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UNLV police bust computer theft ring *More arrests and recovered computer equipment anticipated*

by Richard Crow

The Department of Public Safety at UNLV cracked the cases involving computers stolen from offices all over the university campus with the arrest of one suspect and the recovery of at least \$30,000 worth of equipment on Tuesday, Jan 22.

Detective Lonnie Barrett, who headed the investigation, said the arrest clears every stolen computer case on campus, except two, for the whole year of 1990.

The suspect, UNLV student John (J.J.) Wylie, was arrested and booked into the Clark County Detention Center, after search

warrants were served at three addresses in the Las Vegas valley.

Barrett said Wylie was arrested for possession of stolen property, which is a felony, and added that he anticipates charges will be formally filed in the next few days by the Clark County District Attorney's office.

He said the equipment recovered included six complete Macintosh systems, several printers and modems, one FAX machine, one telephone answering machine, and several hundred software disks known to be from UNLV.

He said there is still some equipment to be collected and some that needs to be located. He

said the department anticipates more arrests and the recovery of additional property because of the cooperation of the suspect.

The arrests came after a year-long investigation by Barrett and fellow officers, along with a little luck, said Chief David Hollenbeck of the Department of Public Safety.

Barrett said the break in the case came on Jan. 17, when the university police served a search warrant on an unrelated case. The information they received from that investigation lead them to the university campus computer case, which he said was still under investigation but had come to a standstill.

The additional information received helped them to obtain the search warrants for the three locations; two of which were in Las Vegas and one in Henderson.

Barrett said that they had gathered enough information that the recovery team knew basically what they would find at the suspect's home.

He said the equipment that they have not recovered yet is still being tracked down, which is difficult because some of the equipment has been sold several times.

Barrett said that the people contacted about buying a stolen computer were cooperative and re-

turned the equipment. He also said that the persons responsible for stealing The Yellin' Rebel's computers have been identified. Arrests and charges are pending. He added that the department requests anyone with additional information about the computers to contact him at the police station.

Barrett also said that the campus officers involved, Sergeant Don Drake, Officers Wayne Washington, Preston Perrenot, Clifford Mitchell, Roy Micheal, Larry Morsovillo and John Liba, and Chief Hollenbeck, all worked hard in the investigation of these cases and the recovery of the stolen property.

Geoscience roof gives in after 18 years of leaking *Professor likens the plastic covering the building to a "giant condom."*



photo by Marcus Clark

Plastic covers the entire roof holding what Professor Weide calls 'Lake Fong'

by Kim Anderson

Neglect of the Lily Fong Geoscience Building's roof is now apparent on the interior of the building. Rain which occurred during the semester break caused leaks that broke roofing tiles and caused flooding even to the first floor of the building.

David Weide, professor of Geology, returned to the campus when the rain began.

"The water was pouring in," he said. John Amend, director of the Physical Plant, dispatched his men to aid in stopping the leakage. However, because buildings elsewhere on campus were also leaking, "Amend was the general of an army outgunned and outmanned on every front," said Weide.

Weide contacted President Maxson, Vice President Unrue, and Dean Peck to witness the destruction. Weide said they were "appalled" at what they saw.

Water poured into classrooms breaking ceiling tiles, damaging walls, and damaging items in classrooms and offices. Margret Rees, professor of geology, said many books and other items in her office were destroyed due to the leakage.

The water leaked down through to the first floor on into the computer room which houses the University's mainframe computer. The computer had to be shut down and any processing being done at the time stopped while the water was cleaned up, said Amend.

As the leaking continued,

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New committee will study campus security

by Lisa Sutherland

The Department for Student Services has organized the Committee for Preventing Sexual Exploitation (CPSE) to work in conjunction with the Campus Police to document victims of sexual harassment at UNLV.

They will also make formal

recommendations to Campus Development and Student Government for security improvements on campus, and generate publicity.

CPSE is composed of Baldizan, Renata Cirri, director of Campus Action Against Rape; Laura Hammond, director of campus counseling; Christian Hardigree, student; Ray Rodriguez, campus health educator; Sgt. Rochelle Sax of Campus Police, Ruth Ryan, Rev. Ellie Shapton and Becky Villaescusa.

Hammond described the committee as "a group of people who see many women who have been sexually assaulted."

She said, "(Nationally), only five or six percent of women on campuses who are raped or assaulted report the crime. Our campus probably follows that."

Currently there are no complete or official statistics on campus sexual harassment either from Campus Police or the Counseling Department. The committee's goal is to accurately document the number of rapes, sexual assaults and exploitations made known to the departments

represented in CPSE. The documentation will begin in the spring.

If a woman doesn't report the crime to Campus Police or Metro, CPSE will document that a crime occurred if the woman seeks medical treatment or counseling through the university.

"A university is a community ... and like any comfortable community, people forget that bad things happen here," Baldizan said. "We have to continually remind people that they are not immune to (rapes or assaults) when they are on a college campus."

Baldizan and Hammond believe that their committee will be most effective when they generate publicity and awareness about the problem and the solutions CPSE can offer.

CPSE will analyze the campus physically to look for hazardous places like dark walkways or shrubbery tall enough to conceal a potential assailant. They will submit their analyses to Campus Police and Campus Development. They are currently in the process

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