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## T and M Center developing new alcohol program

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In an effort to eliminate problems with alcohol consumption at public events, a new program is being developed by officials at the Thomas and Mack Center.

The plan, known as Techniques of Effective Alcohol Management (or T.E.A.M.), will focus primarily on events held at the T and M, and will extend to the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl.

The comprehensive program is a spin-off from a procedure called TIPS, which identifies alcohol abuse problems early for beverage servers at public events.

"This program gets everyone involved with the project, including box office personnel, ticket takers, ushers and parking attendants," Pat Christenson, assistant director, said.

T.E.A.M. has been used effectively for about three years in major league basketball stadiums, as well as National Basketball Association arenas.

Training to implement the T.E.A.M. program is consistent all over the country, Christenson said, but the curriculum will differ from each facility.

"The concept behind T.E.A.M. is to train people to identify and react to [the intoxicated]," Christenson said, adding that an "alcohol patrol" will be set up.

If one of the patrol people spotted who was intoxicated, Christenson said, "they would think, 'is this person becoming obnoxious? How should the [campus police interact]?"

Dick Hill, coordinator for T.E.A.M. in this area, was sent to Oakland, Cal. for intense training on how to put together the program to meet the particular needs of our events in Southern Nevada.

"Our main objective is to have an atmosphere which is safe and enjoyable for our patrons," Hill said.

Now heading the committee to develop policies and procedures to fit T and M and the Silver Bowl, Hill said he is optimistic about the outcome and pleased to get more

personnel involved.

"Alcohol misuse is not a one-person kind of problem at these events," Hill said. "It is the kind of problem where a coordinated effort is necessary."

Interaction between stadium leaders and employees is a main part of the success of the program, Hill said.

Training sessions are mandatory for employees of T and M. Groups are presently meeting in groups of about 25 to learn how to use the techniques. Slides and videos are shown at each session and all participants are encouraged to express their ideas from their own

experiences in order to tailor the program to a better fit for T and M.

"The entire T.E.A.M. plan will work in conjunction with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and the university police," Hill said.

By mid-November, 400 people will have been trained for the program, he said.

T.E.A.M. will have an official "kick-off" date in November. At that time, there will be a "media day," with Mayor Ron Lurie and the Clark County Commissioners present to inform the general public.

"The public will then know what can be expected at the upcoming events at the Thomas and Mack Center," Christenson said.

## E-Board member says election conducted properly

By Richard Crow  
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Dan Bunin, a member of the Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada (CSUN) Elections Board and associate chief justice of the Judicial Council, said he disagreed with remarks made by CSUN Senator James Swank in the Oct. 13 issue of Yellin' Rebel.

In the article, Swank, who represents the College of Business and Economics, said that he was confused about the rules concerning the posting of campaign flyers and the Elections Board changed the rules in the middle of the election.

He also said that his ticket did not know about a candidate meet-

ing set up by the board to explain the rules, and he is being fined for breaking those rules now.

Bunin stressed that this did not occur. "There was a candidates meeting on October 3, and that was well advertised," he said.

"We posted flyers in at least four different areas on campus as we have to do legally for any open meeting," Bunin explained, adding that announcement was also listed in two editions of the Office of Student Information page.

Swank said that he didn't mean to infer that the board was biased, but simply meant that the board had changed the rules in the middle of the election. *continued on page 2*

## DONATING BLOOD

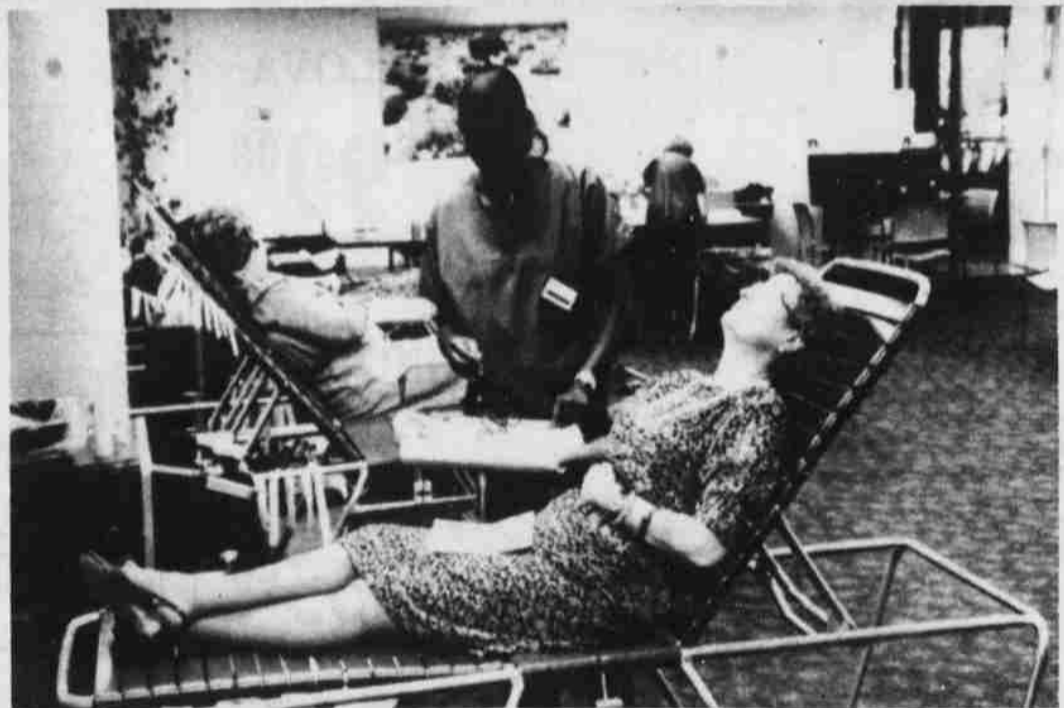


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**BLOOD DRIVE-** A student takes time out to donate blood during an annual blood drive going on in the Oasis lounge of the Moyer Student Union. The drive is sponsored by CSUN, SHAC and El Pollo Loco.

### OCTOBERFEST!

Wednesday, October 25  
11:00 - 2:00 p.m.

The Dumpkoffs  
Oscar Hein, comedian

Thursday, October 26  
11:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Warren Peace, D. J.  
Sinbad, comedian

Friday, October 27  
11:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Tommy Rucker  
Lip Sync contest  
1st prize \$100.00  
2nd prize \$75.00  
3rd prize \$50.00

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