

Local police plan forum on student drinking

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UAPD and Tucson police will join forces to address student drinking, but this time there will be no arrests.

Republican City Councilwoman Kathleen Dunbar is hosting a forum on student drinking, which will include students and police as well as campus-area neighbors.

The forum, addressing the conflicts between students and campus-area neighbors, will be held at 7 p.m. in the North Ballroom of the Student Union Memorial Center. Students and community members are encouraged to join, Dunbar said.

Students need to have fun and let loose, said Dunbar.

But her Ward 3 constituents are not happy with the vandalism, loud parties and trash left behind after parties near campus, she said.

"It's not unusual for students to go out and party at 10 o'clock and come back at 2 or 3 in the morning with their cars screeching and their stereos bumping," she said. "But what about the family next door with children who went to sleep at 9?"

With the help of Tucson Police Department representatives, including Capt. John Leavitt and UAPD Chief Anthony Daykin, Dunbar hopes that students will come and voice their concerns.

"I know most of them are going to say that it's harassment," she said. "But it is a quality of life issue, and students need to understand that there are families living around them."

Dunbar has also invited a former neighborhood association president to address students and their questions.

Some students are already planning to attend.

Pre-business sophomores Grant Sahag and Eric Enger think that neighborhood relations are difficult because of the difference in perspectives. As residents of Entrada Real apartments, on the northwest corner of North Stone Avenue and East University Boulevard, they see parties and police at their complex every week.

This, Enger said, is problematic because res-

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Jessica Harrison, a second-semester nursing student, takes a moment to reflect during a candle-light vigil at the College of Nursing for the one year anniversary of the deaths of three professors.

Nursing tragedy scars remain

Campus reflects on shooting's anniversary

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Nursing student Sheila Contapay-Tabilin was in the middle of taking a midterm Oct. 28, 2002, when a loud pounding interrupted her concentration.

Little did she know that what she thought was construction noise was actually the sound of her fellow nursing students fleeing for their lives.

Contapay-Tabilin can still hear the sound of students pounding on the classroom's first-floor window.

"I had no idea. We were all kind of like, 'What's going on?'" she said.

It wasn't until she went up to a crying girl in the parking lot that Contapay-Tabilin learned of the murders that had just taken place three floors above her.

A year ago today, Robert S. Flores Jr., opened fire in the College of Nursing,

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Campus heightens awareness

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At any moment Sandra Taylor will get a call notifying her that there has been a disaster.

"No one knows when it will be," said Taylor, senior vice president of campus life and chair of the Campus Emergency Response Team.

Fortunately, in this case it is just a drill. At some point this semester the Tucson Police Department, in conjunction with UAPD, will stage a mock disaster. It could

be anything: an explosion, a bio-terrorism attack, a shooting.

The drill is designed to test the emergency response systems at the UA, most specifically in the CERT network, Taylor said.

"This is designed to test the community's plans in case of a disaster, to find the strengths and weaknesses," Taylor said. "An amazing amount of planning has gone into this. We don't want to do it in a way that is so real it scares people."

For most people, horror is seen only on TV, in the form of an airplane crashing into

a skyscraper, or a car bomb ripping through a crowded market. It's real but kept at a safe distance.

But for those in the College of Nursing, and for the university as a whole, the new reality is that you are never safe, and that you must prepare yourself for the worst.

"You are not totally safe, not ever," said Stephanie Schneck, a pre-pharmacy sophomore.

One year ago today, Robert S. Flores Jr., a disgruntled nursing student, military

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Latino greeks win national awards

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Members of Omega Delta Phi and Kappa Delta Chi, Hispanic fraternal organizations, have to meet on campus because neither owns a specific house.

But their members are still a group of hard-working volunteers who recently won national awards.

The UA's Omega Delta Phi-Gamma chapter received the award for Undergraduate Chapter of the Year, their first award on the national level.

"Winning means that we're the best, we're number one!" said

John Huerta, the fraternity's advisor and director of development of minority programs.

The UA's Kappa Delta Chi-Delta chapter received an award for social event programming.

The National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations and Latinogreeks.com honored the two chapters.

"We were all excited because it was a really distinct honor that we got recognized out of all the organizations in the nation," said Kristine Tiu, president of Kappa Delta Chi-Delta and a family studies senior.

Omega Delta Phi, which was established in 1990, won its award based on service projects, average

GPA, and overall campus and community involvement.

"It's nice to be recognized for our achievements. I was more excited to win the award because it highlighted all the work the other guys in the frat did," said Ovet Chapman, former chapter president.

"The fraternity does a lot of volunteering. Historically, they've ranked very high with the most volunteer hours per year," Huerta said.

Some activities the fraternity participates in include assisting the local Boys and Girls Club to build a Halloween haunted house

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Omega Delta Phi, unlike most fraternities, has to hold its meetings in Harvill because it has no house. Regardless, the Hispanic fraternity's commitment to service landed it the Undergraduate Chapter of the Year Award.