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New security plan for CSUN events

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staff writer

In an attempt to improve the quality of security at CSUN—sponsored events, Entertainment Co-Director John Fazi and Vice-President Denise Gentile are working with Director of Public Safety David Hollenbeck to upgrade current security procedures.

According to Fazi, directly after the Oktoberfest event, he and Gentile discussed ideas on how security could be handled more effectively. The following week they met with Chief Hollenbeck and worked out a plan for

bettering security.

"I'm pretty happy with it," Fazi said. "I think we jumped right on that problem and got it taken care of."

Events are usually patrolled by Campus Police officers, either full-timers or reserves, but in the past, private security agencies have also been used. Fazi stated that some of the problems had stemmed from these security agencies and cited an example of being charged for six.

"I'd rather have three university police officers and pay them \$12 an hour and know that they're do-

ing their job then have six private security officers and pay them \$6 an hour, wondering if they're doing their job properly," he said.

Another problem Fazi had was with the campus police officers who he felt weren't properly prepared. Now there will be a more clear-cut plan for covering events and there will also be a more concrete chain of command and officers will have very specific duties.

Hollenbeck clarified the chain of command by stating that at all events, even if mostly patrolled by reserve officers, one full-time officer will be

available to take charge in case of an emergency.

As for the preparation and training of reserve officers, Hollenbeck said, "One of the things that we have insisted on since I came here is that our officers be post certified. It's the qualification that the state sets for someone to be called a peace officer."

Fazi also said that allowing fewer non-students at functions would also help alleviate some problems.

The improvements will get a chance to be tested at the upcoming Homecoming celebration. Fazi was optimistic.

"I don't see any security problems with homecoming. We got a lot taken care of as far as security is concerned."

Calendar of Events

Nov. 3

CONCERT: Las Vegas Chamber Players. 7pm. Artemus Ham Concert Hall. Call for prices. 739-3420.

Nov. 4

MASTER SERIES: Central Philharmonic of China. 8pm. Artemus Ham Concert Hall. 739-3535.

Nov. 4-7

HOMECOMING EVENTS: Pep Rally, Alumni Association Reunion/Dinner, Tailgate Party. Call for info. 739-3621 or 739-3477.

Nov. 4 & 7

EXPLORING TRIP: Las Vegas History. Lecture: Wednesday, 7-9pm. Dungan Humanities 203. Field Trip: Saturday, 8am-1pm. Meet at UNLV Physical Plant Motor Pool. \$35. 739-3394.

Nov. 5

UNIVERSITY FORUM LECTURE: The Most Material Part of Virtue: Public Spirit and the U.S. Constitution. Craig Walton. 7:30pm. Wright Hall 116. Free. 739-3401.

FILM SERIES: A Day in the Country. 7pm. Wright Hall Auditorium 103. Free. 739-3401.

JAZZ CONCERT: Kenny G. 7:30pm. Artemus Ham Concert Hall. \$17.50. 739-3900.

Nov. 5 & 12

SEMINAR: Ethical Decision-Making in Health Care. 5-9pm. Dungan Humanities 241. \$50. 739-3394.

First Amendment forum

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The electronic press is considered a second class journalistic citizen under the First Amendment, according to KLAS-TV News Editor Bob Stoldal.

Stoldal, speaking at a First Amendment Rights Forum at the University, said he would like broadcast news to receive the same rights as the print medium.

Before a television station can operate, it must secure a license from the government; newspapers do not have this restriction, said Stoldal.

In the area of political campaigns, television must air political commercials and sell federal candidates advertising at the lowest rates, while neither requirement applies to print media.

The forum, sponsored by the Las Vegas Chapter of the Professional Society of Journalists, featured a panel of six distinguished professionals whose occupations deal directly with the First Amendment.

Besides Stoldal, the panel included: Myram Borders — UPI Chief, Oscar Goodman — attorney, Mort Galane — attorney, Federal Judge Phillip Pro, and Dr. Michael Bowers — ACLU. Gwen Castaldi, KVBC-TV3 news anchor, moderated.

Each panelist was given seven minutes for an opening statement. Afterwards, members of the panel were given time to respond or refute statements. The forum closed with questions from the audience.

Borders said there was no neutral ground where the First Amendment was concerned.

"People take the First Amendment for granted," she said as she likened freedom of the press to being "half pregnant" — either you have it or you don't.

When a coup occurs in a foreign country, the first thing seized is the press, Borders said.

"The First Amendment is the most coveted right in the world," she said.

Attorneys Goodman and Galane offered different perspectives.

Goodman, a local criminal defense lawyer, said the media characterizes high profile defendants unfairly. He added that jury selection in such cases becomes a laborious task.

Galane, a libel attorney currently retained by Wayne Newton in his libel case against NBC, talked about the high cost of entering into legal proceedings against the media.

He called it "economic punishment."

The expense to insurance companies and individuals allows mainly the affluent to enter into proceedings, said Galane.

Galane cited a congressional proposal that would have eliminated punitive damages in some libel cases as an example of new ideas to solving the problem. That bill died in Congress.

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