

POLICE BLOTTER

General police business

Feb. 17 - A male and female were engaged in a sexual act on blacktop in lot 5-D of the Thomas & Mack Center.

Feb. 17 - A small fire was reported in Tonopah Residence Hall. Apparently a swamp cooler ignited due to a spark from construction work.

Feb. 17 - A small dog was hit by a car on the corner of Tropicana and Swenson. Animal was transported to Tropicana Animal Hospital.

Feb. 18 - A student living off-campus received threats on answering machine by another student.

Feb. 18 - Two juvenile runaways were found on Gym road near lot H. They were transported to the station and parents were contacted.

Feb. 18 - Due to unpaid parking fines, a student's car was towed by Custom towing.

Thefts

Feb. 18 - A stereo was stolen sometime during the night from a vehicle located in Thomas & Mack Parking lot three near the dorms.

Feb. 18 - A boom box was stolen from an open office at the McDermott Physical Education Building.

Still, more bike thefts

Feb. 18 - A student had a problem riding home on a bike with no pedals. They were clandestinely removed from the south side bike rack of the Thomas Beam Engineering Hall.

Feb. 19 - A stolen bike was sighted going south on Maryland Parkway from the Moyer Student Union without the owner. The suspect on the bike was a woman with red/brown hair, black shirt and black jeans.

Feb. 19 - A lock was cut and the bike stolen from the Lily Fong Geoscience Building.

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at a convention in Orlando, Fla. She said Quick assured her he would take care of it himself. About three weeks later she realized he had not taken care of the problem. Nalder said she was going on vacation and planned to take care of it when she got back. By that time the Executive Board already knew.

"I chose not to (tell on Quick) because I thought he was going to take care of it," Nalder said. "I tried to get hold of Mike and see if he had taken care of it. I would've taken care of it the following week."

Nalder said she chose to let Quick handle the problem because the semester was almost over. She also said the Executive Board had to check his

grades and they would have caught him regardless.

But Benneman said the whole problem could have been taken care of long before Nalder found out.

He said Quick was never required to sign an employment document. Had he been, the comptroller's office, which issues monthly checks, would have found out and contacted the proper authorities.

"It's partially the Executive Board's fault," he said. "The Vice President should have made sure the contract was taken care of."

The committee will write an opinion about the Nalder case and submit their decision to the senate next week.

University Police save a life

by Kimberley McGee

A small dog was hit by a car on the corner of Tropicana Avenue and Swenson Street, Feb. 17. Officer Perrenot, who received the report, observed that the dog was bleeding from serious injuries.

Animal Control was unable to be reached.

Perrenot then contacted Officer Sax, who is very much involved with the welfare of animals, and got in touch with Nevada Animal Society. The Society agreed to assume financial obligations for the animal if it was transported to the Tropicana Animal Hospital.

Perrenot quickly took the animal to the clinic.

The dog, a dachshund mix,

suffered a bruised bladder. The assistants at the clinic named the little dog Lexus before it was moved to the Nevada Animal Society located on 4985 Paradise Road.

Barbara Cook, Kennel Manager at the Society, said the dog was quiet and friendly and in need of a good home.

"If nobody claims her we'll adopt her out to a good home," Cook said. "We let the people sit with the animals and see how they get along."

If it seems that they do, it is then determined if the person has the necessary room for the animal. For instance, a large to medium sized dog requires a yard, a small dog is considered an apartment dog.

For more information



photo by Kimberley McGee

Barbara Cook and Lexus.

please call the Nevada Animal Society at 736-0622.

Rising, permanent or shooting: What kind of star are we?

by Rick Nielsen

There is no question UNLV has grown in size and stature since its arrival in southern Nevada. One look around campus will attest to that. However, there may be some question as to how legitimately and accurately its academic reputation has been assessed.

Recent controversies between the UNLV administration and the basketball program have caused conflicting reports to surface with regard to the *U.S. News and World Reports'* publication, *America's Best Colleges'* ranking of UNLV in its "Up and Coming" category. The debate centers around the sources, definition and meaning of such an illustrious ranking.

America's Best Colleges is a guide which attempts to rank the best colleges and universities across the country according to the type of school, its region and academic achievements. It is intended to help direct students in making choices on where to go to school.

UNLV is listed under regional colleges and universities, "Up and Comers" in the western region.

What exactly does up and coming mean?

First of all, being up and coming sounds great. But essentially, that means we are not on the list at all. We are just moving in the general direction of the list.

Second, considering that there are 563 institutions in our category, of which only 15 are on the list, that leaves a lot of gray area.

Third, to get on the list, schools are judged on the basis of five criteria: school selectivity (a correlation between acceptance and rejection rates), strength of faculty, ability to retain, graduate students and reputation for academic excellence.

The "Up and Comer" group, however, is judged solely on the last criteria and that is based on a *U.S. News and World Report* survey. It is the subjective opinion, and to some extent, guesswork and assumptions of

those polled, which *U.S. News* admits to.

When asked if the ranking could be considered accurate, John Unrue, senior vice-president and provost said, "I feel it is a very accurate assessment of our progress and this institution did not control the results in any way. I continue to believe this is a very good university."

About 3,900 college deans, presidents and admissions officers from nearly 1,300 schools were asked to identify those institutions whose reputations may not have caught up to their quality, based on recent educational innovations and improvements. Record response to the survey was close to 60 percent. These people, it would seem, are in the best position to make judgements on educational progress.

Concerning the current controversy in relation to our reputation as an academic institution, Unrue said, "the whole nation is watching UNLV

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DEACON

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playing basketball (until a decision is made)."

Deacon's third point concerned the boosters. He said it was fine to let people who sponsor a team decide what the team does and who coaches it, but not on the college level.

"We either belong to the NCAA and accept the penalties or we amend the basketball program in which it is all right to do those things," he said.

On Wednesday, Deacon said he had not been contacted by either the administration or the athletic department. He said he had received a call from a graduate assistant and several faculty members, all of whom supported his position. He received one call from a local resident who disagreed.

Deacon stressed in his resolution that basketball is secondary to academics.

"I maintain that the worth of UNLV is defined by the quality of its students and the reputation of its faculty. The frequently asserted position that the basketball program has made this university what it is today reflects both a bizarre perception of reality and an abysmal failure to understand the function of a university in society. In the present instance, a group outside the community of scholars comprising UNLV is attempting to define for us what this university is. I believe the situation, already out of control, has resulted in irreparable damage to all concerned," he said.

Deacon said he thinks the resolution will pass.

"We need to take action, to suspend (the program), get some healing done and reorganize," he said. "I believe if we do

not do that, and continue along this destructive route, we won't have a choice. The NCAA will do it for us."

Deacon said UNLV needs an athletic program that is "honestly administrated," and we don't have that now. He also said he is not too worried about the community's reaction.

"In the context that exists presently in Southern Nevada, they won't be anymore upset. We really are in a no win situation. (But) I think it is unfortunate that it (suspension) is the only solution to the terrible mess we're in," he said.

The senate will meet March 10 to vote on Deacon's resolution. If the resolution passes it will be taken to President Robert Maxson and the Board of Regents who will decide the fate of the basketball program.