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UP, UP AND AWAY- A balloon sponsored by Valley Bank was lunched from the Academic Mall over the weekend

## Dating not easy at UNLV

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that UNLV start having dances or some kind of social get togethers on a weekly basis.

The dating game at UNLV is a tough situation.

"The courtyard parties are fine, but we need something else," said Joel, a 23 year-old senior.

Because there are few social activities where students can meet, most first dates come from meeting in class and in the Donald C. Moyer Student Union.

Cari Cohn, assistant director of CSUN Student Activities, said, "We tried a dance early in the semester and 50 people showed up."

At any time of the day, the Moyer Student Union is packed with young and old students looking for someone to meet—either to talk to as friends or to ask for a date.

"The program council has no dances planned," she said, "but if the need is there, the council will sponsor an evening event. If a student wants to be socially active, the Greeks seem to be the place to go."

To some, it is a game of frustration, and for others, it is as easy as saying hi.

"Maybe a Friday night dance routine would be fun," Cohn remarked.

A 23 year-old hotel administration major named Jack said, "Dating is tough sometimes. It's pretty much a clique-ish scene here."

Dating in the 1980s also is complicated by AIDS.

"If you're not in a certain group, you can forget asking out a girl in that group. I get dates all right, but I usually meet them off campus," Jack continued.

The disease is on the minds of many college students; some worry and some take it in stride.

This is not true for students. Noelle, a 19 year-old freshman majoring in theatre arts, said, "Dating is all right. It's easy to meet people here."

A 21 year-old sophomore, who wishes to remain anonymous, said, "It doesn't bother me to use a condom. These days you have to play it safe, or you die."

She said, "The only thing is I meet most of them in class."

"I don't worry about it much," a 20 year-old freshman said about AIDS. "I don't think any of my friends have it, so why worry about it."

Many students agree that classes or the Moyer Student Union are not the best places to ask someone for a date, with all the noise and studying going on.

Students, however are at risk of being infected. An article in the June 9, 1989 Washington Post stated that the number of people, both homosexual and heterosexual, infected has been underestimated. This is because of a failure of doctors to report all the cases they diagnosed.

Some students have suggested

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