

# New physician outlines health education

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"Health is not simply an attitude, it's a life style." This is the philosophy of Bryant Chomiak, the new physician at the Student Health Center.

Chomiak, who has only been at the center four weeks, has some definite ideas on health care.

"Good health starts with a good education," he said. "Understanding nutrition and how the body works and then applying good health principles to your life is a must for everyone."

"It's just like owning a car. If you don't maintain it right, have it serviced and take care of it, it will end up never leaving your garage, or spending a lot of time in a mechanic's garage," Chomiak said.

And it's not just physical health but mental health as well that has to be considered.

"I tend to go back to the ancient Roman and Greek ideas that depict man as a triangle, with one side mental, one spiritual and the other physical" he said. "All these need to be in synch for total health. A poor mental state can indeed effect our physical health."

When Chomiak heard about the

job opening at the health center he said he was immediately attracted to the offer because he liked the idea of medical care with no profit motive. "It's a refreshing change from the business end of being a doctor."

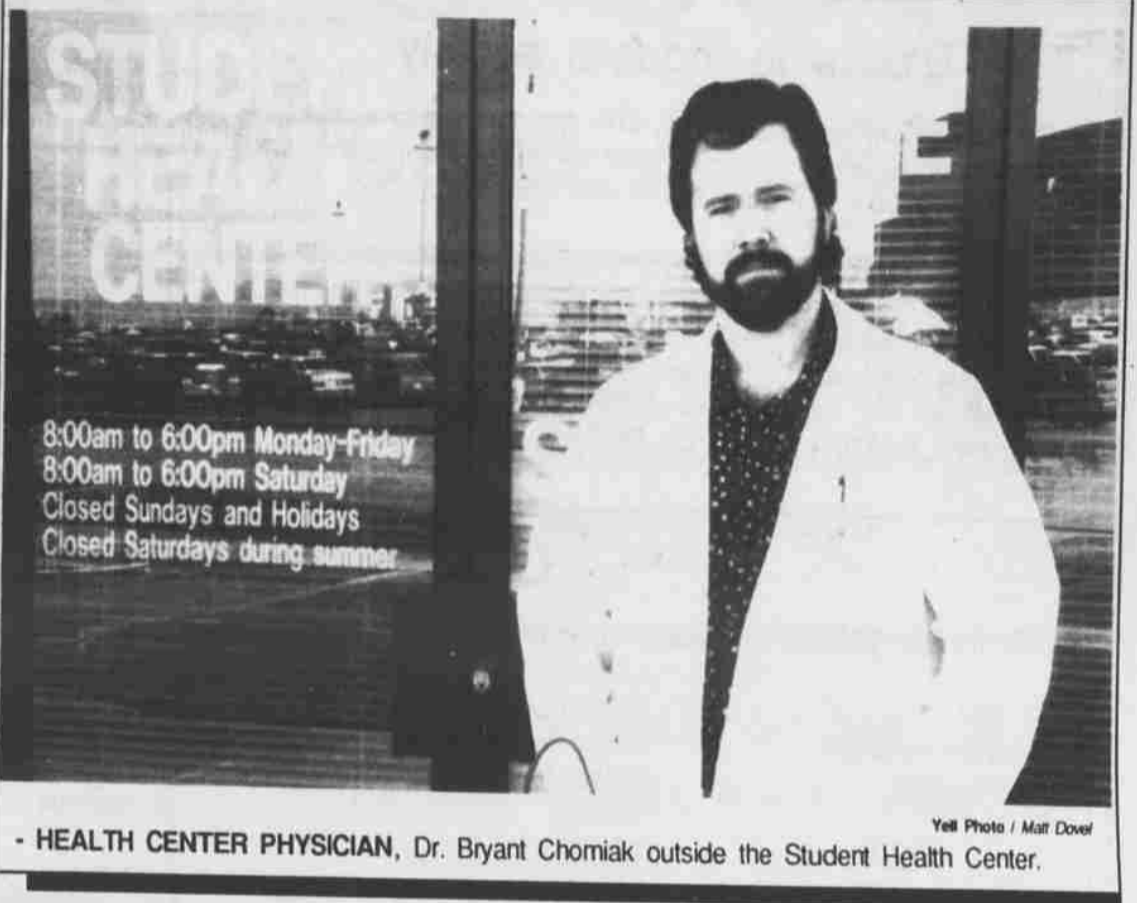
He said he is enjoying the challenge and the people very much. Currently he is in the office Mon.-Fri. from 8:30a.m. to 12:00p.m.. The center offers, on an appointment basis, general medical services, which include treatment of illness and injury, minor surgery, family planning and birth control, allergy testing and medical health information.

Lori Winchell, who is the nurse practitioner and health advisor at the clinic, said she is interested in expanding these services even more.

"I am hoping for a budget increase to be able to go from our current half day and appointment only schedule, to having a full time Dr. and larger staff that could accommodate the needs of an increasing student population," she said. "This would allow us to go back to a walk in type clinic which better suits the needs of the student."

