

Voter registration funds approved by Student Government

According to interim Elections Board Director, only 20 percent of UNLV students vote

by Karen Splawn
Staff Reporter

The Student Government Senate on Sept. 20 unanimously approved \$2,000 for a voter registration drive on campus.

Mike Kennedy, the new interim Elections Board director who will be in charge of the voter drive, said it has been planned for Oct. 1-4.

Most of the \$2,000 will pay for advertising in the form of flyers and posters, Kennedy said.

Kennedy, who is also the director of Student Government's lobbying force, Nevada Student Affairs, was approved Interim Elections Board Director because the former director, Paul Pratt, resigned due to lack of time and personal reasons. Pratt did not attend the meeting.

Kennedy said that according

to studies he has read, only about 20 percent of University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) students vote.

"I don't think there's a better way to spend a couple thousand dollars," Kennedy said. "If they don't register, they can't vote to get rid of their book tax."

He was referring to Question 3, which if passed this November, will eliminate the sales tax on textbooks.

Question 3 isn't the only reason why students should vote this year, he added. "[State legislators] elected in November will have a dramatic effect on our university system, because the state is our primary source of funding," Kennedy said.

Kennedy said tables for registration will be set up in the Donald C. Moyer Student Union and on the north end of the

campus.

In other business, the senate:

-The senate would not waive the Elections Board Policy to reopen the filing dates for October's Homecoming election.

Sally Potenza, a member of the Delta Zeta Sorority, said she missed the final date to file as a candidate for Homecoming Queen (Sept. 17) because the fraternity that was sponsoring her, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, wasn't aware of it.

Many senators said they sympathized with Potenza's problem, but the rules couldn't be bent. Potenza said she will file a complaint with the Judicial Council.

-Gave Entertainment and Programming \$9,000 for a dance to be held at the Tropicana Hotel and Casino on Sept. 28.

-Approved \$2,000 for senate election expenses.

Women students fear AIDS more than men do, professor says

(CPS) - A Penn State University professor has found that female students there tend to fear contracting and being exposed to the AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) virus more than their male classmates do.

At least 50 percent of the women polled by Psychology Prof. Robert Bridges expressed "extreme" fear about AIDS, a fatal disease that destroys humans' immune systems.

By contrast, only 15 to 20 percent of the men surveyed expressed "extreme" fear of the malady.

"Women are socialized to

take responsibility for reproductive health issues," noted Dr. Richard Keeling of the American College Health Association's AIDS task force.

A 1989 study by Keeling's group estimated that, nationwide, almost two out of every 1,000 students were infected with the AIDS virus.

Keeling, who added Bridges' conclusions were consistent with other surveys he had seen, theorized women were more frightened of the disease because they feel they have less power in their relationships, and may not be willing to endanger the relationships to protect themselves from

AIDS.

Meanwhile, Keeling asserted, men distance themselves from the entire subject of AIDS because of its association with homosexuality.

"Men also tend to disavow risk in general," Keeling added.

Finally, Keeling said, some scientific evidence shows it is easier for men to transmit the AIDS virus to women than for women to transmit it to men.

"However, some men take this to the extreme that there is no risk," Keeling said. "Of course there is."

Faculty drug and alcohol policy in effect on campus

by Jack Poleski
Reporter

Although many students on campus may be familiar with the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) student alcohol policy, they may not know that there is a policy in effect for faculty as well.

Called Drug-Free Policy, it is based on the federal Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989.

The policy begins by stating that UNLV has a commitment to a drug-free workplace. It stipulates that the focus of the policy will be toward educated choices and the exercise of personal responsibility in the use or misuse of alcohol and other drugs.

The primary goals of the policy are the creation of an environment that will be free from drug/alcohol abuse, and the education of employees on available assistance.

The policy prohibits any faculty member to unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, and use illegal drugs in the workplace. If such a violation were

to occur, it shall result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.

In addition, the university will fully comply with and support all legal sanctions stipulated in federal and state regulations.

The university stresses the importance of awareness to the health risks involved with the excessive use or abuse of alcohol or any illicit, mood-altering drugs.

The most common risks encountered are liver and pancreas disease, cardiovascular disease, malnutrition, maladaptive sexual functioning, respiratory infections, hormonal imbalances, possible exposure to AIDS, possible psychosis, and possible permanent

brain damage.

All UNLV employees are eligible and encouraged to participate in various assistance programs. The university provides programs for every individual employed. These programs are provided in order to help those with a drug or drug-related problem. The university also has a Client Service Center available at no charge. All assessment and intervention will be conducted in a private, confidential manner.

Literature is provided in the Student Development Center on the second floor of the James R. Dickinson Library. Education is the key to prevention of such unfortunate problems.

Senate

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The issue of senate payment has been floating around the halls of student government throughout the university's history, and in fact, senators were at one time paid. Senate bylaw number three, (noted in senate meeting number ten, July 10, 1979) states in part

that "Stipends shall be set at ten percent of the CSUN president's."

The bylaw was repealed on July 6, 1981 and has never been enacted since. The reason for its repeal was not reflected in the senate records.

News In Brief

Minority Enterprise Development Week

The Nevada Economic Development Company, Inc. (NEDCO) and the U.S. Small Business Administration, Las Vegas District Office, announced plans today for the annual recognition of Minority Enterprise Development Week '90. MED Week is an annual celebration to honor the contributions of America's minority entrepreneurs and those individuals and organizations who actively support minority business development. Two events are scheduled as part of the national emphasis on minorities succeeding in business.

The first event is the Mi-

nority Business Enterprise Reception which will take place on Tuesday, October 9 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Frank Hawkins Sports Lounge. Cost for the no-host cocktails reception is \$10.

The second event is the Governor's Annual MED WEEK Breakfast and Awards Ceremony which is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 11 from 7:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. at the Palace Station Hotel, second floor. Cost for the Breakfast Buffet is \$15.

For tickets and further information, please call NEDCO at 384-3293.



THURSDAY, September 27 FRIDAY, September 28

Gavel to gavel coverage of the September 18 Clark County Commission Meeting, (repeat broadcast) UNLV Billboard. 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Gavel to gavel coverage of the September 19 Las Vegas City Council Meeting, UNLV Billboard. 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Earthquake

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Uniform Building Code (UBC) which governs all requirements for buildings. This international congress of building officials specify requirements in earthquake zones for builders to comply with, then the structure is checked by several building authorities.

Nevada is rated in the seismic zone of 2B on a scale ranging from 1A to 4B with 4B as the strongest earthquake zone. California, also governed by the UBC

is rated in the seismic zone 4B.

Newer buildings on campus could withstand an earthquake measuring up to six on the Richter scale but according Weide, older buildings, such as the Geocence building, would crumble.

Even though the probability of an earthquake occurring in Las Vegas is low, the possibility remains and citizens must accept the allowable level of risk.



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WALT DISNEY WORLD COLLEGE PROGRAM

Walt Disney World Co. representatives will present an information session on the Walt Disney World College Program on Wednesday, September 26, 1990, 7:00 p.m. at the Fireside Lounge-Moyer Student Union. Attendance at this presentation is required to interview for the SPRING '91 COLLEGE PROGRAM. Interviews are scheduled for Thursday, September 27, 1990, in the Career Placement Office. The following majors are encouraged to attend: Hotel Administration, Business, Communications, Recreation and Theater/Drama.

Contact: Career Placement Office
Phone: 739-3928



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