

Eagle card to move off campus

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The Eagle Card will soon work at several off-campus locations, including Subway and CVS, according to the Eagle Card Office.

"It will be available sometime in September," said Rodney Hartung, the manager of the Eagle Card system. "It's going to be managed by BlackBoard ... they do all the legwork."

According to Hartung, the program will start with a little over a dozen merchants, but he hopes that number will increase as students begin using the cards at participating locations.

The off-campus card usage is run by the BBOne program, a branch of BlackBoard, Inc. "They have some nifty software where the merchant can have the Eagle Dollars spent at their location sent to their bank account at the end of the day." He said that it makes the process a win-win situation because it lightens the load on Accounts Payable and gets the merchant its money faster.

While none of the merchants are definite as yet, the Eagle Card office is fairly confident saying that the Subways on International Speedway Boulevard and Beville Road will be on board for the program, as well as the CVS on the corner of Beville and Clyde Morris Boulevard. Larry's Subs, Great Wraps, Heavenly Ham, Daytona Chili Station and Stavro's Pizzeria are also likely inclusions, along with the Connect Café, Daytona Pilot Zone and Area Supplies and Express, according to Hartung.

Once school is back in regular session and the system is up and running, Hartung plans to sit down with the Office of Student Activities to form a focus group to determine what new merchants should be pursued.

Hartung mentioned several limitations to the new program. Students will not be able to buy alcohol or tobacco with the card, nor will they be able to get deliveries, although Hartung expects that that restriction may be lifted as the program matures. Also, any refunds for purchases made with Eagle Dollars will be made in Eagle Dollars.

With the increased capabilities of the card, Hartung said that keeping the card in a safe place is even more critical. "With taking the card off-campus and with the range of service available, it makes it more imperative that people keep track of their Eagle Card."

He stressed that lost or stolen cards should be reported immediately. Eagle Cards can be suspended at any time by visiting www.onlinecardoffice.com/erau. Once a card is suspended, students must go to the Eagle Card office in Spruance Hall to reinstate their account. There is a \$10 fee for replacing a lost or stolen card.
