

# Suspects in Helldorado event plead guilty

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Three men involved in an affray with University Police at Helldorado Days last spring plead guilty Monday.

Charles and Kenny Splond and Otis Dupree were fined \$500 each.

The Splonds were charged with various criminal acts that stemmed from a stolen bag of ice.

"We (university police) were in a trespass mode for Helldorado. In other words we were not out to make arrests," Barrett said. "If people were causing trouble we would simply make sure they were escorted out of the carnival."

While the Splonds were being arrested a person with a video camera taped the event. Much attention was given by the local media because it was relatively close to the time of the Rodney King beating.

The action in question was University Police officer James

Avery spraying cap-stun into the eyes of a handcuffed Splond.

"What is not shown in the video is that Kenny was wearing very heavy boots and kicked Officer Avery, spraining his left arm," Barrett said. "He sprayed the cap-stun to get him under control."

The spraying of the cap-stun became a major issue of using excessive force.

"We never tried to hide what Officer Avery did," Barrett said. "He was injured and Kenny was yelling to the crowd for people to kick his (Officer Avery's) mother f—ing ass."

Sensitivity training was provided for University Police to ensure the same mistake would not be made in the future.

"I think (their guilty pleas) say a lot," Barrett said. "They would not have plead guilty if they were not guilty."

The defendants were each given the option of performing 100 hours of community service in lieu of paying the fines.

## SWE

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Society of Women of Engineers (SWE) student chapter exists on campus to help women deal with any difficulties they may encounter.

Lorraine Mosca, vice president of SWE, said the organization does a number of things for women at UNLV. "We help them with things like networking and the glass ceiling," Mosca said.

The glass ceiling is a term referring to a specific level that women reach in their careers beyond which they are not promoted. According to Mosca, the situation is getting better but there are still difficulties that an organization like SWE can help with.

Last weekend SWE sent some of its members to Long Beach to attend a regional conference of

## National Engineering Week promotes its field

The College of Engineering will celebrate National Engineering Week Feb. 14-20. A series of events throughout the week are intended to promote the field of engineering.

A number of demonstrations in the fields of electrical, civil and mechanical engineering as

well as a stop at the Cray Computer highlight the week's festivities

Various student organizations sponsoring National Engineering Week encourage students to participate in an egg-drop and an aluminum foil boat contest as well as a BBQ.

its parent group. At the conference a number of UNLV SWE members were chosen to help with the entire region.

Wiebke Kuharic, president of UNLV SWE, was elected text editor for the regional newsletter and Lisa Freestone was elected the student representative for the region.

UNLV's student chapter received an award for outstanding communication. It is the first

student chapter in region B with an E-mail address set up to communicate with other schools, professionals and students in the region.

SWE will participate in Engineer's Week Feb. 14-20. During that time the engineers will hold a number of tours, workshops and contests to promote engineering.



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