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The Off Campus Center **block talk**



JANUARY 20, 1984

DON'T GET CAUGHT IN THE FREEZE

During the recent Christmas break the Dayton area received sub zero temperatures and wind-chills up to 60 degrees below zero. As a result of these cold temperatures the threat of broken water lines became a reality when numerous plumbing breaks and frozen pipes occurred throughout the off campus area.

As the temperature gets colder during the coming weeks there are a number of measures you can take to help prevent frozen or broken pipes in your house. Take the following precautions when outdoor temperatures go below 10 degrees.

1. Keep your faucets dripping slightly.

2. Keep the cabinet doors below your sink open.
3. Make sure all exterior doors close tightly so cold drafts cannot come through.
4. Advise your landlord immediately of any loss of water flow or clogged drains.

By exercising some of these precautions the chances of frozen pipes can be minimized. Don't hesitate to contact your landlord if you have any cold weather concerns. Although you may be responsible for paying the utility bills, your landlord will more than likely be receptive to taking corrective measures to improve your living conditions.

Off Campus Housing Fair

The Off Campus Housing Office invites all students to attend the Off Campus Housing Fair to be held at 301 Lowes Street on February 11th from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The purpose of the Fair is to acquaint students with the various aspects of off campus living. The format for the event involves a gathering of twenty organizations with tables and displays in the auditorium of 301 Lowes.

Students can circulate around the various tables at their leisure and discuss whatever area of interest they wish. In addition, there will be five different presentations in a separate meeting room, which will focus on specific areas of interest. Check the agenda below for more detailed information, and be on the look-out for future information. Please contact Mike Kline or Joe Belle at 229-2047 or 2531 if you have any questions.

HOUSING FAIR AGENDA

Date: February 11, 1984
Place: 301 Lowes Street
Time: Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Moderator: Joseph Belle
Director for Off Campus Housing
(513) 229-2531

Organizations, Businesses and Persons to Participate

Dayton Power and Light Lydia Schwab
Ohio Bell (Phone Service) Sarah Hartman
AT&T Phone Store (Supplies) Norma Smitherman
City of Dayton Housing Inspectional Services (Housing Inspector) Roger Baxter
City of Dayton Second District Police Lt. Morgan and Officer Armocida
Ombudsman's Office Bonnie Macaulay
City of Dayton Fire Department (Fire Prevention) Ed Cross
Household Cleaning (Gordon's Supply Company) David Carr
Campus Ministry Brother Paul Bredestege, S.M.
Legal Aid and Information University of Dayton Law Clinic
Off Campus Community Relations Michael Kline and Block Representatives
Student Association Marie Cusack
Upcoming Lottery Information for Houses and Apartments (Housing Staff) Jean Harper
University of Dayton Campus Police (Campus Security Director) Gary Scheckelhoff
S.I.C.S.A. (Pets) Kathy Dircker
Southeast Priority Board Barbara Meadows
Food Shopping Tips (Representative from Home Economics Department) Julie Palmert
Dayton Legal Aid Society Robert A. Oakley and June Johnson
301 Lowes (Coordinator) Les Crooks

During the Fair we will have five half hour programs conducted in one of the meeting rooms to give students more detailed information plus give them a chance to bring up any questions.

PROGRAM	TIME	PRESENTER
1. Reviewing the lease/contract.	12:30	University of Dayton Law Clinic
2. City Housing Code/Regulations.	1:15	Roger Baxter, City Housing Inspector
3. Crime Prevention.	2:00	Officer Armocida, Dayton Police Department
4. Selecting your housemate—the Interpersonal Communication.	2:45	Brother Paul Bredestege, S.M.
5. University owned off campus houses.	3:30	Joseph Belle, Director for Off Campus Housing

Food Co-Op Update

The 301 Lowes food co-op is expanding to better serve your needs. Among the items to be carried on a daily basis are:

Liquid Laundry Detergent (64 oz.)	\$2.70 (compared to \$3.50)
1 lb. Peanut Butter	\$1.50 (compared to \$2.50)
1 lb. Sweet and Salty Mix	\$1.45 (compared to \$3.00)
Marzette Salad Dressing	\$1.30-\$1.60 (compared to \$2.39)
Mikesell's 10 oz. Potato Chips	\$1.12 (compared to \$1.39)
1 lb. Sesame Sticks	\$1.20

These items will be available in late January.

