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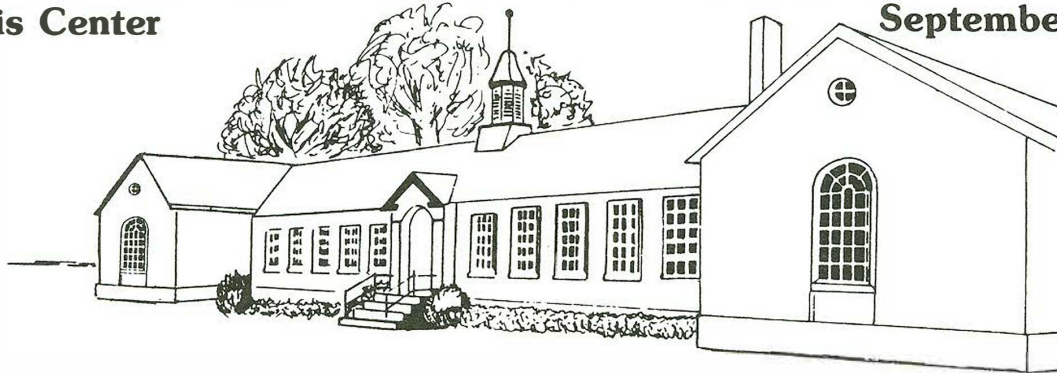
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McGinnis Center

September 23, 1986



## PERSONAL AND RESIDENTIAL SAFETY: AN ONGOING CONCERN OF HELP HOUSES

Living in the off campus neighborhood is a fun, exciting, and an often rewarding experience. With approximately 3,000 students living within the boundaries, almost anyone can find something to do at any time of the day or night. Although the off campus area is a unique area with many different and exciting happenings, it has one thing in common with other neighborhoods, its share of security problems. The area at times can seem ominous and uninviting, even for someone familiar with it. This is especially true whenever an individual becomes stressed due to an accident, illness, or feels that he or she is being followed. This uneasiness can be overcome quite readily if the person realizes that there is a safe haven close by that will be receptive and attentive to his/her needs. These havens are called "Help Houses."

In an effort to increase security awareness and to provide support in times of trouble or illness, the Student Association and the McGinnis Center Office of Community Relations will again be organizing numerous "Help Houses" in the area. Any house in the Off Campus, Woodland Avenue/Chambers Street, and Frank Street/Fairgrounds Avenue area is welcomed and urged to participate in this neighborhood safety program. As a Help House, you agree to display a Help House sticker in your front window below your porch light and to offer assistance to anyone who may be in distress. If an individual feels threatened in any way, it will be a comfort to know that there is a place which will offer assistance and a phone to contact the police.

The Help House Program is in its seventh year of existence. Help Houses have a dual purpose: they aid individuals in the off campus area who are in need of safety and/or assistance and help to decrease crime in the area by acting as a type of neighborhood watch group. Residents of the Help Houses are advised to contact Campus Security at 229-2121 and the Dayton Police at 222-9511 whenever a personal safety problem arises or a suspicious situation is observed.

All students should familiarize themselves with Help House locations near their houses, and on their route to classes, the library, or friends' houses. Help Houses are an important measure of safety in the Off Campus area. If you and your housemates would like to get involved in this program, contact the McGinnis Center at 229-2047 or sign up at the Student Association Office in Kennedy Union!! Help make your neighbor safe. Who knows, you may sometime need a "Help House" hand.

**THINK SAFE!**

**ACT SAFE!**

**STAY SAFE!**



## Clean Sweep

Get ready to push some brooms and rakes, UD! The semi-annual Clean Sweep is set for Saturday Nov. 1, 1986 at 10:00 AM. Clean Sweep is sponsored by the Student Association and the McGinnis Center in cooperation with city officials, the Dayton 2nd District Police and the Brown Street Business Association.

Clean Sweep is an organized project to get groups and individuals to clean the UD "ghetto". Last spring 24 organizations, over 600 students total, helped out with this worthy cause. Once again prizes will be donated by the Student Association and the Off Campus Housing Office to the organizations with the most members participating and the highest percentage of members participating. Also, some Brown Street businesses are donating door prizes. To be eligible to win, all presidents are asked to arrive at the McGinnis Center at 9:30 AM to present their final membership roster. Organizational presidents will also be required to sign up a week in advance in the SA office, KU 236.

