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## Biology department chairman found dead

## Despite relative safety at UNLV, crime still occurs

by Rick Nielsen

The body of Randall Keith Dupre, 33, was discovered in his lab at approximately 9 a.m. Monday. The Clark County Coroner's Office later confirmed the report, listing the cause of death as asphyxiation, secondary to hanging.

Detective Lonnie J. Barrett of the University Police said his office received a call at 9:01 a.m. and a squad car arrived at WHI Hall Room 120 at 9:03 a.m. The coroner's office was then notified, and later listed the time of death as 9:40 a.m., the same time as the initial examination of the body. According to Barrett, the University Police consider their investigation complete.

Dupre, an associate professor of biological sci-

ences, had been with UNLV since 1986, and chair of the department for the last two years, receiving his tenure last year.

University President Robert Maxson said of Dupre, "He was one of this campus' most respected professors and scientists, universally loved both by students and colleagues. The university has suffered a great loss."

Maxson also said, "My greatest concern right now is not for the university, but for Keith's wife Barbara, and their family."

Earnest Peck, Dean of the College of Sciences and Mathematics, said, "Dupre was an active teacher and researcher, and exceedingly well liked."

Dupre's most recent scholarly accomplishment was a research report on the effect of absolute humidity on thermoregulation by rhesus monkeys, delivered to the



Randall Keith Dupre

American Society of Zoologists in December, 1990 in San Antonio.

Roberta B. Williams, also of biological sciences, said, "Dupre was a wonder-

ful person, and a fantastic teacher, always happy and extremely hard working." Williams noted that Dupre had been voted Outstanding Teacher of the Year in 1987 by the Pre-Professional Association, a student group at UNLV, and was UNLV's Outstanding Teacher Runner-up last year.

"You don't expect a person with that kind of education to take that way out," said a student of Dupre's who asked not to be identified. "It's sad, it's the last thing you would expect, he always seemed so happy."

Dupre taught two classes, Anatomy and Physiology, and Endocrinology. Both classes will continue; an exam scheduled for Wednesday in 243 will be held as scheduled according to Dean Peck.

by La Rae Bringhurst

According to the statistics put out each year by the university community, UNLV is a very safe campus in terms of violent crimes committed. Last year, eight violent crimes were committed, in comparison to the University of Nevada, Reno, which had 27 violent crimes and a much smaller student body.

However, this does not tell the whole story. David Hollenbeck, director of public safety and chief of police at UNLV, said that he believes the students would perceive the campus as being unsafe. Poor lighting, few students on campus at night and a medium amount of grand and petty larceny contribute to this image.

"Students who are not as careful as they should be are those who came from home where most things were done for them. They are not as security conscious as a person on his own," Hollenbeck said.

When asked what he contributed the relative safety of UNLV to, Hollenbeck stated that the fact that this is a commuter campus has a lot to do with the lower crime rate.

The local residence hall has been provided with state of the art security devices. It is now virtually impossible to get into Tonopah Hall without a card. Visiting students can only be let in by a resident and the door cannot be propped open to let unwanted people in.

The campus is patrolled 14 hours a day by University Police, and in addition, 40

students are hired to patrol the campus with radio contact. Escort services are also provided to any student going to or from their vehicle.

The trouble spots, such as the library, are provided with their own student security. There are seven call boxes placed around campus and Chief Hollenbeck said he hopes to add three to four more boxes each year.

In talking to students, most males perceive the campus to be safe, but many add that they walk in pairs or groups at night. Women feel that the campus is safe in the daytime, but very dangerous at night.

Mary Martin, an undergraduate education major who commutes, felt that the campus is safe during the day, but not at night.

"In the evenings when I leave the education building to go to the parking lot, I notice that there are a lot of trees and very little light. I have never seen a security guard around while walking to my car," Martin said.

The Thomas & Mack Center and the Silver Bowl are also considered to be part of the campus and anything that happens at either place is considered to have happened on the campus. With the added parking and traffic at these locations, the Department of Public Safety recorded 26 auto thefts last year.

The University Police Department is a legally recognized entity with its own authority coming from the Nevada revised statute 396.325. Its cases are recognized and tried in the Clark County court system.

## Department of Energy awards \$100,000 grant to UNLV

UNLV is one of 24 universities and 18 state-planning committees to receive grants totaling \$4 million under a new Department of Energy program to stimulate competitive university research. UNLV was awarded a \$100,000 planning grant. The award will be supplemented by local funding with a minimum of 20-percent cost-sharing from the state of Nevada.

"A key Department of Energy mission is strength-

ening the scientific, mathematics and engineering capabilities of our educational system," Secretary of Energy James D. Watkins said. "This new program's aim is to ensure that universities throughout the country are able to contribute to energy-related research."

The program includes one-year planning grants and graduate traineeships to enhance the capabilities of designated states to

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## 'Inside Out' turns into 'Oasis'



photo by Morgan Fisher

The staff of Oasis Magazine. Left to right are: Tom Flagg, contributing editor; Susie Greene, editorial/design asst.; John Hobbes, art director; Suzan DiBella, editor.

by William Holt

After running for 12 years, *Inside Out*, a quarterly publication for faculty, staff and alumni of UNLV has been replaced by a more upscale, contemporary color magazine called *Oasis*. The *Oasis* will be issued twice yearly, beginning Nov. 1.

"When you look back over all the past issues of the publication, you will see where we have come from. You will see the people who have made the university what it is today," said Tom

Flagg, news bureau manager.

Editor Suzan DiBella said that the *Oasis* "will have a higher quality format and content which will capture the spirit of UNLV's growth and maturity."

The *Oasis* "headquarters" are in the News and Publications Department on the seventh floor of the Flora Dungan Humanities building.

Director Les Raschko describes the department as the vehicle for maintaining communication between the

University and its public. The *Oasis* is its primary vehicle. "It's like a news bulletin that crosses all lines. We serve everyone," he said.

"One of Suzan DiBella's biggest challenges is to maintain the quality that she set in *Inside Out*," Raschko said.

*Oasis* will keep the features, faculty profiles and staff events that *Inside Out* had. DiBella will also upgrade the quality of the articles and the new publication will include a class

notes section.

The cost of one *Oasis* publication will equal the cost of four issues of the former *Inside Out*. Each issue will cost \$13,000 to \$15,000.

The *Oasis* will not only represent the lush, garden-like atmosphere of the campus itself, but also the flourishing intellectual environment.

A complete collection of *Inside Out* back issues can be found in the James R. Dickinson Library special collections department.