Dear Friends University Students,

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 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 with the student body to find out what suggestions you have to make Friends University a better place both academically, spiritually, and socially. I look forward to meeting you and working for you. Sincerely,

Gina.

FEATURE STORY
At one time, Friends University 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 added in response to last year’s Halloween vandalism.

Today, Friends University has two security officers on duty seven days a week covering the hours from 5pm to 6am, and Richard Vinroe, Director of Security, is on duty during weekdays.

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

Mr. Vinroe and his officers travel by truck 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,” Mr. Vinroe said.

Mr. 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.

This log is available to anyone visiting the Friends University 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 Mr. Vinroe.

Surprisingly, Mr. 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,” Mr. Vinroe said.

Richard 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 Vosburg,
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 student voice 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.

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

Mr. 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?”

Richard Vinroe said.

Most of the crimes security
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 Mr. 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. Mr. 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 Mr. Vinroe.

At the end of the day,
campus security at Friends is a
partnership between the security
staff and Friends University
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.”

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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 Dining
Services. Any and all Friends
students are invited to the
meetings; come have a say in the
Casado Dining Hall daily menu!

Outreach is the committee
which works most directly with
students. Outreach publishes the
Senate News, a monthly
newsletter, and talks with 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 faculty. More
than just a messenger, Senate
works to turn student suggestions
into visible campus changes.
Senate works to solve
problems and turn 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!

WHAT DO YOU
THINK?

Come to a Senate Meeting
and voice your comments or
compliments

Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.
Casado Conference
Room

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 the tips on the back to keep your car safe and sound!