

Campus police form "Pedal Power Patrol"

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Their first appearance was on the Las Vegas Strip and they will soon make their debut on the campus of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). They are the officers of UNLV's very own Bicycle Patrol.

"Bike patrol officers are able to respond more quickly to a call and their presence on campus is very advantageous to the University," Sergeant Rochelle Sax, supervisor of the program, said.

"It's an excellent idea and we are getting full cooperation from Metro in initiating the program."

Benefits resulting from the patrol will include a faster response time, lower crime rate, and a greater sense of security on

campus.

Equipment will cost approximately \$5,000 and all aspects from bike, to helmet, to uniform will be especially designed for safety and use for the unique type of patrol. The uniforms will be red and black, and have specific markings denoting that they are most certainly police officers.

"There will be no doubt in anyone's mind that these people are police officers," Sax said.

There will be approximately two or three officers to start the program and an increase in numbers will follow. They will be trained by Campus Police Officer Joseph Smith who will have spent a week in training with Metro's Bike Patrol.

But will the students actually take the sometimes called

"Pee-Wee Herman" patrol seriously?

There will always be those who kid and laugh, not taking the bike patrol officers seriously," Sax said. "But once people realize that our patrol can become as successful as Metro whose phenomenal statistics speak for themselves."

"People want to see more uniforms on campus and this patrol will also be received greatly within the Las Vegas community," Sax said.

When the equipment arrives and the training is completed during the end of October or early November, students will be seeing UNLV's newest form of crime prevention, "ready to ride and on the move."



Students do work as hard as their predecessors, study says

(CPS) - College students today work just as hard as their predecessors of 30 or 40 years ago, a University of California at Los Angeles study claims.

The assertion seems to disagree with shelves full of studies saying colleges are easier and students are not as well educated as in the past.

Students today "spend the same amount of time on academic work as the average business or governmental employee at a full-time job," said UCLA Prof. C. Robert Pace of his study of students' work habits.

"This has not changed much since the 1940s," added Pace, who on Sept. 1 released his survey of some 2,400 undergraduate students at 74 campuses spanning the years 1983-86.

Students rated the frequency and quality of their involvement

in 142 activities "that would contribute to their learning and development in college."

Pace then compared the answers to data found in logs some college students kept during the 1930s and forties.

"For me all it means is that, on average, things are no worse than 50 years ago," Pace said.

Much of the college reform movement building since 1983 - and most of the political rhetoric justifying cutting federal funding of colleges - has been based on the notion that today's students don't work as hard or know as much as their predecessors.

Reformers, however, are unsure that Pace's study contradicts their contentions.

Students may work as hard, but their knowledge still may not be as broad as students of the past, said Gene I. Maeroff of the

Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, which wants to require all students to take more humanities courses to graduate.

One reason is that the curriculum has changed since the 1950s.

"Today, undergraduate programs are more occupationally oriented. Today, one out of four students is in business school. It wasn't like that then," Maeroff asserted.

University of Pacific senior Melinda Sealander wondered if things have changed even that much.

"There are just as many people in school (today) who aren't interested in education" as there were in the 1950s, speculated Sealander, who estimated she spends only about 15 hours a week on homework.

The great Las Vegas Balloon Blizzard

On Monday, October 1, 1990, Courtesy Las Vegas and the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the Great Las Vegas Balloon Blizzard at the Boulevard Mall, Fashion Show Mall, Meadows Mall and the Las Vegas Convention Center. At 12:30 p.m., tethered ten-foot balloons will be lifted carrying the coupon-filled payload into the sky to show customers with incentives from local businesses — no umbrellas required. Gift certificates and discount coupons tucked inside each balloon will show Las Vegas consumers that local businesses "mean business" when it comes to customer appreciation. As an added incentive, each balloon will carry a special number which may be a grand prize winning number. Grand prizes include cash and gifts valued over \$1000.

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The new Personal Reader will be available for use next week in the non-book section of the library. Until training begins, any use of the machine needs to be by appointment only.

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- 10 graphics workstations
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Following the NSCEE tour we will also visit the NeXT lab in the same building.

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