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UNLV student arrested on acquaintance rape charges

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A UNLV student and red-shirt football player was arrested Jan. 15 on rape charges, and the victim, also a UNLV student, has left the university because of the incident.

Arthur Turner Jr., 20, is charged with the Dec. 3 acquaintance rape of another UNLV student, which allegedly occurred in a Boyd Hall

dorm room. Turner, a Tonopah Hall resident, will be arraigned this week and could face a minimum of five years in prison if convicted, according to David Hollenbeck, director of public safety.

"The District Attorney would not have allowed for a charge if they didn't think they could get a conviction," Hollenbeck said.

The victim was taken to University Medical Center for evidentiary tests immediately following the alleged rape. She suffered no substantial bodily harm, but police said test results pointed to Turner as the person responsible.

Though the alleged rape occurred more than a month ago, the nature of the crime required an extensive investigation.

The complaint was sent to District Attorney Stewart Bell, who approved the charge. A warrant for Turner's arrest was then issued.

"This is a very delicate situation," said Hollenbeck, who was unable to comment on whether or not Turner has confessed to the crime.

"As I see it, Arthur Turner faces two problems," explained Robert Ackerman, vice president for student services. "He has the criminal case proce-

dure to work through. Then he also has the judicial process on campus."

The criminal hearing will be heard on Jan. 30, and according to Ackerman, the hearing on campus could take place by the first week of February.

The campus hearing will be judged by a panel comprised of a minimum of three people, made up of faculty and students. The panel will determine if Turner violated the student conduct code.

"Our main goal, though, is to make sure everyone's rights are protected," Ackerman said. "We're trying to follow all the procedures."

If Turner is found guilty he could face suspension or expulsion from the university, Ackerman said.

Turner did not meet NCAA scholastic requirements, and redshirted this season. According to Ackerman, Turner is not on scholarship and it will be the athletic department's decision whether he will be on the team next season.

Recruited from North Caddo High School in Vivian, La., Turner was vying for a starting wide receiver spot on next season's Rebel squad. He is listed in the Rebel Media Guide at 6-0 and 180 pounds. A trial date has not been set.

University parking fees fall short of goal

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The construction of a 12,000-space parking garage on UNLV's campus will not occur by 1997, University Police Sgt. Donald Drake said Wednesday.

UNLV administrators have been forced to postpone plans for the long-awaited parking garage because parking permit collections have fallen nearly \$1,000,000 short of the anticipated \$5,000,000 annual amount.

John Amend, associate vice president for administration, said Friday the most recent account status report, taken Dec. 31, indicated \$375,000 has been collected thus far in first-time parking fees. Amend expects that figure to climb to approximately \$4,000,000 by the end of the fiscal year.

The projected cost of the parking garage is \$6.5 million. The parking and traffic committee, which serves as an advisory committee to UNLV President Carol Harter, will vote on whether to use the collected parking fees toward the construction of a parking garage, or to use the funds to rebuild existing lots.

The money generated from the parking fee will be banked in an interest-bearing account until further decisions regarding its use are made, according to Amend.

"Without the income or a major donation, it (the construction of a parking garage) will have to be delayed," Amend said.

According to Drake, alternatives to the 12,000-space parking garage are being considered, including the possibility of building a smaller garage at a lesser cost.

Drake said university ad-

ministrators also are looking into purchasing the apartment buildings across from the Judy Bayley Theatre. The land could hold as many as 500 additional parking spaces, Drake said.

UNLV Interim President Kenny Guinn implemented the parking fee policy last year to generate revenue for the garage. Students wishing to park in university lots are required to purchase a parking permit for a \$30 annual fee. Faculty and staff are charged \$60 annually. Permits can also be purchased for \$15 per semester or on a daily basis for \$2.

Free nighttime visitor parking will be eliminated within a matter of weeks to help generate additional funding for upcoming parking projects. According to Drake, Artemus Ham Hall and Judy Bayley



UNLV parking garage will be postponed due to lack of funds.

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UNLV names new provost

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UNLV has a new provost. Douglas P. Ferraro, dean of arts and sciences at Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo will assume his duties March 1.

"I'm very excited about the prospects at UNLV," Ferraro said. "The faculty is excellent, and I look forward to working with them and with President Harter."

Harter feels confident about the new provost's potential contribution to UNLV.

"I am very pleased that Dr. Ferraro will be joining our administrative team," Harter

said. "His experience as the dean of a very large and diverse college at a major Midwestern university, along with his experience in higher education in the West, will be a great asset to UNLV as we develop and implement a university-wide plan that will guide the institution for the next decade."

Ferraro, a licensed psychologist and qualified expert in forensic psychopharmacology, has served in his current position at Western Michigan since 1990. Between 1973 and 1990 he served in several positions at the University of New Mexico including: chairman of the department of psychology, professor of psychol-

ogy, and professor of psychiatry at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine.

Ferraro will be joined by his wife, Dr. Sandra Odell, who was raised in Las Vegas.

"This will be a return to home for her," Ferraro said.

Ferraro, who received his Ph.D. from Columbia University, is an avid clinical researcher and has published widely in books and professional journals, mostly on topics concerning psychoactive drugs.

His salary will be \$125,000.

"I am excited about the prospects of working with a new provost with such an outstanding academic background who will join Dr. Harter in leading



Douglas P. Ferraro

UNLV to new heights," said Regent Shelley Berkley.

Ferraro replaces interim Provost Ron Smith, who will return to the graduate college.