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Concert conveys political message

Proposal would automatically register you to vote

by Gabriel Campisi

The "Censorship Is Un-American" concert held April 5 in the Moyer Student Union courtyard succeeded in its main objective, despite one of the recording artist's failure to appear.

Rock The Vote, an organization committed to fighting censorship and getting people involved in the political process, sponsored the event. The concert was part of a tour taking place

across the country and intended to gain the support of students in passing a new U.S. law proposal. Students were asked to sign postcards at the end of the concert if they supported the movement and most complied.

"The new law would make voting easier for everybody across the country," said Steve Barr of Rock The Vote. "Instead of going through all the hassles of registering before voting, you would be-

come automatically registered through your driver's license."

Barr said there are many people and organizations behind the movement, including MTV, Virgin Records, Elektra Records, and the Hard Rock Cafe. He added that Rock The Vote will go before the rules committee of the U.S. senate later this month with a collection of all the student's names who support the new law proposal.

"We think there's definitely going to be a revolution in the government's method of registering voters," Barr continued. "We have an incredible amount of people on our side and their signed postcards to prove it."

As for the failure of Kid Frost to appear, it didn't seem to hamper the purpose of the concert. Students had a great time and received the proper message from the concert anyway.

"Kid Frost personally called CSUN from Los Angeles moments

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Shakin' Dominoes rock out against censorship

photo by Rick Nielson

before the event, claiming his flight had been cancelled," said Warren White of the entertainment & programming committee of CSUN.

"It really wasn't anybody's fault he didn't show," added Maxie Maultsby, also from the entertainment & programming committee. "He (Frost) was ready to go when the flight got cancelled. It wouldn't

have made any sense to have him come on a later flight because no one would have been here."

According to Maultsby, the remaining artists performed voluntarily and didn't charge any money for their performance.

"All we provided was the stage and the equipment for them to

perform on," he said.

Rock The Vote claimed that only 17 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds voted in the last presidential election. But 78 percent of 18- to 29-year-olds who were registered to vote, did in fact vote. The movement is intended to change the small number of persons actually registered to vote.

Increased student population means increased crime

by Richard Crow

Crime is always a concern of students on any campus across the nation, and the worry is not any less here at UNLV.

"As the campus grows and our residential population increases, we will see crimes against person rise," said Detective Lonnie Barrett of the UNLV campus police. "Although we have not seen the rise yet, we are gearing up for it."

He said there are usually two areas of campus crime that students have to worry about: crimes against person and crimes against property.

At UNLV, the most frequent occurrence of crimes against people involve battery—the willful or unlawful use of force or violence against a person.

According to Barrett, alcohol and/or drug abuse are frequently associated with battery cases,

which is one of the reasons police attend special events in great numbers where alcohol is being served.

Between January 1 and March 5, seven battery cases and one assault case were reported to campus police.

Other crimes against person (such as murder, kidnapping and sexual assault) occur less often than battery.

"We are very capable of handling any investigation that comes up, plus we do our best in the prevention of crimes," Barrett said.

In his eight years on campus, Barrett has never seen a murder at UNLV, but he and other campus police have taken active roles in helping various law enforcement agencies in the county with the investigation of UNLV students murdered off campus.

In cases involving sexual assault, campus police are putting together their own comprehensive program to deal with this problem, he said.

"This campus is a relatively safe place to live, work, or go to school, but the potential for crime is there—particularly the crimes of opportunity which we hope to teach people about and prevent," he said.

"It is crimes of opportunity that we can do something about, that is why we stress preventive measures that people can use on campus and at home," he added.

Crimes against property, Barrett noted, are the most prevalent. These include larceny, burglary, vehicle theft, arson, fraud and vandalism.

Because crimes against property are usually due to carelessness, such crimes can be prevented by simply observing some "com-

mon sense practices," the detective explained.

Common sense practices, work for both crimes against person and crimes against property. They include:

- Avoiding dark secluded areas.
- Using the "buddy system" or the campus escort service, especially when returning to your car alone at night.
- Not leaving valuables unattended and visible in your car.
- Not flashing large amounts of money in public.
- Using Kryptonite locks when you lock your bicycle to a bike rack.
- Reporting suspicious persons or activities.

"The reporting of suspicious persons or activities helps us in our analysis of high crime areas on campus and the types of department resources needed," Barrett explained.

Barrett also emphasized that most cases involving stolen property are solved, with 90 percent of the people arrested being non-students who often steal to support a drug or gambling habit. Another source of these types of crimes are con artists, who try to sell magazines or ask students for help by loaning them money to get their car out of impoundment. But the campus police department has put into effect policies to keep these people off campus and prevent such crimes from happening.

"People need to take an active interest in safety on campus; to work together to protect each other and property on campus," Barrett said. "If people follow these simple guidelines and take an active part, then the number of crimes will certainly decrease."

Debate team advances

The Intercollegiate Debate program at UNLV distinguished itself last weekend by advancing teams at the national tournaments for junior- and novice-division debaters.

At the Novice National Tournament, hosted by Towson (Md.) State University, Carolyn Potter (junior, UNLV) and Jennifer Cole (sophomore, UNLV) advanced to the round of 16 before elimination.

Potter and Cole earned a slot in the elimination bracket after a preliminary record of six wins and two losses. Their record included wins over the University of Vermont, Towson State University, University of Miami (Fla.), Middle Tennessee State University, San Jose State University, and Adams State (Colo.) College.

Seeded 11th after the preliminary rounds, in the double octafinal round of 32, Cole and Potter defeated the University of Miami, before dropping to San Jose State on a split decision in the octafinal round of 16.

Nearly 60 teams from 35 colleges and universities participated in the tournament including Columbia, Cornell and Syracuse Universities, University of Notre Dame and Vanderbilt University.

At the JV National Debate tournament, hosted by Johnson County (Mo.) Community College, Jeff Bradley (sophomore, Shreveport) and Jason Gordon (freshman, UNLV) advanced to the octafinal round of 16 as well.

Bradley and Gordon reached the elimination round after a preliminary record of five wins and losses. Their

record included wins over Kansas State University, Wichita State University, University of Kansas, Arizona State University, and Northwestern (La.) State University.

In the octafinal round, Gordon and Bradley dropped a split decision to Emporia State (Kan.) University.

UNLV was also represented at the tournament by Wendy Finmark (freshman, UNLV) and Sean McConville (freshman, Malibu Beach). Finmark and McConville had been strong in recent tournament competition with a quarterfinal finish at the Biola Eagle Classic in February.

Tom Murphy, director of the Intercollegiate Debate and Forensics Program at UNLV, said he was pleased with the performance.

"We are the only university in the United States to advance teams to the elimination rounds at the Novice and JV Nationals," he said. "I think it speaks highly for the university and the future of the forensics program."

To put things in perspective, Murphy analogized it to the NCAA tournament.

"It is the equivalent of making the Sweet 16 for those teams in their respective divisions," he said. "While nobody pays attention to JV or freshman games, it is an integral part of college debate competition."

UNLV will be represented by two teams at the CEDA National Tournament later this month.

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