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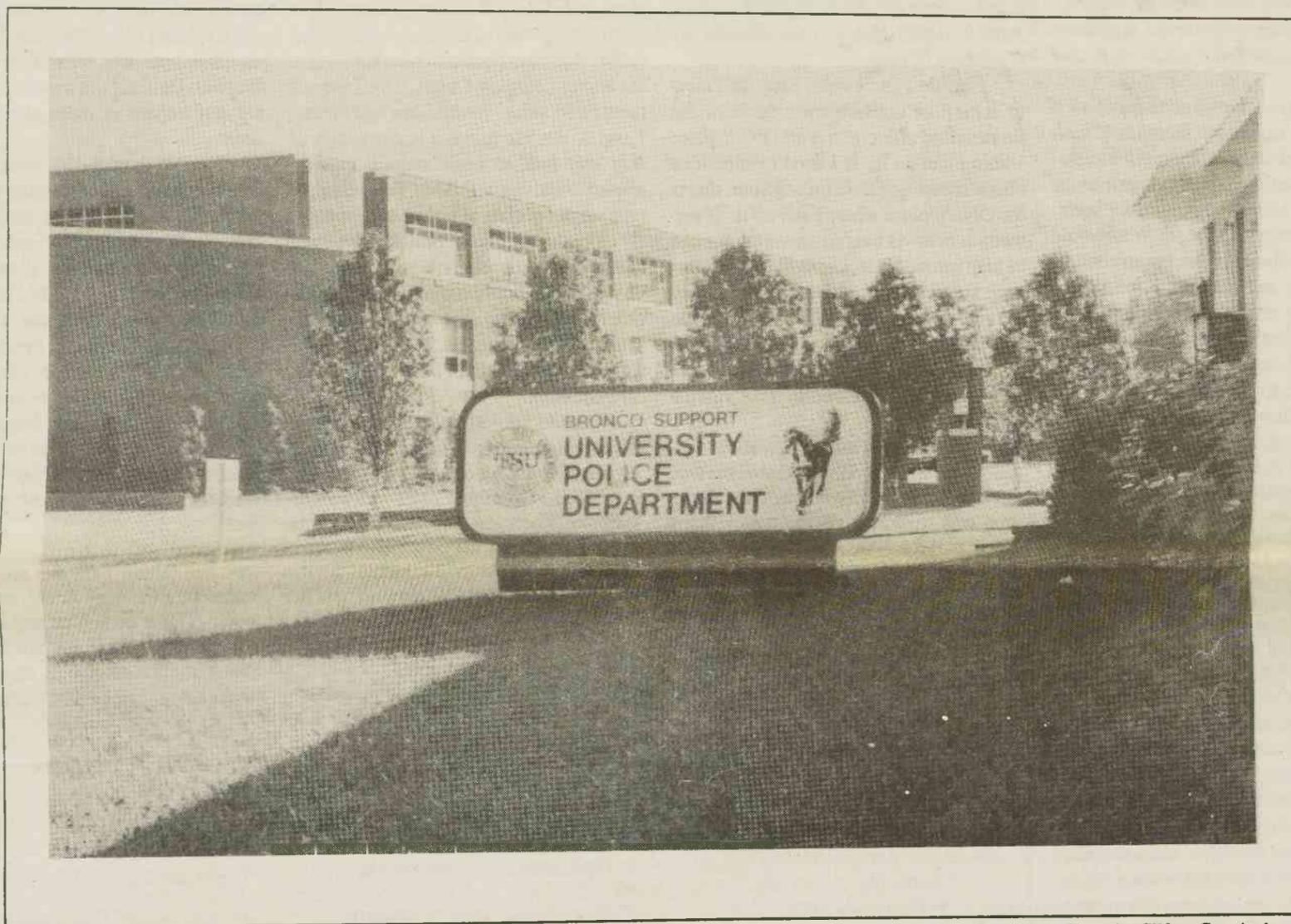


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## FSU crime prevention

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The occurrence of crime is prevalent in all communities, and the FSU campus is no exception. It is the mission of the University Police Department to provide a safe living, working, and learning environment for the University Community.

In order to better serve the members of the FSU Community, the University Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit has developed a number of programs which concentrate on crime reduction. All of these crime prevention programs are available to faculty, staff, and students upon request.

These programs are presented at seminars that are held throughout the year to keep students informed about strategies of self-protection and safety procedures. Topics such as Drug and Alcohol Awareness, Date Rape, and Safety Awareness are included in these seminars and preventive measures are discussed.

The Operation Identification Program is another service provided by the University Police. In order to help deter theft and to assist in the return of stolen property, the University Police Department will engrave your driver's license number on valuable personal property.

Since crime will never be totally eradicated, it is the responsibility of all the members of the University Community to participate in programs which aid in crime prevention. Only by taking advantage of the crime prevention programs offered, and by becoming more aware, will we be able to greatly reduce the amount of crime committed on the FSU campus.

## Protect yourself against crime

Adapted from literature distributed by People Assisting Victims of Fayetteville.

### On the street

Walk erectly and at a steady pace. Look confident, for how you look is important. A would-be attacker is more inclined to accost a passive victim.

Never hitchhike, nor accept rides from strangers. Never enter a vehicle with a group of males even though you may know them casually. It is a good idea to carry a can of \*CURB and use it if the need arises.

Carry enough money for an emergency.

Avoid walking alone, particularly at night. If you must do so, observe the following precautions:

Avoid walking close to the inside of the sidewalk, near bushes, alley entrances, driveways or entrances to private places.

Walk in the middle of the sidewalk or near the curb if no vehicles are parked there.

Do not talk to strangers. If someone asks for directions, keep a safe distance from the person or vehicle.

Avoid isolated areas, dark alleys, doorways, parks and parking lots.

If you think you are being followed, change your pace, either faster or slower to see

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