

Wendy's employee kills manager



Wendy's on Maryland Parkway across from campus. photo by Morgan Fisher

by Morgan Fisher

William Watkins, 30, has been charged with murder with a deadly weapon in the stabbing death of the manager at the Wendy's restaurant across from UNLV Saturday morning before the restaurant opened.

Dorothy Johnson, 42, general manager of Wendy's, was found dead by paramedics on the office floor with the safe open and money missing, according to Las Vegas Metropolitan Police.

Homicide investigators said that Watkins called police dispatchers from his home and that they found enough evidence at the scene to arrest Watkins for killing Johnson.

Watkins told police that he had gone to the restaurant with Johnson and that he had left her to go to another part of the store. When he returned he said that he found her in the back room stabbed.

David Karam, president of Wendy's of Las Vegas, said

that he has no idea why the murder occurred. He said Johnson's family is devastated. Johnson's survivors include her husband, two sons and two stepdaughters.

"We're just trying to reassemble the pieces. This has been a real tragedy for the family and our organization," said Karam.

He said the restaurant was closed Saturday because of the murder, but reopened on Sunday for regular business.

E&P makes entertainment a reality

by William Holt

The staff of Entertainment and Programming (E&P), as well as the Moyer Student Union (MSU) staff and Consolidated Students of University of Nevada (CSUN), has been operating from the Tonopah dorm building. This presents a challenge to the program to remain in the students' awareness.

"We try to go out to the people more in order to make them aware of us," said Director of Entertainment and Programming Warren White. "The students don't have a central location to come to (with MSU closed this semester)."

When MSU re-opens and the student offices relocate into the old bookstore area, White said that it will become much easier to advertise E&P's existence.

To compensate for the inconvenience of E&P's current location, Maxie Maultsby III, assistant director of E&P said, "We're going to all of the organizations board meetings; with every event, we contact every dorm; and we've been setting up more tables around campus."

White said that many events have to be planned either outdoors or off campus. He said there are few buildings on campus that they can use. Because of a new fire code, the Thomas & Mack Center board rooms will only allow 150 students in the building per event. He said that he received an offer to have Crowded House and School of Fish perform for UNLV,

but he had to turn it down. "Artemus Ham Hall is booked," he said.

White said that the goal of E&P is to "raise the level of entertainment both socially and educationally to that of a school such as UCLA."

Maultsby said that people don't expect the campus to provide entertainment. "We want to change that. One thing we need to do is to start traditions."

Since September, E&P has produced many events. An event that White and Maultsby want to keep as a tradition was the "Amazing Tailgate" party that took place after this season's first football game.

Other events have been: "Music 101" at Sneakers, "Party 102" at the Thomas & Mack Center, The Scavenger Hunt that took place for 24 hours involving about 20 teams searching for hidden items throughout California, Nevada and Utah, bungee jumping and a Helen Caldicott lecture about nuclear and women's issues.

E&P plans to have a James Brady lecture about gun control in February, a "see how many people you can fit into a car" event Nov. 3, "The Last Amazing Tailgate" party on Nov. 23 and E&P's first "movie premier."

In December E&P plans to rent the Parkway Theatres for the premier of "Prince of Tides." The showing will be free to students. Maultsby and White hope to make E&P movie premiering a tradition and hope that it will become "a regular thing" next spring.



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