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## Violence mars Oktoberfest

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One student received severe lacerations and another lost several teeth in fighting that occurred between students and non-students during CSUN's October 1 and 2 celebration of Oktoberfest.

The fighting was the recent subject of contention in a meeting between police and CSUN officers last Friday.

CSUN co-director of Entertainment and Programming, John Fazi, met with Chief John Hollenbeck Friday to discuss the way in which police handled the incident.

In the past, CSUN has complained that such events are covered by too many officers, but on this occasion, the complaint was the kind of officers and the way the disturbance was handled.

According to Hollenbeck, CSUN ob-

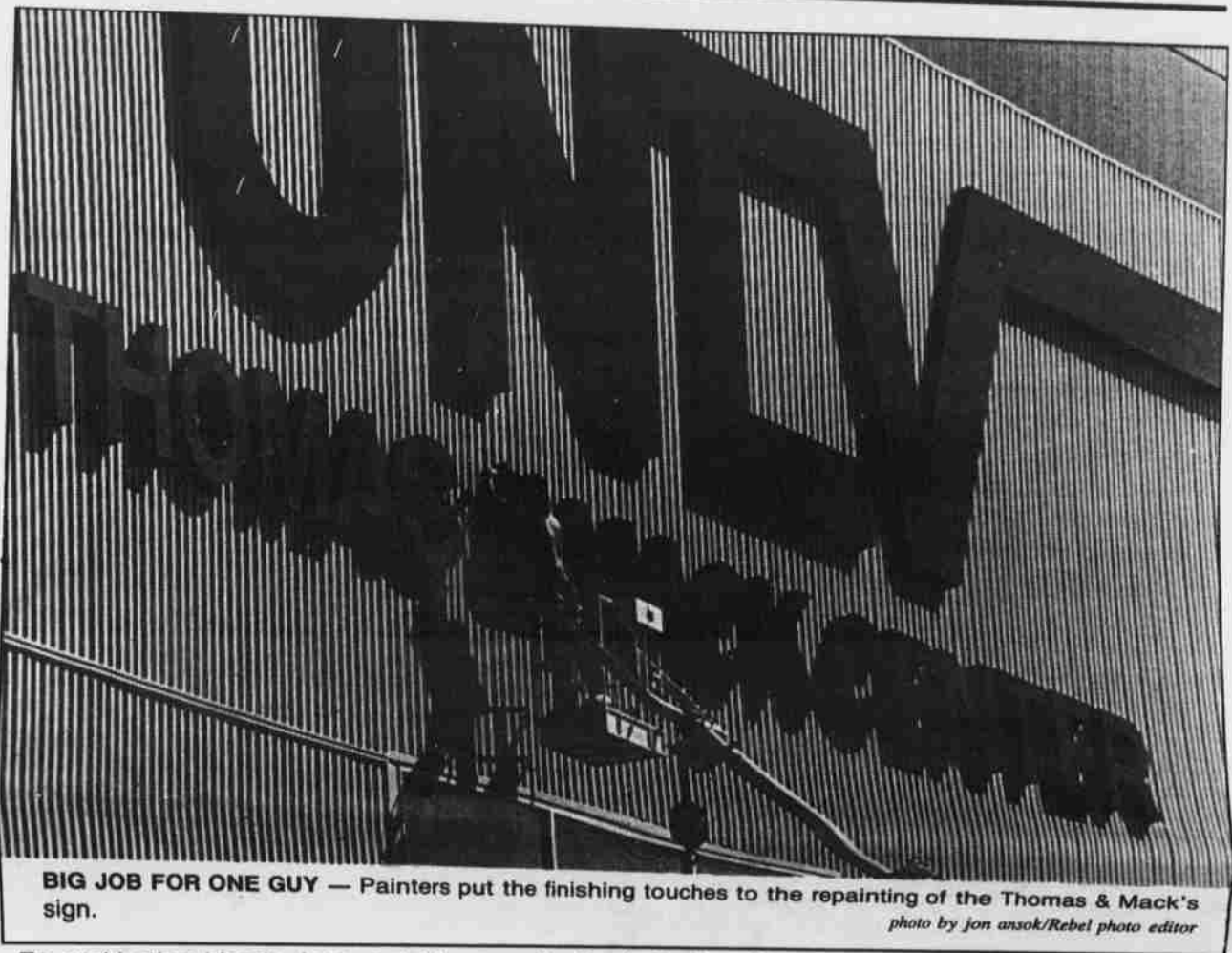
jected to the number of non-campus police that responded to the scene and their reactions to the fight.

