SEPS steps up rounds on campus

A READER" REMARK

While disheartening during the day, the sound of an approaching siren just coming up the driveway is usually a welcomed occurrence at night, symbolizing the arrival of UCF’s Safety Escort Service.

From 7 p.m. until 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, the UCF Police Department offers SEPS. Students can call and ask to be picked up anywhere on campus and be taken anywhere else on campus.

SEPS employees, who are in constant contact with police dispatchers via walkie-talkies, have a background in self-defense and are trained as crime watch­ers.

Earlier this month, Orlan­do broke a 24-year-old homicide record, with 37 homicides this year. SEPS has seen a share of crime incidents with SEPS programs has recently undergone several changes. They have hired several more employees. There are now eight SEPS watch­ers on SEPS, with four of them on patrol each night.

PREVIOUSLY, SEPS patrol cars were parked in rows. Now they work independently with four vehicles patrolling campus simultaneously. With a 12-person patrol and 23 buildings to cover, SEPS patrol cars stay busy.

SEPS has three golf carts and two pedal cabs. A pedal cab is a two-person cart driven by a bicyclist.

SEPS employees wear bright yellow polo shirts with SEPS on the left sleeve and a bicycle emblem on the right. Commuting drivers usually see one or two SEPS employees wear bright yellow polo shirts with SEPS on the left sleeve and a bicycle emblem on the right. Commuting drivers usually see one or two SEPS employees on duty.

SEPS EMPLOYEE

"I've been with people who I could tell were quite nervous about crossing campus and were very relieved to see us."

BY MIKE KURT SPURR

Parking patience wears thin

A day in the life of a freshman at UCF

AWARDA MOORE

For many freshmen, Monday marked the onset of four years of ripe, cutthroat competition, and late-night cram sessions. I spent many summer months reading several how-to-survive-university books in prepara­tion. It is true that nothing is easy, but everything is said already has been, then certainly I can't be represented for spout­ing some of the greatest minds throughout the assessment of my Big Day.

I awoke at the ungodly hour of 8 a.m. to bid my roommates farewell. I slowly picked up the shoes from my headboard-high twin XL. I felt Nostradamus, gradually acclimating myself to the daylight just beyond the blinds. I take Tony Fadlal's words in the Tao or Ching quite literally. "Those who rush don't get very far!"

Two hours later, still barely conscious, I groggily com­prehended past the blue sculptures signaling "Hey! You're leaving the UFCC community." We hope you enjoyed your stay! I still think it looks more like a tiger-striped chorale gown, but to each his own. Just as I began to ponder the existence of this azure, horizon­tal mound, a screwy lied with a death wish, whizzed past on a golf cart loaded with Pepsi-stuck dogs, nearly knocking me off my feet with such a low-slung car such as a "Look out" or "Sorry dude!"

His skateboard was with the first of about 401 spots would on campus on any one day. Perhaps, I wasn't supposed to be there. It doesn't seem like they're playing favorites for the freshman group.

The illusion of not being able to find a parking spot is not lanes by the fact that many students just paint asphalt of

Students spend hours trying to find open spots

FLOYD HILLIER

Students eager to start the fall semester Monday were greeted by closed streets and packed garages as the roughly 25,000 parking spots quickly filled up.

Not even those who tried to beat the rush had an easy finding parking. Crimsome Andujar, 19, showed up at 8:30 a.m. to find that most spots had already been taken.

"It literally took me two hours to park today. My first day of school was going to be bad, but this is just insane," Andujar said.

Herself Wright, 22, had a much easier time. "I saw some­one pull out their keys," she said. "But I just followed them until they left their spot. It only took me around 10 minutes for me to park.

A traffic advisory from the UCF police department was sent to students on August 28, warning them of heavy traffic and encouraging students to take shuttles if possible.

Andrew Davis, 21, echoed that advice. Instead, a cab Lover­rnan parking on campus in relation to the size of the UCP population in a transportation engineering course, and sympathized with Parking Services.

"I'm going central toward the parking situation," Hearn said. "Things are never easy when you have thousands of students trying to get in.

Even still, some students were troubled by students who rush illegal. "A lot has been made of the decision to build a stadium instead of more park­ing lots," Wright said. "I'm not sure why they don't build several more parking lots. It doesn't seem like they're playing favorites for the freshman group.

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College students spend billions on back-to-school electronics

Laptops, iPods and video games among best-selling items

For the American college student, back-to-school basics included No. 1 pens, No. 2 pencils, notebooks and maybe a protract­or. Today, most students are in the market for something sub­stantially more high-tech and expensive.

