

# Dept. of Public Safety offers help

by Thomas Moore

With UNLV's growing population, and the attendant increase in night classes, violent crime is a growing concern on campus.

As a result, the Department of Public Safety now offers parking shuttles, call boxes placed around campus, and security guards to escort students around campus at night.

Students call for an escort and the department dispatches a student security guard (or two if possible) to escort the student.

The guards are also responsible for making sure buildings are secured and nothing suspicious is happening on campus.

"They are basically the eyes and ears of the police department," said David Hollenbeck, Campus Police chief.

The guards and shuttle drivers carry radios tuned directly to the safety department's dispatch to summon police if needed. University Police have started a program to train both drivers and guards in safety procedures.

"We're teaching them the

proper way to use the radio, the information the police officer needs, how to be a good witness (getting good descriptions and license plates) and how to recognize when something important goes on (knowing police codes)," said Sgt. Don Drake.

Written tests are also given to make sure employees know the correct procedures.

Due to insurance policies and laws the students are not allowed to take any physical action when a crime occurs.

"We teach them not to get physically involved because of liability," Drake said. "We can't put a civilian into that kind of situation."

Parking enforcement can also help those stranded in cars with dead batteries. Dead batteries can explode when being charged, if the charging process is performed improperly. The parking enforcement buggies are now equipped with a switch that allows the operator to get safely out of the way before charging begins.

According to Tom Hudak, parking enforcement supervisor, students who want an escort should call the Public Safety Department at 739-3668.



'Park at your own risk' around Tonopah Hall.

photo by Wray Halterman

## Misconduct charge dropped

**Student senator cleared by Rules Committee chair after apology**

by Karen Splawn

Rules Committee Chair Scott Fisher said at Wednesday's Student Government senate meeting, he would drop a misconduct charge filed against Sen. Jami Nalder (hotel).

Fisher, a business and economics senator, said he would drop the charge because Nalder apologized for accusing him of blackmail and instructing her to lie about a student services convention attended by Student Government members in November.

Recently, Nalder told the

*"(Fisher) wasn't condoning what (Quick) was doing, he was giving me a message of what he was hearing from (Quick)."*  
— Jami Nalder, student senator

senate that Fisher had told her to lie if asked any questions about whether any unethical or illegal misconduct had occurred at an Orlando convention. Nalder, Fisher, Vice President Kevin Briggs and former Student Services Director Mike Quick attended.

Nalder had also said Fisher threatened her with blackmail if she didn't do what was

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