

# All night student escort service offered

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The university's Department of Public Safety offers students a campus escort service, which is available from dusk to dawn seven days a week, and is at no charge to students.

The escort service, formerly run by CSUN, is now being run by the Department of Public Safety in connection with their University Student Security System for about a month and a half.

Doug Cox, a supervisor for the Department of Public Safety explained why his department took the service over, "We have the people here at night," he said, "We have the people there basically to escort students, and that way they didn't have to keep hiring people to run the escort service at night. And we could do it just a little better."

Campus police officer Tom Britting said, "I'd rather have people out there under our direction, then

someone who really doesn't know what they are doing. This way we won't get people hurt on both sides (either the person escorting or the person being escorted)."

Cox said that at the present time the escort service is under the Department of Parking and Public Safety, but the department still works in correlation with CSUN.

"We understand that we will be eventually taking it over," Cox said.

"When someone calls our number and asks for an escort, we dispatch one of our student security personnel who is patrolling the campus," Britting said, "The said just run over to the place and pick the person up. We either walk them or drive them in one of our carts to their car."

All of the escorts are students who work for the U.S.S.S.. Other duties include patrolling the campus, and providing security for special events. The position pays \$4 an hour.

Keeping a full staff of student security personnel during mid terms, finals and holidays proves to be a difficult endeavor, Cox said.

Both Britting and Cox stressed the need for increased publicity for the escort service, however, at this time they lack the funds to provide more publicity.

"We put fliers every place we could get to, and I've already noticed that quite a few have been torn down. It hasn't really surprised me," Cox said. "Anything with police on it people are going to rip off, (even if) it's just to be vindictive. I do realize that some people probably take the flyers off to keep them for themselves. I don't mind that so much, but they're denying someone else the chance to see that flyer. Eventually I'd like to get cards and have them given out to new students or posted in the dorm rooms, but we are talking about money to get that going."

Britting said: "The security is already here, the only problem is

getting people to understand that there is an escort service here.

People get ideas through out campus that we should have an escort service but we have one already. The problem is getting the publicity and marketing."

So far this school year, the use of the escort service has been slow but Britting said he felt that it probably will be picking up. "Since school started we've had probably two calls a night minimum. Recently we have been getting more calls because it's getting darker earlier," he said.

As it gets darker, Britting said, his department will be getting more and more calls.

The escort service is free to students at the present time, Britting expects it to stay that way.

"I don't see a cost [to students] in the future," he said. "We do have an overhead problem, repairing carts and things to that extent, but we're not going to charge anything."

Jay McCauslan, a junior crimi-

nal justice major, works for U.S.S.S. and has escorted students.

"I escorted people a couple of time," McCauslan said. A lot of people stay later because they have to finish studying before the weekend.

"We're pretty visible in the blue shirts. I'm sure it's gotten around. We patrol as police officers, but with, I'm sure, much less authority," McCauslan said.

Cox said students should be careful of some buildings on campus, such as the library and the Paul C. McDermott Physical Education Complex. "I've already had a few cases where I've heard people come into the library and basically follow a female to her car or give her a hard time," Cox said. "The trouble is they're not reporting it."

Cox said that if someone suspects they're being followed they should either find a secure place and call the campus police or flag a students security patrolman down. There service can be reached at 739-3668.

## 'Store' proprietor hopes to change attitudes with political merchandise

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"The Peace Store" was recently on display in the Donald C. Moyer Student Union, featuring political buttons, bumper stickers and T-shirts, all collected by Bryan Weiss, a 23 year-old activist and student.

"Abolish Apartheid: Divest Now," "Defend Mother Earth," and "Nuclear Weapons: May They Rust in Peace" were just some of the different slogans featured at booth.

Weiss, who buys all the merchandise wholesale, said he got the idea for the store by just looking at one of his bulletin boards, plastered with buttons, at his home.

"It occurred to me, that, hey, do other people have a need for this stuff?" he said.

Weiss said he then started calling a few friends with his idea.

Weiss, said his interests really lie in the issues themselves.

"Most of the issues I'm fairly familiar with and I try to stay up on them," he said. "I try to know what's going on, in case people question me, but sometimes I don't."

"For instance the ROTC is set up next to me and one or two of their guys have come over and hassled me over some of my stuff on Central America," Weiss said. "I don't have the full knowledge of

what exactly is going on in Central America, and I'd love to have an accurate conversation with them. But the information from their side is one thing, the information I read in the paper is another and there is always a third [source]."

Weiss said he has been reading up on the issues surrounding Central America and said, "I feel a lot stronger in talking to people, even now."

Weiss said he would like to see the United States stay out of Central America.

"All we're doing is protecting our economic interests under the guise of national security," he said.

Military spending is another issue that Weiss is vocal on.

"That personally irks me, the idea that 60 percent of my tax dollars go to military spending," Weiss said. "I didn't ask for that, I don't want that and really don't like the idea that there are enough weapons available to blow up seven or eight times over. That's complete, utter foolishness."

Weiss said he would like to see the money that's spent on national defense put to better use for such social problems the homeless.

Political science major Julian Martinez, a customer and friend of Weiss' said there is a special reason why military spending is so high. "It's not because they need to beef

up the military for defense purposes," he said. "It's because that way the big corporations can have a defense contract. They have a guaranteed source of income from the government and this is how the economy is beefed up. It keeps the poor, poor because the government, rather than spend money on social services that would benefit the poor, spend it on defense and that money goes into the pockets of the rich."

Weiss said that he just tries to make the availability of the merchandise greater.

"You can get this stuff just about anywhere, but here [Las Vegas] it's next to impossible," he said. "I want to provide the opportunity for people to get this stuff."

In making the availability greater, Weiss said he would also like to be able to come back to UNLV.

"If I can't make enough of a profit to make it worth my per hour figure to be here I can't continue to do this and I like to do this," he said.

Weiss said if believers in the peace movement want the store to be on the campus, they will have to support it.

"The Peace Store" will continue to be on display, along with such organizations as Citizen Alert and American Peace Test, in the future, Weiss said.

## Professor wins award, exposes plagiarism

by Alison Johnson  
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English professor Charles Adams said he experienced a rush of pride at first hearing that he had been awarded the Distinguished Faculty Award.

Adams, who has been a faculty member for over twenty years, came to UNLV from the University of Oregon. Starting as an associate professor, he worked his way up to being the first dean of graduate studies.

Adams has received many honors throughout his lengthy career including biographical listings in the "International Who's Who" and "Leaders in Education." He is also a member of a number of professional societies, which include Phi Kappa Phi and the Western American Literature Association.

As with most professors Adams, too, has a claim to fame. His came about from his affiliation with the Frank Waters Society, which focuses on Waters and his work as a studier of the early American West. Adams is more than just a member in this particular club. He founded the society's newsletter and edits the jour-

nal, he said.

While studying Waters, Adams discovered a serious case of plagiarism which threw him into the national spotlight. Adams, acting upon his suspicions, wrote an article proving Anna Lee Waldo, best selling author of "Sacajawea," quoted line for line from Waters and other writers.

After the discovery Adams said, "I had heard that Waldo's book borrowed from Frank Waters but I found Charles McNichols at the beginnings of the book, Frank Waters at the back and I don't know who is in the middle."

Being at UNLV for so many years has enabled Adams to watch its tremendous growth. Upon hearing of UNLV's recent high rating in a poll by U.S. News and World Report, Adams said, "It's what we've been working for."

Adams said he likes to make permanent friends with his students. In fact, he said he felt that his nomination letter — written by a former student — is what cinched his victory for the award.

The student-teacher relationship is very important, he said, adding, "I like my students and they like me."