

POLICE BLOTTER

Dark side of the dorms

April 2—A television set was taken by unknown person(s) from the Residential Life North Building E.

April 2—Fire! Not! A fire alarm was activated unnecessarily in the Residential Life North Building F.

Theft & Burglary

March 30—Unknown person(s) took video viewer from William D. Carlson Education Building.

March 31—Unknown suspect(s) gained access to an office in the Judy Bayley Theater. An answering machine, music keyboard and camera were stolen.

April 2—Theft of a VCR from the Carlson Education Building was reported. The robbery took place between March 31 and April 2.

April 3—Victim left her purse in her office in the Marjorie Barrick Museum of Natural History. She later discovered her purse was missing. At 8:50 p.m. a custodian notified her that her now empty wallet had been found in a garbage pail in Frank & Estella Beam Hall and had been turned into the police department.

April 5—Victim's wallet was stolen in the James R. Dickinson Library.

Car Vandalism

April 1—A vehicle parked in the Residential Life North Building E parking lot was vandalized.

April 2—A vehicle parked on Harmon Avenue in a lot across from the intramurals field was damaged.

April 3—A vehicle parked in the Thomas & Mack parking lot was vandalized with the use of a sharp object. Scratches were found on the hood, door and rear quarter panel.

Car Theft

April 1—In the Judy Bayley Theater loop an unknown suspect(s) stole a tailgate off of a pickup truck.

April 3—In the McDermott Physical Education Center clothes were stolen from the men's locker room and a nearby vehicle was taken.

April 4—In T&M parking lot four, the victim's driver's window was broken and the car stereo was taken.

Trespassing

April 3—A male subject with an outstanding warrant was arrested for trespassing in the T&M Parking Lot 4. He is an illegal alien and was taken to juvenile intake.

Incidents

April 1—Illegal fireworks found under the seat of a motorpool vehicle were confiscated by officers.

April 4—In the dining commons, an elderly man succumbed to heat exhaustion. A Mercy ambulance responded, but he refused to be transported.

April 5—Twenty-five skinheads were seen near MSU. Twenty more skinheads were approached via Maryland Parkway and Dorothy. Eventually the group left campus.

Battery

April 5—In the carnival area of the T&M a fighting disturbance required officers to be dispatched.

Peace

April 5—A runaway was found in T&M Parking Lot 4. The juvenile was transported to Westcare.

Vandalism

April 1—An unidentified male kicked out a window in the MSU game room.

April 1—Fire! Unknown suspect(s) lit books on fire on the first and third floors of the round building of the library. Fire department and University Police responded. The library was closed for the remainder of the evening.

Student senators argue about banquet plans

by Donna Bates

Student Government senators debated Wednesday over the approval of \$3,000 for the 1992 CSUN awards banquet.

Senate President Pro Tempore Bud Benneman opposed the proposal because there was no breakdown of the expenses. Student Government President Roderick Colebrook, who is in charge of the banquet, provided a general breakdown upon request.

"I will be there just to see the \$700 in decorations," Benneman said.

Senators were also in disagreement on where the event

should be held. Colebrook argued it would be best to have the banquet on campus instead of at hotels as has been done in previous years.

In other action:

—CSUN Business Manager Lori Snyder proposed a \$16,000 budget cut due to an underestimation of student fees. It was approved.

—\$9,250 was approved for expenses and a contract between CSUN and comedian Pauly Shore. Shore will perform a comedy concert at the Artemus Ham Concert Hall April 30 at 8 p.m. Students will receive preferential ticketing.

—Sen. Hobreigh Fischer

was approved to the Rules Committee, Sens. William Romero and Christine Butler were approved to the Student Health Advisory Committee, Sen. Crystal Ortega was approved to the Organizations Board and Sen. Kelly Forrester was approved to the Student Services Board.

—The nominations of James Yohe, Chris Cannon, Mike Bunin and Daryl Anderson were approved for two vacant senate seats for the College of Business and Economics. Still open are one seat in the College of Science and Mathematics and one seat in the College of Education.

CRIME

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Metropolitan Crime Prevention Department offered a different view.

"Where there are lots of apartments we have problems," he said.

University Police Chief David Hollenbeck agrees. He sees a problem with a community where the buildings are declining and the population is transient.

He offered a recent example.

"We just arrested a fellow whose address is near the T&M," he said. "It looks like he's been arrested every month since he was 18."

In answer to what can be done about the influences of the outside community, Hollenbeck pointed out the limits of the public safety department.

"There is no barrier surrounding the campus," he said. "We have a sum total of 17 officers spread over 24 hours."

Hollenbeck was careful to put the situation in perspective. He recalled a situation when he first came to Las Vegas. Some other police officers took him on a tour of what they

considered the rough side of town. After having seen some of the blighted areas in large eastern cities, Hollenbeck was underwhelmed.

"It's all relative," Hollenbeck said. He compared UNLV to Ohio State where he had previously worked. He said UNLV is in a far better area.

Las Vegas Metropolitan Department of Crime Analysis kept records of felony crimes, excluding murder, for the period from March 1, 1991 to March 25, 1992. The area they cover is bound by Eastern Avenue on the east, Koval Lane and Paradise Road on the west, Desert Inn Road on the north and Oquendo Road, Patrick Lane, Surry Street and Tropicana Road on the south.

The felonies included all types of burglary, robbery, sex crimes, grand larceny, stolen vehicles and assaults. In some sectors, certain crimes were great in number—182 auto burglaries in the section bounded by Desert Inn Road, Eastern Avenue, Harmon Avenue and Maryland Parkway.

In the area as a whole the

total amount of crime is astounding. There were 3,337 felony crimes committed during this period of time directly around UNLV.

The trend seems to be similar in the rest of the country as well. There is no doubt other universities and other communities have it worse than UNLV, but that is a small comfort if you live and become the victim of crime right here.

What can be done? Hollenbeck said crimes on campus are usually crimes of opportunity. Being aware of the potential for crime and taking precautions would greatly help the problem.

Smith gave a more comprehensive remedy to the problem.

"The way to solve the problem is to get the involvement of the people who work, live and go to school in the area," he said. "If the perception gets around that drug dealers and thieves aren't welcome and the residents are proud—it can be catching."

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