

Student Health Center reaches its goal

By Philip DaQuino
Reporter

The mission of any student health center is to provide the highest quality, consistency, and safety of medical care within fiscal restraints. The best way for the Student Health Center (SHC) to accomplish this mission was to sign a cooperative agreement with the University Medical Center's (UMC) Quick Care Center.

According to Lori Winchell, the Director of the SHC, "One of the main reasons why UMC's Quick Care Center was selected was because Quick Care cannot refuse health care to any student including those students without any insurance or any student who is indigent. The reason why Quick Care cannot refuse is because UMC is part of the Clark County system."

The agreement was signed earlier this month by UMC's Board of Trustees and UNLV's President Robert Maxson.

Under the agreement, UNLV's SHC has agreed to pay \$40,000 for physical services, and to recommend that students use UMC's Quick Care Center when SHC is closed (see map at end of article).

UMC will also provide the services of Dr. Stephen Andracki for twenty hours per week during the academic school year, and Quick Care will provide over-the-phone medical care to the SHC nurses when the Quick Care physician is not on campus. In cases when Dr. Andracki is unavailable, Quick Care will assign a replacement physician so that there is no loss in service.

This agreement offers better consistency of care because a doc-



New staff Dr. Stephen Andracki, M.D. is one part of the new staff at the SHC to improve the availability of services.

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tor will always be available during the school year. It offers better safety and quality of care because a physician can be consulted over the phone, and when SHC is closed students can get treatment at Quick Care.

Most of the health services provided by the SHC are free to all currently enrolled students at UNLV, but students must always pay for any off-campus medical care.

Finally, for the same amount of money that the SHC was paying for physician services in the past, the students are receiving more medical service. Therefore the mission of the SHC is accomplished by the Quick Care Agreement.

STAFF OF STUDENT HEALTH CENTER JULY 1990

Health Care Providers:

Director of Student Health Center
Supervisor of Nurse Practitioners
Contract Physician
Nutritionist
Pharmacist

Lori Winchell, FNP-C
Dr. Blaine Percell, MD.
Dr. Stephen Andracki, MD.
Lisa Sherman, RDA
Ron DeBellis

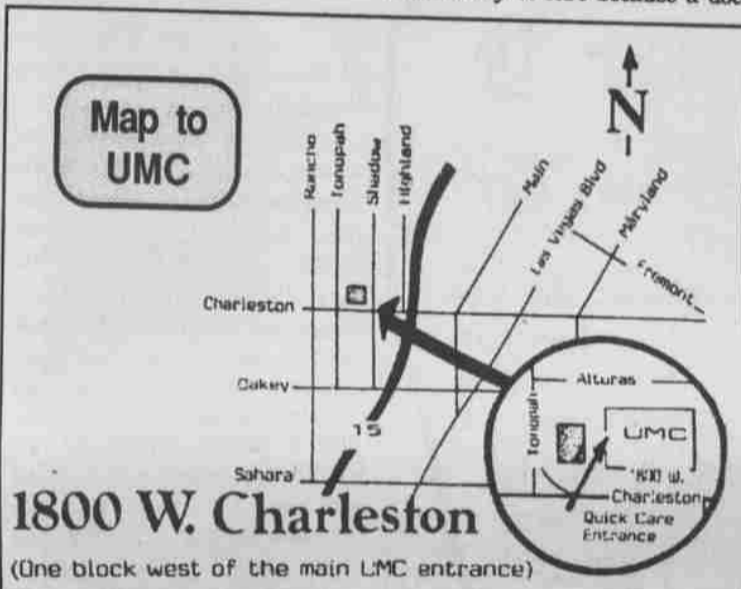
Nursing Staff:

JoAnn Wassell, RN
Pat Wheeler, RN
Marjorie Krenzien, RN
Vacant Health Care Providing Staff:
Full-time Nurse Practitioner
Health Educator

Support Personnel:

Office Manager
Medical Records Coordinator
Administrative Aide
Student Worker

Michelle Overly
Teri Thomas
(vacant)
Patty Avila



Student Health Center gets a shot in the arm

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The Student Health Center (SHC) received \$120,000 from the fall 1990 tuition increase, and the additional revenue has brought about many changes.

Lori Winchell, director of the SHC, increased the nutritionist's and pharmacist's hours, and created four new SHC positions: health educator, full-time family nurse practitioner, full-time registered nurse, and administrative aide.

Even with all the additional revenue, Winchell could not have created the Health Educator position without the generous help from Student Government. Joe Bunin, Student Body President, and the Senate approved the transfer of \$20,000 from Student Government's budget to the SHC budget. The Health Educator will work very closely with Student Government's Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) on developing peer counselling programs.

When all the positions are filled the SHC will be operating at a maximum capacity of 75 students per day. The current building has five examining rooms,

and there are just two ways to increase the capacity: extending SHC hours to times that would be inconvenient to the students, or to reduce the amount of time that the medical care staff spends with each patient.

However, with the new additions to the SHC staff, and the cooperative agreement between UMC's Quick Care and SHC (see "Student Health Center reaches its goal"), the SHC has brought back the walk-in service, and could very easily operate at maximum capacity. Last semester, the SHC was averaging 50 students per day by appointment only.

Because of the low student volume on Saturdays and budgetary constraints, the SHC will no longer be open on Saturdays. The SHC hours for fall, 1990 semester, will be Monday - Fridays from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., and when the SHC is closed students are referred to UMC's Quick Care Center.

To solve some of the billing problems from last semester and for better medical record keeping, three new computer workstations with software were purchased.

The SHC is always busy trying to satisfy the university community's health needs.

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