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"George" that the only thing that kept them alive while in prison was dreams of being free and telling the world their story to change the way things are.

Huang said the Communist rule has installed fear in its people and conditioned them at a young age to remain silent and not speak against the government.

Maria Chang, associative professor at the University of Nevada, Reno, spoke about a current Chinese prisoner of conscience, Wei Jingsheng. Chang said that Jingsheng is serving a 15-year sentence for doing "nothing other than exercising rights that Americans take for granted each day—speaking his mind."

Chang spoke about the Bush administration that had said rela-

tions with China after Tianamen Square will be "politics as usual" although it "violated the universal standard of human rights and all the ideals that Americans hold dear."

Among the reasons Bush gave why it wouldn't be beneficial to end a friendship with China was because it would hurt Americans who purchase "cheap Chinese-made products." Chang said she used to buy from stores such as Target and Mervyn's but doesn't anymore because she couldn't be sure that the "dirt-cheap" clothes were not made by Chinese prisoners in labor camps.

Chang urged all members of the audience to write to the Chinese government on behalf of Wei Jingsheng supporting his rightful release.

Try to avoid parking tickets at UNLV

by Kimberly Smith

Thousands of parking tickets are given out each semester because students do not have a clear picture and understanding of the parking rules and regulations, according to Carolyn Leggins, parking enforcement supervisor.

"The rules and regulations are self-explanatory and easy to follow, but the time needs to be taken out to learn about them," Leggins said.

According to the rules and regulations, any student wishing to park on campus must obtain and display a valid student permit on the left rear bumper or on the outside left rear window of the vehicle. With this sticker, students can park in any student lot on campus. However, the student sticker is restricted to "student parking" only.

Students are not authorized to use meters, visitor lots (due to the lack of visitor parking on campus), dorm, staff and handicapped stalls, or red zones. But dorm students, who must obtain dorm stickers if they have vehicles, can use both dorm and student parking.

Students bringing vehicles onto campus that are not registered with UNLV can obtain a temporary parking pass that is placed on the inside of the left rear window. This pass is good for up to two weeks and can be reviewed anytime students need them.

The parking rules and regulations also specify that vehicles cannot park on crosswalks, sidewalks, lawns, or within 15 feet of a fire hydrant. Cars cannot block driveways, either. The rules also state that a vehicle cannot be double-parked or parked in a zone that has not been designated as a parking area.

The UNLV Parking and Traffic Division has also implemented a handy hanging permit into the system at a cost of \$5. Students may purchase this permit to register more than one vehicle with the Department of Public Safety. The hanging permit allows students to register up to four vehicles. The permit can be switched from one vehicle to another by placing it on the rear view mirror.

If these rules and regulations are followed, students can park legally without any problems. But failure to follow these rules will lead to parking citations. If too many citations are accumulated, it could lead to higher fines, transcripts put on hold, red sticker and possible towing of the vehicle.

"The rules are not that difficult to follow, but they need to be taken seriously and followed properly," Leggins said.

Copies of the rules and regulations and more information on parking can be obtained at the Department of Public Safety. Parking enforcement officers enforce these rules from 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

New world-music class offered

by Tricia Ciaravino

The world's music-live (Mus 123) will be offered next fall, Tuesday evenings, from 7:00-9:30 p.m.

The object of the course is to teach students "not through textbooks or videos but through live performances and interaction with live performers," said Dr. Stephen Caplan, assistant professor of music, who is the backbone of the project.

"The primary focus for me is the same as teaching any appreciation class," he said. "To take someone, no matter what their background, and try to improve their listening skills.

"At the same time, we want to make them aware of the different varieties of musical experience out there, not just western."

The course will consist of 15 classes and about eight or nine concerts. Performers of several different cultures will be asked to play throughout the semester.

"In my course I'm not trying to say other cultures are better," Caplan said. "I don't make a judgement. We give students the skills to evaluate each one on their own merit."

The course is geared toward non-music majors and no knowledge of music is required.

Amnesty—what students can do to help

by Tina Crinite

Amnesty International works impartially to free prisoners of conscience, to give them fair and prompt trials, and eliminate torture and executions. Amnesty's supporters include over 700,000 members and supporters in over 150 countries.

The target age for helping Amnesty International is high school and college students according to Magdaleno Rose-Avila, Amnesty's Western Regional Director. "They have the power, and should realize what can be done with that power," Magdaleno said.

"The reason they are the power is because these are the people who are the best-read,

best-educated, and open-minded," Magdaleno said. He added that the youth are an investment in power because some of the older generation tend to be less responsive, leaving it to the younger generation.

Magdaleno said the student population at UNLV was a very important instrument in getting the word out, and had the power to speak out against the abuse of human rights.

The recent incident regarding the abuse of Rodney King by Los Angeles Metro Police Department has been seen as a misuse of police force and abuse without justification. According to Magdaleno, if this event were multiplied by one million it would equal all the abuses that occur all

over the world to people who tried to exercise their freedom of speech and were sent to prison. Once released from prison (if ever) these people face a place with no counseling, no compensation, no comfort, and no job.

"There is power through the people," Rosa-Avila said. "The best work is done by everyday people, getting the message to other people."

For more information about volunteering time, money, or letter writing abilities for the release of prisoners call David Gillespie at 739-3477 or the Las Vegas Chapter of Amnesty International at 598-0762 or 873-7496.

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