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Water

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water will be used for cooking and for making coffee and juice, she said.

Coffee, soda, and juice machines will be a problem, since they are connected to the water lines, said Palien. Bottled water, instant coffee, and juices made from bottled water will be supplied, she said.

Paper products will also be supplied, since the Marriott's dish-washing machine will not be used for several days, said Palien.

She said the dish machine will not be used because of the sediment which will result from the water system flushing.

During the second weekend of the flushing, UNCA is having an Open House.

"We're taking the premise that there will be some impact on the campus," said Chris Brown, university admissions representative.

He said Marriott is preparing refreshments ahead of time. There will be bottled water and drink coolers for the Open House events, said Brown.

However, Brown said he does not think the water flushing will affect the Open House in "any big way."

Grocery stores are feeling the effect of the upcoming water flushing.

Lynn Ownbey, manager of Best Food, said on March 1, the store received 600 cases of regular one gallon plastic containers of drinking and distilled water.

"We'll probably bring in

these amounts for the next two weeks, two times a week," she said.

Ron Thomas, manager of Ingles, said his store has "plenty of water in supply and plenty on hand."

Ingles will be ordering 20 pallets containing 60 cases per pallet, said Thomas. He said he expected 200 cases a week to be sold.

He also said that Ingles intends to have floor, shelf, and refrigerated shelf displays for water.

While the water department does not expect the water to be dangerous to anyone's health during the flushing, their notice listed several suggestions. The suggestions include not drinking or cooking with the water and using bottled water or water that was saved ahead of time.

The notice also suggests not to wash clothes or dishes with the water, but to do laundry ahead of time and use disposable dishes. Showers and baths can be taken and toilets can be flushed, according to the notice.

However, during this time, water pressure could drop occasionally as the lines are flushed.

Following phase one, the flushing of smaller, more localized water distribution lines will begin and continue for approximately six weeks, according to the notice.

Water will be discolored for 12 hours or less only in the neighborhoods that are being flushed.

The second phase of the water flushing will not have a system-wide impact.

Arrest

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According to Reynolds, a total of \$1,070 in stolen property was recovered from the subjects' car, including an AT&T cellular phone, a compact disc case, three watches, a compact disc player, and a radar detector.

Wright and one other student, Kevin Claridge, were notified that their cars had been broken into. Both identified items from the subjects' car as theirs.

Reynolds and Dennis Gregory, investigation and crime prevention officer, said the subjects could be part of a crime group that has broken into cars in the past, but neither thought the three were responsible for every break-in on campus. Also, Gregory said the arrest may lessen the number of break-ins for a while, but that crimes will probably still occur.

According to Reynolds and Gregory, the teenagers had no connection to UNCA.

