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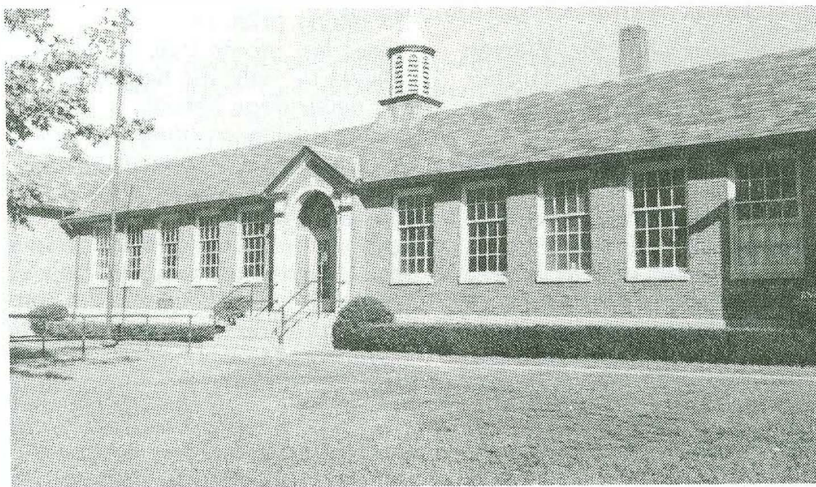
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The Off Campus Center block talk



October 26, 1984

HELP RUDY MAKE IT A “CLEAN SWEEP”

Come and join in the Dayton Spirit with Rudy the Flyer at the Fall Clean Sweep to be held on November 1, 1984, at 10:00 a.m. at 301 Lowes Street.

The Off Campus Center and the Student Association have again teamed up for this bi-annual event. This year with the help of students, student organizations, Rudy the Flyer, City Officials and concerned area businesses we hope to “flyer” through the off campus area. In years past the excellent participation has helped to brighten up the off campus area from Stewart Street to Irving Avenue and from Trinity Avenue to Brown Street. Last year approximately 300 people and 10 organizations helped clean up the off campus area resulting in a reported 400 bags of trash and numerous bulk items being removed. For anyone interested in volunteering a well spent hour of your time contact Jim Doty, S.A. Ombudsman, at 229-4444, the Student Association Office. All you need to do is give your name or the organization and the names of all those within the organization who are to participate.

At the close of the Clean Sweep, there will be free juice and donuts for all participants and Rudy will help award several cash and non-cash prizes. Cash prizes of \$100, \$75, and \$50 will be given to the three organizations who have the most participants. In addition, this year a new prize of \$75 will be awarded. This prize will be given to the organization that has the highest percent participation according to the list of names that was turned in to the Student Association Office at the time of sign-up. This enables smaller organizations to participate with the possibility of receiving a cash prize. Clean up supplies will be provided by the Off Campus Center and the Southeast Priority Board; all you need to bring is yourself and a few friends.

A special note to everyone in the off campus neighborhood. This year is going very well with organizations and houses helping to clean up the off campus area after parties. With each organization and household taking the responsibility of cleaning up their yard, surrounding yards and the streets after their party, the whole area is looking cleaner. But regardless of where this trash originates, it's a simple fact that if trash is in front of your house, 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 the responsibility of the residents, not the landlord.

Clean up campaigns are an ongoing endeavor with the emphasis on individual accountability. To assist in this regard, the Off Campus Center provides free usage of brooms, rakes, shovels, and trash bags on a continuous basis. Just stop over at the Off Campus Center at 301 Lowes the next time you have a party or when you discover a few cans, bottles and other litter have found their way onto your property or the street in front of your house.

Remember November 1 — CLEAN SWEEP!

An Open Ear

When I was growing up (and not out) I'd sometimes get a tongue-lashing from a neighbor for being out of line (like my throwing pebbles at a parked car). Getting scolded by a neighbor prefaced the spanking I'd get when I got home. Everyone in the neighborhood had a "hand" in raising we potential juvenile delinquents.

The same hands were there to help when Mr. Warren died, or Mrs. Jacobs needed a few extra stakes to tie up her tomatoes. Whatever the situation, the neighbors somehow always touched the life of our family.

Like any organism, a neighborhood has a personality and life all its own: when cared for, it blossoms and bears fruit; when abused or neglected, it becomes weak and possibly dies. Buildings alone do not a neighborhood make.

The off-campus area known by a variety of names has a personality all its own, but exactly what all the hallmarks of that personality are I'm not sure. There certainly are a relaxed atmosphere and a vitality that only youth can bring. Also a sense that "we're all in this together," "we're special" now that we're out of the dorms, and we form a unique club because we live here. (By the way, the particular character and size of the UD ghetto is duplicated at no other college or university in the country.) That there is a party atmosphere needs no comment, and the Block Rep system, while respecting the uniqueness of each household, attempts to keep communications open between the university, the

local community (housing inspectors, etc.) and the police — who, I've noticed — are inching forward to get to know the students on an informal level. Students make attempts to get to know and respect the permanent residents — most of them elderly, and more households this year than before are taking pride in the exterior. The big block party on Lowes last month that the University sponsored (a first, I believe) brought the neighborhood together in a way that was never done before.

