

# Health Center gets the green light to continue with prescriptions

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The Student Health Center was recently granted a temporary license by the State Pharmacy Board to continue the dispensing of medication.

The license will run through July 1, 1990 and allows nurses to dispense prepackaged medication if a physician isn't present.

After 20 years of functioning as a public health program, the center approached the pharmacy board regarding state statutes dealing with public health programs. Center director Lori Winchell and assistant general counsel for UNLV Bradley Boone attended a July 26 pharmacy board meeting in an attempt to have the center designated as a public health program.

The board's decision to grant the center a temporary license and not designating it as a public health program was based on several considerations.

The board felt it was not initiating a new program. Instead, it was helping out a program that already provides a needed service. According to the board, designating the center as a public health program would "open floodgates" to other less qualified applicants.

Board suggestions to hire an individual licensed to dispense medication were rejected because of budgeting within the center.

Winchell said at the meeting that is currently in the process of becoming a licensed advanced nursing practitioner in the state of Nevada and will be able to dispense prescription medication herself.

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nursing program, located in the William B. Carlson Building.

McLaine said that technology is everywhere and teachers must first have a good understanding of what it is. "I'd like to see technology join forces with academics in our schools to produce what call 'Techademics,'" he said.

More materials for the secondary education department would result in more top-of-the-line teachers, which would in turn mean a better education for high school students.

In order to receive the funds and space needed to expand the teaching curriculum, time and money will be needed, but McLaine said he is confident the program will grow.

Bob Coffin, a Democratic state senator who also handles the university's student insurance program said, "If there was a need for public health program, this institution provides it."

The board's final decision to grant a temporary license will allow students to continue to receive medicine from the health center until Winchell obtains her APN license.

Until then, the health center will operate under conditions drawn up on August 8 by Winchell and the board. Boone said current conditions already comply with the board's recommendations.

Medicine is again available to students at the health center and, during the summer, a doctor is on campus every Wednesday.

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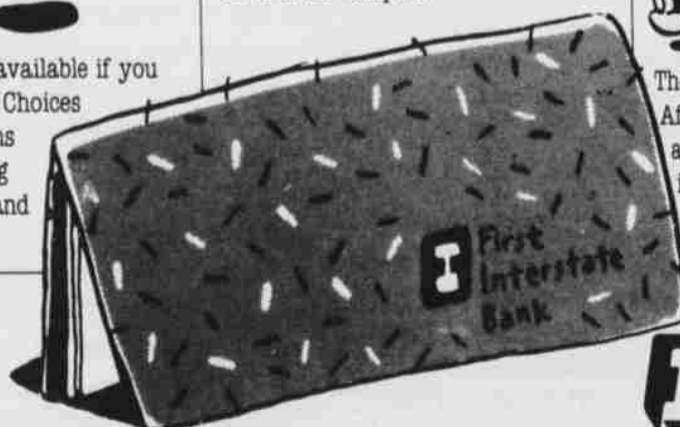
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