Newspaper's pen and pad have been replaced by a new note­book computer with a USB port, Ray-Ban wireless access.

College students will spend the bulk of their back-to-school dollars on electronics, according to the National Retail Federa­tion's 2006 Back-to-College Consumers' Intentions and Actions Survey.

Of the estimated 36.6 million students will spend preparing for school, $34 billion will be spent on TVs, laptops, flat-screen TVs, XBoxes, and a slew of other electronic items intended to make entertainment easier as well as aid in academic pur­suits.

That estimate is up 25 percent from last year’s sales.

The survey shows that elec­tronics outnumbers other pop­ular back-to-school shopping categories such as clothing, dorm and apartment furnish­ing, shoes and school supplies, according to BIGresearch, the consumer intelligence firm that compiled data online from 8,289 consumers. The only larger market share is held by text­books.

Michael Stolje, a sales associ­ate at the UCF Computer Store, said his store's most popular computer line is the MacBook and MacBook Pro, due to its ease of operation and recom­mendations by subgroups. "When customers come into look at computers, very few people know what they're look­ing at," Stolje said.

"They come in and say, I need something I can do homework on and bring to class. We try not to influence their deci­sions too much, but we show them all the options and they


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It is not expected that the case can be solved until the assed al-Maliki, who said that the U.S. will continue to try to get those soldiers to stand trial in an Iraqi court. Hence, it is important that the soldiers who are tried are in an Iraqi court.
Students and faculty share traffic troubles in first week

From Al

"It really think it's unfair when I pay around $75 for a parking permit and then have such trouble finding a spot," Andujar said.

Hearn disagreed, saying, "There are so many people that want to park, they can really charge whatever they want." Hearn said. "It's just simple supply and demand." Something many students overlooked is that they are not the only ones who struggle to find parking. With thousands of faculty and staff members teaching here at UCF, parking can be just as troublesome for professors, instructors and staff.

Parking Services is attempting to alleviate this situation. On June 30, two parking lots, each comprising several dozen parking spaces, had their designations changed from student lots to faculty and staff. Surprisingly, students didn't seem to mind losing these spaces. "Parking may be bad for us," Wright said, "but teachers need them even more. If they're late for their class, it holds everyone else up." Prices for faculty and staff permits are even more expensive, at $131 for a one-semester decal and $244 for a three-semester decal. With prices more than double those of student decals, Hearn said that he had "absolutely no problem making more faculty parking." If nothing else, the problems with parking on Monday prompted students to find other ways to get on campus. "From now on I'm taking a shuttle," Andujar said. "Or having a friend drop me off." While students may be angry and frustrated now, Hearn offered hope for the coming weeks. "Mer the first week things mellow out," he said. "For now take a bus or ride a bike, but it will be getting better soon."
President Bush is being pressed on the war in Iraq by some in his own party. "Bush said he was "a little concerned," but he would not say whether he thought the war was worth fighting."

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Wal-Mart leaves event after threat of student protests

WOODY WINDMACK

When the CAS Fall Meet and Greet took place last night on the Memory Mall with a segment from Buffalo Springfield and giveaways from prominent sponsors such as Apple and City Beverages of Orlando, one big name that was expected to join the festivities will be visibly absent, because of talk of a possible protest by the Progressive Council. Wal-Mart has decided to pull out of the event, leaving some students and organizers dismayed.

"We were really disappointed when we found out Wal-Mart wouldn't be coming," said CAS special events director Sabrina Glass, who was working with Edelman Public Relations to arrange the Wal-Mart Back to College get-together.

The event, which would coincide with the Meet and Greet, was to have involved a mock dorm room that would feature all Wal-Mart products.

"After the Buffalo Springfield concert, the forms in the mock dorm rooms were to be raffle’d off to UCF students. The estimated value of the items was expected to be more than $3000.

Wal-Mart was also set to provide a free shuttle for UCF students to and from the event from local Wal-Mart stores.

After CAS student Director Brian Hicks addressed the UCF Senate to provide an update of upcoming events, an unidentified Progressive Council member approached CAS with the threat of protest.

A statement by the Progressive Council, cited in Edelman’s mobilization as an effort to end Wal-Mart’s involvement in the event, reads:

"As members of an educational institution it is our responsibility to liberalize public of the social, economic and humanitarian criticism that Wal-Mart commits both at home and abroad on a daily basis," the statement read.

