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Student claims sexual harassment against professor

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The Affirmative Action Office has started an official investigation of a sexual harassment complaint against a professor in the liberal arts college.

The investigation started after a fact-finding conference was declined by the professor on the advice of legal counsel. The inquiry is based on the complaint

of a student who felt a lower grade was received in a class after the student broke off a personal relationship with the professor.

The relationship allegedly started in August of 1991 and was terminated later that year. According to the student, the harassment started during a summer class taught by the accused professor in 1992.

According to the student, the

professor became very jealous after it was discovered that the student had gone on a date with a classmate. The professor surprised the class the following day with an unscheduled test.

"The next class on the following day was a nightmare," the student said. "The professor was fuming mad and out of control in class. She gave a surprise test and when students had questions about what she wanted,

she cut them off. I knew she was going to get even with me, even if she had to go through the whole class to punish me."

The student has also claimed that the professor hired private investigators to follow the student and friends and made numerous harassing phone calls.

The student said that in June 1992, before the harassment, the lover/professor had agreed to pay off a car loan and help with the

rent. The student claimed the professor used financial favors as a way of control.

According to a memo obtained by *The Rebel Yell*, the Affirmative Action Office is looking into the allegations of retaliation and harassment against the student. However, Affirmative Action Director John Lujan, said that all such cases are private and he would not comment on the situation.

Regents question terms of donation

A \$2 million gift appears to have been accepted by the university administration without the approval of the regents, Regent Nancy Price says.

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Accusations of racism and Japan bashing have been leveled against the University Board of Regents after they hesitated to accept a \$2 million gift for the hotel college.

Some of the regents defended their hesitation to accept the gift to the university because of the terms that accompany it. The gift, from ACE Denken Co. Ltd., a Japan-based company was initially rejected by the regents at their meeting on campus Friday. However, university officials asked the regents to reconsider their decision and it has been tabled until a later date.

Alan Stutts, associate director of hospitality research, said faculty, alumni and industry leaders are telling him the real issues are racial tension and Japan bashing.

Stutts said he thinks the reason it was rejected was the inexperience of some of the regents.

"The five regents that rejected the ACE Denken gift are not well versed in reading contracts," Stutts said.

In a recent letter sent to the faculty, administration and the Board of Regents, Stutts stated the rejection of the gift would be a form of Japan bashing, intended to embarrass President Robert Maxson.

Regent Nancy Price said she perceived the letter to be an earnest attempt to classify the regents as racists if they did not approve the gift when the real reason was the terms of the gift would end up costing the university money.

Price said apparently the administration accepted the gift without taking the cost of the restrictions into consideration,



without routing the gift through the proper channels, and without the regents' approval.

This is despite the fact the contract states: "UNLV accepts the appropriation

upon the trust hereby imposed, subject to approval by the Board of Regents."

Normally a gift would circulate throughout the Grants and Contracts department as well as the UNLV Foundation. But Price questioned the contents of the Denken contract because she said, for some reason, the normal channels were by-passed. Stutts said he had no feeling it would be rejected and perhaps public acceptance of the gift might have been premature.

According to Price, the cost of the restrictions far exceeded the \$2 million.

"It's our responsibility to look out for the best interest of the university and to make sure the conditions of the contract do not cost more than the amount of the donation," Price said.

One restriction was the requirement the university publish and distribute, on high quality paper, a gaming journal to gaming and casino executives throughout the United States and abroad.

Price did a cost comparison with another casino journal and found the long-term dollar amount far exceeded the \$2 million endowment.

Stutts said the interest from the \$2 million would pay for the journal so it would not end up costing the university anything. He also said if there were any

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PHOTO BY JAY P. MORGAN

No parking

A parking lot near the Thomas & Mack Center gives way to a new classroom building.

McCartney back-stage pass scam halted by police sting operation

Good seating is still available for the April 14 concert despite sale of phony passes.

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The sale of bogus backstage passes for Paul McCartney's upcoming Las Vegas concert has been stopped by University Police.

Detective Sgt. Lonnie Barrett said a tip-off from a Las Vegas woman prompted University Police to set up a sting operation

that eventually lead to the arrest of Michael Cifaldi on one count of felony sale of false identification.

Cifaldi, 29, was arrested Thursday after attempting to sell undercover University Police officers six fake passes for \$50 dollars each to the April 14 show of McCartney's "New World Tour."

Advertising under the name Joe in the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, Cifaldi offered ticket seekers second-row seats for \$30 a piece.

"When people called up he would tell them the tickets were sold. Then he would offer them the passes," Barrett said.

Cifaldi may have sold as many as 200 of the phony passes, Barrett said, probably netting the scam-artist several thousand dollars. Some of this money was recovered by police after Cifaldi's arrest, and may someday be returned.

"The issue of the money being returned will possibly be addressed by the court," Barrett said. "But we cannot give the money back."

Barrett said people holding fake passes will be turned away at the gate and the passes will be confiscated.

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