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Cars in College!

By: Courtney Taylor

Most college students want to have a car on campus and most of them do not care what kind of car it is, as long as it can get them from A to B. On FSU's campus, it is very beneficial because of the location. About 70% of students come from metropolitan cities such as Charlotte, Richmond, or Washington, D.C. that have public train and bus systems and feel hostage on campus. With a car they are able to go as they please and explore neighboring cities without the feeling of being stuck.

Of course the need for a car depends on the location of the campus. A car would not necessarily be needed at NYU where public transportation runs 24 hours a day, seven days of the week. Unlike NYU, a car is very much needed at FSU. Administrations at many universities prefer students not have cars because of distractions, social conflicts, and safety.

Students often befriend other students with cars for security that if a ride is wanted or needed, they will always have one. There are incidents where the student may lose their car and coincidentally a friend and bring on the feeling of being used and neglected. Social conflict sometimes resolves in trouble like arguments or fights, which could affect one's academic performance. Cars can be an educational distraction; students making trips to malls or other universities and not class. Most men worry about body paint, rims, and how high the car will sit, which is another distraction away from academics. As far as safety is concerned there are issues such as teenage drunk driving, road rage, speeding, and other accidents that can be critical. What the administration has to do is continue to push safety and hold a zero tolerance policy for drunk driving. It can work for everyone's good and build a safer campus.

Having a car is a step into adulthood. Clearly, anything can be a distraction such as money, new clothes or shoes, but there is not a policy banning it from students their freshman year. With a car, it can improve the student's sense of directions, adds responsibility, can save parents money and a trip in picking up their child for the holidays and at the end of the school year; which is a huge help.

Looking for a car? Finding a car is a tough task especially when it is the first time. There will be questions clouding the mind on whether the car will last or if it is easy to maintain. As a witness, Ford and Saturn are quality cars and inexpensive. If there is a desire of not wanting a monthly car note, check out the local paper for any announcements on upcoming auctions or ads informing locals of the selling of their car. In no time, become a owner of a car and do the right thing by it and with it.



Dirty Politics or Inartful Speech

By: Shante Elliot



Eboni Oliver, Senior

"His apology was sincere. Several people took it out of context, because not everyone knows how to express their self. We all make mistakes, so we shouldn't be so quick to condemn others."

Kevin Hollingsworth, Senior "Harry Reid meant everything he said, however his comments were true. Obama was elected because he can reach both races. People don't mind because he is from a mulatto descent. Reid apologized for political reasons, but he said nothing wrong."

Brandi Drayton, Freshman "The apology was to cover his grounds. He tried to cover up what he said, but at the same time he meant everything he said."

Jameka McKoy, Sophomore "I would not place anyone in the position as President if they could not speak properly. As far as Obama's race, it's the truth so I feel no apology was needed. I feel he didn't mean his apology, he did however mean what he said."

David Feliciano, Senior "It's politics, they'll say anything at the time to help get them in the lead. President Obama has strong supporters. He couldn't attack him that way, so he had to try another method. President Obama won the presidency because unlike others, he avoided using "dirty" politics. "The apology came because he realized that what he said did not come off the way he expected, although at the time he meant it."

Recently, US Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Democrat, was in the news regarding his comments made about President Barack Obama. He described President Barack Obama as a "light-skinned negro with no Negro dialect, unless he wanted to have one." Senator Reid immediately followed up his comments with an apology. FSU students were polled to see if they felt Senator Reid's apology was sincere, or was it to help justify his position since he's up for re-election?

Did You Know?

All public universities in the state of North Carolina are required to give 80% of funds earned from traffic violations and parking fines to the North Carolina public school system.