"The Progressive Council did not announce official plans to prevent Wal-Mart’s involvement with the University of Central Florida or the Campus Activities Board, however we are more than willing to exercise our constitutional rights to assembly and speech in order to fight global injustices."

After Glass notified Edelman of the possibility of an impending protest, the firm chose to withdraw its client from the event.

"It’s a huge disappointment," said Glass, "we are more than willing to exercise our constitutional rights to assembly and speech in order to fight global injustices."

"I have told Wal-Mart’s public relations firm that if they don’t pull out of this, they’ll be putting themselves in harm’s way."

"The Other Wal-Mart"

Flynn was robbed delivering pizzas to Pegasus Landing one night influenced his decision to work for the program. He used to work for Apple, which tries to earn money to benefit, even if the possibility of UCF can’t. Flynn was robbed delivering pizzas to Pegasus Landing one night influenced his decision to work for the program. He used to work for Apple, which tries to earn money to benefit, even if the possibility of UCF can’t.

"I can’t understand why we would protest against Wal-Mart and not against UCF," said O’Dell. "I think this is a real problem with a real company and not face the wrath of protest.”

"I’m glad Wal-Mart has decided not to come, and I’m excited of the strength of the Progressive Council at UCF," he added.

The CAS Fall Meet and Greet is to have involved a mock dorm room. Flynn said he’d like to call the police twice this semester. Luckily, both incidents turned out to be benign. For example, if a drunken person was injured during the protest, the incident that happened one night influenced him to move out of the program.

Flynn was deliveringدا لهوأ إلى Pegasus Landing apartment complexes. Several men attacked Flynn, took his delivery and tried to get his money. Fortunately, Flynn managed to fight them off.

"It was a tough fight," Flynn said. "If I’m going to put up a fight, I’m going to be for somebody else, not for a pizza."

Being a delivery rider is only one aspect of Flynn’s job. When he’s not responding to a call to pick up a student, he patrols the campus. He looks for people who appear nervous or lost and asks if they need a ride.

Jessica Galloway and Brittany O’Dell were making a campus map Sunday night when Flynn stopped and asked them where they were headed. After they answered, he mentioned he would like to ask if they’d like a ride.

"You have ever heard of the carousel?" Flynn asked "Do you get to where you need to go?"

When asked what they were doing that night, they denied their conversation was a car ride. "They said no," Flynn said. "And that’s amazing, and that they would use every night."

"Lots and Lots"

The program is not uncommon considering the amount of cross- campus in a golf cart or wheelchair. Flynn said the reason is because of the liability if someone who is drunk, "%• said O’Dell.

The program also serves to get students to use its services to people using stretchers or those other medical needs. They will not, however, give rides to people who take a cross campus in a golf cart or wheelchair. Flynn said the reason is because of the liability if someone who is drunk, student or pedestrian, were to fall from a fall off the cart. SEPs will give a welding escort to someone who is drunk, student or pedestrian, while an escort is available.

"It is imperative that the program requires dedication. Once a new job is hired as a SepS employee, the position is kept until graduation."

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INSPECT EVERYTHING!

The landlord may provide with you a move-in inspection sheet. If not, make your own list, stating existing problems within each room of the unit. Be very specific - note everything major including, but in particular, the condition of mattress, furniture, walls, blinds, countertops, ECT...

MAKE A COPY!

Be sure to make a copy of the completed inspection sheet before giving it back to the landlord. Keep it in a safe place in case you need it later.

TAKING PICTURES!

To further protect yourself from being charged for damages existing when you move in, take photos of all common areas, individual rooms and the kitchen. If you have a security deposit, take pictures prior to when you move out. Print the photos with dates!

INCREASE YOUR CHANCES!

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Iran ready to talk about enrichment

Ali Akbar Dareini

Iran's top nuclear negotiator said Tuesday that Tehran was ready to enter "various negotiations" over its disputed nuclear program but did not say whether it was willing to suspend uranium enrichment — the West's key demand.

The negotiator, Ali Larjani, handed-down Iran's response to a six-nation package of nuclear incentives aimed at persuading it to suspend enrichment — the centerpiece of a new Security Council resolution that would impose economic sanctions on Iran if it does not accept "the very, very generous offer" from the five permanent council members and Germany.

"We will obviously study the Iranian response carefully, but we are also prepared if it does not meet the terms set by the permanent five foreign ministers to proceed here in the Security Council, as ministers have agreed, with economic sanctions," he said.

In any case it wants to master the technology to generate nuclear power.

But critics say it is actually interested in enrichment because it can also be used to make the flimsy core of nuclear weapons.

