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DAYTON, Ohio, March 26, 1968 --- The University of Dayton Collegiate Optimist Club, first of its kind under Optimist International, has been formed on the UD campus, Rev. Gabriel Rus, moderator, announced today. The charter was granted this month and 18 UD male students are listed as charter members. The club is under the sponsorship of the South Dayton Optimist Club.

The club, whose officers are sophomore Raymond Jansen of East Cleveland, Ohio, president; senior John Rohm of Indianapolis, vice president; and sophomore Joe Moore of Olean, New York, secretary-treasurer, has chosen the Bicycle Safety Check as its first project.

The safety check, a favorite Optimist program, will be held this Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for students of Patterson Elementary School and Holy Angels Elementary School. The inspection will take place at the Patterson school, Alberta Street, and Wyoming Avenue. Among those Optimists doing the inspecting will be Bobby Joe Hooper, captain of the recent UD NIT championship basketball team, and 6-10 Dan Obrovac, who was center on the titlist.

Two of the officers, Jansen and Rohm, are serving as tutors for young people who are entering the Optimist Oratorical Contest in April. The local contest will open on April 1 and conclude April 8.

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