



University Police may be named in lawsuit

by Morgan Fisher

On Jan. 11, University Police arrested Las Vegas resident Charles Landan for failure to provide a driver's licence on demand and resisting arrest.

According to police, Landan was stopped for speeding on Maryland Parkway near University Road but wasn't pulled over until he reached the corner of Lulu and Maryland, which is just south of Tropicana Avenue. He said he was never cited for the violation.

"I was never told why I was pulled over," Landan said.

Landan stated he did not recognize the University Police uniform and kept

asking for the officer's identity and what he had done wrong.

"I reached up to open my car door and the officer grabbed my arm and twisted it behind my back. He then pulled me through the open window, threw me on the ground, jumped on me and put his knee in my back, handcuffed me and then threw me into my own car," Landan said.

According to Elite Auto Body, the damage to Landan's car was estimated at over \$500.

Landan said his arm was in a soft cast for four days because of rotator cup damage to his shoulder.

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They had no reason to arrest me, beat me up and ruin my life," Landan said.

Jackie Henderson, a witness to the arrest, said University Police did not turn on their lights until they had rounded the corner on Lulu.

"The man, Charles, I heard him, he was saying, 'What's going on? What did I do wrong? Here's my licence,'" Henderson said. "They just dragged him from the car."

University Police Chief David Hollenbeck said Landan was stopped for speeding. When he was asked for his driver's licence he immediately started saying they couldn't stop him because they were not real police. He wouldn't

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shut off his engine or step out of the car.

"He struggled with the officer but he certainly wasn't beaten up," Hollenbeck said.

Landan will appear in court Monday to face the charges brought against him.

President asks for support during tough times

by Karen Splawn

University President Robert Maxson said Friday that recommendations on budget cuts won't be made until he and other administrators receive input from the faculty, support staff and students.

The university will be complying with an 8 percent budget cut ordered by Gov. Bob Miller. Administrators will meet with the Board of Regents Feb. 27 to decide what will get the axe.

Maxson suggested all decisions be made carefully.

"Let's don't do anything that damages the academic integrity," he said. "It's our judgement that we're better off if we

can bite the bullet now and go on to the next year."

Every budget will be affected, he added.

He called the current troubles some of the most serious the university has ever faced, and wasn't sure how far budget cuts would set back UNLV's progress.

Some options are holding off on faculty pay raises, reducing scholarships, not filling the 50 to 55 faculty positions for the next school year, lowering operating costs and raising tuition or credit-hour fees.

The faculty hiring freeze could mean some 800 fewer courses taught on campus and the possible loss of \$1.7 million

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Ch-ching or ah, the joys of registration.



Students wait in line to make last-minute changes and pay fees.

photo by Kimberly McGee

Finrock moves to MGM

by Andre Lagomarsimo

Dennis Finrock, who announced his resignation as director of the Thomas & Mack Center in December, will take his new position as vice president of the MGM Grand Hotel and Theme Park Saturday. He will oversee and manage the MGM's special events and multipurpose 15,000-seat sports arena.

He had a similar position at UNLV, where he oversaw the development of the Thomas & Mack Center and took over management of the Silver Bowl from the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority.

Bob Anderson, who handles

the financial end of the T & M, said much of the success and progress the facility has made is the result of Finrock's management style.

"The MGM's gain is our loss," Anderson said. "Our arena is one of the best run in the country. They couldn't have acquired anyone with more integrity."

Tarkanian wasn't as kind. When asked his opinion on Finrock leaving the university, the coach said he wouldn't miss him.

"I just wish it would have happened a year ago," Tarkanian said.

Finrock was appointed interim athletic director by UNLV President Robert Maxson in

August 1990, after Brad Rothermel resigned. He took over a basketball program that had just won the national championship but was banned from post-season play a few months later. There was a pending NCAA investigation into the basketball program that would eventually produce allegations of 29 rules violations.

There was a perception that the university administration's solution to all of the NCAA problems was just to get rid of Tarkanian. Finrock first consolidated his staff with the staff of the athletic department. He then asked for the resignations of marketing director Mike

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Students might 'bite the bullet' in form of higher fees

by Karen Splawn

Students could see their tuition or credit hour fees increase due to the current budget crisis, said President Robert Maxson Friday.

Maxson emphasized raising school costs is only one option, and no decisions have been made. He said he finds any increase "distasteful."

"I have consistently been against adding on to student fees," the president said after meeting with faculty members at the Richard Tam Alumni Building. He also told them that

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