What makes any neighborhood a healthy one — ask any city planner or local politician — is ultimately the interdependence that exists among the residents. This interdependence is born and grows gradually and in many small ways: the small ways they develop mutual trust, respect others' rights, each out to help, cooperate in the maintenance and improvement of not just the physical setting, but of the common expectations of the neighbors.

The role of neighbor we each play may be more significant than I may sometimes realize: but whether I like it or not, for the rest of my life I'll always be somebody's neighbor.

Bro. Paul

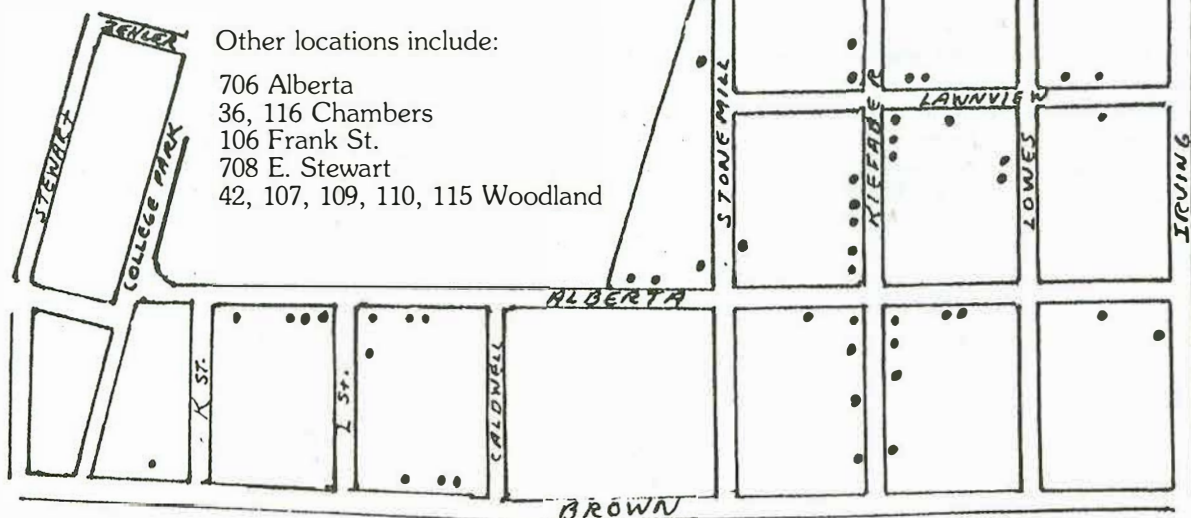
Bro. Paul is a Campus Minister and is actively involved in the off-campus area. He has offices in 301 Lowes and Campus South.

Help House Update

Help Houses are an important safety measure in the off-campus area. Anyone in need of aid for health, personal safety, or some assistance in an emergency, will find a friendly and responsive person behind a Help House door.

There are now more than 75 Help Houses in the off campus area. 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 houses. So, if some situation should arise, don't hesitate to knock.

For all houses that presently have Help House stickers on your house stop down to the Off Campus Center to register or please remove them.



Feature On...

Bruce Bullman and Jerry Sturgill

They are two of the more visible people in the off campus area, going in and out of university owned houses solving most any problem that arises. This month's feature story focuses on Jerry Sturgill and Bruce Bullman, two new arrivals to the University of Dayton's Off Campus Maintenance Department.

The University of Dayton Off Campus Housing is a huge operation, with its 140 units there is bound to develop a few problems, like any other homes. The bulk of all the housing maintenance needs are taken care of by the Off Campus Maintenance Department located in the basement of 301 Lowes. Currently there is a staff of three to make sure the approximately 25 maintenance work orders that come in each week are given proper attention and prompt corrective action. Up until June, 1984, Off Campus Maintenance was run and supervised by one person, but with the addition of Bruce and Jerry greater measures are being taken to improve the off campus living environment.

Bruce, a native of LaFollette, Tennessee, was born in 1961 and moved to Dayton in 1967. After graduating from Wilbur Wright High School in 1979 he attended Sinclair Community College studying electrical engineering. While at Sinclair, Bruce made his spending money working at the Miami Valley Golf Course, where he began his maintenance career. After leaving Sinclair, Bruce worked for Page Properties Service, a Dayton building maintenance company. A few months later he was married and in June of 1981 his first child, Amanda, was born. Although he is kept busy between work and his family, Bruce enjoys getting out in "God's Country" for some fishing in Tennessee or some hunting in the wooded areas of southern Ohio.

