

Galo

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history reads like a novel: The family (which consists of Norma, the widow and mother of four; Flavio, the eldest son; Carmen, married to Flavio and mother of a four-year old daughter Queztzalina; Norma, the family's only daughter and Fransico, the youngest son and a student) had been important leaders of a Colina Nicaro parish called Pablo Apostle. Apostle was a Christian-Based Community (though they are Catholic) started in the mid-60's. Unfortunately, the regime's repression was increasing at the same time.

Later on in the same decade, the family members formed, along with other prominent Nicaraguan artists, GRADAS, a cultural group. The group became a powerful symbol for change in revolution.

GRADAS's protests did not go unnoticed by Somoza's National Guard, who pressure on certain members of group forced them to leave the country.

The Galo Family also took part in developing the *Misa Popular*, a replacement for Christian-Based Community's more traditional liturgy. *Misa Popular* was banned by Somoza and church authorities.

Martinez is just as dedicated to seeing the Sandinista revolution succeed as are the Galos and has focused much energy into it.

"I've been too busy working on issues related to Central America to participate in any other causes," he said.

While there have been no death threats received

by the Galo Family, Martinez said that the Nicaragua Network (sponsoring the Galos in America) asked for security precautions to be taken, just in case. Martinez also said he couldn't "elaborate on them," but he added "there has never been any problems in the past with Nicaraguans visiting the United States but that may be a consequence of the careful security measures that have been taken."

When asked about the main point the Family wanted to make while in the U.S. Martinez said confidently, "[the Galo Family] is here to spread the word that the present government in Nicaragua, even though it is far from perfect, has the support of the majority of its people."

Martinez warns of dangerous steps the United States is taking with Nicaragua. "People should be aware of the pattern of intervention that's been occurring over the last several years. The invasion of Grenada occurred just before a *contra* aid vote, the bombing of Lybia occurred just before a *contra* vote. And now we have the military intervention in the Persian Gulf. [President] Reagan uses military intervention in the world in order to rally the American people behind an interventionist policy in general, and an interventionist policy in Central America in particular.

Martinez said he thinks about 150 to 200 people will show up at the Galo Family show, and hopes that they will more that just entertained.

Student health working to keep costs low

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In these days of soaring medical costs and the virtual necessity of major medical insurance, the Student Health Center provides many medical services free of charge to registered students.

Student Health Center Services is solely supported by student fees and does what would normally be done in a doctor's office, according to its director Rebecca Kinn, RN.

The center conducts tests for pregnancy, performs throat cultures, urinalyses, and pelvic examinations.

The center also has access to a specialist in internal medicine, Dr. Loring Jacobs, MD.

The health center performs several important service to the students, Kinn said. One such area

of concern involves health counseling and information.

Students can discuss such topics as health problems and communicable diseases. They can also learn more about nutrition and weight control. Community agency information and referral is available for those who need it.

Another service the center provides to the students is primary health care. In addition to diagnosis, exams, treatment and medical advice, the center also screens students for specific problems such as throat cultures; mono and Pap tests; and blood pressure.

Included in the primary health care services is the treatment of specific problems as ordered by the physician. Allergy shots and other personal medications are also administered.

Another service provid-

ed to the students at UNLV involves prevention of diseases and precautions to be taken. The center distributes, free of charge, pamphlets explaining a variety of health areas; dealing with topics such as AIDS and safe sex.

It also has a health information resource area for students wishing to discuss certain problems before a classroom.

The center also distributes condoms free to students.

The Health Center is in the process of arranging for a planned parenthood program on campus, as well as having several speakers who will discuss topics ranging from sexuality to parent-child communication.

"The beautiful thing about the services," Kinn said, "is convenience and cost. When student come here because of a minor

cold, they do not have to pay the exorbitant costs which they would be expected to pay for a doctor's appointment.

"Neither would they have to wait for two hours before seeing a physician." Last year 7,437 students visited the center for treatment.

Kinn, who has been with the UNLV Health Center for 17 years, noted that the most common ailment among students has been upper respiratory in nature.

"Students in the past," Kinn said, "were more concerned about the treatment of a problem rather than the prevention of a problem. The students I see today are more concerned about health, nutrition and healthful life styles. All of the problems I see today are self-inflicted because of poor eating habits."

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