

# Student Health Center offers variety of services

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Reporter

Treatment of minor illness, first aid and pregnancy testing are a few features offered to UNLV students by the Claude I. Howard Student Health Center. Other services are provided, but were unknown until a recent survey done on behalf of the Student Health Center.

The survey was conducted during the Spring, 1990 semester. It was done primarily to identify students' perceptions about a student health center. The team members who conducted the survey were Angela Sims, Gregory

Nance, Arturo Alcazar, Jamie Nelson, Geri Bishop and Bill Summey. They distributed over 400 surveys to students at UNLV through classes and residence hall mailboxes.

With a diverse group of students attending UNLV, a survey was necessary to gain insight into their perceptions of the health center. The student health center was concerned with how they could best meet the needs of students.

The center has a medical staff which consists of one part-time practitioner, three part-time nurses, one pharmacist and one nutrition educator. Services of-

ferred by the health center include exams and testing for sexually transmitted diseases (by appointment only), first aid and blood pressure checks, family planning, birth control, pregnancy testing, hearing and vision screening, allergy and antigen injections and non-prescription as well as some prescription medications. Also available are a variety of lab tests, mono tests, throat cultures, urine tests and other health information and education including AIDS information and free condoms.

This research study focused on many issues including alcohol abuse, stress, safe sex, and students' use of the center. Some of

the results were as follows: 50 percent of UNLV students are concerned with AIDS, 70 percent are concerned with health issues, and 50 percent exercise at least three to eight hours a week and consider themselves active. The survey found that 50 percent of the students sleep seven to eight hours a night.

Over 60 percent of the respondents were concerned about stress, and it was this area that received the most requests for an implemented program.

The health service center is for all students regardless of credit

load or insurance plan. Over 50 percent of those students surveyed thought the services were unavailable to students who are not attending on a full-time basis. Of all surveyed, 92.2 percent were not aware that 25 cents per credit was taken out of tuition for health services.

The UNLV Student Health Center is a non-profit organization. Any student currently at UNLV is eligible to use the services provided. On average, 30 students a day visit the center.

Overall, students are satisfied with the center and the majority are interested in health issues.

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to the hospital.

Diane Rybko, nursing supervisor at Desert Springs Hospital, confirmed that Plemons was pronounced dead at 6:05 p.m.

"There were no signs of foul

play," Rybko said. "Heart failure is the suspected cause of death although that is not, as yet, a definite diagnosis."

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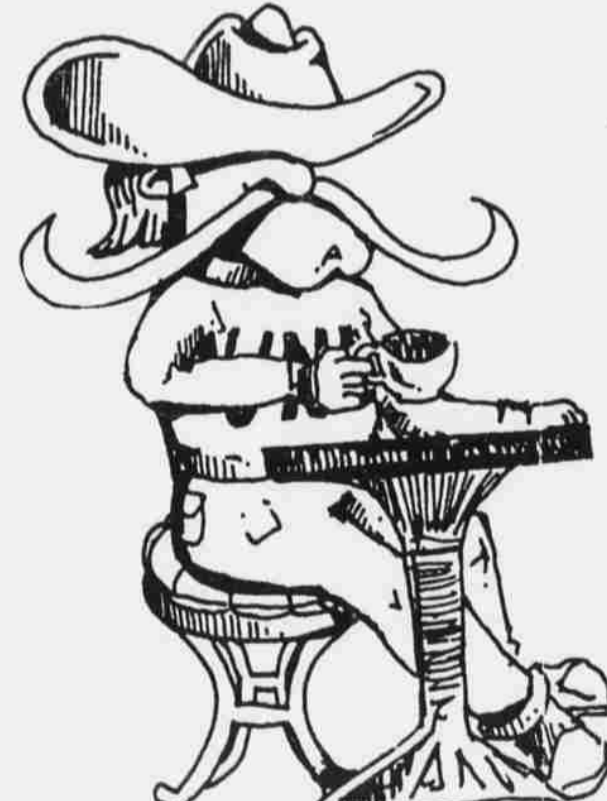
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