The new items that will be available weekly are:

1 1/4 lb. Link Sausage	\$2.00
Fresh Hamburger Buns (6)	.45
Celery Seeds (4 oz.)	.40
Bay Leaves (4 oz.)	.55
Alfalfa Seeds (4oz.)	.48
Tomato Sauce (15 oz.)	.55
1 lb. Taco Chips	\$1.15

The taco chips, sausage, and tomato sauce should really appeal to all of you on limited budgets. Give the co-op a try! You're only wasting your own time and money, not ours.

Feature On. . .Officers Mike Armocida and Joe Quinn

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 Officer Mike Armocida and Officer Joe Quinn from the City of Dayton Police Department Central Crime Prevention Unit. The Crime Prevention Unit is active in the off campus area, as well as other sections of the city, in providing the public with information and assessments concerning personal safety and security concerns.

Officer Mike Armocida was born and raised in Dayton. He has an associate degree from Sinclair Community College in Law Enforcement, and has been a Dayton Police Officer since 1975. From 1975 until 1983, Mike was a regular patrol officer in the 2nd Police District, which includes the U.D. off campus area. Mike began his current duties with the Crime Prevention Unit in September, 1983. Specifically, Mike handles **residential** security problems in both the 1st and 2nd Police Districts.

Officer Joe Quinn, on the other hand, specifically handles **commercial** security problems in the 2nd District. Joe was born and raised in Youngstown, Ohio. He has an associate degree from Youngstown State University in Law Enforcement, and a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Dayton. As in Mike's case, Joe was also a regular patrol officer in the 2nd District from 1977 until accepting his current position with the Crime Prevention Unit in January, 1982.

According to Mike, "The Crime Prevention Unit researches and organizes programs and presentations geared towards specific security and personal safety problems encountered by the public." Joe adds, "These programs are a result of the City's Management By Objectives (M.B.O.) concept by which the City Manager filters ideas or objectives through to the Police Chief who, in turn, designates them to the appropriate police units. The Crime Prevention Unit conducts various educational programs involving such areas as rape, incest, and finger printing (for child identification and safety), etc. Their main teaching tool is the slide presentation. There are a variety of slide shows concerned with topics such as Residential Security, Robbery, School Vandalism and Senior Citizen Crime Prevention, etc. One particular program, according to Joe, is titled "Crime Prevention through Environmental Design." Joe states that, "The Program is designed to change the physical layout of a given neighborhood so that residents in that area will be able to easily identify specific persons or things that are out of the ordinary, thereby reacting to the situation by notifying the police." Another program that Mike and Joe are responsible for is the Neighborhood Watch Groups in the 1st and 2nd Districts.

Due to their patrol experience in the 2nd District, Officers Armocida and Quinn are familiar and up-to-date on the specific security problems that are unique to the U.D. off campus area. In fact, they receive a copy of every police report involving safety and security violations that occur in the District. They note that one of the major reoccurring security problems in this area involves burglaries which take place in houses while students are away on long weekends and holidays. To combat this problem, Mike recommends that students make certain that their house is properly secured. If you are in doubt about the security of your house, Mike will be more than happy to come to your house and complete a security survey. Another major problem involves students being lackadaisical in home security and personal safety. Students often make the mistake of thinking, "It can't happen to me." Mike points out that, especially in the U.D. area, burglaries often occur when students are in the house with doors and windows unlocked downstairs, while they are upstairs or in another part of the house.

On a good note, Mike and Joe make light of the fact that there has been a definite increase in positive student/police interaction in the off campus area. As a result, there has been a significant increase in student interest involving security awareness. An interesting statistic that Joe mentions is that while burglaries have gone down by almost 20% during recent years in the 2nd District, there has actually been more attempted burglaries that have failed due to the crime prevention measures that people have begun to implement. This trend is an obvious indication the effective Crime Prevention measures are essential to the security and general well being of any given living environment.

