipment checked out.**



**Best Wishes
from
Student Development
to
December Graduates**

301 LOWES

301 Lowes has successfully completed its first semester. It has been a welcome addition and improvement in the off-campus area. Along with the services provided, student programming has taken a step forward as well.

Some of the programs held at 301 over the first semester were a euchre tournament, an Orphan Happy Hour, Last Lecture Series, film festivals, and Parents' Weekend Open Houses. All the programming was not done by 301 though. Student organizations held such events as dances, dinners, meetings, health seminars, and talent shows. This diversity should attract all types of students.

Next semester, look for the continuation of the Last Lecture Series and our film festivals. If you like recreation, our backgammon, bocce, and horseshoe tournaments are for you. Also, we are planning a dinner theatre, a showcase of student bands, a gourmet cooking class plus, the 301 Club is coming. We need your input though! If you want to see a program here at 301 Lowes, let us know. We're here for you.

Finally, just a quick note from all of us at 301 Lowes to wish you good luck on your exams and a happy and safe Christmas break! See you in January!

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