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Sex offenses mar semester's first week

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Eight students have been victims of sexual offenses since the fall semester started last week. University Police have apprehended one suspect, who is thought to be responsible for at least three incidents, and are actively investigating six other incidents.

In three separate incidents last Tuesday and Wednesday, three female students were approached by a Hispanic male claiming to be a photographer. The subject engaged the women in conversations about modeling.

On Tuesday, the first victim, who was told by the suspect he was doing a photo layout for UNLV, was persuaded to get into his van where he began fondling her. Realizing his intent, she arranged to meet him the next day, left, and immediately notified University Police.

The next day officers staked out the meeting place and the suspect was removed from campus around 2 p.m. and taken into police custody.

The second victim positively identified the suspect as the man who had approached her claiming to be a photographer. She reported the suspect had tried to put his arm around her waist but stopped when she would not willingly allow it.

The suspect also tried to fondle the third victim, who fled when he touched her.

The suspect approached all three students in campus parking lots. He drives a gray 1988 Chevrolet van with California plates.

No formal charges have been made but Detective Sgt. Lonnie Barrett said the suspect will be prosecuted for open and gross lewdness. All information pertaining to this case has been turned over to the District Attorney's office.

The third victim in this case encountered two separate incidents. She was also approached by a black male who grabbed her by the waist and tried to kiss her at the James R. Dickinson Library at 4 p.m. Friday.

Additionally, the following incidents were reported last week:

— On Aug. 27, a female entered the women's restroom on

the first floor of the Flora Dungan Humanities Building. A person entered the stall next to her—she heard a male voice making lewd comments. On Aug. 31, another female entered the same bathroom and saw a white male looking over a stall. When she confronted him he fled. These two cases are currently under investigation.

— A male student received three calls around 3 a.m. on Aug. 28, in which another male made sexually-suggestive comments. The victim, who lives in the residence halls, does not know who was responsible. Barrett said this an on-going problem.

"There was at least one other reported case of this nature and I understand there are others as well," Barrett said.

— On Sept. 1, around 5:45 p.m., a female student was approached by five juveniles, about 12-14 years of age riding skateboards who tried to fondle her. The incident occurred near the Carlson Education Building.

— On Sept. 2, at 3:05 p.m., a female student observed a black male masturbating near the east side of the library. The suspect had left the scene by the time officers arrived.

"We don't have some major problems like on other campuses," Barrett said, "but these problems do exist on this campus."

"Some things are difficult to avoid," he said, but suggests students adhere to the following safety tips:

- Don't talk to strangers and never get in a vehicle with someone you don't know.
- Walk in groups when possible; particularly at night or take the shuttle to your car.
- Report crimes immediately.

"This department makes a lot of arrests for sexual-type crimes. With help, we can apprehend them (suspects) quickly so fewer people are not victimized," Barrett said. "These are compulsive behaviors. Often times they continue until they're apprehended."

Waiting, waiting, waiting



Students play the waiting game during late registration last week.

photo by Rob Weidenfeld

Nov. 6 last day to drop

by Donna Bates
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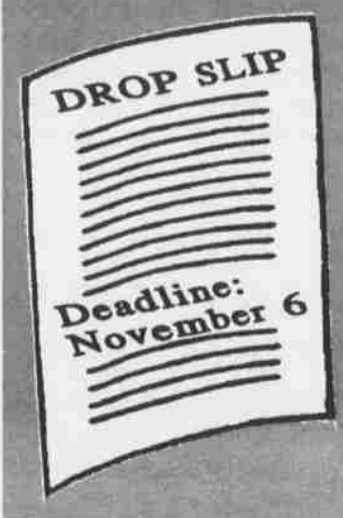
Don't wait to drop that class—UNLV has a new drop policy and students could get stuck with unwanted grades if they are not careful.

The last date to drop a course has been moved up to the 10th week of the regular fall and spring semesters—last year a class could be dropped, with instructor approval, the last day of regular instruction. While it may be a longer period of time to drop without instructor approval (written approval was required last year for drops made beyond the eighth week of instruction) after that 10th week of school, no drops will be allowed regardless of instructor consent.

Susan Bozarth, associate registrar, said the meaning of the old policy was lost because it was extensively abused.

"The Academic Standards Committee was asked to review

DROP POLICY



the policy and found that it was actually a free drop policy," said Bozarth. "It was a joke. The whole thing was pretty bizarre. There was literally a long line of drops the last day of class. Anyone could drop for any rea-

son. Now students have 60 percent of the term to drop. After that date there will be no drops regardless of the circumstances."

Students Maryanne Dawicki and Mickey Hayek agreed the new policy was fair.

"Come on, we're all adults," Hayek said. "Students should know whether they must drop a class within the first five to six weeks of school."

Added Dawicki: "It sounds fair on the surface, but I would hope that there would be exceptions for extraordinary circumstances."

Bozarth doesn't see a fairness problem.

"I still think it's fair because if a student has a serious and compelling reason to drop a class they can file a petition with the Academic Standards Committee," she said.

This semester, Friday, Nov. 6 is the final date to drop a course.

Women's Center sponsors date rape forum

A forum on date rape titled "Has it Happened to You? Can it Happen to You?" will be held tomorrow at 7 p.m. in Wright Hall Room 103. Admission is free.

The issues of date and acquaintance rape will be discussed

by date rape survivors as well as invited professionals. There will be a question and answer session at the end of the forum.

Invited speakers include Ray Rodriguez, student health educator, Sgt. Rochelle Sax of the University

Police, Renata Cirri from Community Action Against Rape and Gayla Baker from the Student Development Center.

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