"Iran's response suggests Iran is committed to dialogue and in principle... It is in contrast with America's policy of unilateralism," the television quoted Larijani as saying.

The six powers — the permanent five foreign ministers to proceed here in the Security Council, as ministers have agreed, with economic sanctions," he said.
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New planned rules revamp students' racial categories

Students who identify with more than one race may be officially recognized as "multi-racial" for the first time under a controversial new proposal from the federal government.

After nearly nine years of study and planning, the U.S. Department of Education issued a draft guidance Aug. 4, calling for colleges to revamp the way they collect and report data on student race. The change would allow students to choose multiple racial categories.

The move, which would not go into effect before 2020, would overhaul a racial reporting system that many feel ignores the presence of mixed-race individuals.

Rene Flores, a 21-year-old French major at UCE, said she thought the new system would be a big improvement.

"Previously, students of minorities may have felt awkward in choosing one race over another, but now they can say they're both," Flores said.

Currently, college students can select only one of five racial categories: black, white, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander or Native American. Students can select multiple ethnicities for one to two questions on the school's application or on the student's financial aid application.

In a survey of the 43,535 students at UCF who reported on race in 2008, 26 percent said they were black; 5.1 percent, white; 5.1 percent, Asian/Pacific Islander; and 6.8 percent, Hispanic. Some students identified themselves as multi-racial wasn't a category. The department was complying with a rule set forth nine years ago by the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights.

In releasing its proposal, the department is seeking public input on the proposal over the next several weeks. The department's proposal from the federal government.

"I think a person should be able to choose whatever they like," King said.

"Although, some colleges have reworked their forms to let students check multiple boxes for their own internal record, such institutions still use the traditional system when reporting data to the government."

"It is unclear how many students have been marking multiple categories. More than 1.8 million respondents picked more than one racial category in the 2000 U.S. Census."

The new system of multi-racial identity reporting would also ask students whether they are Latino or Hispanic and divide the Asian/Pacific Islander category into two distinct groups. The idea of including a "multiracial" identity was one that emerged from discussions with a group of students who now refuse to answer questions on their race to instead write in "other," or check the "other" box, said UC Irvine director of student affairs Thomas P. Flores.

"If students, it would be hard for them to select one group over another, and it's even a personal thing with students," said Deborah Friedman, director of student academic services at the UC Department of Education. "For some, it would be hard for them to select one group over another, and it's even a personal thing with students."}

"For students, it would be hard for them to select one group over another, and it's even a personal thing with students."

"I'm not the type of person who would like to have to choose one race over another," said Dr. Valarie King, director of the office of diversity initiatives at UC-Berkeley. "If students had it hard for them to select one group over another, and it's even a personal thing with students."
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Women's team hopes for repeat

Coach pleased with progress despite loss

NATHAN CORTES

This year the UCF women's soccer team has faced a daunting goal: show improvement in recent years. Although the team has yet to achieve this goal, head coach Amanda Cromwell believes the team has made progress.

"Last year we went Conference USA and we need to repeat this year," said coach Amanda Cromwell. "It might seem like an obvious expectation for any team but it's something that's been missing from UCF's basketball. She doesn't want us to be satisfied with Conference USA. "We have to want a better overall record and be competitive every year so we can get a big bid," said Cromwell. "We want to win the conference." Cromwell said it's important to keep the momentum going into the next season.

"It's a great time for the team to be together and believe in each other," said Coach Cromwell. "We have a team that's very much like a family. We put together a program that's not only successful on the field but also in the community." Cromwell said that this year's team is working hard to achieve their goals and that they're excited to see what the future holds.

"I think we've been thinking about it for a long time," Coach Cromwell said. "We're going to work hard and we're going to win the conference."
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Mistakes prove costly in loss against Florida

"What matters in our world are the races and what we get accomplished," Cromwell said. "We're not going to lose to the SEC. We're trying to get to SEC games played well this weekend.

The team has set the bar high but Coach Cromwell has confidence in his players. "We have the highest expectations," he said. "We normally have a four- or five-game winning streak, so we are expecting a lot of high-flying action tonight." Cromwell said, "Not only do they play well, but they would have beaten the Gators if it wasn't for a few mistakes.

"We made some mistakes against Florida," Cromwell said. "They didn't exploit their mistakes on us."

The Final Four is a huge opportunity for us to show what we can do," Bilbro said. "We're going to be very competitive."

Stevenson also added, "I think we have a chance to upset the SEC."
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