



Sean Roach, a sophomore public relations major, brought this car to campus to serve as a reminder to students not to drink and drive during spring break.

Twisted cars provide spring break advice

by Thomas Moore

The twisted, compacted remains of wrecked automobiles were placed about campus this week as a pre-spring break reminder to students about the consequences of drinking and driving.

According to Sean Roach, promoter of the displays, every car he placed on campus was totaled as a result of someone drinking and driving.

As an example, Roach said the driver and the passenger of the red Chevrolet Z28 in front of Frank and Estella Beam Hall were both drunk. The authoritiesestimated the car was going 146 mph when it hit a diesel truck. Both people were killed.

Roach, a public relations sophomore, along with B & E Auto Auction, Custom Towing, the Ad Council and the American Marketing Association brought the cars to campus in an attempt to get students to drink more responsibly.

"Some students say you can't drink responsibly, but you can," Roach said.

Roach has brought cars to campus the last two years, both times in the fall semester. Now a change in students' spring break habits has prompted the spring appearance of the wrecks. drive as much. They tended to take longer trips using other means of transportation.

The program has been effective in the past, Roach said. When he first brought the cars to campus, one of the cars still had hair from a victim embedded in the windshield. He said he is occasionally approached by students who remember that car.

Roach has been involved in alcohol awareness since junior high school and said it is something he feels strongly about.

<u>Crime, Part 2</u> Some claim area crime not that bad

by Thomas Moore

Part 2 of a two-part story.

UNLV President Robert Maxson is joined in his pleasant appraisal of the community by Steve Larson, owner of the Carl's Jr. on Maryland Parkway (as well as all the others in town) across from the university.

Larson said the only problem he has had is intoxicated students leaving the bars around the area and littering and yelling. He does not see the area as a bad place.

"I wouldn't say that there is a significant increase in the crime rate," Larson said. FBI agent Burke Smith

FBI agent Burke Smith said he was familiar with UNLV and had similar ideas about the community. "I don't have any reason to believe that it's a particularly bad area," Smith said.

Although the FBI does not have jurisdiction over most of the crimes in Las Vegas, they do investigate bank robberies. This would include the Bank of America robbery. Maryland Parkway has seen its share of this type of crime.

"I think you could isolate any part of town and say it's changing," Smith said.

Smith said bank robberies happen on Maryland Parkway because "the area has good ingress and egress."

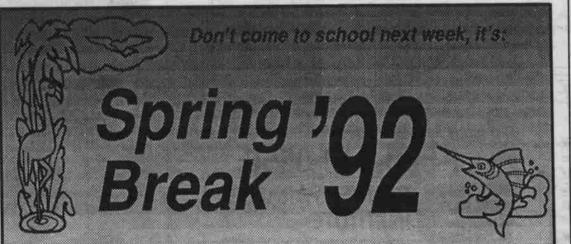
There are a lot of banks in the area. Robbers go where the money is, he added.

Steve Nylen of Las Vegas Metropolitan Crime Prevention

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Roach said during spring break students are staying near home and using their cars more. In the past, students did not "I've never had a friend killed or kill someone." he said. "It (alcohol awareness) is just something I strongly believe in."



Student Troy Nodlinski attempts to adhere himself to a wall during this week's Campus America Tours' activities.

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