

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Ethics essay contest for 1991

Dr. Carol Rittner, director of the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity, New York, N.Y., recently announced the 1991 Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics essay contest. Open to full-time undergraduate senior students enrolled in accredited colleges and universities in the United States, the contest offers first, second, and third prizes of \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000. 1991 contest themes are "Creating an Ethical Society: Concepts of the Common Good," and "The meaning of Ethics Today." Essays for the contest must be submitted on behalf of entrants by a college or university. Deadline for submission is Dec. 28, 1990.

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test challenges students to grapple with ethical questions and issues facing them in a complex and ever-changing world.

The Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics is in keeping with the objectives of the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity whose purpose is to advance the cause of human rights and peace throughout the world by creating forums for the discussion of urgent ethical and moral issues confronting humankind.

Entry forms and further information about the 1991 Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics essay contest can be obtained by writing to: The Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics, The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity, 666 Fifth Avenue, 11th floor, New York, NY 10103, or call Kate Mattias (212) 399-4485.

Fire does damage at SJSU

Several students from San Jose State University were rescued from their burning dormitory Oct. 19 as they hung out of the windows of the top floor, screaming for help.

The fire was determined to be arsonist-related and 178 dorm residents were evacuated; approximately 21 of them were injured.

Injuries ranged from minor burns and smoke inhalation to a student who received a broken ankle from jumping out of the dorm window. A few students were treated for severe burns covering 40 and 50 percent of their bodies.

Damages were estimated at \$40,000.

Campus crime prevention discussed

by Kathleen Patrick
Reporter

You've just spent the last four hours buried under mounds of books and papers in the library. As you cross the dark campus, the only thing on your mind is food and sleep. There's a noise behind you. Not being sure if you heard something, you keep walking, returning to your "cramming-for-exams" semi-comatose state. There's that noise again... is someone following you?

How safe are you on the campus of UNLV?

Safer than other universities of equal size, according to the 1989 Uniform Crime Reports (UCR), crime in the United States. The UCR shows higher crime rates at other universities approximately the same size as UNLV.

David Hollenbeck, director of UNLV's Department of Public Safety, said that the university is exempt from the state's public records law for reporting crime statistics.

"Our stats from 1989 are not in the UCR, but 1990's will be," said Hollenbeck. Currently there is a bill before Congress that would require all universities to report their crime statistics.

"We have 16,320 students and 17 officers," said Hollenbeck. That averages one officer to 960 students, not counting faculty and staff.

"We have six emergency phones on campus," said Hollen-

beck, "and all you have to do is open the door and hit the button. It's hooked up right to Campus Police. That's six telephones on our 340-acre campus or approximately one telephone per 56 acres."

"There is a project under way to increase the number of emergency phones," said Hollenbeck, adding that he would like to see an updated emergency phone system rather than the call-box style that we currently have.

The telephone system and other safety facilities are the responsibility of the physical plant department.

"All the departments work together, and the suggestions of students help, too," said John Amend.

One such suggestion was for more lights on campus. Amend said that they've just installed more lights, and plan to add more lighting to the parking areas by the Judy Bayley Theatre.

Most crimes that occur on campus are larcenies and burglaries. "These are called opportunity crimes because people are careless with their things which creates the opportunity for the theft," Hollenbeck said.

Other crimes such as aggravated assault, homicide and forcible rape, (which includes date/acquaintance rape), are reported in low numbers on campus. However, statistics show that one out of six college women will be assaulted this year, according to the Rape Treatment Center at Santa

Monica Hospital.

What determines acquaintance rape or assault? "Sex without consent," said Lori Winchell, Director of the Student Health Center. "When a woman says 'No,' and the guy says 'So what,' that's sexual assault," said Winchell.

All cases of sexual assault should be reported immediately. "Leave everything as it is and call 911," said Winchell. "That way [the victim] can prosecute later."

A sexual assault class is offered on campus and is instructed by Sgt. Rochelle Sax of the Department of Public Safety. For further information, call 739-3668.

The university can implement all the necessary safety features, but the students need to help by not leaving themselves vulnerable.

Ira Lipman, author and crime prevention expert, gives some tips for prevention:

- Never stand by your car fumbling for keys.
- Don't carry large amounts of cash.
- Avoid lonely, poorly-lighted areas at night. Ask someone you know to walk with you.
- Be alert in public restrooms.
- Use any object that can be employed as a weapon, such as key or pen; if necessary, jab it into an eye of the attacker. This can disable him long enough for you to run to safety.

Debate

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Planchard placed second in persuasive speaking. A newcomer to the team, Buddy Scallion, also broke to finals in the novice impromptu event.

The coach for Individual Events, Professor Sarah Love, said, "The hard work and dedication of our team members is beginning to pay off."

Murphy noted that the 11th place ranking is the highest ever achieved by UNLV and that he hopes the ranking will be maintained. CEDA is the largest debate organization in the United States numbering over 300 colleges and universities.

"In fact," Murphy noted, "It's probably the largest intercollegiate organization of its kind, such

as the NCAA Division 1."

Murphy finished by saying, "Of course, it's not where you begin the season, but where you finish."

Both Murphy and Love agreed, "We (the coaches) have confidence in the dedication and ability of our team and support them 100 percent."



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UNLV Debate Team - Ranked number 11 in the nation, team members from left to right are: Marc Sperberg, Jason Gordon, Paul Rooker and Jeff Bradley.

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