

# Fraternity member clashes with University Police at T&M

**Fraternity claims no wrong doing while cheering at a basketball game.**

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University Police escorted members of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity from the Thomas & Mack Center Saturday during the UNLV-Utah State basketball game after receiving complaints from other fans that the fraternity wouldn't sit down.

"We were ejected from a game because we were cheering while standing up," said senior Paul Pipkin, a member of Delta Sigma Phi. "We were not about to sit down because as a group and as students of the school, we have the right to cheer our basketball

team on in any way possible." Dick Hill, an events coordinator for the T&M said from the usher's reports he had read, "The kids were standing up, and the unfortunate thing is, the scholarship people who have purchased priority seating were seated behind them."

Hill said the fraternity was asked to sit down, some belligerent responses followed and University Police had to be called in. "Conflict arose and language escalated to where something had to be done," Hill

said. "We were not shouting anything that you wouldn't hear in any other college arena," Pipkin

officer and the Delta Sig was pushed to the ground and detained. Coombs pulled out his mace, but apparently none was used.

The UNLV Pep Band began a chant "Leave him alone," after the fraternity member was restrained.

Pipkin said he was unaware of any such incident but said, "I thought we were very cooperative with University Police."

Lt. Eddie Rivas, who handles the police at the T&M was unavailable for comment.

Tau Kappa Epsilon member Kris Smith said if people have a problem with students standing

up during games, they should "stay home and watch it on TV."

"I think this sends out a message that we are not ready to join the ranks of one of the toughest arenas (for a visiting team) to play in college basketball," Pipkin said. "When the boosters are ready to give the seats to the students of UNLV because it is the school's team and not the city's, then we will join these ranks."

Hill said these types of altercations will continue to happen unless the seating structure is reorganized at the T&M so that there is a unified student section.

As for any future recourse from the Delta Sigs, Pipkin said, "We plan on going to all future football, basketball and any Rebel sporting events possible."

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## Grad students upset by closure of study carrels

BY CAROLYN ROSE  
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Several graduate students, frustrated by a recent change in library policy, are protesting the loss of locked carrel privileges.

Carrels are tiny study rooms, each containing a desk, a lamp and two chairs located around the outer edge of the round section of the library.

There are 64 of these cubicles in the library which have traditionally been available to faculty and graduate students who are doing research and need a safe place to study and to store their materials. These carrels can be reserved for up to a semester, using it as needed then locking belongings inside.

However, beginning in December 1992, library administrators stopped issuing keys in an effort to faze out the current policy.

Wendy Starkweather, assistant librarian for public services, said the growing number of graduate students forced the change.

"We aren't taking new sign-ups because we are trying to make more carrels available to more people," she said.

Dominique Tieman, a graduate student in English literature, is writing her thesis and has a key to a carrel. She said in the past she has checked out 50 to 70 books needed for research, and that is too many to take home or carry around the campus.

She is frustrated by the new system, and said she knows other graduate students who are desperate for a locked carrel.

"I use my carrel six days a week," says Tieman, who feels the library administration has been reluctant to discuss carrel policy with graduate students. "Being alone in a quiet space is very important for graduate level research."

Maria White, head of circulation at the library, said until five years ago, everyone who wanted use of a locked carrel could have one but that now it is just not practical.

"We reached a point where we couldn't accommodate everyone, even with three people to a carrel," White said.

White also said people using the carrels often store reference items, periodicals, government documents and unchecked books in these study rooms for long periods of time and when the carrels are locked they can't get at the books.

"We really have no way of monitoring their use," White said. Starkweather agreed with White and said the new policy affects everyone evenly.

"We don't have the resources," Starkweather said. "There are 1,800 graduate and Ph.D. students admitted to programs and 1,600 who are special students. We've been trying to be as fair as possible."

Starkweather said other universities, faced with a similar dilemma, have used lottery systems or have locked an entire wing of a library for use by graduate students only.

## Peace Corps provides global employment

BY CYNTHIA SALINAS  
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The opportunity to help make the world a better place is at the fingertips of every UNLV student according to Joseph Therrien, area manager for the Peace Corps.

Therrien's area, which includes Nevada, Northern California and Hawaii, recruits more volunteers than any of the other 15 offices throughout the United States. "People in the west are truly different from the east," said Therrien. "They are more willing to try something new and take a challenge."

The Peace Corps is federally funded. For the coming year they will receive \$211 million in government funding.

There is one major difference that sets this federal agency apart from others.

"There is a term limit of five years at a time," Therrien said. "A person must stay out for the same amount of time that they were in the Peace Corps. The term limits prevents entrenched bureaucracy."

The Peace Corps can be thought of as a global employment agency.

"The countries that ask for volunteers usually need people with skills. Everything from auto-mechanics to classroom teachers to urban development knowledge," said

Therrien. "We (Peace Corps) do not make up the requirements as far as a four-year degree and so forth. It just so happens that 50 percent of the skills asked for come with a degree."

Most people believe the late President John F. Kennedy is the founder of the Peace Corps. Therrien points out that this is not quite true.

"In the 1950s Senator Hubert Humphrey and House Representative Henry Reuss created the idea," he said. "However the bill died. It had the glide path of a dropped brick. America was a lot different then."

"However, five years later we had two presidential candidates (Kennedy and Nixon) that were young. Humphrey gave the bill to Kennedy, and less than a year later the first 23 volunteers left for Africa."

The Peace Corps can have a profound effect on people, both the volunteers and the third world nations.

"Most Americans live in a shrink wrapped world. The volunteers come back changed people. They are exposed to what life is like in a developing world," Therrien said. "And when you talk to the people they help, they

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Therrien described Peace Corps volunteers as people willing to give of themselves.

The Peace Corps is based upon three simple goals: providing developing countries with educated men and women

en they need, introducing people of the developing worlds to Americans and showing Americans people of the third world.

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Therrien said. "People don't realize how different the United States is from other countries. We only represent 5 percent of the world population."

A volunteer must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years or older, in good health, possess an appropriate skill, have work experience or a college degree and other courses or extracurricular activities.

The Peace Corps pays volunteers based on the wages of the country they are assigned to plus an additional \$200 a month for the entire period served in the Peace Corps.



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