In conjunction with Clean Sweep, a paper drive for the Volunteer Insulation Program will be going on. Prizes for the organization that brings in the most newspapers will be awarded.

The Clean Sweep will go on rain or shine. All brooms, rakes, shovels and trash bags will be provided by the McGinnis Center. The Southeast Priority Board, a city community organization, will provide special crews to haul away the trash.

Once the off-campus area is litter-free, SA will provide free donuts and juice. And for some added excitement in the morning, Rudy the Flyer will be handing out buttons. So have a blast on Halloween but don't forget to show up the next morning to see what people look like with their masks off.

*Teresa Stelzer*  
SA, Ombudsman

## DRIVE WITH CAUTION

Due to two car accidents that occurred in the Off Campus area since the beginning of the school year, the Housing Office and the Student Development Office requests that everyone be cautious and alert while driving through the University campus area. Concern for the basic rights of pedestrians walking through the area and obeying stop signs and rules of the road will save lives and hassles with insurance companies. Also keep in mind that people who drive in the area are not as familiar with it as you may be. So drive defensively, watch out for the other guy, and most importantly never drink and drive.

## Off Campus Staff Assistant Appointed

The Off Campus Housing Office is pleased to announce that Wayne "Buzz" Morse was recently appointed as Off Campus Housing Staff Assistant. Buzz, in his last year of graduate school, will live in a University-owned house located at 1302 Brown Street. He will mainly be working in the area from Stewart Street to Caldwell Avenue. Should you have questions, stop at the house and he will be glad to help you in any way he can.

## Bring your parents to Germany!

The Student Association's annual Oktoberfest falls on a Parents Weekend again this year. This German Festival will take place in the newly remodeled KU Plaza - a perfect setting - on Friday, October 3rd, from 5 p.m. until midnight. In keeping with old-world tradition, there will be two German beers available - Lowenbrau Light and Dark. The entertainment schedule begins with the sounds of a German (Oompah) band and ends with the up-beat tunes of a Chicago band, "The Rave". This musical agenda is ideal for dancing! In addition to the beer and music, various student organizations will be selling German delights - from Apple Streudel to hot pretzels. To complete the list of Oktoberfest essentials, the UD German Club is lending its expertise in creating the perfect atmosphere for an evening in "Bavaria".

This is one event which promises to appeal to students and parents alike. Bring your parents to "Germany" and share with them the magic of UD!

### VOLUNTEER . . .

### BLOCK REPS NEEDED

The McGinnis Center Office of Community Relations is looking for students to volunteer to be their block's representatives. Block Reps voice ideas for programs, suggestions and questions for the attention of the University. There is very little time involved in being a Block Rep, but the results are significant. If you have an interest in serving your neighborhood and improving the quality of life in the off campus area, please fill out the form below and drop it off the the McGinnis Center, 301 Lowes Street, or simply call Tom Boyle at 229-2047 or 2531.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## *Feature On . . .*

# **Carol Gutman**

*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.*

In order to make more effective use of the services and facilities of the McGinnis Center, the University this year wisely approved the hiring of an additional full-time staff member to assist in the operation of the McGinnis Center. Stepping into this position is Mrs. Carol Gutman, no stranger to the University of Dayton.

Carol has been a full-time UD employee since June, 1981, when she accepted a position as secretary to the dean in the School of Engineering. She remained in that position until January, 1985, when she transferred to the Admissions Office as supervisor of the clerical staff. "Although that position was interesting and challenging, I found I really missed not having direct contact with the students. And I've always been envious of staff members who had 9-month positions. When I saw the McGinnis Center position posted, I knew that was the job for me."

A native Daytonian, Carol grew up in the shadows of Welcome Stadium. As a youngster at St. James Elementary School, she used to play softball in a vacant field where the Arena now stands. She attended Julienne and is a graduate of St. Joseph Commerical High School. At graduation she was awarded one of the first Dayton Area Scholarships given by UD, and her long relationship with the University began. Fond memories of UD at that time include her job as a student assistant in the Mirian Library and being a member of the nationally-known precision dance and drill team, the Flyerettes.

