

Weekly Police Blotter



Miscellaneous

Nov. 5—A subject received obscene and threatening phone calls on his answering machine at the Juanita Greer White Life Sciences.

"It's a fairly common occurrence. We're not much different from any other municipal area in that," said Detective Sgt. Lonnie Barrett.

Barrett said calls are categorized in three ways: annoying, sexual or threatening.

Theft & Burglary

Nov. 5—A victim left her wallet on a couch in the Moyer Student Union for about five minutes. When she returned to the building the wallet was gone.

Nov. 6—A victim left a jacket on the back of a chair in a Tonopah Residence Hall lounge. When he returned an hour later the jacket was gone.

Nov. 8—A MacIntosh II SI, a color monitor and a laser printer was taken by an unknown subject from the Alta Ham Fine Arts Building. University Police estimated the value of the system to be about \$5,000. They think it was taken between 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 5 and 9:15 a.m. on Nov. 8 when the professor discovered it missing. Police said the suspect probably made two or three trips into the building because there was so much equipment.

Model U.N. follows in the footsteps of the real McCoy

by Sabrina Spinali

The Gulf War began a new era for the United Nations last year in which it played a stronger, more united role than it ever had previously.

UNLV has its own Model United Nations, an organization which allows students to see how the United Nations works and gives students working knowledge of the institution.

The Model United Nations was recognized as an official organization by CSUN in September 1992 and has 25 active members.

"It's a good way to learn about a different country and learn more about their economics," said Susan Thompson, director of International Programs.

Members will have the chance to travel to the regional conference in April 1993 at the University of Washington.

The members will represent two nations, Iran and Tunisia. They have independently researched these countries and the issues that pertain to them. Students from universities throughout the country, representing all the different nations of the United Nations will be at

the conference. The theme of the conference is the advancement of women.

"I think the most important thing about the organization is this is a chance for students to think a little differently," Thompson said. "Americans are very ethnocentric. They have the idea that our way is right and then suddenly, if your the ambassador from Libya and you have to defend the Libyan position, it makes you think.

"Students need to have a basic understanding of the system of government and the religious implications of different religious groups that influence the government. So it's really a learning experience."

"You can't hold biases against that country," said Cassandra Cheney, vice president of the Model United Nations. "You have to take a stand because basically you're representing that country."

The Model United Nations is actively recruiting new members. "It's open to anybody," Cheney said. "There's something for everybody. You can make contact with students from different places. It's never too late to join."

Media critic speaks on campus

by Thomas Moore

The news media was criticized by one of its own Tuesday night when media critic and writer for the *Los Angeles Times* David Shaw spoke in the auditorium in Flora Dungan Humanities Building.

The auditorium was almost completely full as Shaw spoke about the news media's coverage of this year's election.

"Most journalists can write fairly if not objectively," said Shaw dismissing the charges of media bias.

Although he gave some of the media credit for their work he said they suffer from stifling professionalism, a tendency toward elitism and the trend to give in to the sensational and dramatic soundbites.

Shaw also said these trends in journalism have resulted in a corresponding change in politicians.

"In an earlier time journalists were ink stained, exciting characters," said Shaw. Now, Shaw said, journalism has helped to create politicians who are "drab, boring dweebs."

Shaw blamed events like Vietnam, Watergate and the Iran-Contra scandal for creating a trend in journalism that



photo by Wray Halterman
L.A. Times Media Critic David Shaw spoke to a standing-room-only filled FDH Auditorium Tuesday night.

puts politicians under a microscope, forcing some out of the race and homogenizing the rest.

"They are ever inclined to play it safe," said Shaw. "Some candidates who are different, who are risk takers or very partisan choose not to run."

According to Shaw, the news media is always critical of every detail of a politician's life to the point of harming the political process.

"As political parties have declined, the press has assumed their role," said Shaw.

Shaw said the press's cynicism has turned the democratic process into a theater of the absurd, the only difference is the audience can only leave by choosing to not get involved.

Shaw dismissed the charges of media bias by saying the real problem is the press, along with professional political consultants make up an inside elite that excludes the public and sometimes even the candidates.

"It used to be that campaign workers actually believed and liked the people they worked for," said Shaw. "Now political consultants are guns for hire who have reporters as their primary constituency."

Shaw said the reporters talk only to the experts because they know they can get good quotes, and in fact they know exactly what they will say. He said the smartest thing done this year by reporters was getting off the campaign bus and talking to the public to find out what was going on in the rest of the country.

Some of the best questions asked of the candidates were asked by ordinary people and not the press, Shaw said.

Thieves on campus prefer Toyotas

by Tricia Ciaravino

Students who own Toyotas should avoid parking on the north side of campus due to a rash of thefts, according to University Police. Twelve vehicles have been stolen since the beginning of the semester; nine of those were Toyotas and eight were parked on the north side.

One suspect was apprehended for allegedly stealing a vehicle from the campus and using it to commit a robbery in Henderson. He did not reveal the identities of two men who were with him. The suspects were described as black juvenile males.

Detective Sgt. Lonnie Barrett said there has been one incident since his arrest. They aren't sure if it was the same set

of suspects or not.

Barrett said the suspects may prefer Toyotas because they have been taught a special hotwire technique.

North side parking lots include Lot A near the Judy Bayley Theatre, the Judy Bayley Theatre Loop, the Desert Research Institute parking lot, Lot L, Lot O and the Thomas & Mack Center Lot 1B.

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