Jerry Stergill, like Bruce, has had vast experience in maintenance work. Jerry, a native Daytonian, attended Miamisburg High School, spending his junior and senior years in the Montgomery County Vocational School studying carpentry. In 1977 he enlisted in the Air Force with his tour of duty being split between Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and Balıksir, Turkey. He worked with electricians in both places but found his Turkish tour, on Turkey's highest mountain, most exciting. While there he helped run the prime power station that fed electricity to a radar installation. In his time off Jerry travelled widely throughout Europe making stops in Germany, Athens, Greece, Rome and England.

Upon returning home in 1981, Jerry had three eventful years. In 1981 he met his wife, Debbie, and married her four months later. The following year in June 1983, Jerry bought a house in Miamisburg and began to plan their family. Their planning went well, because in March, 1984, Debbie gave birth to Jerry Michael.

Bruce and Jerry have found a "home" at the University of Dayton Off Campus Housing Maintenance Department. As Bruce said, "Since arriving, we have helped ease the work load which is helping to create better living conditions and an overall better off campus environment." So if you see Bruce and Jerry on their way to a job or working in your house, you'll know who they are. They are the ones with the smile, a good word and a helping hand.

Block Rep Update

Since the beginning of the school year block reps have been meeting monthly at the Off Campus Center at 301 Lowes. As the ear of the community and voice of the off campus area, they have become an integral part of the Off Campus Center. They put together block lists, deliver this newsletter and meet once a month to discuss off campus concerns. Block Reps volunteer their time to help make the off campus area a better neighborhood. Currently there are 25 Block Reps assisting the Off Campus Center. If you are interested in giving a small portion of your time for a big return, call Tom Boyle at 229-2047 or 2531 and volunteer to be a Block Rep.

Check below to see who is the Block Rep on your street and don't hesitate to call them if you have any questions.

Alberta Street

Mark O. Henderson
1307 #228-2338

Tim Minelli
1209 #228-2054

Sylvia Rittweger
1229 #222-3072

Jennie Schwab
Carolyn Powers
17010 Apt. C #229-3503

Brown Street

Lorri Black
1316 #228-3430

Chuck Maddenford
Brent Ahrens
1806 Apt. G
222-8017

College Park Avenue

Terry McGill
218 #461-0004

Evanston Avenue

Carla Prece
Jennifer Slavik
Beth Williard
31 #224-4118
Reenie O'Neill
107 #228-3131

Frank Street

Jeff Meyer
105 #224-3193

Jasper Street

Mike Sills
34 #224-7117

K Street

Jim Entrup
Philip Marshall
223 #228-2825

Kiefaber Street

Kathy Smith
430 #228-1878
Jeff Popken
441 #228-8538

Lawnview Avenue

Laura Cusic
108 # 461-0263
Kate O'Hara
206 #445-0637

Lowes Street

Molly Sullivan
325 #228-3604

Stonemill Road

Mary Margaret Dick
305 #228-4344

Chris Hickey
Chuck Sigmund
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Things To Do In November

- 1st Clean Sweep, 10:00 a.m. at 301 Lowes. Juice and donuts available to all participants. Cash and non-cash prizes to be awarded by S.A. and Rudy the Flyer.
- 2nd Parents Weekend
Movie — "The Graduate" Wohlleben
- 3rd Football — DePauw, Welcome Stadium 1:30 p.m.
- 6th Trivia Pursuits Tournament — K.U. Ballroom from 7:00 to 10:30 pm.
- 7th Art Series — James Merrill 8:00 p.m. Boll
- 9th Movie — "The Octopussy," Wohlleben
- 10th Football — Taylor, Welcome Stadium 1:30 p.m.
- 16th Movie — "The Big Chill," Wohlleben
- 22th Turkey Day
- 24th Mens Basketball — Brooklyn, Dayton Arena 8:00 p.m.
- 30th Movie — "Risky Business," Wohlleben

Facts You Need To Know

- **NOISE ORDINANCE** — On September 8, 1982, the City Commission passed ordinance Sec. 94.11 titled Stationary Noise Control Regulations. Section "B" states that a stationary 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 40 days and/or \$250 fine.
- **LITTER/TRASH ORDINANCE** — City Ordinance 93.47 makes it the occupant's 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.
- **DOG LICENSE** — All dog owners are required to have their dog licensed. A fee of \$3-\$8 is all it costs. Protect your pet with a license. Dog owners who are found with unlicensed dogs will be issued a \$30 citation.
- **PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION VOTING** — Anyone who is presently registered to vote in Montgomery county in precinct 1-A or 1-D, (Off Campus Area, Garden Apt. and Dorm addresses) should go to South Park Methodist Church, 1701 South Brown St. (across the street from Frank Z) between 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on election day to vote.

Energy Conservation Reminder

With the rising 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.



Have a Happy and Safe Halloween!

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