"I think that this is a wise idea," Chomiak said. "And with the increase in students, it's probably just

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- HEALTH CENTER PHYSICIAN, Dr. Bryant Chomiak outside the Student Health Center.

a matter of time and then there will be no other choice."

Chomiak is a 12-year resident of Las Vegas.

He attended Washington University for his doctorate, which he

received in 1983. He did his surgical internship at University Medical Center.

Currently he is also working afternoons at the Freemont Medical Center, an urgent care clinic

downtown, where his specialties in emergency medicine and general surgery, are a necessity.

When asked what kind of a doctor he is, Chomiak said, "I always say, a good one."

## Glasnost discussed at forum

UNLV political science professor Robert Bigler will discuss "Glasnost, Perestroika, and the failure of Communism" during the next University Forum Series presentation.

The free public lecture is set for Feb. 27, 7:30pm., in UNLV's John S. Wright Hall, Room 103.

Since Mikhail Gorbachev became General Secretary of the Soviet Union's Communist Party in 1985, a series of domestic reforms have occurred in the USSR. The changes have been so dramatic that the Russian words used to describe

the new "openness" and "restructuring" have become a part of the English language in the form of "glasnost" and "perestroika", respectively.

During his lecture, Bigler will focus on the origin and reasons for glasnost and perestroika, and he will evaluate the political, economic, and social consequences of the Soviet Union's reforms.

Bigler will also discuss the series of crises facing the communist world today, including the Tiananmen Square tragedy in China and

the opening of the Berlin Wall in Germany in 1989.

A specialist in comparative politics and comparative foreign policy, Bigler has authored and co-authored several books on American, European, and Third World politics. He has also published several scholarly articles in professional journals.

The University forum series is sponsored each semester by UNLV's College of Liberal Arts. For more information, contact the college at 739-3401.

## Fraternity hosts benefit

UNLV's Phi Delta Theta fraternity is hosting its fourth annual "Cow Ships for Charity" fund-raising event on Saturday, Feb. 24, 8-10:30a.m.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the University Medical Center (UMC) Children's Miracle Network.

The fraternity members are encouraging the public to participate by selecting a square on a large grid that will be laid out on the university's Tonopah Field, located adjacent to the Marjorie Barrick Museum of Natural History and across from the Thomas and Mack Center.

A \$2 donation is being sought for each spot on the grid, but no purchase is necessary.

At 8:30am., a cow will be sent onto the field to release a "cow chip" onto one of the squares. The owner of the first grid selected by the cow will win a five-day vacation for four to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

The Children's Miracle Network is part of the special pediatric care unit at University Medical Center, Southern Nevada's community hospital.

For more information, contact the UMC Foundation at 383-2326.

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## Homosexuality

Leon said the military has ruined a lot of peoples lives by jailing, charging, and then discharging gay and lesbian soldiers who are found out.

It can be a psychologically traumatic experience and the military does not seem to care, she said.

The Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Rights in New York and the Gay Advocates in San Francisco could not be reached for comment.

The Yellin Rebel contacted the Pentagon in Washington D.C. on Feb. 7 to inquire about the ban on homosexuals in the military.

The pentagon could not answer any questions because of the ongoing litigation surrounding the issue,

but did give the Rebel a press release.

A Pentagon research center prepared a draft called "Nonconforming Sexual Orientations and Military Suitability" but there was no final report done and it was not released because the research did not follow the guidelines set up by the Pentagon.

The report dealt with the suitability of homosexuals in the military, but the Pentagon wanted the research done on the security risks of homosexuals, the press release said.

An article in the Oct. 22 1989 issue of the New York Times said the report concluded that the Ameri-

can military should consider ending its discrimination against homosexuals and allow them in the services.

The Times said the Pentagon rejected the report as exceeding its mandate, calling it biased, flawed, offensive and wasteful of government resources.

The article said the Pentagon has long held that those who engage in homosexual conduct in the military undermine "discipline, good order and morale."

The research center defended its report in a memorandum to the Pentagon stating that the Pentagon would have found the report "instrumental" if its findings would

have supported the Pentagon's policy.

The memo said the report should not be invalidated because it does not correspond with the Pentagon's policy perspective.

The Times said Pentagon officials have asked a co-author of the report, Dr. Theodore R. Sarbin, to prepare a new report focusing solely on the security question.

The report's primary recommendation was that the Pentagon develop research programs "to test the hypothesis that men and women of atypical sexual orientation can function appropriately in military units" in the same way that blacks were integrated into the military 40

years ago.

But the presence of homosexuals in the military is legally the most sensitive personnel problem facing the American military today, and the unclassified report has caused a firestorm of protest at the Pentagon.

Sarbin said, "Anybody who has a secret is a potential for blackmail, whether homosexual or heterosexual.

"It can be anything-adultery, bankruptcy, unprosecuted felonies, sexual orientation. That conclusion will be borne out in the new report," he said.