

# HOW SAFE IS YOUR CAMPUS?

## FROM SENATE PRES.

Dear Friends University Students,



Gina Rokey, Senate President

I hope everyone had a great summer! My name is Gina Miller and I am the 2011-2012 President of Senate. I will be a senior this year and I am excited to begin the adventure of the coming school year. The Senate branch of SGA will meet regularly throughout the school year to discuss any concerns, share information, collect new ideas, as well as listen to suggestions on behalf of you, the student. This year's Senate is engaged and eager to talk to the student body to find out what suggestions you have to make Friends University a better place both academically and socially. I look forward to meeting you and working for you. Sincerely,  
Gina.

**Edmund Stanley  
Library**

**OPEN HOUSE**

September 19, 2011

Tours Provided:  
10:00am-1:00pm,  
3:00pm-6:00pm



Richard Vinroe, Head of Campus Security and Deborah Burnham, Senator

At one time, Friends only employed off duty Wichita police officers on a much smaller scale, but now the University force is made up of both officers from Wichita PD and Diamond Security. The extra manpower from Diamond was brought in when Halloween vandalism convinced the university that more security was necessary.

Today, Friends University has two security officers on duty seven days a week covering the hours from 5pm to 6am, and Richard himself is on duty during weekday mornings.

"We try not to be too predictable. That is one of the most important things," Vinroe said.

Vinroe and his officers travel by truck, buggy or on foot, each officer determining his own schedule and route. Security patrols the Friends campus grounds, walks through the residence halls, and even extends their routes a block beyond campus boundaries in some cases.

"We don't want to get so far that we're out of reach, but we need to know what's going on in our neighborhood," Vinroe said.

Vinroe's security team works hard to ensure the safety of the Friends campus, and even puts up a report of security incidents on the Friends website: [friends.edu/incidents-log](http://friends.edu/incidents-log).

This log is available to anyone visiting the Friends website and holds police and security incident reports for the Friends campus over the years, and breaks down the reports by date, type of crime, and location.

"The website log shows what we are dealing with, and what to watch for," said Vinroe.

Surprisingly, Vinroe says the biggest challenge for his department is getting the cooperation and awareness of students.

"We go where we can, but we can only be in so many places. If I don't know about an issue, I can't address it," Vinroe said.

Vinroe encourages students to report any suspicious activity or security fears. His security team wants to be present for students, no matter what the hour or the issue.

"If you see something and it sticks in your mind, call it in. It doesn't hurt anything for me to come check it

## NEW SENATE FACES

By Nick Janney

The Senate received a make-over for Fall 2011 with new faces in both director and senator roles:

**Jennifer Randolph**—  
Senate Advisor

**Gina Miller**—  
Senate President

**Cassie Duncan**—  
Director of Senate  
Relations

Division senators are:

**Deborah Burnham**,  
Social and  
Behavioral Sciences

**Kayla Voshburg**,  
Fine Arts

**Danielle Bradshaw**,  
Natural Science and  
Mathematics

**Justin Wolfe**,  
Religion and  
Humanities

**Nick Janney**,  
Business and  
Information  
Technologies

**Kristen Sinnett**,  
Education.

These directors and senators work to make your voice as a student heard, and are always ready to listen to questions, comments or suggestions.

Senate committees are one big way your Senate gets involved in making changes on campus. There are currently three Senate committees; the Go-Green committee, the Food committee, and the Outreach committee. Each of these three groups serves different purposes around the Friends campus.

out, and it just might stop someone," he said.

Vinroe hopes students will realize the benefits of a little prevention.

"It only takes 30 extra seconds to take your keys with you and lock your door. Isn't that worth your nice new stereo system?" Vinroe said.

Most of the crimes Vinroe deals with are opportunity based. While a person may be looking for something to steal, it is the unlocked door or the cluttered car which attracts a theft.

Watching and reporting are not the only things students can do according to Vinroe. He says the 85% to 90% of car break-ins involved an item left on the seat or floorboard of a car. Even if the items in a car do not seem valuable, clutter can still make students' cars a target. Vinroe encourages students to keep cars clutter free and locked, and keep valuables in the trunk if they must be left in the car.

"It takes about thirty seconds [for a thief] to break into a car and be gone," said Vinroe.

At the end of the day, campus security at Friends is a partnership between the security staff and Friends students. Using common sense, paying attention, and reporting suspicious situations are all ways that students can step up for their own safety and enable Friends security officers to truly be "Wichita's Finest."

The Go-Green committee finds different ways for Friends faculty, staff and students to "Go Green" across campus. This committee is responsible for placing and maintaining recycling bins in six campus locations for paper, cans and bottles. The Go-Green committee is always working toward new "green" solutions for everyday life at Friends, so watch for changes!

The Food committee is the Friends student's one line of communication with Sodexo, our food supplier. This committee meets three times a semester with Tony Pezolla, Director of Sodexo. Any and all Friends students are invited to the meetings; come have a say in the Casado Cafeteria's daily menu!

Outreach is the committee which works most directly with students. Outreach publishes the Senate News, a monthly newsletter, and talks to individual students about various topics, big and small. The Outreach committee's goal is to help you understand what Senate does and how you, a student, can get your ideas heard.

Senate is your direct connection to the administration and faculty. More than just a messenger, Senate works to turn student suggestions and concerns into visible campus changes. Senate solves problems and turns your ideas into results. There are many ways to contact the Senators and directors; come to the SGA office in lower level of Casado, or talk to any member of the Senate you see on campus. You can also send your division senator an email. The only way Senate can't be your voice is if you don't say anything at all!

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## MODERN THEOLOGY

### Introduction

Our college years lend us to not just a higher level of learning academically, but also to incredible personal growth and sometimes tormenting frustration with life. Our late teens and early twenties bring about the beginning of intellectual illumination that we chisel ourselves with in an effort to answer the question of identity (among other things.) I promise you, you are not alone in the frustration that growth brings and you will have company here in times of joy as well.

This column will be an attempt to answer some questions we all have from a theological standpoint. What does the bible say about consumption, sexuality, family, pluralism, and sleep? Who am I according to God? How does the Bible answer all these questions? I am not here to tell you what is right, but merely to give you a few things to consider on your journey through this phase of your life. I, along with a few other students, will be meeting to discuss these questions and find some answers, and this is where I will write what we have found. Never stop asking questions.

Blessings,  
Cassie Duncan

**WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

Come to a Senate Meeting and voice your complaints, comments, or compliments

Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.

Casado Conference Center

**FSO Expo**

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**August 30, 2011**



*Falcon Student Organizations invites you to find out how you can get involved on campus!*

**5:30-7:00pm**

**Casado Campus Center**

## THE BOTTOM LINE

Want to get something for nothing? Watch this section for contests, secrets, and freebies from your Friends U. Senate! This month, freshen up your car...and your crime prevention skills! If you don't see a Freddy Freshener in this issue, contact one of your Senators to pick up your own, and follow this tips on the back to keep your car safe and sound!