Her college education was postponed, however, because in July, 1960, she married a UD student whom she had dated for more than four years. They lived in an apartment at 1201 Alberta Street, while Carol worked as a secretary at DP&L and Larry finished work on his electrical engineering degree. Following his graduation in 1961, they moved to New Jersey where Larry worked for Bell Telephone Laboratories. They returned to Dayton in 1966 when he accepted a position in the Avionics Lab at Wright-Patterson AFB, where he is still located.

Carol is always ready to talk about her "four terrific kids." Her oldest son, Mike, received a degree in electrical engineering from UD last April, was married in June, and is working for UD's Research Institute. Tom also graduated in April with a degree in marketing and is employed at Lazarus. Many of you probably know Tom, who is a past-president of UAO and received the Mary Shay award for excellence in extracurricular activities at graduation. Kathy, a National Merit Scholar, just began her second year in a six-year BS/MD program at Kent State University. Next fall she will begin medical school at Northeastern Ohio Universities School of Medicine. Last but certainly not least is Lynne, a junior at Carroll High School, who is also plans to attend UD.

When she's not working at UD or at home, Carol is usually involved with some Carroll High School activity. A band mom for the past ten years, she is Publicity Chairperson for the band parents' group, the Carrolleers. "This is the most exciting time of year for me. Involvement with a competitive marching band is addictive. In addition to local competitions, we've cheered the band on in Jackson and Johnson City, Tennessee, Indianapolis and Kokomo, Indiana, Morgantown, West Virginia, and in 1983, we traveled to Miami where the Patriots participated in Orange Bowl week festivities." Carol is also a member of the school's Booster Board, which is concerned with fund-raising to support both extracurricular and academic activities.

Although she gave up college for marriage many years ago, she is determined to graduate from UD. She has an associate degree from Sinclair and is working on a degree in General Studies with a focus on communications and business management.

Carol will be in the McGinnis Center from 9 to 4 Monday through Friday. If you want to reserve one of the rooms or need a vacuum cleaner, shampooer, etc., stop by to see her. If you have any questions about University procedures, she'll try to answer them or direct you to someone who can.



Recently the University was awarded a \$5,000 bicycle grant to be matched by the University. Prior to appropriating these funds to enhance bicycling on the campus, we would like to have faculty, staff and students react to the following questions. Please circle the most appropriate answer.

1. Would information center boards, placed strategically throughout the campus area (i.e. by the residence halls, Kennedy Union, and McGinnis Center), be helpful? These boards would identify routes and bicycling facilities.  

YES	NO
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2. Should we purchase bike lockers for the campus area?  

YES	NO
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3. Should additional bike racks be purchased for the campus area?  

YES	NO
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4. Would you be interested in renting a bike for leisure activity?  

YES	NO
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5. Where do you do most of your biking?  

River Corridor	University Campus
Area Suburbs	Other (Please Specify)

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6. Why do you go bicycling?  

exercise	leisure activity
touring the Dayton area	

We appreciate your response to these questions and if you have any other comments, please forward them to Jerry Hopfengardner, School of Education (Chaminade 112).

Please forward your questionnaire to the McGinnis Center reception desk by October 8.

### **McGinnis Center Hours**

Sunday — Noon to Midnight

Monday thru Thursday — 9:00 a.m. to Midnight

Friday — 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Saturday — 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

## **Upcoming Events**

- September 26 Campus Carnival-5 p.m. to Midnight;  
 KU Plaza
- 26-28 Parent's Weekend
- 26 Parent's Weekend, packet pick-up  
 McGinnis Center-7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- 27 Parent's Weekend, packet pick-up  
 McGinnis Center-9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Football Game, Home vs. Samford -  
 1:30 p.m.
- October 2 Art Series, 25th Anniversary Gala  
 8:00 p.m., Boll
- 3 Oktoberfest - KU Plaza - 5:00 p.m. to  
 Midnight
- Hacky Sack Tournament  
 KU Plaza - 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- 3-5 Parent's Weekend
- 3 Parent's Weekend, packet pick-up  
 McGinnis Center - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- 4 Parent's Weekend, packet pick-up  
 McGinnis Center - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Football Game, Home vs. Dubuque -  
 1:30 p.m.
- 8 Campus Challenge Blood Drive  
 KU Ballroom - 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Football Game, Away vs. DePauw-1:30 p.m.
- 13 Columbus Day, No Class - Except classes  
 meeting once a week 4:30 or later
- 18 Football Game, Away vs. Mercyhurst - 1:00  
 p.m.

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