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# The Off Campus Center block talk



FEBRUARY 24, 1984

## LOTTERY!! LOTTERY!! LOTTERY!!

During the upcoming weeks the University Housing Office will be conducting three lotteries for students (upperclass) who are interested in living in University owned houses or apartments. The Off Campus Housing Lottery will take place Sunday, March 4th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Kennedy Union Ballroom. Any upperclass student interested in participating in this lottery should obtain a lottery ticket at the Housing Office (Gosiger Building) by 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 29th.

Lottery tickets are also available in the Housing Office for upperclass students interested in four person or six person University apartments. The deadline for obtaining a lottery ticket for the four person apartments is Wednesday, March 7th, by 4:30 p.m. Students in-

terested in a six person University apartment must obtain their lottery ticket by 4:30 p.m., Monday, March 12th.

All students winning University houses or apartments in the lottery are to submit their contracts and a \$50 deposit to the Bursar's Office by Wednesday, March 28th. Should anyone need lottery forms or additional information, please contact the Housing Office 229-3317 for assistance.

Good luck in the lottery and don't forget to bring your lottery ticket on **the day of the lottery your group has entered.**

# Off Campus Housing Fair A Success

On February 11 the Off Campus Housing Office sponsored the first Off Campus "Housing Fair". The "Fair" attracted over 225 students who were able to obtain information ranging from City housing codes, crime prevention, university housing options, and legal aid information.

All comments about the "Fair" were positive and the students who attended indicated they received pertinent information to assist their housing needs for the 1984-85 school year. The Off Campus Center also acquired essential literature from the participants at the "Fair" and all students are encouraged to stop by the Center, 239 Kiefaber Street, and pick up these materials.

The Off Campus Housing Office welcomes any additional comments you may have as we make plans for a bigger and more exciting "Fair" in 1985. Thanks for your support and if the Off Campus Housing Office can be of any assistance, please call us at 229-2531.

## UNDERGRADUATE RESIDENCE HALL STAFF ASSISTANT

**Do you want to help make the residence halls a better place to live?**

**Are you energetic, enthusiastic, and have a desire to help your fellow students?**

**Become a Residence Hall Undergraduate Staff Assistant!**

### ELIGIBILITY:

1. Be in good academic standing (2.5 GPA)
2. Have a strong commitment to residence life.
3. Be a junior or senior by the Fall Semester, 1984.
4. Be in good disciplinary standing.
5. Live in a residence hall.

**RENUMERATION: \$1230 per year**

### APPLICATION INFORMATION:

OFFICE OF RESIDENCE LIFE  
221 Gosiger Hall  
229-3321

# It's Our Home

The off campus area—it's our home!, at least for eight months each year. A little effort goes a long way in maintaining the appearance of our neighborhood.

Almost everyone realizes that our area tends to accumulate more than the average amount of litter, particularly "party trash." However, regardless of how those beer cans, food wrappers and other litter managed to settle onto your yard, the fact of the matter is **you** are responsible for cleaning it up. If your yard is not kept free of debris you can be fined by the City of Dayton. These fines are ultimately the responsibility of the tenants, **not** the landlord.

To assist in outside clean-up chores the Off Campus Center, 239 Kiefaber Street, provides free usage of rakes, brooms, shovels and trash bags to anyone with a valid student I.D. Take a moment to look objectively at your living conditions. Chances are that your yard could use a little attention. Let's take pride in our unique living environment; it's our home!

## S.A. Elections

Student Association Presidential Elections will be held Monday, February 27th and Tuesday, February 28th. Call S.A. at X4444 for further information.

## RETURN Street Signs

To many students, street and traffic signs make interesting house decorations. However did you realize these signs cost approximately \$150 to replace. More importantly, possessing one of these signs is illegal, and as a result of such actions, you may very well be endangering someone's life. In an attempt to help the city regain lost property, the Off Campus Center is requesting that students take their signs to the Off Campus Center. No questions will be asked; the object is to simply return the signs, not to chastise individuals. If you have any signs or questions call the Off Campus Center at 229-2047.





## Feature On. . . Ron Martin

*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 Ron Martin who is a maintenance man for Off Campus Housing at the University of Dayton.

Ron was born and raised in the Dayton area and is a graduate of Clark County Joint Vocational Tech located in Springfield, Ohio. It was here that Ron became actively involved in the area of building trades. He has been trained in various aspects of building trades and has attended seminars on steel erections and design/build courses in commercial buildings. Ron possesses a certified welders license with the State of Ohio and is a past member of the Ohio Metal Building Association.

From 1972 to 1979 Ron was employed with Illini Building Systems. As a superintendent with Illini, he was involved in the construction of the Physical Activities Center (PAC) in the early 1970's here on the U.D. campus. His work with Illini also involved the supervision of such jobs as the Austin Road Tennis Barn near the Dayton Mall and East Gate Tennis Facility in Beavercreek.

From 1979 to 1981 Ron was President/Owner of Ronco Steel Erectors Inc. A few of the jobs that Ronco Inc. was responsible for during this period included the Platt Manufacturing Building off of Keowee Street and the Montgomery County Maintenance Garage in South Dayton.

