



UNLV student arrested for attempted arson at dorm

by Tricia Ciaravino

David Chew, an 18-year-old UNLV student, was arrested by University Police, Friday morning.

Chew was booked into the Clark County Detention Center with felony charges of fourth-degree arson and possession of an incendiary device. He was also charged with possession of a dangerous weapon on university property, a gross misdemeanor, and battery on a police officer, a misdemeanor.

Campus police seized a number of items from Chew's room in Claudine H. Williams Hall includ-

ing three cans of gasoline, 16 soda bottles and some gasoline soaked rags.

Detective Sgt. Lonnie Barrett of University Police said these materials were sufficient evidence to make an arrest.

"There existed the possibility of using this to commit arson," he said. "If a person makes Molotov Cocktails in an inhabited building there are sufficient grounds for making an arrest. A Molotov Cocktail is only used for one thing."

Barrett said that Chew's roommate, who woke to the strong odor of gasoline, saw these materials and recognized what they were

for. He contacted resident assistant Julia Ustariz, who notified Ruth Ryan, the staff coordinator on duty. Ryan notified University Police after failing to communicate with the non-responsive Chew.

Dr. Robert Ackerman, vice president for student services, said that this was a tragic incident. He commented he was proud the way the staff responded; protecting students who live in the dorms.

Barrett said that Campus Police have not yet concluded what Chew's intentions were.



Mineral display in hallway of Geoscience Building.

photo by Morgan Fisher

Mineralogy Museum loses out to classroom space

by La Rae Bringham

Until about three months ago a collection of minerals was housed as a museum in the Lilly Fong Geoscience building. This museum was listed in the 'places to go to in Las Vegas' section of the Tourist Bureau.

The needs of the college for classroom space demanded the room be used for classes. Now the specimens are in cases in the hallway of the Geoscience

building and the museum is no longer listed.

"It is a very good systematic collection. Most minerals mentioned in Dana's manual of mineralogy are in the collection, arranged by the systematic chemistry and crystallography of the Dana system," said Dr. David Weide, chairman of the Geology department.

About 15 classes were added to the curriculum when the new room became available including extra

classes in structural geology and cartography.

There are no plans at this time to move the mineralogy collection to the Barrick Museum of Natural History. This museum has a collection of minerals set up by Anne Wyman using the best of the collection the Geology department has.

When asked if the collection could be in danger of being stolen, Weide said that

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Physical Therapy chair named at UNLV

Louis Amundsen has been appointed chair of the new physical therapy department in the College of Health Sciences. Amundsen is the former director of the University of Minnesota's graduate program in physical therapy.

Amundsen will join the UNLV faculty Jan. 1.

Amundsen holds a Ph.D. in physiology from the University of Wisconsin and is a registered physical therapist. A member of several professional organizations, he has published numerous articles and book chapters and has edited several books.

The department of physical therapy will offer an entry-level, two-year master of science degree program in physical therapy. College officials expect the first class of 20 students to be admitted during the spring semester 1993 and to begin course work in fall 1993.

During the 1992-93 academic year, the curriculum and admission criteria will be developed, faculty will be hired, and student applications will be reviewed and evaluated for admission.

The college has received more than 800 inquiries about the physical therapy

program. Organizers believe admission will be highly competitive.

Alcohol Awareness Week underway

The tying of red ribbons and a "mocktail" party are among the events UNLV has planned for the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, which began yesterday.

Students launched the week by tying red ribbons to the antennas of cars parked on campus.

Today and Wednes-

day, BACCHUS (Boosting Alcohol Consciousness Concerning Health of University Students) will sponsor information booths on campus where educational pamphlets and other items will be distributed.

The UNLV events will conclude Wednesday with a Mockfest celebration featuring a mocktail party and

a mock D.U.I. trial.

The Mockfest will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Wright Hall courtyard with a mocktail party sponsored by UNLV's fraternities and sororities. The student groups will concoct various non-alcoholic drinks and the audience will select their favorites.

The Mockfest continues

at 7:30 p.m. when Las Vegas Municipal Judge Valorie Vega will preside over a mock D.U.I. trial in room 103 of Wright Hall.

For more information about Alcohol Awareness Week, contact UNLV health educator Ray Rodriguez at 739-3370.

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