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Former HA head suspected of embezzlement

by Tricia Ciaravino

Former Hotel Association President Doug Martin is under investigation for allegedly embezzling over \$3,000 in funds, according to University Police.

Two HA members reported suspicions of Martin's use of funds on Sept. 12. The supposed incidents—writing HA checks for personal use—are suspected to have occurred in the Henderson/Green Valley area and Las

Vegas.

Kelly Ringleberg, HA president, said Martin paid the association \$735 Wednesday and had until today to return another \$2400. Ringleberg said the association has not decided what it will do if Martin does not return the money.

"We had given him the option to pay it (the money) back...twice... before turning it over to the police," she said.

If Martin is found responsi-

ble he could be facing criminal charges.

Liz Baldizan, special assistant for Judicial Affairs, is also investigating the case. She said Martin may face a formal disciplinary hearing after the police investigation. However, university standards are not as restricting as those in criminal cases.

"We hope we have higher standards than that," she said. "We don't have to prove beyond

a reasonable doubt. We're a community and these are our students."

The Hotel Association is also facing an investigation.

"The International Association of Hospitality Accountants, an umbrella organization of HA, plans to audit the financial statements of HA," said Tony Llanos, IAHA president.

"We're going to put in some internal controls. My group will come up with some checks and

balances," said Bernard Fried, IAHA faculty advisor.

Ringleberg said the incident has not hurt the association's membership drive, which started last week and will end this week.

"We're already working past it. We've all learned and we have a positive outlook of everything. We have our heads set in the right direction. I think this year will be one of the Hotel Association's best," she added.

Maxson, VPs may testify

by Thomas Moore

University President Robert Maxson and some of his top administrators could be forced to testify before the Legislative Commission investigating the controversy surrounding former head basketball coach Jerry Tarkanian.

The Legislative Commission voted unanimously Tuesday to issue subpoenas to Maxson and UNLV vice presidents John H. Irsfeld, John Unrue and Robert Ackerman as well as University Police Chief David Hollenbeck,

University System Chancellor Mark Dawson and his legal counsel Donald Klassic.

The committee also subpoenaed Tarkanian and former assistant basketball coach Tim Grgurich as well as former athletic director Dennis Finrock.

Maxson and his administrators will most likely be questioned about the events leading up to the resignation of Tarkanian. They have been accused of improperly forcing Tarkanian into resigning.

The committee plans to subpoena Maxson again to

question him about the UNLV Foundation's real estate dealings and about alleged misrepresentation, by the administration, of UNLV's academic status.

Reportedly, the committee will also question Maxson about University Police's secret videotaping of a conditioning class last year. Maxson has denied prior knowledge of the event.

Sharon Green, the commission's new counsel, said she expects the investigation to end before the next legislative session in January.

Frat member sentenced to 10 years

by Tricia Ciaravino

On Sept. 11, Richard Daniel Tubin, 22, student and Sigma Phi Epsilon (SPE) member, was sentenced to 10 years in prison for eight bank robberies in the Las Vegas area.

Tubin was also ordered to pay \$89,000 in restitution. He supposedly used the stolen money to support a gambling habit.

According to William Smith, Tubin's attorney, Tubin is being held in the North Las Vegas Detention Center. The U.S. Marshal's Offices hasn't received the papers stating to which prison Tubin is to be sent. They expect the papers in approximately one month.

"It's something real serious

especially (since he is) in a fraternity in Las Vegas," said Pete Weingartner, SPE president. "A lot of us go gambling."

Weingartner said support for Tubin, in court and out, was overwhelming. "Turnout was phenomenal. And they all wrote letters; brothers and friends from college.

"I think the support will still be there, especially if he's close," Weingartner added. "We still care and love Keith. He will always be a brother."

"Those closest to him will stick by him," said Andy Marone, controller on the SPE executive board and Tubin's best friend for seven years.

Liz Baldizan, assistant to the vice president for Student Services and special assistant

for judicial affairs, said she hoped Tubin's brothers and friends would stand by him, even though he has been expelled from the fraternity.

"This is a guy that has an illness," she said. "What are we accomplishing by shunning (him)?"

Becky Bernard, who is in charge of fraternities on campus, said she might start a program to help the fraternity members deal with their feelings about the incident.

Weingartner and Marone said they don't think the incident will effect their recruitment during rush.

"It was an individual thing and we didn't condone it," Weingartner said. "I think they're going to be just fine."



photo Tamara Harris

Whit Whittingham studies outside the library.

Faculty Senate back in session for fall semester

by Thomas Moore

The campus smoking policy, sexual harassment and discrimination, release time for professors, and the status of rolling contracts were discussed yesterday when the Faculty Senate held its first meeting of the semester.

The Senate, headed by Robert Skaggs, professor of mechanical engineering, informed the Senate that from now on

smoking will be allowed in only one area per building.

The policy, outlined by University Police Chief David Hollenbeck, states that the administrator of the building decides where that area is to be and has the option of placing it outside.

Hollenbeck said fines for breaking the regulation will range from \$10 to \$100 and the county board of health, not campus police, will be in charge of

enforcement.

The Senate voted to table a resolution that supported the university's policy on sexual harassment until the next meeting in order to have the policy updated.

Liz Baldizan, assistant to the vice president for Student Services, spoke in favor of the motion but later voted to table it after several senators voiced their concern about the last two paragraphs.

"The last two paragraphs said that for more information (people should) contact Affirmative Action," Baldizan said. "Now we have other options as well."

The Senate also debated to clarify the procedure professors take to receive release time. Release time is a reduction of class load given to a professor with an especially heavy workload.

John Unrue, senior vice

president and provost, said he wanted to avoid the awkwardness that would result if a chair of a department was unaware of release time granted and needed the professor for other duties.

John Swetnam, vice chair of the senate and professor of anthropology, said normally there is no problem with getting release time.

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