



Alcohol awareness week: Dangers of chemical dependency

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End result - This car epitomizes what usually happens with drinking and driving.

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hol, followed second by problems with marijuana.

Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week continues through Friday with events, presentations and programs designed to demonstrate the dangers of chemical dependency.

He said that UNLV's efforts to make students more aware of alcohol and drug abuse are paying off.

On Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 6:30 p.m., UNLV's Drug and Alcohol Awareness Program, in a joint venture with Prime Cable, will present "The Party's Over," a combination short film and panel discussion on drug and alcohol abuse intervention.

"Students are becoming more aware of what kind of problems they'll run into," Purkins said. "The best thing a student can do is to come in before they run into real problems. When someone comes in and says, 'I'm not really sure, but I might be getting into trouble,' that's good. That's effective intervention."

Intervention occurs when family and friends, with a trained counselor, confront a chemically dependant person. Eight out of 10 such encounters, according to UNLV's Office of Student Services, are successful; the chemically dependant person accepts help.

Having Health Day during Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week has worked out very well, according to Purkins. Health Day is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 16.

"The program itself is a holistic approach to health, psychological, spiritual, and physical," said Rex Purkins, counselor with UNLV's Drug and Alcohol Awareness Program. "We're trying to link the UNLV community with the therapeutic community. This is a great way to start doing that."

Health Day was organized by the Student Health Center. Ray Rodriguez, UNLV's health educator, said this year's event will be the largest gathering of health care specialists ever at UNLV. The second floor of the Moyer Student Union building will house most of the Health Day activities.

Purkins said that UNLV, as part of Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, will host 10 to 15 local participants, such as hospitals and treatment centers, that will have information on warning signs of chemical dependency and services available. Purkins said that the most common abuse problem among students is with alco-

"We'll have 47 different organizations this year," he said. "The Student Health Center will have two booths, one upstairs and one downstairs, and in the ballroom (MSU), we'll have testing (facilities)."

Although blood pressure and body composition analysis will be conducted in the ballroom, all cholesterol screening and HIV-antibody tests will be done at the

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Spending approved for \$32,300 of student fees at Senate meeting

by Karen Splawn
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The Student Government Senate gave the ok Oct. 11 for the Black Students Association to receive \$10,000 to host a conference in honor of Black History Month this February.

The total cost of the project, which will feature guest speakers, workshops and seminars, will be \$37,000. Traci Smith, BSA secretary, said the rest of the funding will come from the private sector.

Smith said the conference, entitled "Progress Through Unity," isn't just for blacks. "It's to inspire better understanding between African Americans and non-African Americans," she said.

Another reason for the conference, Feb. 22-24, 1991, is the rise of racial violence on some college campuses, she added.

Because delegates will have to pay a fee, the conference will pay for itself, Smith said.

The speakers will be Susan Taylor, editor of Essence Magazine; Chuck D., a member of the

rap group Public Enemy and Conrad Muhammad, a member of the Nation of Islam.

Topics will include blacks in corporate America, race relations and "black on black" violence.

The senate also voted to spend some \$16,000 on food for the Ocktoberfest and Homecoming festivities.

In other business, the senate: Approved \$2,500 for Homecoming election operating costs.

Voted to spend a total of \$3,807.50 on Student Government brochures and buttons.

Another college announces plans to drop SAT exams

(CPS) In late September, campus officials at Lewis and Clark College in Oregon said that, starting next school year, they will let students apply for admission by submitting a "portfolio" of original work along with high school transcripts. Students who apply this way won't have to send their Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Testing (ACT) scores.

The idea, said Peter Brown, Lewis and Clark's dean of admissions, will attract "a bright student who is highly motivated but doesn't want to be categorized" by a SAT score.

While Brown's school apparently is among the first to offer a "portfolio path" to get-

ting in, it's only one of a growing number of campuses forsaking the SAT.

Hawaii Pacific, Southern Utah State, Southern Vermont and Fort Lauderdale colleges, and all the schools in the Oregon State and California State University systems have made SAT and ACT scores optional for students in recent years.

College reformers often claim the SAT in particular does not reveal much more about test takers than how well they have learned male, middle-class values.

The test, critics add, does not accurately forecast how well female high school seniors will do in college.

"The SAT," Brown maintained, "has become a symbol of the statistical approach to college admissions."

Mindful of the criticism and the defections, trustees of the College Board, the organization that oversees the SAT, are pondering changes to make the test less "statistical."

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