

Camera exposes stall

Police locate setup in women's bathroom

The Daily (University of Washington)

(U-WIRE) SEATTLE — The University of Washington Police Department is investigating how a hidden video camera ended up in a women's bathroom in the university library.

A UW student using the second-floor bathroom on Oct. 19 noticed the camera at about 3 p.m.

The police found the video camera hidden by aluminum foil, hooked up to a transmitter, which the prankster hid in the bottom of the bathroom's trash can. According to the police report, the foil "was positioned in such a way that it kind of blended in with other aluminum fixtures."

The report said, "This was well thought out and planned and, with all of the setup required, must have taken a fair amount of time and effort."

UW police Sgt. John Schultz said police had no suspects.

Schultz said the camera was hooked up for less than a day, and probably only for a few hours.

According to the police report, the student who found the camera told a library employee about the suspicious setup in the bathroom.

The employee notified the library supervisor on duty, who then examined the bathroom and noticed wiring running along the ceiling, down a stall support and into the trash can.

The supervisor found a black box — later identified as a transmitter — in the trash can. Thinking the box might be a bomb, the supervisor called the police while another employee guarded the bathroom door.

Two wires ran into the transmitter. A beige wire was an extension cord providing power to the transmitter, and a black wire, disguised with white tape that blended into the ceiling, ran under the towel dispenser, along the wall and up the outer frame of the stall.

At the top of the stall frame, the wire ran across the ceiling to the southern-most stall where it was hooked up to the hidden camera. A pornographic magazine was also in the stall.

Although police did not find a receiver, Schultz said the transmitter could have been sending images to a computer or a videocassette recorder.

The report lists the camera as small, "like the kind that sit on top of TVs or computers when they're used for videoconferencing."

Police did find an "Out of Order" sign on another bathroom door, directing people to the bathroom with the camera. Library staff members did not post the sign.

Betsy Wilson, associate director of libraries, said the library is very concerned with catching the person who rigged the bathroom and has changed its security routines to include checking the bathrooms more often.

Law & Order



A look at crime on campus and in the community

CHASE

After leading police on a foot chase through east Lincoln Monday afternoon, an escaped juvenile convict from Kearney was caught.

The 17-year-old youth originally from Lincoln was on weekend leave from the Kearney Juvenile Center when police identified him as a suspect in a Monday morning burglary.

Tim O'Dea, superintendent of the Kearney Juvenile Center, said the youth was on a weekend visit home and under the supervision of his parents.

Sgt. Ann Heermann said neighbors near a house on the 6700 block of South Bermuda

Drive reported a burglary to Lincoln police at 10:15 a.m.

The suspect broke into the house through a window and took \$20 in cash and some alcohol, Heermann said.

Based on witness' description, police found the escaped juvenile about 10 blocks away on the 400 block of Hazelwood Street near Wedgewood Lake, Heermann said.

He ran from police after they yelled to him that he was under arrest. He then jumped over a spillway and into a creek bed near the lake, Heermann said. Police chased him into a storm sewer and pulled him out of a manhole at the intersection of Skyway and Steinway streets, Heermann said.

He was arrested for burglary, failure to comply with an officer and escape from the center, and was returned to Kearney.

Professor, dean clash over in-class Holocaust discussion

Daily Northwestern (Northwestern U.)

(U-WIRE) EVANSTON, Ill. — An instructor who taught about the Holocaust in his electrical engineering course will not teach at Northwestern University after this quarter.

Adjunct Instructor Sheldon Epstein said he thinks his contract was not renewed because he disregarded the advice of engineering dean Jerome B. Cohen, and incorporated the Holocaust in his "Engineering Design and Entrepreneurship" classes.

He said his decision was in response to the work of his colleague, electrical engineering Professor Arthur Butz, who wrote "The Hoax of the 20th Century," a revisionist history of the Holocaust.

When Epstein learned Butz was also publishing his Holocaust revisionism on the university World Wide Web server, he complained to the administration.

Epstein said Northwestern administrators defended Butz's right to post the information on the university server, saying it was a free-speech issue.

"My position is that it should not appear under the (name) of Northwestern University," Epstein said. Epstein also said the free-speech argument didn't apply to the internal decisions of a private institution.

Epstein said Cohen advised him not to discuss his views on the Holocaust and his disassociation from the views of Butz. But Epstein discussed his views anyway in class the next day.

"Am I supposed to stand in front of bright

young students and not tell them about their history?" he said. "Is that what the university wants?"

Cohen could not be reached for comment.

Abraham Haddad, chairman of the engineering school, declined to comment on the reasons for Epstein's dismissal and the instructor's approach to incorporating the Holocaust into his teaching.

"Every year (we hire) lots of adjunct instructors who have a one-year contract," Haddad said. "We always choose our adjunct faculty with care."

Butz said he never brought up the Holocaust in his own course and never really spoke to Epstein on the subject. He also said he was not aware that Epstein's contract was not renewed.

Epstein's contract expires in December. A new professor likely will take over the course, Haddad said.

Epstein said he discussed the Holocaust within the guidelines set forth for the class, which allowed for a discussion on different ramifications of technology. He said too many of his students didn't understand the impact of engineering on politics and economics.

"We as engineers have a responsibility to think about what we do, because it is we engineers who provide the politicians with the killing machines," Epstein said.

Epstein, who is Jewish, said he stands by his decision to discuss the Holocaust with his students.

"I am proud of who I am," he said. "I'm not ashamed of my heritage."

Local children visit campus to pick up Halloween treats

Residence halls and Chi Omega will hold parties for trick-or-treaters.

BY KASEY KERBER
Senior Reporter

This Halloween, some local children may find it a treat to go trick-or-treating.

Several University of Nebraska-Lincoln organizations are sponsoring parties for little ghouls and goblins whose parents work nights.

Children from the Malone Center will visit the Chi Omega sorority house and Cather/Pound Residence Halls tonight, and will visit the Harper/Schramm/Smith Halls on Thursday night.

Dionne Parks, Malone Center child care coordinator, said many children from the center have parents who can't take them trick-or-treating.

She said the Malone Center has coordinated Halloween events with university organizations the past four years.

Parks said it was a unique chance for children to celebrate Halloween and visit UNL at the same time.

"They look forward to it," Parks said. "You'll hear them talking and saying 'I get to go to the university' to their friends."

"It's their time to get crazy."

TAMI FEIT
Chi Omega philanthropy chairwoman

Children from the YMCA and YWCA and the Cedars Home for Children will join the Malone Center.

Tami Feit, philanthropy chairwoman of Chi Omega, said the young visitors would be trick-or-treating indoors, making crafts, listening to stories, playing games and watching movies.

"They will be able to wander from one activity to another," Feit said. "It's their time to get crazy."

Herbie Husker also is supposed to make a surprise visit for the children between 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Feit said she expected about 70 children to visit the house.

A second group of children from the Malone Center, joined by those from YMCA, YWCA and several Lincoln elementary schools, will visit Harper, Schramm and Smith Residence Halls from 6:30 to 8:30 Thursday night.

Smith Hall will entertain the children with a variety of Halloween activities, while groups of escorted children trick or treat on each floor of Harper and Schramm.

Shelia Kadoli, student assistant at Smith Hall, said she expected more than 100 children to attend. Activities will include face painting, ghost stories and Halloween games.

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