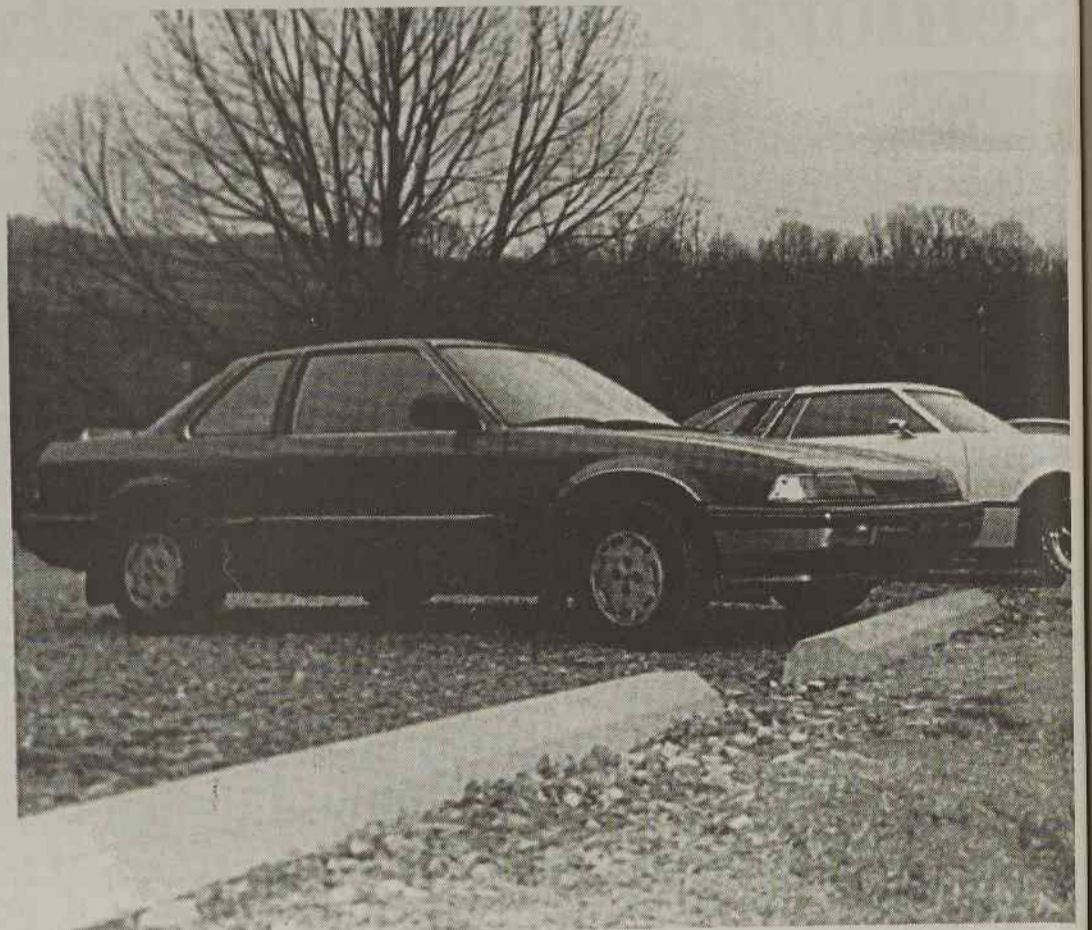


Photo by Jeanette Webb

The gravel lot behind the dining hall was the site of car break-ins last Friday. Officer Richard Reynolds arrested three teenagers after discovering stolen merchandise in their car.

It's finally here! Dorms will close at 9 p.m. on Friday. Classes will resume Monday, March 18.

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Openness of student court debated

(CPS)-University of Florida first-year student Braden Malnic was just passing the time outside of his dormitory last October, throwing burnt-out matches on the ground when one hit a nearby student.

Angered, the student threw a disposable lighter at Malnic. It chipped his front tooth.

Thus began Malnic's three-month trip through Student Judicial Affairs, a frustrating journey that led to his having to perform community service and being placed on conduct probation.

Malnic told his story to his hall director, who told Malnic he could receive compensation for the tooth if he took his case to Student Judicial Affairs.

However, Malnic did not receive any money when he went before Sara Steyer, coordinator of residential judicial programs. Instead, he was found guilty of disorderly conduct, put on conduct probation and ordered to serve eight hours of community service around campus.

Malnic says he is being punished for doing nothing, the result of a system he calls "a little messed up."

"If you [go through] the system, it's just like you're talking to a lady who doesn't have a lot of respect for you," Malnic said. "It's basically just like high school."

Malnic said he would want people to know his story if he thought it could change UF's judicial system. But like most other student records, the account of his hearing is closed.

However, a new bill before the state House Committee on

Higher Education could begin to shed some light on his case and others by allowing him the option of an open hearing.

The Buckley Factor

Under the current system at UF, a student charged with an alleged violation of the Student Conduct Code has several options: an informal proceeding with an administrator, a taped formal hearing with an administrator or a hearing before the half-student, half-faculty Student Conduct Committee.

If a student is charged with a violation of academic honesty, the Student Honor Court also can hear the case. Violations of the Student Conduct Code range from cheating to assault. Punishments for these violations can range from written reprimands to expulsion from the university.

And while punishments can vary for the same violation, a 20-year-old law keeps students from knowing whether another specific student received a milder punishment for the same offense. Malnic, for example, cannot find out how the student who chipped his tooth was punished.

Because of the Buckley Amendment, an open hearing requires both student charged and all student witnesses to agree to open the proceedings.

Passed in 1974 as part of the Family Educational rights and Privacy Act, the Buckley Amendment states that a student's educational records are not part of the public record.

Congress later amended the act to exclude campus police

records, but Mike Hiestand, an attorney with the Student Press Law Center in Washington, said most universities use the amendment to drape a "cloak of secrecy" over student judicial records and hearings.

Opening student hearings would bring "a measure of oversight," Hiestand said, to the system to ensure that some students-athletes, for example, do not receive milder punishments than other students.

Student Honor Court Chancellor Karl Kiebmán said open hearings would benefit the court system by letting students see how their court system operates.

"Personally, I have no problem at all with someone coming in and watching my hearings," he said. "If I were being wrongfully accused of something like that, I would want the whole world to know what's going on."

While an open student judicial records policy has made it to Georgia's state university system, Hiestand said he did not think the nation's colleges would embrace the concept of open hearings anytime soon.

"It looks like it's going to be another long battle before we get this thing changed," Hiestand said.

"[Universities] are fighting any effort to open the campus judicial process with all guns blazing."

Fragile Reputations

Proponents of open judicial hearings argue that student judicial hearings should mimic the adult criminal cases in their openness.

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