



## Posting of leaflets questioned on campus

"By limiting channels, the ability to gain access to information is reduced"

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The policy on campus concerning the hanging of flyers and leaflets has recently been questioned for two reasons. The content of each leaflet and the limiting of the distribution have both been questioned.

The Moyer Student Union and the administration of UNLV questioned the appropriateness of a leaflet promoting a concert for Acid House. Consolidated, MC 900 Jesus, and IV 43 and being together within the logo for university radio station KUNV. The proximity of KUNV's logo with the word 'acid', a hypodermic needle, and Miller Draft Beer raised a few eyebrows.

When Rob Rosenthal received the leaflet back through the channels of Theresa Chiang, director

of the Moyer Student Union and Robert Ackerman, vice president for student services, the three items were circled and questioned about the negative social symbolism.

Ackerman said he asked Rosenthal if this was consistent with what the radio wanted to be identified with since KUNV is a community radio station.

"I felt an obligation to raise the issue. I may not have made the same decision," Ackerman said.

Chiang echoed both sentiments. "Rob and I both work in the Student Services and we're both active in educating students about substance abuse. I questioned the leaflet with the syringe on it because I thought the image was inconsistent with educating students about substance abuse," she said.

Rosenthal said the radio station doesn't take a stand on drugs, one way or the other. However, concern for Rosenthal is how words and symbols can be misinterpreted.

"The needle drawn around IV43 can be construed as taking drugs but why couldn't it represent medicine?" Rosenthal asked.

Rosenthal told Ackerman "Don't judge a hypodermic needle by its cover. Given the height of the nation's paranoia over drugs, it's logical to think it's about drugs, but it doesn't have to be the case," he added.

Rosenthal said, "The word acid may conjure up psychedelic music and taking drugs for some people. But for others, it doesn't mean they take drugs, but only a type of music. It's the same as house music being a type of music."

An example of how words can be misconstrued is the slogan against drugs, "Just Say No To Drugs," with a circle surrounding the word drugs and a diagonal slash through it means no drugs. Rosenthal said there is a double negative and somebody might think it means to go ahead and take drugs.

Rosenthal said he doesn't mind the university questioning what the radio is doing.

"It sets up checks and balances and keeps us honest," he said. "I sympathize with Ackerman's and Chiang's concerns."

Rosenthal said he is also concerned about the ability to leaflet.

Rosenthal was told by an MSU administration official that there are limits to the leafletting

to the north side of MSU which in turn limits the potential flow of ideas. He was told leafletting must be sponsored by a student group from inside the student union. Rosenthal said, "At every opportunity, we should open discourse, because by limiting channels you reduce the ability to gain access to information in a democracy."

Chiang said there needs to be some kind of consideration when leafletting. The people leafletting for the concert didn't have permission from the Student Union.

"It's possible that there could be 200 groups wanting to leaflet, but it's not feasible. We want to know how many groups are leafletting because the area is limited," she said.

## UNLV offers student exchange program within the U.S.

by Richard Gibson  
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The National Student Exchange program (NSE) offers UNLV students the opportunity to study at one of 99 other colleges in the United States and its territories for one semester to one year.

Currently UNLV has 22 students in attendance through the program and six UNLV students attend other colleges according to Dr. Mary Phelps the NSE advisor at UNLV.

The NSE booklet calls the program "An opportunity to widen your educational horizons," by attending another school "at little or no more cost than you are now paying."

There are two payment plans available to students according to Phelps.

"Plan A is easier, the student that they choose to attend without out of state fees," said Phelps.

"With plan B they pay the amount of tuition at the school they are currently attending,"

added Phelps.

The program requires that students have a 2.5 cumulative grade point average.

"The students must have two letters of recommendation from faculty members and must submit an essay," said Phelps.

Accepted students choose schools with a curriculum that matches their schools.

They must choose more than one school because some are more popular than others and not all of the schools run their program the same.

Eileen Brady, an exchange student from Bowling Green State University in Ohio said, "Some schools just roll out the carpet for the NSE students, giving them first choice in classes and housing."

She continued, "I'm surprised at how few students know about the program at UNLV. At my school it was well publicized."

Phelps said that a lack of UNLV students taking advantage of the program can be par-

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## Yanks and British fire best shots in debate

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The right of every American to keep and bear arms came under fire Sept. 25, when the British National Debate Team took on debaters from UNLV.

The British team, Andrew McKie and Judith Barnes, held that America should repeal the right to own firearms, while UNLV's Jeff Bradley and Greg Shively defended the Bill of Rights.

Barnes, the first speaker, launched into an attack on America's perception of itself as represented by television.

"This is the land of the free and the home of the 'A-Team,' she said. "The home of liberty, democracy, and 'Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.'"

Barnes, a graduate of Oxford University who twice represented Oxford in international debate competitions, said that Americans spend too much time watching "Jake and the Fatman," and that this type of entertainment creates



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British point of view - Judith Barnes discusses her point during the British/American debate held last week.

a desire for firearms.

Barnes, an experienced debater, used humor to make her point.

"The reason we feel you should repeal the right to bear arms is that you all have the impression you need one," she said. "We're (she and McKie) taking a risk standing up before you, because we know you're all armed and dangerous."

Her partner, Andrew McKie, is a graduate of the University of Glasgow with an impressive record in international debate. He competed in Sydney, Australia, and was an octafinalist in the World Debating Championship at Princeton.

Jeff Bradley, sophomore, was the first UNLV speaker against the idea that the right to bear

arms should be repealed.

He outlined repeated gun control laws in America, but it was a remark about women and guns that stirred the crowd.

"Women need handguns," he said. "A woman, walking down an unlit street at night, (would have nothing) in her possession to defend herself from three or four large, muscular men who might want to violate...some of her constitutional rights."

Judith Barnes, upon cross examination, attacked Bradley's remarks, questioning his idea that a woman would want to have a gun if she felt she was in danger of being attacked.

Bradley stood firm. "I think, in that situation, that a woman would want a gun. A big one."

Barnes countered, "Size isn't everything. Of course, that's a mistake men often make."

Each speaker was allowed six minutes to present their views, after which time they were open to cross-examination by the opposing team was held.

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