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Century 6 burns in freak accident

By Sara Stambaugh
Staff Writer

An estimated \$100,000 to \$200,000 worth of damage was done Saturday, Sept. 18, to the Century 6 movie theatre in Nevada. A fire almost completely destroyed theater number one, leaving the other five virtually untouched.

The fire is thought to have started in a shadow box -- a glass case where movie posters are displayed -- some time between Friday afternoon and Saturday. No one was hurt.

Repairs have already begun on theater number one, along with clearing the water and smoke damaged parts of the other five theaters. Century 6 manager, Sharon Borders, said that she hoped to have the theater ready to re-open by this weekend.

Two arrested for CD player thefts

By Barbara Batokova
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During the early morning hours of Thursday, Sept. 16, six cars parked in Robertson Hall's back lot were broken into. It took less than a week for local law enforcement to make an arrest.

According to a report in the Nevada Daily Mail, an investigation by the Nevada Police Department and the Vernon County Sheriff's Department led to the arrests of Derrek Shane Bennett, 18, Nevada, and Terry Joe Deeser, 17, Nevada, who have been charged with six counts of vehicle tampering.

All six cars, belonging to Angela Phillips, Jane Skinner, Shazda Pederson, Paula Kopriva, Kali Shipley and Morgan Doyle, had CD players stolen from them. According to Helen Lodge, director of housing, five of them were after-market CD players -- not original to the car.

Slightly older models of cars without alarms were the focus of the stealing spree. Police officers have recovered at least three of the CD players, but at the moment they cannot return them.

Phillips' red Chevrolet, parked directly under a parking lot lamp, had the back triangle window broken, through which the violators reached to open the door to steal the CD player. Then they locked all the doors.

Skinner's white Chrysler LeBaron, as well as Pederson's grey Chevrolet Cavalier, were also locked after being burglarized.

"...We [Skinner and her friend Elizabeth Matthees] didn't even notice anything until we sat down," commented Skinner.

Kopriva's quarter-piece window was shattered, and the doors were locked except for the driver's side.

The thieves stole the CD player from Kopriva's burgundy Caprice Classic, but left behind a \$20 bill, \$100 in traveler's checks and a spare set of car keys. A screwdriver that the police took as evidence was found on the floor of Kopriva's passenger seat.

To enter Shipley's white Geo Tracker, the thieves unzipped the back window and crawled



Photos by Barbara Batokova

ABOVE -- Thieves broke the back security glass of Angela Phillips' red Chevrolet some time during the early morning hours of Thursday, Sept. 16, to steal her CD player. Other cars burglarized that belong to Jane Skinner, Shazda Pederson, Paula Kopriva, Kali Shipley and Morgan Doyle. While all cars were missing their CD players, the thieves left behind other items of value: money and traveler's checks in one case. RIGHT -- Robertson Hall's parking lot looked as quiet as usual the day following the thefts.



inside then ripped out the CD player. Her driver's side door was unlocked.

The first notice of the violations came to Lodge on Thursday at about 8.30 a.m., when Skinner came to report her CD player stolen.

An announcement to all students living in Reeves and Robertson halls went out at about 1:40 p.m., at which time Kopriva found her car was also broken into.

Lodge advised the students to let their parents know about the

thefts first and then file a police report, which all of them did.

Cottey College's staff is working to maximize security on campus. "I asked the Physical Plant to make additional security rounds around the campus," said Lodge.

According to Neal Swarnes, the director of Physical Plant, the security staff is always on duty from 4 p.m. to 8 a.m. and can do approximately three rounds a shift. Security personnel make every effort not to be predictable.

"This is very unusual," said Lodge, commenting on the incident. "Nothing like this has ever happened here on campus."

Corporal A. Kent of the Nevada Police said in the past six months, there has been an increased number of car radio/CD player thefts in Nevada.

"I am surprised somebody would have the guts to come to an open parking lot," said Skinner. "[Cottey College is] one of the safest places in town. It's really shocking to me."

Donor bricks build library appeal

By: Fran Martirano
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If you build it, they will come. At least that's the idea behind the flurry of construction just completed outside the Blanche Skiff Ross Memorial Library on the east side of the campus.

After receiving numerous donations for memorial bricks similar to the ones located outside the Rubie Burton Academic Center, Wendy MacLaren, dean of Institutional Advancement, found herself with a challenge: where to put all those bricks bearing all those names of all those valuable supporters.

The bricks cost donors \$100 each. Most people give bricks as gifts to P.E.O.s or suitmates, while some like the idea of having their own names built into a part of the Cottey community.

