

Crime Report

<p>Apr. 25 Burglary: Parking Lot Z. Vehicle window broken out, stereo taken.</p> <p>Apr. 26 Theft: FDH. Briefcase was taken from office.</p> <p>Burglary: Res. Life South Bldg. A-Hughes. Cellular phone taken.</p> <p>Traffic: Parking Lot F. Vehicle towed for outstanding parking citations.</p> <p>Apr. 27 Theft: McDermott Physical Education Center. Missing electric cart with no roof and a broken right headlight. PTL checked campus, but were unable to locate cart. At 2:30pm they notified dispatch that the cart was recovered.</p> <p>Theft: Desert Research Institute. Unknown person(s) obtained key from desk and entered locked cupboard taking petty cash.</p> <p>Vandalism: Parking Lot H. Unknown person(s) broke out rear window of unattended vehicle.</p> <p>Theft: Library. Theft of electric cart by unknown person(s).</p> <p>Theft: Library. Subject left book bag on table. When she returned, wallet was gone from bag.</p> <p>Apr. 28 Burglary: Parking Lot H. Two subjects seen trying to break into cars in the parking lot, while a third subject was seen waiting in a vehicle. Subjects caught, victim didn't want to press charges since suspects would pay restitution.</p> <p>Traffic: Near Dining Commons. Driving on expired plates and suspended Nevada drivers license. Motorcycle towed.</p> <p>Apr. 29 Other: Maryland Parkway. Two subjects were cited for failing to use sidewalk.</p> <p>Traffic: T&M. Involving one vehicle, no injuries.</p>	<p>Traffic: Swenson St. No injuries in Metro jurisdiction, but UNLV handled.</p> <p>Theft: McDermott Physical Education Center. Theft of operations and maintenance tools.</p> <p>Trespass: T&M. Two subjects arrested for disorderly conduct and trespass.</p> <p>Trespass: Student Health Center. Report on a subject that was trespassing on 4/28/95.</p> <p>Apr. 30 Vandalism: Baseball Field. Damage to baseball area by three juveniles. Because of the number of times these juveniles have been warned they were transported to CCJH.</p> <p>May 1 Traffic: Tarkanian Way. No injuries, no tows.</p> <p>Incident: Environmental Protection Agency. Two groups of 3/5 juveniles running around MPEC fields, looking into vehicles parked in that area. PTL located subjects on north side of EPA by flag pole. One juvenile was entered by Metro as missing and transported to West Care. The others were transported to Orr Jr. High.</p> <p>Assist: Beam Engineering Hall. Male fell and cut head. PTL and EMS responded, subject transported to Sunrise Hospital.</p> <p>Incident: Res. Life-Tonopah. CCFD dispatched, smoke on third floor, PTL was advised of bottle rockets, code-4.</p> <p>Traffic: Swenson St. Computer check showed subject had three active warrants. Subject was booked into CCDC.</p> <p>Traffic: Cottage Grove Ave. Vehicle impounded for suspended plates and driver driving with revoked license.</p> <p>Vandalism: Parking Lot Z. Vehicle drivers side window broken out.</p> <p>Theft: T&M. Vehicle broken into, stereo was taken.</p>
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UNLV Designs First Place Human Powered Vehicle for Competition

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The 13th Annual Region Nine Human Powered Vehicle Competition was held at San Diego State University last weekend. The event was sponsored by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). The UNLV team did an outstanding job for the school, indicated by placing ahead of 18 other universities. "UNLV placed ninth overall in a tough competition," stated Ray Kozak, project engineer for the Human Powered Vehicle. UNLV's vehicle, Patriot, placed first in the Design portion, ninth in the Sprint portion, and nineteenth in the Road Race. According to Kozak, the HPV project began in May of 1994 after last year's competition. The project was complete a couple weeks before the competition in San Diego. Unfortunately, Michelle Slich-

ko, project manager, had a hard time steering as she came out of the timing gate, which caused her to hit a bale of hay. The damage to the bike was so great that UNLV fell behind in the road race. Fortunately, Slichko wasn't injured. "The objective of the HPV is to give hands-on experiences to ASME members in developing a design for a human powered vehicle and then build it," said Mike Plinski, president of the ASME student chapter and the vehicle rider. "The vehicle is used by the Mechanical Engineering Department in several classes by allowing students to make it their senior design projects, aerodynamics projects, and strength of materials projects." According to Plinski, "the kinesiology department completed research work on developing the most effective riding position for a rider on the HPV." The Kinesiology Department's Darren Davis performed as Rid-

er Group Leader for the project. "The Patriot took about a year to build. The difficulties arise in the analysis of the design of the vehicle, deriving material properties for the composites by actually testing the materials, and working with composites," Plinski continued. Plinski explained the vehicle "is composed of two major parts. The first part is the frame that looks like a specially designed bicycle. "The body of the frame is made of composite materials (kevlar), while the drive mechanism is composed of specialized bicycle parts like the chain, gears, and front forks (made of composite materials and aluminum). "The other part is the shell that is used to give it the aerodynamics to go speeds over 40 mph. The shell is made of composite materials. The whole vehicle weight without riders is around 50 pounds."

Commentary

A Look Back: Catching the Bug at the 'Yell'

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I have learned more about UNLV internal affairs, met more people and become more involved on campus in half a semester writing for *The Rebel Yell* than I have in several years at the university. I have had the opportunity to meet some outstanding people on campus that I never would have crossed paths with in my daily studies. I would like to thank everyone that was considerate enough to give me their time for interviews

this semester. Although my career goal is teaching, I caught the journalism bug with my first by-line, which was an assignment from my News Gathering and Writing class that I dropped off. When later I made page one, it was an unforgettable experience for me. The staff at the *Yell* has been very supportive of a rookie and helped me whenever I asked. I have received encouragement and praise for my writing that has bolstered my confidence. I also learned some very important lessons from my mistakes. I diligently tried to write

professional articles that accurately and fairly represented those I wrote about. While deadlines are stressful, meeting them gave me an exultant feeling. There is more to newspaper writing than being able to write well, and I learned many of these skills this semester. I would encourage any journalism majors, English majors or aspiring writers to apply for reporting positions at the *Yell* next fall. I wouldn't trade back all of the hours of sleep I lost meeting deadlines. Well....

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