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UNLV dorm resident convicted for false fire alarms

Suspect pleads guilty

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A UNLV student was convicted Jan. 30 in conjunction with a series of false fire alarms pulled in the residence hall buildings last semester. Sophomore Anthony Ray, 19, pleaded guilty at his Jan. 30 arraignment to charges brought against him by University Police for violating Nevada Revised Statute

475.100, which makes it unlawful to cause false fire alarms.

Ray was sentenced to complete up to 500 hours of public service.

"We've been investigating him since October and finally got enough evidence to put an end to his fun," said Kelly Stuehling, University Police student security supervisor.

"We expect the arrest to significantly decrease the number of false fire alarms in the residence halls," Stuehling added.

When asked if Ray may have been responsible for the Jan. 28 false fire alarm in Clau-

dine Williams Hall—which resulted in the evacuation of dorm residents and the extensive search of rooms on the first three floors—Stuehling said, "We have no reason to believe he pulled the alarm Sunday, but we have no reason to believe he didn't."

Stuehling added that the evidence used to convict Ray was not connected to nor obtained from the Jan. 28 room searches.

According to Stuehling, Ray often bragged to other dorm residents that he was responsible for setting off the false fire alarms. Stuehling said a number of these students ulti-

mately turned Ray in.

"We notify the fire department when a fire alarm sounds and then arrive at the scene to keep things calm and orderly," Stuehling said.

"In the dorms, alarms were sounding late at night (throughout the Fall semester) and students were forced to evacuate the buildings each time," Stuehling continued. "Students were angry about this problem and were willing to cooperate with us to catch the responsible party."

"He (Ray) wasn't very cooperative with (University Police) when they wanted to question him," Resident Advi-

sor Adam Botwinik, a sophomore psychology major, said of Ray.

"He gave them the run-around for a while," Botwinik added.

"We've been having trouble locating him (Ray) since he moved out of the dorms in January," said Mary Macnabb, UNLV's administrative officer for student discipline.

According to Macnabb, the university is taking disciplinary action against Ray for violating the university's student conduct code. The disciplinary process is underway and the resolution will remain confidential, Macnabb said.

IFC to decide on recruiting controversy

Lambda Chi Alpha may face suspension

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A complaint concerning the use of inappropriate recruiting material by one fraternity at UNLV will be heard Sunday by the judicial board of the Interfraternal Council.

The complaint against Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity by Phi Delta Theta fraternity involves a flyer that was distributed to potential fraternity members.

It is alleged to contain false information about Lambda Chi Alpha's academic standing, the number of pledge classes of other fraternities, and supposed hazing practices that occur in other fraternities. Accusations of sexist and racist remarks in Lambda Chi Alpha's flyer are also part of the complaint.

The flyer in question, "Supply Rush Issue—The Frog," was distributed during rush week, Jan. 29-Feb. 2 in the Moyer Student Union. It contains a cartoon with words in a bubble that are racially offensive toward Asians. Another section states "chicks dig us."

"The cartoon depicts a fraternity member who squints when laughing," Nicholas Bosco, Lambda Chi Alpha's fraternity educator, said in defense of the cartoon.

Ten hazing practices by other fraternities are listed in the flyer. According to Lambda Chi Alpha's flyer, other fraternities in the Greek system

