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## Center for homeless razed by Foundation

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The building that had housed the Christian Learning Center was destroyed Friday so that the property could be sold to provide funds for university library books.

John Martin, Deferred Giving Coordinator of the UNLV Foundation, said the property was donated to the Foundation for the purpose of setting up an endowment.

"The donor specified that we were to set up an endowment which would be used to purchase library books in Hotel Administration and Engineering," Martin said.

The Christian Learning Center, operated by the Rev. Charles Gordon, had been a place of refuge for the homeless for the last four years.

Martin said that Gordon had been renting the building from its owner on a month-to-month basis. When the owner passed away and the UNLV Foundation took the property over, Gordon was informed that he should try to find a new location as soon as possible.

"It is our policy to sell property immediately," Martin said. "In the interest of fairness, we gave Gordon plenty of time to relocate."

Martin said that the original date scheduled for the destruction of the building was October 15.

"We gave him 30 days notice on August 28," Martin said. "At that time he had the option to appeal which he did."

Although there is not a buyer waiting for the property, located at 900 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Martin said the destruction was necessary.

"As time went by and we looked at the property, it became apparent that for safety reasons the building



**BEGINNING OF THE END** — for the Christian Learning Center torn down Nov. 20, so an endowment can be created for the UNLV Library.

photo by jon ansok/Rebel photo editor.

should be brought down," Martin said. "It's not like we waited until winter to evict him."

As for the Rev. Gordon, he recently told reporters that he understood the situation but he was concerned about where the homeless people from his mission will end up.

In a recent issue of *The Yellin' Rebel* Gordon claimed that many of the people he sheltered were victims

of an overflow problem from University Medical Center, County Medical Services, County Rape Crisis Centers and other family crisis centers.

"If I can't take them, who will?" he said.

The 1,700 square foot building often saw 200 to 250 temporary residents a night.

Although he could not be specific, Martin felt the property will be sold for a large sum.

"I think it will be over \$1 million easily," he said.

## Felicia Campbell enters twenty-fifth year of teaching

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Dr. Felicia Campbell was voted most likely to become a college professor by her high school classmates. But it took a sergeant telling her "she couldn't think," while she was in the Marine Corps after college, to convince her of her calling in life.

A sergeant's provocation became a UNLV gain, as Campbell, an English professor, is celebrating her 25th year of teaching

at UNLV—the first woman to do so.

Campbell, who grew up in Wisconsin, came to UNLV in 1962 after teaching stints in the University of Wisconsin system at both Madison and White Water.

"I wanted to take a break and have some fun, but I had no idea I would stay in Las Vegas for 25 years," Campbell said.

The university, which was then known as Nevada-Southern, was a little different then.

"I was stunned,"

Campbell said. "I think there were only four buildings and it looked like a cluster of gas stations in the desert."

Campbell, who received her doctorate in Leadership and Human Behavior from United States International University in San Diego in 1973, says the university has lost some of its charm over the 25 years.

"This was an exciting place to teach when it was young, as we were a very diverse and dedicated faculty, and had a

marvelous sense of camaraderie."

"The school has lost some of its intimacy."

Possibly, part of the reason UNLV has lost some of its charm to Campbell, is the fact that she has had an ongoing battle with the University hierarchy in recent years over money and promotion.

Campbell sued the university a few years ago, charging UNLV with discrimination against women with regard to pay and promotion. She settl-

ed out of court and says that in terms of the full amount that was paid, it was the largest civil lawsuit in the state of Nevada to that time.

"Most of the women in the College of Arts and Letters were involved in litigation with the university in the seventies," Campbell said.

In fact, Campbell views these sorts of injustices and inequalities as her only big disappointments at UNLV.

"At UNLV, you'll find very few minorities in

faculty and administrative positions, almost no women in the higher echelons of administration, and a disparity in female professors."

Though she's had battles with the university of late, Campbell says she still hasn't lost her love of teaching. She loves to teach because of the interaction with students.

"Part of the excitement of teaching is the stimulation you get from the giving and taking of ideas with the students," Campbell said.