

UCLA students killed on trip home from debate tournament

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Two UCLA students were killed and three were injured in an automobile accident on Interstate 15 recently. The students were returning from a debate competition here.

The van they were driving rolled over in the Barstow, Calif. area, south of Halloran Springs, after a rear tire blew out. The van was southbound when the tread separated on the left rear tire, according to the California Highway Patrol. The driver apparently lost control of the van, which rolled over into the median and came to rest. The acci-

dent occurred March 1, at 2:25 p.m.

Killed were Aaron D. Lesser, 20, of Beverly Hills, and Amanda K. Gilbert, 18, of Los Altos Hills, Calif. Both students were pre-political science majors and active members of the Forensic Debate Team.

The driver of the van, Geula "Jill" Grodzenchik, 20, of Mission Hills, and Daniel B. Chammas, 18, of Irvine, were transferred to University Medical Center. Both have been released by the hospital. David O. Porter, 21, of Rancho Palos Verdes, suffered minor injuries and was released the day of the accident.

Building maintenance hit hard by budget cuts

With the advent of adequate funding, the FDH elevators may be brought up to date.

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Leaking roofs and aging elevators top the list of maintenance projects deferred at UNLV because of the state budget crunch, according to John Amend, associate vice president for administration.

Amend said the needed repair work, delayed because of a lack of funds, amounted to \$18 million last year. "That's a conservative estimate," he said.

During the 1991 session of the Legislature, the state gave UNLV \$2 million for minor maintenance projects. But later that year, when the state economy fell, UNLV had to give back \$14 million of its total budget to the state, losing the \$2 million earmarked for minor maintenance, according to Amend.

In the current session, UNLV has asked for \$2.5 million for minor maintenance and repair, Amend said.

Tom Pickerell, facilities manager of Operations and Maintenance, said the main trouble spots on campus are roofs on the north and south gyms, the handball and racquetball courts, which are closed because of ceiling and floor damage, and the lobby of Ham Hall.

The university will open bids on the four projects within two weeks, and Pickerell said, the entire cost will probably be \$200,000.

According to Amend, over the last four years, \$800-900,000 have been spent replacing roofs on campus. For example, White Hall's roof was replaced two years ago for \$330,000.

Amend said the harsh Las Vegas summers play a part in roofing problems. "Any facility deteriorates when exposed to the weather. The heat deteriorates a roof to a point where it can't handle the cold and rain."

Another trouble spot on campus, the FDH elevators, which are 20 years old, would require \$285,000 to upgrade to a more efficient computerized system of operation. "Repair is happening all the time," Pickerell said. "They're in constant use because the building never closes."

If new funding is given, the elevators should be fixed soon, but even if no funds are given Amend said something will be done.

"If the funds are made available, we will be doing something with the control system of the FDH elevators this year," Amend said, but he added that even if the new budget cannot cover the project money will be taken out of the operating budget to make the necessary repairs.

"I want to assure you the (FDH) elevators are mechanically safe," he said. "They are checked twice a month on a regular basis by the service contractor, Amtech Reliable, and yearly by the state elevator inspector."

A new elevator control system was installed in Wright Hall over the semester break, a project costing \$25,000 for the three-stop system, according to Amend. The FDH system will cost more because it has eight stops.

Apple takes a bite out of its contract

The company is pulling its sponsorship from Century 23's support of computer services on campus.

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Apple Computers will no longer sponsor a local business to provide support, training and information to the university when purchasing or repairing systems, Maurice Mitchell, assistant director of System Computing Services, said.

Under the current HEPP II program (Higher Education Personal Purchase Program II) faculty, staff, and students benefit from substantial cost reductions for Apple equipment. They also enjoy support services provided by Century 23 Computers in Las Vegas.

Century 23 is the local business that has worked for the last several years with UNLV and

Southern Nevada Community College to provide these services. They conduct all of the Macintosh classes, supply on-site assistance and provide setup and orientation for faculty and students that have Macintosh equipment.

The new contract has yet to be written and, according to Mitchell, this may be the only change to affect faculty and students.

"The changes will probably affect how the institution deals with Apple Computers and may have little or no effect on faculty or students," Mitchell said. "It will just change how we do business and interact with Apple Computers. From this standpoint there would be no difference."

"Probably the most critical issue is what level of service is required for the campus. That is an internal matter and not something we will let Apple determine what that will be," said Mike Sauer, vice president of finance. "Exactly what our response to this situation has not been determined."

Decisions on who will provide the services and what services will be offered has yet to be decided. Until a new contract is signed there is no guarantee that prices will be affected.

"Right now we are working on behalf of UNLV to come up with a plan. The ball is in our court. A lot of people are working to find a solution," Mitchell said.

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