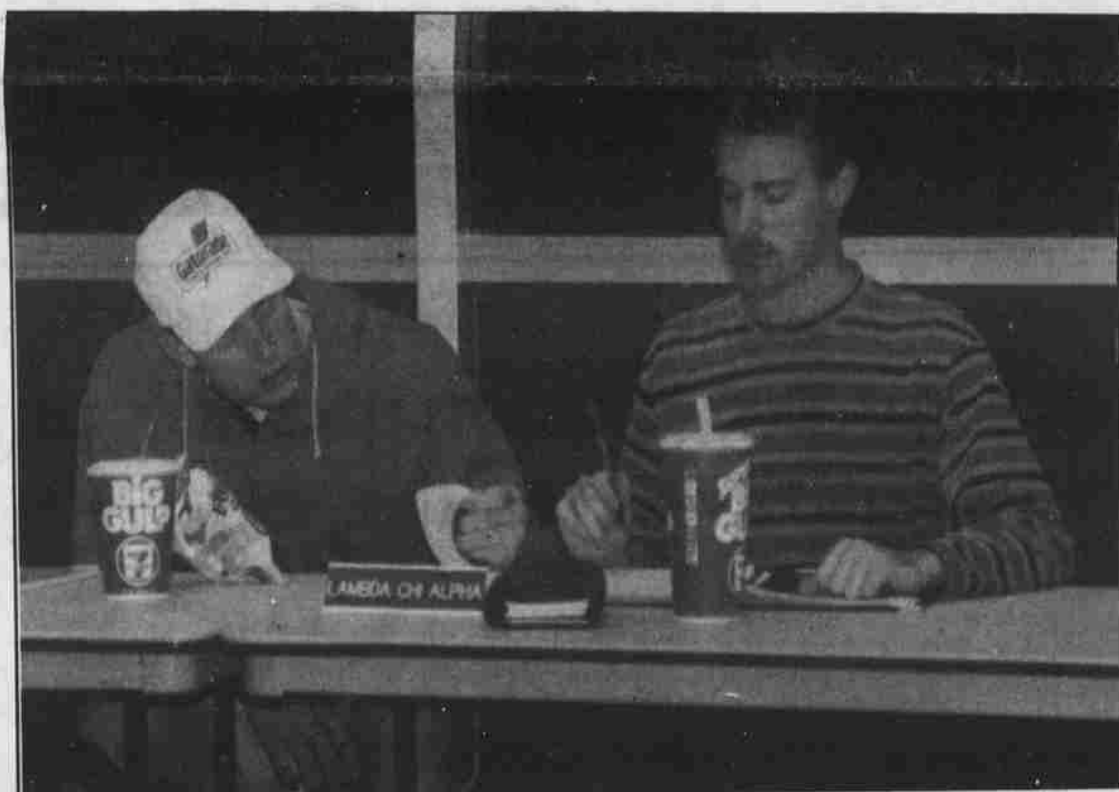


PHOTO BY HYUN-HO HAN

Lambda Chi Alpha Vice President Mike Dye and Lambda Chi Alpha IFC delegate Shawn Fiser hear complaints brought against their fraternity about recruiting material.

force new and potential members to eat vomit and drink alcohol until dead. The flyer reads: "Join Lambda Chi and you won't have the worry about being called a pledge or being hazed."

Darren Clay, vice president of Lambda Chi, said the list was not intended to imply that hazing occurred at UNLV, only that it happens on some campuses.

Clay said the caricature "in no way supports racism, and we are sorry for any offense."

Robert Ackerman, UNLV's Vice President of Student Services, disagrees. "The flyer violates the standards of the Greek system," Ackerman said. "It is incredibly abhorrent."

In addition to Phi Alpha Delta's objections to Lambda

Chi Alpha's recruiting material, Ackerman cites the "generally negative, high schoolish tone of the document" as objectionable.

"Recruiting should be based on the strengths of an organization, not on the weaknesses of others," Ackerman said.

Ackerman refused to comment about possible university disciplinary action to be taken against Lambda Chi Alpha. "It's better to give the Greek system the chance to police itself," Ackerman said.

Dane Roberts, faculty advisor for UNLV's Greek system, said Lambda Chi Alpha was tied for third place in academic standing among the fraternities last semester, not first as the flyer claimed.

Clay contends that grade changes were responsible for

Lambda Chi Alpha's fall from first to third place in academic standing. Clay added that the information was accurate as of the flyer's publication.

Phi Delta Theta outlined in a letter of complaint to IFC four actions to be taken against Lambda Chi Alpha. These include a written letter of apology from Lambda Chi Alpha to UNLV's other fraternities, suspension from the Greek system of not less than one semester, requirement to conduct sensitivity training in racism and sexism and a fine of not less than \$500.

Clay said Lambda Chi Alpha will issue the apology of its own volition and is still discussing the possibility of sensitivity training. Clay said he does not feel the fine and suspension are appropriate.

Psychological services reaches out

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Are you constantly worried about your weight? Do you exercise compulsively and count calories faithfully? Perhaps you binge on fattening foods and then hide in the bathroom while you purge.

These behaviors are all signs of eating disorders, and UNLV students will have the opportunity to participate in free screenings, designed to detect eating disorders, this week in the Moyer Student Union Room 210.

The first National Eating Disorders Screening Program is being held in conjunction with Eating Disorder Awareness Week at hundreds of college campuses across the country.

UNLV's Student Psychological Services, in conjunction with the Student Health Center and Montevista Hospital, will conduct the free screenings from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday. All screenings are anonymous.

Students will learn about eating disorders and will have an opportunity to meet one-

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