

LDS Institute now towing cars

by La Rae Bringhurst

Students accustomed to parking in the Latter Day Saints Institute of Religion may find their cars gone when they leave for class now that the institute is aggressively enforcing its members-only parking policy.

One student, who does not wish to be identified, had his car towed and said, "I really didn't think that they would tow my car. After all they are a church organization."

The institute, which sits on University Road directly behind the Mayor Student Union building, has always had a members-only parking policy, but is now enforcing it because people are stealing parking stickers from cars that are permitted to be there.

"I feel bad about towing cars, but I have an obligation to the people who take the classes to provide parking for them," said Douglas Utley, director of the

institute.

"If we find out who they are (those stealing the stickers), they will be the first to be towed," Utley said.

The institute is checking license plate numbers and any license plate not listed, even if it has a sticker, will be towed.

Utley said the institute has 400 students enrolled but only 140 spaces. According to Utley, the institute started towing cars four years ago, but for three years they towed only three to four cars per year. Last year they did not tow at all.

The institute doubled the size of its parking lot last year, but has no further more space for expansion and are forced to resort to towing.

The institute has made larger signs about the lot being restricted parking. In addition, they have added a sign that says, "TOWING TODAY."

Oozeball



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Students get dirty during the intramural Oozeball Tournament last Saturday.

Bill streamlines response to campus crime

IPS. Until recently, students and parents had no way of judging whether the university they were planning to choose was safe or not. Campus safety has not been a major topic of interest until recent events on campuses nationwide have focused concerns.

Unfortunately, there are no

standard mechanisms to report crime on campuses. In some cases, the resident adviser is told of the crime, while in other cases, the administration may get involved in the investigation. The campus police department, city or county authorities, may or may not be notified of crime.

This lack of uniform re-

porting procedures is changing somewhat, at least in the area of rape and sexual assault. The Higher Education Re-authorization bill, which President Bush recently signed into law, includes the Campus Sexual Assault Victims Bill of Rights Act, which was sponsored by U.S. Rep. Jim Ramstad, R-Minn.

The bill requires colleges and universities that receive federal funds to develop a campus sexual assault policy that mandates procedures to follow after an assault has occurred. In addition, educational programs to promote awareness of rape and counseling services are provided in the bill. The schools must also have the option of rescheduling classes and changing residence situations to prevent contact between the victim and alleged assailant.

Experts in campus safety maintain that only through education can students learn how to avoid crime. "It's not so much that crime on campus is rising, but what colleges are seeing is more violent crime," said Carlinda Raymond, with the Campus Violence Prevention Center. "Gradually, colleges, parents and students are becoming more educated," she said. "But until things change, students must remain vigilant."

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