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Thirty-six thousand miles a year for an education.

That's the story of the "crossroads commuters" at the University of Dayton.

Yes, it's a lot of miles. But it's what U.D. officials conservatively figure six of its seven full-time students from Vandalia and Butler County travel each year as they commute from the crossroads to the campus to pursue their education at the University.

Take the case of Dave Partlow. He estimates that from the Partlow residence on North Dixie Drive to the University campus, it's 15 miles, give or take a few tenths. So into Dayton for a day of classes and back is 30 miles.

It didn't take any of the University's mathematics courses for him to figure that making that drive an average of five days a week totals 150 miles. And if you multiply that 150 miles by 40 weeks, which just about covers two semesters of an academic year, you come up with 6,000 miles.

Now multiply that by the six students and you have a total of 36,000 miles driven each year by the group.

This could go on a step further: just multiply that total by four years and you'll get --

But enough for the travelogue. How about the seven students? What's their story on the campus?

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Together they represent every field of study the nearby University offers. Partlow is a senior in business administration.

John Sharp, of 334 Skyview drive, is a junior in engineering.

Ron Woodley, 415 Vista avenue, is a freshman in education.

Lloyd Kuck, 351 Kirkwood drive, is finishing his course in the technical institute this year.

Bill Gates, 348 Halcyon avenue, is a freshman in science.

Anthony Elsass, Vandalia Route 1, is a freshman in arts.

The other Butler Countian, Marvin Vest of Vandalia Route 1, is a sophomore in arts. He is living in Dayton near the campus.

University of Dayton, like other colleges and universities around the country, isn't all study, however. Participation in extra-curricular activities and membership in the numerous clubs and organizations on the campus are encouraged.

Probably the most active of the seven in this facet of university life is Partlow. Dave is a staff member of The Dayton Flyer, the highly respected student newspaper; he's active in Alpha Kappa Psi, professional business fraternity which has a chapter on the campus; he's a leader in the Mariology Club, Legion of Mary, National Federation of Catholic College students (NFCCS) and the religious activities council.
"These out-of-the-classroom projects are a big help, as far as I'm concerned," Dave comments. The 23-year-old Butler Countian who did his high school work at Vandalia-Butler high school and in Cincinnati feels his extra-curricular work will help him get a "more rounded education" which will be to his advantage as an attorney, the career he's aiming for.

Three of the seven are graduates of Vandalia-Butler high school. Kuck and Vest are both members of the class of 1950 and Wooley received his diploma last year.

Sharp did his prep work at Fairview, Elsass at Chaminade and Gates at Roosevelt, in Dayton.

In addition to the full-time students at U.D., there are several residents of Vandalia and Butler County who attend day or evening classes once, two, three or four times each week on the campus.

These part-time students and their major fields of study include

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