

# Fund raising builds better teams

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UNLV's grant-in-aid scholarship programs and fund-raising drives are transforming the school's 12 athletic programs into a potential powerhouse. Charlotte Summers, Assistant Athletic Director of Finance/Business Manager, said that UNLV has approximately 245 grant-in-aid scholarships which are given each year.

She said that athletes must meet criteria standards of the PCAA, NCAA and UNLV to be able to qualify for a scholarship. Grant-in-aid scholarships for men are given in basketball, baseball, golf, soccer, swimming, tennis and football.

Summers said the maximum number of full scholarships given to any sport within a school's

athletic program is determined by the NCAA. Most athletes coming to UNLV on scholarships are out-of-state students.

UNLV's basketball program, for example, can award a maximum of 15 full grant-in-aid scholarships.

Summers also said that each of the seven men's sports departments must stay within a budget.

The total scholarship budget allocated to the basketball program is \$150,000.

Baseball has a budget of \$90,500, golf has a budget of \$35,000, soccer has a budget of \$73,986, swimming has a budget of \$55,728, and tennis has a budget of \$35,000.

However, the UNLV football team has a budget of \$555,000.

Summers said that women's (five) sports programs follow the same

format.

The basketball program can award a maximum of 15 full grant-in-aid scholarships.

Cross country and track can award up to 16 scholarships, softball up to 11, swimming up to 14, and tennis up to 10 scholarships.

She said each of the five women's sports departments must also stay within a budget.

The total budget allocated to the basketball program is \$125,000.

Cross country and track has a budget of \$115,000, softball has a budget of \$85,000, swimming has a budget of \$57,604, and tennis has a budget of \$37,500.

Summers said the reason some of the programs have larger budget allocations is because of the number of players in a

particular sport.

She mentioned again that the maximum number of full grant-in-aid scholarships is mandated by the NCAA.

"A full scholarship," Summers said, "includes tuition (up to 18 credits per semester), books, room and board. A coach has the discretion of awarding his total budget anyway he sees fit. If he decides not to pick up an athlete's tuition, books, room and board, then the athlete is given a partial scholarship."

"In this case, only part of his education is picked up by the school."

Hand in hand with the grant-in-aid scholarship program is a UNLV scholarship fundraising drive composed of local businesses, hotels, corporations and individuals.

Summers said that donors who give a certain amount of money toward the scholarship drive get two season tickets to basketball and football games.

Those who donate \$500 toward the scholarship fundraising drive are entitled to sit in the mezzanine section.

Donors who give either \$850, \$1,300 or \$1,500 are seated in the plaza section.

Courtside donors are those who have donated \$4,000, \$6,000 or \$8,000 are entitled to four season basketball and football tickets.

Mike Alsup, Athletic Academic Counselor, said that the bigger sports at a university will generate a larger budget for the school.

"The main emphasis of the Southeast and Big Ten conferences is football,"

he said. Auburn University sells out a 104,000-person stadium for its football games. Yet, there are only 20,000 people living in Auburn, Alabama.

On the other hand, they cannot sell out a basketball game when they are playing the number one team in the country on national television.

Alsup also said that the athletic programs at UNLV are trying to narrow the gap between athletics and academics.

Coaches and academic advisors nationwide are shifting attention toward academics because people have lost sight of an education while attending college on an athletic scholarship.

He said that UNLV was one of the first schools in the nation to reemphasize academics through the

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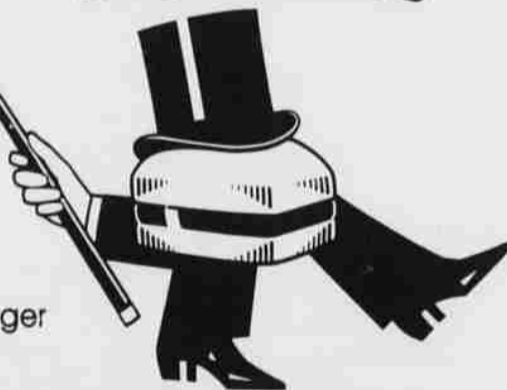
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Gene Antonio, author of the controversial best-selling book, *The AIDS Cover-up?*, will present lectures on the AIDS epidemic free to the public on Nov. 13 and 14 in Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall at 4505 Maryland Parkway, at 7pm each evening.

In his book, Antonio emphasizes the need for immediate action to halt the spread of the deadly disease. He writes, "AIDS is no longer someone else's problem. Contrary to optimistic rumors, the AIDS epidemic is not leveling off. In 1986 more persons have been diagnosed with the disease than in all previous years (1978-85) combined. Those diagnosed as having AIDS represent only the tip of the iceberg. Between two and three million Americans are estimated to be permanently infected with the AIDS virus." The

number of those infected is expected to double each year.

Antonio is an investigative journalist and social commentator who spent two years in the research and writing of his book, which has been highly acclaimed by leaders in the government, medical and church fields. The book provides current and well-documented scientific and medical facts about the accelerating AIDS crisis which have not been otherwise widely disseminated.

Antonio has a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and economics, as well as a master of divinity degree from Concordia Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Mo. He has worked with various churches and has done pastoral counseling with homosexuals, drug addicts and prostitutes. As a

result of these endeavors, he became increasingly aware of the crisis of AIDS and its catastrophic effect on human life. During his interaction with medical professionals, it became obvious that a number of facts about AIDS were not being publicly disclosed. Prompted by deep concern, he gave up active ministry work in order to study and investigate the epidemic and its consequences.

Antonio is working closely with several U.S. senators and congressmen on important AIDS legislation. An effective and dynamic speaker, Antonio has been a guest on more than 100 television and radio talk shows across the U.S. and Canada.

Calvary Chapel Spring Valley is sponsoring Antonio's lectures as a service to the community of Las Vegas.