The Central Crime Prevention Unit is located in the Roosevelt Center, 2013 W. Third Street, Dayton, Ohio 45417. Any student with a security question or concern is welcomed to contact the Unit, or call Officer Mike Armocida at 449-1278.

Who Lives Here?

Who lives in the off campus area? According to Mike Kline of the Off Campus Community Relations Center, of every 100 residents, 96, that's right 96, are U.D. students. The large majority of these make living arrangements with friends or near-friends, who either luck out in the annual housing lottery or who find an accepting landlord. A small percentage of students occupy what are known as "special interest houses", the largest in number and most evident of these are the Greek houses (19 of the 30 or so Greek households rent from the University). There are also one honors house, one language house, and four Christian Student Communities.

The latter are perhaps the least known. Absent from the door fronts are neon blinkers, Greek letters, or religious symbols. Inside, the atmosphere is not unlike that of the other clapboards in the area. One may or may not see yesterday's dishes in the sink, some personal effects, or an unfinished book report lying about. Like other students, the occupants of the Christian households suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous schedules, weird assignments, and the usual quirks and foibles of unusual professors. Brown Street is familiar territory to most and their social calendars are usually full with the routine U.D. parties and activities.

What makes these households unique is the strong commitment all members make to live a certain style of life that ensures the dignity and sacredness of the individuals with whom they share their lives. In turn, each member's participation in maintaining that quality of life and contributing to the welfare of the community is clearly understood because it has been discussed and agreed upon in common. Interpersonal conflicts are dealt with via honest communication. Each house adopts its unique life style and internal support systems which—at least in the ideal—are based on the Gospel's call to "do unto others" and "love one another."

The Housing Office, I'm told, does not encourage the formation of too many special interest groups in U.D. owned houses, simply in fairness to the large majority of students who seek living arrangements through the annual lottery or private landlords. Fair enough. But who's to say that students living together—in U.D. owned or other-owned residences—can't adapt some norms and practices of living together based on common sense, on the recognition of each one's personal dignity, and on the spirit of the Gospel's message? The practical results pave the way for a wholesome atmosphere (yes, one that can even include parties and "Bud").

Bro. Paul

Note: Bro. Paul has been instrumental in encouraging the formation of Christian student communities and is willing to share his ideas with those interested. He can be reached at 229-2010 or 3833 in the afternoon and evenings.

★ **Look for Off Campus Housing lottery information to be coming out in the Flyer News on February 14.**

301 Lowes

You won't believe what is being offered for you this semester at 301 Lowes. If you thought last semester was good, this semester is going to be even better. First, the important news, activities will abound for you to choose. We'll have recreation tournaments, the continuation of the Last Lecture Series, a showcase of student bands, and gourmet cooking classes. How's that for versatility?

Also on tap for this semester is a free cabaret theater production, Neil Simon's "Last of the Red Hot Lovers." This is scheduled for the first weekend in March. Other ideas include a fashion show, a political speaker series, and the beginning of the 301 Club on January 24. This is your forum to be heard. The topic for the night is a discussion on how the media controls politics and propaganda techniques. Keep your eyes open around campus for further details!

Finally, 301 will be expanding its services in 1984. We will carry liquid laundry detergent for those of you in need. The product is exceptionally good (we've had nothing but raving reviews from our co-op members) and it's inexpensive (\$2.70 for 64 oz.). The food co-op will be expanding also (see article in this issue).

For programming or services, 301 Lowes is the students' place to be in 1984!!! Any questions? Call 301 Lowes at 229-3833.

Snow Shoveling

Remember that shoveling your sidewalk from your house to the public walk is the responsibility of the **tenants**. The Off Campus Center has snow shovels which can be checked out with a student I.D. When and if our first storm arrives, please take a few minutes to shovel **your** walk.

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