

Police Blotter

Jan. 28—Damage was done to the bumper of campus police vehicle No. 4 in front of the James R. Dickinson Library.

Jan. 28—A stereo was stolen from a car in Parking Lot O, north of the Juanita Greer White Life Sciences building.

Jan. 29—A male subject was stopped for speeding on Maryland Parkway. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Jan. 30—A fire alarm sounded in Residential Life North building E. The fire department was called. A smoke detector has been removed from a wall. There was no smoke or fire.

Jan. 30—Four weapons were found during a vehicle stop on Paradise Road. One weapon was stolen, one was not registered and the people in possession of the weapons are felons. The vehicle was towed and the subjects were taken to the Clark County Detention Center.

Jan. 30—A person was arrested for larceny at the Thomas & Mack Center. The suspect was seen carrying a table across the parking lot. The suspect was taken to the CCDC.

Feb. 1—A traffic accident occurred between two students in Parking Lot O. There were no injuries and little damage to the vehicles.

Feb. 1—A theft of a briefcase occurred at the Judy Bayley Theatre. The briefcase was later found in JBT with nothing missing.

Feb. 1—A traffic accident occurred in Parking Lot A. There were no injuries and no damage to the vehicles.

Feb. 2—A male subject was arrested on Tarkanian Way for possession of a controlled substance and giving false information to an officer. The subject was taken to CCDC.

Feb. 2—A women's purse and book bag were taken from the McDermott Physical Education Building.

Feb. 2—A student's credit cards and cash were stolen from her bag while in the Moyer Student Union.

Career plans make a difference

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Getting a job after graduation can be very difficult in this weak economy, and trying to find the occupation that is the best suited for you can be even harder.

Fortunately, the Career Planning and Placement Office can help guide you in the right direction.

The center, located on the fifth floor of Beam Hall, is open to all students and is designed to help those who need direction in deciding what types of careers they would like to pursue. It also tries to connect potential employers with graduating students and alumni.

Eileen McGarry, director of the placement office, said the earlier a student begins the process the better.

"Students should start a placement file anywhere from one year in advance to no less than a semester before graduation," McGarry said.

Any student can create a placement file for an initial fee of \$10. The files are good for five years for most graduates, and 10 years for education majors.

The files contain letters of recommendation, personal statements and resumés. They also contain breakdowns of the stu-

dent's academic background and school activities.

"Recruiters ask students to tell us what they can do, by what they have already done," McGarry said.

Participation and hands-on experience is the best education for a student, according to McGarry. Related job experience and skills are very important as the job market tightens and becomes more competitive.

The Planning Office does a lot of pre-career counseling. It tries to provide students help in finding out about all the different areas that are available for a particular degree or market.

The center is open to all majors and has a computer program designed to help in the task of finding what is right for each individual. The program is called SIGI and it assesses a person's values, interests, and activities

and matches them to the job market that is best suited for them.

The center also offers many workshops targeted to make a student more marketable. Some of the workshops scheduled for the spring semester are listed in the Spring master calendar and pertain to resumé writing, interviewing and job search, and career planning.

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director, Career Planning

According to McGarry, one of the major goals of the center is to provide a student with the maximum opportunities for career placement. There is a whole room of vacancy note-

books so students can apply directly. A job board on the fifth floor lists local positions.

The center focuses on full-time and career related part-time or internship opportunities only.

"A lot of people in the work force pay a lot of money to do the same thing we do," McGarry said. "There is no reason not to use this resource. Students who bypass this service have missed an opportunity."

Honor societies open the door to prosperity

BY DAVID CHERRY
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Students looking for the key to success should consider honor societies—groups that bring students together to promote academic excellence.

The Golden Key and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies are open to students who can meet the entry requirements.

Phi Kappa Phi is the older of the two societies, having been a national organization for 100 years, and on campus since 1966. Golden Key is a relative newcomer—founded nationally in 1977 and at UNLV for a little more than a year.

Angelina Colvin, faculty advisor for Golden Key, and Nickie Maffie, chapter president of Golden Key, think honor societies are an important addition to UNLV for several reasons.

"Golden Key is important to UNLV, because, unlike other honor societies, it is open to all disciplines," Colvin said. "Stu-

dents also have opportunities like job placement by large corporations who actively recruit through Gold Key's network."

Maffie also said the society is important because it is inclusive of everyone who has excelled academically at UNLV.

The organization provides an opportunity for part-time and returning students who might feel out of place in a fraternity or sorority, Maffie said.

Since its inception, Golden Key has grown to become one of the university's largest on-campus organizations. Total membership now exceeds 800 members, past and present, including 350 new members initiated last December.

The growth is notable because every member ranked in the top 15 percent of their respective class, and carried a minimum 3.3 GPA before they were invited to join.

According to Maffie, academic achievement is the basis on which Golden Key is founded. It's pur-

pose, she said, is to promote and recognize scholastic achievement.

This is also the purpose of Phi Kappa Phi whose members must meet scholastic requirements even more rigid than Golden Key's. Juniors must rank in the top 5 percent of their class, while seniors must be in the top 10 percent. Graduate students in the top 2 percent of their class are also invited to join.

Nancy Flagg, special assistant to the Provost and a member of Phi Kappa Phi, said eligible students are notified by letter they have met the requirements to be a member and are invited to join.

Each year Phi Kappa Phi sponsors the honors convocation at UNLV, and members are given a special medallion to wear at graduation. Flagg also said Phi Kappa Phi offers local and national fellowships.

Colvin said students eligible for membership in Golden Key are also notified by mail and invited to join and are also offered

scholarships on a local and national level.

For 1992-93, UNLV's Golden Key chapter awarded a single scholarship to one outstanding junior and senior initiated last December. This year's junior recipient is Psychology Major Michael Carter. Communications studies major Gail Bongiovi received the senior scholarship award.

Both Golden Key and Phi Kappa Phi include community service as an on-going part of their chapter's programming. This month Golden Key members will be participating in the "City of Hope" walk at the Meadows Mall.

Phi Kappa Phi did not specify any particular upcoming events but said in the future, they would like to emphasize the public service aspect of their organization.

In order to remedy this, and at the same time address important student issues, Golden Key is sponsoring a series of keynote speakers throughout the semester.

The first speaker in the series was Kenny Guinn, prominent local businessman and UNLV Foundation executive. The series will continue in February with communications studies lecturer Mary Hausch.

The Golden Key speaker series is free of charge and open to students and the public at large.

While Phi Kappa Phi and Golden Key are the only honor societies open to all disciplines, there are other honor societies students can join. Most are specific to certain colleges and some serve different disciplines within one college.

To find out the specific honor society for any given college, students should contact the dean of the college in question.

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