

Weekly Police Blotter



Theft & Burglary

Oct. 8—A vending machine, located in the Moyer Student Union, was broken into.

Oct. 8—A gym bag was taken out of a vehicle in parking lot L, south of MPEC. The window of the vehicle was broken.

Oct. 8—A bookbag, books and notebooks were taken from the Dining Commons.

Oct. 8—Seven male suspects took some wire that was being used to build a float near Residential Life South Building D.

Oct. 12—An unknown amount of candy was taken from a vending machine after the front glass was removed in the Carlson Education Building.

Vandalism

Oct. 9—A sign was damaged by an unknown suspect on the north side of the McDermott Physical Education Center.

Car Vandalism

Oct. 8—A vehicle was damaged by another vehicle in the Thomas & Mack parking lot.

Oct. 11—Acid was splashed onto the hood of a vehicle parked near Residential Life South Building A.

Oct. 12—The driver's side of a vehicle parked near the McDermott Physical Education Center was damaged.

Other

Oct. 9—A female was arrested for an outstanding warrant through Justice Court in the T & M parking lot 8. University police assisted the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police.

Government clearance required for animal use

by Teri Helfrich

You don't have to be an animal rights extremist to be concerned about how animals are treated when needed for research.

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) at UNLV makes sure all experiments are humane and any research requiring the use of animals is justified.

This committee is required by the Department of Agriculture for any school using animals for experimentation or teaching and is composed of a university administration representative from the office of research, an executive secretary, two biologists, two non-biology professors, a veterinarian and two community members.

In addition to this committee, UNLV has its own policy governing the use of animals in

research, teaching and testing. The eight-page outline of this policy acknowledges compliance with federal laws and reinforces the university's commitment to humane treatment for animals.

Fran Taylor, executive secretary of the IACUC and supervisor of Laboratory Animal Care Services, explained the research process.

"We are bound by law to comply with the Animal Welfare Act," Taylor said.

The Federal Animal Welfare Act dictates the principal researcher must have first considered non-animal alternatives.

If those alternatives were not suitable, the investigator, usually a professor, must obtain an Animal Care and Use Protocol.

The protocol is a six-page, 24-item form detailing the research to be conducted. At UNLV, the protocol is reviewed

by the IACUC and includes the investigator's plan of research, objectives and procedures.

The protocol is required for all animal use conducted at, funded through, or sponsored by UNLV and must be approved by the IACUC prior to the start of the research.

Despite such careful measures, Laboratory Animal Care Services still meets with opposition from animal rights activists.

Taylor defended the animal research procedures conducted at UNLV, and anywhere research is deemed necessary, by stating many advances in medical and veterinary technology would not have been possible if not for animal research.

"If the animals aren't well cared-for, the research isn't worth a darn anyway," Taylor said.

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