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Committee to advise health center

by roy theiss

staff writer

One of the areas that has not kept pace with the rapid growth of UNLV is health services, said CSUN President Steve Evenson.

"The fault dates back to six or seven years ago when the president's office failed to include adequate health service with the growth. Now we're playing catch-up," he said. With the coming of Greek Row and the dormitories, the idea of student health services hit me over the head like a club."

Currently Brandy Hoff-

man (College of Health Science) is gathering information on health boards at universities across the nation, including Massachusetts at Amherst and Arizona State.

UNLV's Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) will be a combination of those different SHAC's, UNLV's Rebecca Kinn, R.N. and Director of Health Services said. The campus SHAC will be made up of students from different colleges, faculty administration.

The director of the newly formed SHAC should be a nurse practitioner with a Master's degree, Kinn

said. The practitioner will be under the guidance of a physician but will still work independently, she added. The new director will give care in form of routine examinations and be able to write prescriptions. "This will be more cost efficient because it will free the doctor to more serious things," Kinn said.

The reason, she believes, behind creating a SHAC is student participation. "SHAC's are a great thing because students can have some input in advising the health services and we can get their feedback."

The services cover a broad range of topics, in-

cluding blood pressure information, AIDS information and treatment for minor illness. Routine pelvic examinations, birth control pills, allergy shots and pregnancy testing are currently available at the Health Center. With student participation, SHAC's will be able to determine where improvements are needed and what may need to be eliminated.

Other proposed projects are alcohol awareness, chemical use and misuse, immunization, smoking seminars, stress reduction and weight control.

Evenson said he expects SHAC to be operating by next fall.

Earning a degree at night school difficult for now

by gary mantz

staff writer

UNLV President Robert Maxson, speaking recently at the groundbreaking for new dormitories, made a commitment to "adult part-time learners."

"We will never, never abandon" part-time students, he said. "We will always be committed, as an urban university, to those students."

The nature and extent of that pledge as it the evening schedule and those students who rely on it calls into question the ability of UNLV to live up to all that is implied by the term "urban university."

Indeed one professor, a veteran on campus, wondered aloud, "can someone get a degree here, going primarily, let alone entirely, at night?"

The question is by no means cut-and-dried, and answers depend on which department one chooses for a major.

"It would be very, very

difficult for a person to get a degree in, say, the discipline of Arts and Letters, by going strictly to night school," said Director of Academic Advising James Kitchen.

"Somewhere along the line you are going to have to pick up a few courses during the day."

Students depending on 4-10 p.m. evening offerings find their predicament compounded by the tendency of departments campuswide to schedule courses perhaps once a year or less. A couple of seminars missed because of work-school conflict could delay attainment of a degree interminably.

Such students "will almost have to take some day classes, unless the institution is willing to take a look at offering more choices in the same courses, semester after semester," Dr. Kitchen added.

Dean Tom Wright of the College of Arts and Letters is hopeful that the univer-

sity will undertake a "self-examination" by individual departments, to determine the capacity of each to conduct a fuller night program.

"I would like to see all departments asked to do an inventory of their current and potential night offerings," he said, "to see whether they might now or in the future, with a slight adjustment, make it possible for a student to pick up a degree."

Using the History department as an example, Dr. Wright allowed as how it is probably impossible to obtain a degree in that major under current conditions.

"A very slight adjustment would make it possible for the department to offer, in proper sequence, night courses in necessary areas for a History major," he said.

The dean cautioned, however, that a reduced ability to choose from among upper-division

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Calendar of Events

April 12

UNIVERSITY FORUM CONCERT: "Home Concert." University Chamber Chorale. 7:30 PM. Artemus Ham Hall. Free;739-3401.

SEMINAR: "Assessment of Sexual Health." 5 to 9 PM;Dugan Humanities 241. \$25;739-3394.

SEMINAR: "Vocational Assessment Part II: Interest and Wor Values." 6:30 to 9 PM;Wright Hall 112. \$20;739-3394.

LECTURE: "Three Chords for Beauty's Sake and One to Pay the Rent." Speaker: Artie Shaw. Wright Auditorium 103;3 PM. Free;739-3929.

April 13

MASTER SERIES: Stuttgart Chamber Orchestra. 8PM;Artemus Ham Hall. 739-3535.

ROCK CONCERT: Whitesnake;7:30. Thomas & Mack Center. \$16.50;739-3900.

April 14

BARRICK LECTURE: Jimmy Carter. Artemus Ham Hall;7:30 PM. Free, but tickets required. 739-3801.

FILM SERIES: "Colonel Redl." Wright Auditorium;7PM. Free. 739-3401.

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