"We usually don't have enough officers from other agencies — school district officers or Metro officers, not Metro patrolmen but officers who work as bailiffs.

"The problem at many of these events is that there is oftentimes an active effort to recruit non-students as well as students.

"In this case, there were actually three separate involvements of students with persons not affiliated with the university at all. But naturally, whenever students are involved, CSUN becomes concerned.

"The officers involved, rather than make immediate arrests, simply tried to keep order, thinking that any criminal complaints that needed to be filed, could be filed later."



**BIG JOB FOR ONE GUY** — Painters put the finishing touches to the repainting of the Thomas & Mack's sign.  
photo by jon ansok/Rebel photo editor

To avoid other bloody incidents are less violent, Fazi and Hollenbeck reached several agreements regarding future security measures.

"We need to start using more UNLV officers and

less outside security," Hollenbeck said. "Secondly, if there are outside reserves brought in, UNLV officers will supervise those reserves. And future events need to be geared more to UNLV

students than non-university people."

One of the three biggest student sponsored events, this is not the first time that Oktoberfest has been earmarked as a problem

event at UNLV.

Last year, poor planning and a lack of organization between CSUN officers were reasons behind the eventual cancellation of the event, which resulted in lost student funds.

## UNLV officials looking at condom machines

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UNLV may follow the national trend of installing condom vending machines on campus.

The Surgeon General has said that aside from abstinence, condoms provide the best protection known against AIDS. Many universities, including UNLV, have been paying close attention to that information.

Last spring, the student health center made free condoms available to students. Vending

machines are being considered as another way to make condoms readily available.

"I encouraged the university to buy machines," said Rebecca Kinn, Director of the Student Health Center.

"Some people are hesitant to come in and get condoms. It would be a good combination to have the machines also."

Dr. Robert Ackerman, Dean of Student Services, said there are two things preventing the installation of the vending machines on campus.

"One, the machines look like they came out of a truck stop. Their purpose is to make sex more attractive, not to promote safe sex.

"Two, vandalism is a problem. Our history is that we can't protect the machines. Sanitary products are not available in the women's bathrooms because of that.

"Beyond those problems, there is a willingness to put them in," Ackerman said. "The general feeling is that machines would be appropriate if we could solve

the vandalism problem and find an appropriate machine."

Student fees support Student Health Services, and the condoms cost the school three cents each. Kinn said 2,000 condoms were ordered last year, and she is getting ready to order more.

ABACUS Vending is one of the suppliers eager to do business with UNLV. Condoms purchased from its machines cost 50 cents each, and the school would receive 10 cents from every condom sold. If one machine was used

just five times a day, the gross income per year would be over \$900.

UNR installed condom vending machines on campus three months ago.

"They are in all of the bathrooms in the student union," said Pete Perrera, Director of Student Organizations and Activities at UNR.

"The machines are hooked with brackets so they can be taken off the wall in case the regents get upset.

"We purchased the machines for \$200 each,

so the school owns them. Right now, the condoms are 50 cents each, but after our \$1,200 investment is recovered, the price will be lowered to 25 cents each."

Condoms are not available anywhere else on the UNR campus, and Perrera said women are buying more of them than men are.

The machines purchased in Reno are plain white and display no advertising, giving hope that UNLV may be able to find tasteful machines also.

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