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Naked man nabbed by police

Blood-covered suspect is being held on charges, including murder.

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A naked man covered in blood was arrested by University Police Monday on charges of being under the influence of drugs, battery of a police officer, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and escape.

Anthony Scott Clien, 28, of 4185 Paradise Road, was spotted running east on Flamingo Road after allegedly attempting to murder his lover.

A witness spotted Clien running through the Continental Hotel parking lot. University Police officer Ron Cuzze spotted Clien running by the Desert Research Institute.

Cuzze tried to stop Clien twice but failed after Clien ran around his car each time. University Police officer Larry Morsovillo was dispatched to assist Cuzze.

After crossing the street at Maryland Parkway and Flamingo Road, the two officers blocked Clien with their cars to arrest him. Clien struggled and tried to grab the gun of one of the officers but was unsuccessful. All three men received minor injuries from the struggle.

After the arrest, Clien opened the back door of the police car, which is not supposed to be open, and escaped. The officers were spotted again struggling with

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Fab One

Paul McCartney jokes with reporters before his Wednesday show at the Silver Bowl.

Senate votes to weed out 'Yell' funding

New Senate resolution gradually reduces student funding of newspaper through 1998.

BY THOMAS MOORE
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Weed out funding from *The Rebel Yell* was the decision of the Student Senate Wednesday, after a grueling and rambling session that lasted five hours.

The Senate voted to adopt resolution 23-02, a proposal that will eliminate the funding for *The Rebel Yell* over the next five years after lengthy debate, numerous amendments and testimony from Mary Hausch, *The Rebel Yell's* advisor and Ched Whitney, the editor in chief of *The Rebel Yell*.

Most of the debate revolved over two concepts of how the paper should be funded. The first concept, the one that passed, called for an incremental decrease in funding down to zero in five years.

The second would have taken the amount of funding, already pulled from Student Govern-

ment funds, remove it permanently from Senate control, and give it straight to the paper with oversight from *The Rebel Yell's* advisory board.

Theoretically, the idea behind both proposals is to remove the threat of purse-string censorship that exists as long as the money comes from CSUN.

The "weaning" resolution, as 23-02 became known as at last week's Senate meeting, plans for one of two conditions to exist so the paper can be successful.

Either the paper would be able to exist solely on advertising revenue or, according to Joel Kostman the student body president, the University Board of Regents could make up the difference by reappropriating money from other departments of the university budget after future tuition increases.

The concern of Whitney and Hausch was that the paper would fail if it had to rely only on advertising revenue.

"The paper could not exist without funds," Hausch said and used the example of the *Las Ve-*

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Bill looks at student-athlete academic performance

If Assembly bill passes, athletes will have to maintain a 2.0 GPA.

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Several UNLV delegates voiced support Wednesday for a proposed bill which would require students participating in athletics to make satisfactory progress toward obtaining a degree.

Assembly Bill No. 402 has not formally passed through the legislature, but hearings are being held to discuss the bill.

Honors Program Director Len Zane told a 12-member panel of Nevada Assembly members at Cashman Field that the university conducted its own study of student-athletes three years ago in an effort to ensure academic standards at the university.

Zane said that, beginning this fall student-athletes will have to maintain a 2.0 grade point average for every semester they compete at UNLV.

"Don't think that nothing has been done at UNLV in the direction of educating student athletes," Zane said. "We will have higher standards than the NCAA."

"We see this bill as nurturing student athletes."

Assemblywoman Marcia de Braga, D-Fallon, asked Zane what methods he would advise to control clustering, the tendency of groups of student athletes to gravitate toward certain majors. "This is a serious problem," answered Zane. "We need to en-

courage student-athletes to take their courses seriously."

Zane said he has asked student-athletes to talk to him about academic and scheduling problems.

Faculty Senate Chair-elect John Swetnam said he gave the bill an "A-."

"We have to set standards as high as possible," he said, adding that not every student, athlete or not, can graduate. "But we must push students toward that goal."

Swetnam said even with improved standards, athletes' privacy must be guarded.

"If Dan Quayle's transcript wasn't seen, theirs shouldn't have to be either," he said.

Swetnam told the committee that he teaches student athletes and that athletic advisors make inquiries as to individual athletes' progress, but that this is not a negative sort of pressure on him as instructor.

James Deacon, an environmental studies professor, said he has taught many student athletes at UNLV.

"Almost always," he said, "We are asked to comment on the status of athletes in class. We are professional enough to report their progress accurately. We understand that athletic advisors must ask about their progress. It is our responsibility to report fairly."

Swetnam added, "I don't want special rules for athletes."

Deacon said, "This bill is good. It helps us get additional support. Many student athletes are fine students."

Faculty criticized for support of Maxson

BY THOMAS MOORE
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UNLV's faculty have now joined athletics and UNLV President Robert Maxson on the firing line of critics of the university.

Faculty members, caught between supporting their president and their role as advocates of open inquiry and dissent, have become submissive according to some critics.

Vernon Mattson, a professor in the history department, accused the faculty of succumbing to factionalism during the controversies that have plagued UNLV. As proof, Mattson described a conversation he had recently with a colleague.

While talking about the problems of the last few months it became clear that Mattson was a critic of the president. "Oh, you're one of those," was his friend's reaction.

"One of the problems is that there has been a lack of intellectual ferment," Mattson said.

"The whole atmosphere that you can't be somewhere in between is wrong," Mattson said. "I'm not taking pot shots."

Mattson was not alone in his appraisal of the attitude at UNLV. Terry Knapp, a professor in the psychology department, said he believes the faculty has dropped the ball.

"Most of my unhappiness is expressed with the faculty," Knapp said. "I think it's important for the faculty to take an independent stance."

It seems many faculty are unsure of what stance they should take. In an article in the Wednesday issue of the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, Robert Skaggs, the chair of the Faculty Senate, was asked why he decided not to buy an add in that same paper supporting Maxson.

The ad, containing a letter in

support of Maxson and signed by various faculty, was to run around the same time the regents held a closed personnel session with Maxson.

Skaggs said the ad was pulled because one professor said he feared if he did not sign the letter he would be labeled disloyal and because other faculty also said they felt pressured to sign.

The accusations run contrary to the image many people have of university professors—tenured people who nurture discussion and dissent, and can afford to be outspoken.

Evan Blythin, a professor in communication studies, said this is actually not the case.

"Part of it is because of their training," Blythin said. He said that because of the battery of tests, papers and requirements that faculty must complete to be hired by a university makes them

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