

# Student's forum

## Current Students Tell You What Their Colleges Won't

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How does a busy high school senior visit college campuses to see if their prospective college choice schools are a good "match"? The old way used to involve trains, planes or automobiles, a substantial amount of time and money, and dragging along mom or dad to visit a campus - or several.

Now, students have a new virtual resource to see prospective college campuses and the students that attend them, without ever leaving home. By visiting a virtual student tour website like [www.unigo.com](http://www.unigo.com) on the web, prospective college students have a travel-free option in seeing what a campus is really like. These written reviews and videos are created and narrated by current students.

Unigo was founded by Jordan Goldman, a recently-graduated Wesleyan University alumni who had been profiled in the book "The Gatekeepers" while he was a prospective college bound student. While in college, he helped co-author and edit the book "The Student Guide to Colleges". This website debuted last fall after being profiled in the New York Times college issue in the article "The Tell-All Campus Tour". Goldman understands the needs and anxiety of prospective (and current) college students, and Unigo offers wisdom about what college is really like.

Unlike traditional college guidebooks published by colleges, Unigo.com is an online collaboration by over 15,000 student contributors who review everything from the

dorms, to campus traditions to the best kept "secrets" on campus such as the Secret Taco Truck at USC, or how the on-campus parking situation rates at UCLA. While this site is designed primarily for prospective students, even those currently already attending college may learn something new about their university. These student perspectives often offer a real-world glimpse at a particular college and may differ from the marketing campaign of the colleges and their brochures and websites.

While online virtual tours can be a great source of information, they still cannot replace in-person visits to college campuses and taking the official tour, meeting students, attending a lecture and even staying in a dorm, eating in the dining hall, or staying overnight for a prospective student visit. Unigo can help students learn more about how they would ultimately fit on a specific campus or even explore colleges they might not have considered, even before beginning the college application process.

With college application deadlines coming up in the next few weeks and months, there is no better time to get the insider's view at Unigo. Why not "travel" to a few schools, right now?

*My College Admissions Coach* offers personalized help for students and their parents as they navigate the college search and admissions process. Follow my new blog at: <http://collegeoptions.blogspot.com/>

**This Week's Question:** *What should you do if your friends are doing drugs?*

**Answers to Last Week's Question:** *Do you take advice from your friends? Or your family?*

I take advice from my friends waaaaaaaaaaaaay more than from my parents. My friends know about my boyfriend, my teachers, peer pressure, homework, dating pressures. I can talk to my friends about anything.

R.F.

My parents are too busy working or taking care of my younger siblings to have the time to know about my life or to have a clue about what my concerns are.

T.G.

I am far more likely to take advice from my friends rather than my family for one very simple reason: my friends actually know me.

J.S.

Usually I talk to my friends, because I'm afraid my parents will judge me or overreact.

H.M.

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## Police Reports

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Traffic accident (no injuries) occurred at 0834 hours at El Segundo Boulevard and Sepulveda Boulevard, vehicle versus vehicle.

One male adult was arrested at 1246 hours in the 700 block of Bungalow Drive for suspicion of burglary.

Petty theft report was taken at 1412 hours in the 400 block of West Walnut Avenue.

One male adult was arrested at 2340 hours from Hughes Way and Imperial Highway for misdemeanor DUI, being under the influence of a controlled substance, and driving on a suspended license.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

One male adult was arrested at 0141 hours

at Vista Del Mar and Imperial Highway for providing false information to a peace officer and driving without a license.

One male adult was arrested at 0202 hours in the 100 block of Main Street for driving under the influence of alcohol.

One female adult was arrested at 0415 hours in the 1400 block of East Imperial Avenue for possession of a controlled substance and possession of less than one ounce of marijuana.

One male adult was arrested at 0415 hours in the 1400 block of East Imperial Avenue for suspicion of receiving stolen property.

Burglary report was taken at 0648 hours from the 200 block of E. Grand Avenue.

Unknown suspect(s) broke into the business. Unknown if there was any loss.

Grand theft report was taken at 1256 hours from the 2200 block of Park Place. Unknown suspect(s) took the victim's cell phone.

Petty theft report was taken at 1709 hours from the 700 block of West Sycamore Avenue. A flower pot was taken.

Burglary report was taken at 1714 hours from the 500 block of North Nash Street. The suspect broke into several lockers.

Petty theft report was taken at 0010 hours at Cedar Street and Imperial Avenue. Unknown suspect(s) took the victim's license plate.

One female adult was arrested at 0034 hours at California Street and Imperial Highway for driving under the influence of alcohol.

One male adult was arrested at 0055 hours at Aviation Boulevard and 120th Street for plain drunk in public.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

One female adult was arrested at 0039 hours at Sepulveda Boulevard and Grand Avenue for driving under the influence of alcohol.

One male adult was arrested at the El Segundo Plaza for plain drunk in public.

One male adult was arrested at 0301 hours at Vista Del Mar and Imperial Highway for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Burglary report was taken at 1209 hours from the 1700 block of E. Walnut Avenue. Unknown suspect broke into the computer room.

One male adult was arrested at 1257 hours from HBPD for one outstanding misdemeanor ESPD traffic warrant.

Attempt burglary report was taken at 1447 hours from the 2100 block of East Grand Avenue.

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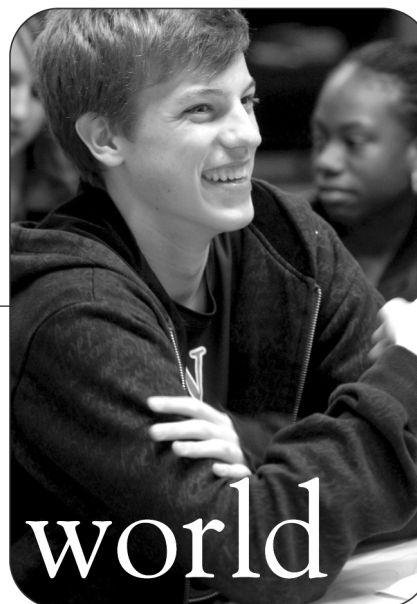
- Saturday, October 24  
10am-12pm
- Wednesday, November 18  
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- Thursday, December 3  
6:30-8pm

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