In 1981 Ron married Patsy Romine. Patsy is employed in the Registration Office at the University of Dayton as the Assistant to the Registrar. Ron, his wife Patsy and their two children, Ron Jr. (age 9) and Stacy (age 2), currently reside in the Walnut Hills neighborhood near the U.D. campus.

In July 1982 Ron began his current position in the Maintenance Division of Off Campus Housing at the University of Dayton. He is responsible for general property maintenance and City housing violations in U.D. houses, and Maintenance Shop operations including inventory and supply. When Ron came onto the scene in 1982, the Maintenance Shop was located in a now torn down off campus house located at 304 Kiefaber Street. Before his employment, there was only one maintenance man—Joe Weaver. Although maintenance requests were successfully being addressed at this time, there was an obvious need for additional help as Joe tackled work orders for over 130 U.D. houses. With the addition of Ron and the subsequent movement of the Maintenance Shop into the basement of 301 Lowes Street, there was a noticeable improvement in service to students and the conditions of U.D. houses. In fact, all U.D. houses have recently obtained full compliance with City Housing Codes and Regulations.

Ron and Joe's job is not one to be taken lightly. As Ron notes, "The position involves a good deal of overtime and work on holidays, and it's not too fun to be standing in a downpour at 2 a.m. to get the electricity flowing back into someone's house or salting front walkways during an ice storm at midnight."

Ron is an active individual, to say the least. His hobbies include boating, fishing, hunting and travel. He also volunteers his time for charitable causes (he is past president of SERTOMA, Service to Mankind). Ron is a highly visible person in the off campus neighborhood and is well received by those he serves. To many students and residents of the area he is not only known as the maintenance man; he is also known as "friend."

## Fires Are Out

Weekends, holidays and nights following the completion of difficult exams are just a few of the times to celebrate a break from classes. Go for it... you deserve it. However, don't jeopardize yourself or anyone's health, safety or welfare by violating laws, especially by igniting fires in the street.

Please be advised that official university policy states that any student apprehended in the off campus area tampering with fire equipment (hydrants), lighting fires, throwing anything on a fire, or in anyway damaging city or private property may be subject to serious disciplinary action, including suspension from the university.

The danger to lives and property which ensues from fires in this area makes it incumbent upon the university to extend its internal disciplinary procedures to actions in the student occupied off campus areas north and south of Stewart Street.

## Fly With The Flyers

We successfully flew with the Flyers over the Demons on February 18th. Let's keep the Flyers "sky high" when Notre Dame comes to Dayton on March 3rd. Strong team support from the students combined with classy sportsmanship keep us all "flying high."

**Use good judgment when celebrating and make the entire University community look good.**

## Smoke Detectors

**Attention permanent residents:** the Off Campus Center, 239 Kiefaber Street, is assisting the Southeast Priority Board in its Smoke Alarm Program by providing applications to those families who are eligible for participation. If you are interested in obtaining a **free** smoke detector, stop by the Off Campus Center for an application today!

## 301 LOWES EVENTS

It's been said that March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. However, your Student Center keeps things roaring the whole way through the month. We've got everything from politics to a little culture to rock and roll. March is definitely the month for you at 301 Lowes.

Starting at the end of February, politics in 1984 get a head start at UD. The Student Association Presidential Elections take place the 27th and 28th. Don't forget to vote for your favorite candidate between 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. Also on the 28th, Alfred Hitchcock returns to life at 301! Well, not actually, but "The Thirty-Nine Steps" and "The Man Who Knew Too Much" will be shown at 8:00 p.m. Come and capture the Hitchcock spirit!

We don't slow down one step as we enter the month of March either. On March 1, Dr. Jim Farrelly will speak at 7:00 p.m. as part of the Last Lecture Series. Then, for those of you cultured and uncultured alike, 301 Lowes is the place to view PVA's Studio Theatre production of Neil Simon's "Last of the Red Hot Lovers." Since this is a caberet theatre, refreshments will be sold for a nominal fee. However, here's the best part. . . **it's free!** That's right, no charge to enjoy a fine evening of great acting by UD's finest.

Continuing on, Faith Johnson will speak as a Last Lecture Series' guest speaker on March 6 at 7:00 p.m. Later that night, step out in style to the Mardi Gras sponsored by Campus Ministry. It promises to be a fine evening for all in attendance.

Did "The Day After" scare you? Well, your Student Center goes back to the original nuker flicks on March 21, "Fail Safe" and "The Missiles of October." These two films started the nuclear craze in America. Catch them at 301 that Wednesday! Finally, we rock right through March with a showcase of student bands on the 31st. The bands who will be rocking you are Defiance, The Limit, Alex Tarzan Band, Figure 4, and Excursion. Join us as we roar to a talented finale for March. It's definitely your month and we're not l-i-o-n.

## IT'S COMING!

Get prepared! Talk to your friends! Win cash prizes! Spring Clean Sweep, sponsored by S.A. and The Off Campus Center, is coming the end of March. This event is the largest community event each year in the off campus area. Don't miss it! Call S.A. at X4444 for further information.

## 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 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.**

## 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.

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