

Weekly Police Blotter

THEFT & BURGLARY

Dec. 11—A victim left a cellular phone in a room and returned to find it missing. After a report was taken the cellular was recovered.

Dec. 11—A candy machine in the student lounge was broken into by an unknown suspect.

Dec. 13—A lost purse was turned over to a program seller. When the victim came to claim the purse, the program seller said she turned the purse into security. University Police are still investigating the incident.

Jan. 2—Four juveniles attempted to drive away on an electric cart. The juveniles were handed over to their parents.

MISCELLANEOUS

Dec. 11—A subject lost his wallet containing large amounts of money.

Dec. 11—An officer was hit by a patrol car at Tropicana Avenue and Brussels Road.

Dec. 12—A missing radio from the Thomas & Mack Center was returned by a cab driver who obtained the radio from a fair.

Dec. 16—A professional staff member was battered by another professional staff member. The striking subject was cited for battery.

Dec. 22—Three juveniles were caught driving an electric cart. The juveniles were chased and then abandoned the cart in parking lot F.

Dec. 23—Metro responded to a 911 call from the Moyer Student Union. A female was screaming she had been beaten up. The female did not want to press charges against a KUNV employee after threatening to take him off the air.

Jan. 1—A male subject who was borderline drunk was issued a citation for speeding, driving with a suspended license, driving the wrong way on a one-way street and failure to use a turn signal. He was driven home by a friend.

Jan. 12—A person was reported for prowling near the south side of Beam Hall. The subject was also found to be wanted out of the city and county.

Jan. 12—A male actor fell and injured leg. He was transported to the hospital via a private vehicle.

— compiled by Cynthia Salinas

Students pay higher prices for the same old books

Bookstore managers say publishers repackage old books as new editions.

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If the price you paid for your textbooks was a shock to you, it may be a greater shock to find you are paying for an old book in a new cover.

According to the managers of Rebelbooks and the University Bookstore many so-called new editions aren't really new at all. In fact, the books often contain essentially the same information as the old edition with only a few minor aesthetic changes, such as additional pictures.

Markus Melodious, a junior majoring in political science and philosophy, was upset about the practice.

"Books are outlandishly expensive," he said. "Education should not be so costly."

Melodious said the policy proves publishers have no conscience and are merely exploiting students.

Bill Naftaly, a junior majoring in history, agreed: "It's outrageous that publishing companies

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UNLV Bookstore manager

can pull such a trick on students who need these books for their education."

Jeanne Field, manager of Rebelbooks, explained publishers really have one main reason for printing the new editions: profit. Once an older edition is in circulation the large used-book market usually fulfills students' need, by supplying them with used texts.

This means publishers lose sales and print new editions to make up for the lost profit.

Field said this allows publishers to corner the market and, at the same time, make all the old editions obsolete even though the edition may not have changed.

"It only hurts the students," Field said.

Nadine Purdon, the manager of the University Bookstore, said a lack of guidelines for publishers only exacerbates the problem.

"There are no guidelines stating how much of a book must be changed in order for it to be called a new edition," Purdon said. "Publishers can just reprint."

Purdon said there are legitimate reasons for publishers to print new editions. The recent changes in the former Soviet Union are a perfect example. Texts on this subject which predate the formation of the Commonwealth of Independent States are of course obsolete and a new edition is therefore justified.

Excessive mistakes in the original edition might also cause publishers to print a new one, Purdon said.

But in general, new editions of old books means bad news for students and used book sellers. For the student trying to sell back a book it means they are sometimes stuck with an outdated edition. For used-book sellers it means waiting at least a semester to obtain used copies of the new text.

Parking

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spaces will be constructed on the northeast corner of Harmon Avenue and Swenson Street later this semester.

Another 300 spaces will be paved near the Roger Barnson Baseball Field in anticipation of the Earl E. Wilson Baseball Stadium.

This summer, redevelopment will add 200 spaces to lots A, O and P on the north side of the campus near Judy Bayley Theatre and when construction of the physics building is completed in early 1994, 200 spaces will open behind the EPA building.

Hollenbeck said despite these parking additions the university has no revenue base to support significant parking improvements. He added UNLV is one of the only major universities without a parking fee.

"If you asked students if they would like improved parking, they'd probably answer yes," Hollenbeck said. "But if you asked them if they would like to pay for it through parking fees, they'd probably answer no."

"Students are of the perception that someone is going to take care of parking for them, but ultimately the users of the system are going to have to pay for it. Until we charge for it, the system is going to deteriorate."

Eade admitted UNLV will experience some growing pains in terms of parking in 1993, but he is confident everyone will be able to find a place to park and intends to minimize the inconvenience by clearly marking student parking areas with new signs.

"We are encouraging everyone to watch for the signs and follow them," he said.

The construction will also make it impossible, after March 1, to drive through campus on Harmon Avenue to Gym Road and to the T&M. However, access to the T&M will still be available from Tropicana Avenue, Swenson Street and Tarkanian Way.

Locicero

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and family. The family requested donations be sent to the church's memorial fund

UNLV will hold a service for Locicero Thursday at 4 p.m. in the lobby of Artemus Ham Concert Hall and friends and colleagues are invited to attend.

According to his colleague Lawrence Klein, Locicero was well-liked.

"He was very popular," said Klein. "His courses were nearly always filled."

"He (taught) in a way that was very excellent. He was able to bring those periods alive."

Klein said Locicero's main field of study was the French Revolution. Locicero was one of the original members of the history department where he became an expert in many other areas.

"Those early people had to learn a lot of areas because the

department only had a small staff. But that was not the main reason. He wanted to help. He was a very cooperative person," said Klein.

Locicero was to teach two classes this semester, History 100 that will be taught by a replacement and History 458 which deals with Roman civilization that will have to be cancelled. Klein said that it will take a full year before they will be able to find someone to fill Locicero's position.



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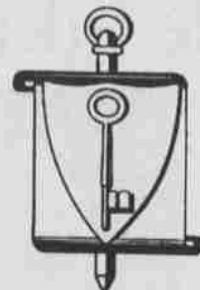
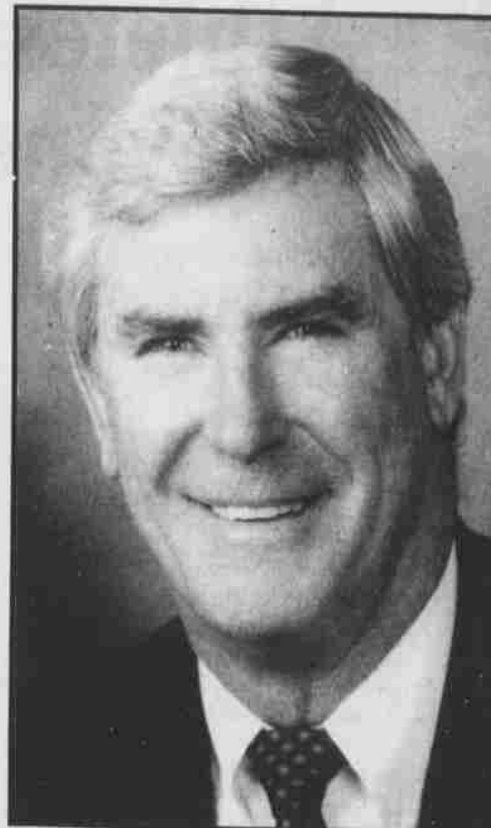
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