The library represented the perfect spot to inlay the bricks, and decision makers went forward this summer planning for a new patio for the front of the library. MacLaren said, "There are approximately 1,000 named bricks being placed in front of the library, with room for 1,500 more."

Local contractors and companies have been working on different aspects of the new patio. Also helping out have been Cottey's own Physical Plant personnel.

Originally the college set a completion date of Sept. 15 for the patio work, but it soon became apparent that the first deadline couldn't be made.

Acting Library Director Becky Kiel said, "I thought everything was almost done, and I discovered there were several more projects left." Tasks such as reconfiguring the front doors so both would open, and other details about the front of the building kept the construction workers and the Physical Plant staff busy.

Kiel expects the new patio will benefit the library in several different ways.

"P.E.O.s and alumnae always look at the bricks when they come, and I expect them to come over and look at them. Another added feature is that students and classes can go outside and enjoy reading or studying. When finished, the library committee will look into purchasing patio furniture."

Before furniture can be bought, the committee will have to raise money.

Some of the furniture pieces under consideration are patio tables with umbrellas for shading readers from the sun, along with benches for students to lounge on between classes.

When asked about the effect blocking the front door has had on library traffic, Kiel said, "There have been some townspeople who remarked how nice it'll be when the front door is open, but the students still populate the library frequently. Plus, you can tell who the second-years are because when they want to leave, they always head towards the front door."

Regarding any further library improvements, Kiel said, "I'm asking myself, What else can we do? I think it's fun."

Freshmen class, Reeves and Robbie hall elect new officers

By Katie Ogle
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Class elections ran smoothly last year, allowing the candidates to quickly assume offices. This year, however, brought more challenges than the last.

There was a run-off election between Nancy Lopez and Debbie Francomb for the office of FCC president, as well as a revote for Robertson Hall president, who would take over Jade Kai's position.

Kai is the former president of Robertson Hall. Kai left the presidential position when she was offered the position of president of the Golden Keys.

That election was held in the basement of Robbie Hall on Wednesday, Sept. 8. Only second-year students living in the residence hall were allowed to vote and run for the office.

The first round of elections for the freshman class took place in the Haidee and Allen Wild Center for the Arts on Sept. 7. The freshman class was bombarded by speeches designed to convince voters of who would be the best woman for the job and flyers decorated with dum-dum suckers from nominees for the offices of FCC, Student Government Association and Intersociety.



Lopez



Francomb



Skinner



Livingstone



Green



Homan



Hall



Phillips

Approximately one hour after the elections were held, the results were announced over residence hall speakers.

The FCC presidential race resulted in a tie between Lopez and Francomb. This prompted a run-off election held on Sept. 9, again in the center for the arts.

Speeches from the remaining two nominees were given, both indicating their desire to unite the seniors and freshmen in traditions and voicing the concerns of the freshman class and the SGA. Votes were cast and recounted. The results of the run-off revealed that Lopez would be the new FCC president. According to SGA

representatives and Student Life staff, final vote counts for Cottey elections are not publicized in order to protect candidates' privacy.

Lopez has previously held officer positions in her high school Hispanic club and enjoys volunteering and plans on doing so here in Nevada. Lopez's plan for the freshman class is to get involve everyone with traditions and Cottey. "I am the president, but I need everyone's help," said Lopez.

For the Robertson Hall election, the candidates were Jane Skinner and Cassie Cohen. The first vote count showed Skinner as the new

hall president. However, there was a fear that people were voting for absent students. This caused a revote, which was held on Friday, Sept. 10. The revote was held in the basement of Robertson Hall where Casey Deleissegues, one of the hall exec members, crossed the names of the voters off a list of residents.

The votes were tallied once more, and Skinner was elected hall president for a second time. Skinner has not previously held leadership roles, but said she is looking forward to getting to know the freshmen residing at Robbie.

Other students elected to leadership posts include: SGA secretary, Elisa Danner; SGA parliamentarian, Nicole Gallant; SGA publicity coordinator, Laura Hansen; SGA senators-at-large, Caitlin Homan, Allison Hall and Michelle Green; FCC vice president, Guinith Cahill; FCC secretary, Brittney Jones; FCC treasurer, Kristina Valeva; FCC publicity coordinator, Jenni Livingstone; FCC Sports coordinator, Jayme Edgar; FCC song leader, Emily Davenport; FCC Traditions Review Board representative, Rachel Spurling; Intersociety historian, Tiffany Paulie; and Intersociety publicity coordinator, Amber Phillips.