

## Weekly Police Blotter II



### Fire

Sept. 12—A discarded cigarette butt caused a palm tree to catch on fire between Residential Life Buildings F and G. The Las Vegas Fire Department was called by Family Billiards employees who saw the smoke.

### Fight Night

Sept. 12—Police used what they call the "route & riot" routine when an officer used capstun (a mace-like substance) to disperse a crowd at the Chavez-Camacho fight at the Thomas & Mack Center. The officer, who was assigned to keeping the audience away from the fighters' dressing rooms, reported that a crowd kept approaching, demanding to get in, even though they were told they needed backstage passes to do so. According to Detective Sgt. Lonnie Barrett the officer sprayed capstun into the air, away from the crowd's faces, when repeated warnings failed to make them stop charging toward him.

University Police received reports of three separate incidents of pick-pocketing. All victims and suspects were Hispanic. One victim reported losing \$5,050, another reported losing \$3,900.

A University Police officer received an injury to his Achilles tendon, which will require surgery, after David Garcia, a 6-foot-2-inch, 220-pound male fell on his leg. Garcia, 34, who was arrested for disorderly conduct, had been exited from the T&M due to intoxication and belligerence. According to Barrett, he repeatedly approached officers and ushers in an effort to get back into the building. Officers repeatedly explained he would not be allowed to reenter the building. One tried to shut the door to keep him out and Garcia attempted to block the officer, becoming aggressive and combative. The officer tried to move, a struggle began and he was hurt unintentionally.

### Sexual Offense

Sep 15—Three females were bothered by a male suspect in the MSU at approximately 12:45 p.m. An MSU employee called the police, followed the suspect and pointed him out to the officers.

University Police met with the three female students who said the suspect had behaved strangely and pinched one of them on the leg. Police took the suspect to the Public Safety Building, conducted an investigation and determined there was a reasonable cause for concern.

He was charged with battery (which is any kind of unwanted contact), and Detective Sgt. Lonnie Barrett is reviewing the case with the district attorney's office to determine if the charge should be upgraded to a gross misdemeanor.

Barrett said this was not the first time the suspect has behaved strangely on campus.

Barrett said they have had other complaints about the suspect but have never been able to identify him. The suspect was issued a citation.

# Engineer accepts Faculty Senate seat

by Donna Bates



Robert Skaggs

Robert Skaggs spent 20 years teaching mechanical engineering before he became involved in university politics.

Three years ago he ran for a seat on the Faculty Senate. Today, Skaggs is the Faculty Senate chair.

Skaggs was self-effacing as he explained his reason for the increase in his involvement.

"I felt like a freeloader parasiting on the hard work of others," Skaggs said. "I was around here for years and years and was never really interested in campus politics. I was too wrapped up in the engineering department. I got my paycheck, the students came to class and I thought that that was all there was."

After realizing he didn't understand how the university worked, he ran and was elected to represent the department of engineering in the Faculty Senate in 1989. After two years as a senator, he was approached about running for chair.

"Absolutely not," Skaggs said, "I'm not a leader." Eventu-

ally, he relented and ran for the seat. "I might have turned down a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

Although his first reaction toward the

position was negative, he has taken the role of Faculty Senate Chair seriously. This summer he prepared for his new seat by recruiting committee chairs and forming his goals for the new year.

"I would like to see UNLV athletics become nationally respected as a clean academic program, which they are well on their way to becoming," he said. "I would like to clarify the position of the professional staff. Currently all procedures for handling disputes apply primarily to faculty and as a result, the professional staff is neglected."

"I would like to establish an academic computer services de-

partment that is fully independent from Reno."

Skaggs said it is senseless for the computer services department to have to answer to someone in Reno.

Skaggs sees the Faculty Senate as having two functions.

"First, we look after the interests of the faculty and professional staff," he said. "We function somewhat like a labor union, even though we are not."

"Second, the faculty senate makes recommendations to the administration regarding policy."

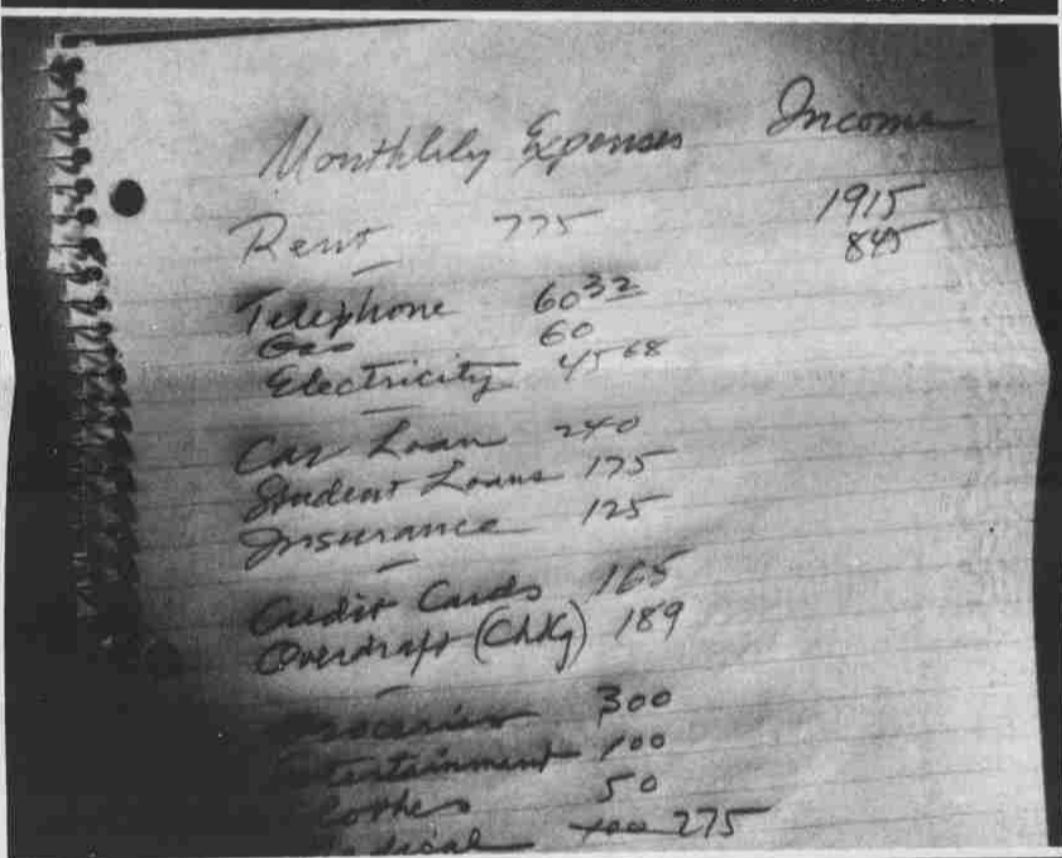
Skaggs said although the Faculty Senate has no real policy power the administration always listens to what it says.

"President Maxson brags that he has never turned down a Faculty Senate recommendation since he has been here," Skaggs said.

It remains to be seen whether or not Skaggs will return for a second term.

"I don't know of anyone that has ever done this twice," he said. "It's like putting a roof on a house. Once you've done it you don't want to do it again."

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