

Help stop human abuse

The UNLV chapter of Amnesty International would like to ask the students of UNLV to write brief letters to the president of Guatemala asking him to look into the disappearance of Maria Tiu Tojin and her one month old daughter Josefa. (They were detained by the

Guatemalan Army in the village of Santa Clara on the morning of August 29, 1990.)

The group was forced to walk for nine hours to a village school house in Amacchel and was held there for nine days. Maria Tiu Tojin, whom authorities had accused of belonging to an armed opposition group, was reportedly subjected to prolonged interrogations. They were then taken to La Pista and the military garrison in central Nebaj. Eyewitnesses reported that as the group was having lunch, a soldier came and took away Maria Tiu Tojin and her daughter. Neither the

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human rights violations by the Army against members of the CPR, including harassment, "disappearances" and possible extrajudicial execution.

If you as students would like to help, please write courteously worded letters to the President of Guatemala at the address given below. In your letters:

- (1) Summarize the case of Maria Tiu Tojin and her daughter, and ask for information about their whereabouts, and for guarantees for their physical security.
- (2) Request that adequate arrangements be made for Maria

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baby nor her mother were ever seen again. The rest of the group was eventually transferred to a government-run refugee and displayed persons' reception center.

The mother and her baby were apparently taken to a military base outside Nebaj. Soldiers reportedly told her relatives that they were held there, and at the time of the two "disappearances" it is known that soldiers in the area had a baby in their possession. However, when family members and others approached the military to inquire about Maria Tiu Tojin and her daughter, the Army denied holding them, and said they knew nothing of a baby.

Members of the Comunidad de Poblacion en Resistencia (CPR) live in the mountains, in areas where guerillas have been active. Having fled their villages during the army counter-insurgency campaigns of the early 1980's they do not wish to

Josefa Tiu Tojin's care, in conformity with the wishes of her mother and other relatives.

- (3) Urge that Maria Tiu Tojin's detention be acknowledged and that she be charged with a recognizable criminal offense.
- (4) Urge that a full and impartial inquiry be initiated into the detention and subsequent "disappearance" of Maria Tiu Tojin and her daughter, and that those responsible for their "disappearance" be brought to justice.

Send letters to S.E. Jorge Serrano Elias, Presidente de la Republica de Guatemala, Palacio Nacional Guatemala, GUATEMALA. Salutation: Your Excellency.

If you would like more information about ending human rights abuses around the world please come by student government office in MSU 120 and ask for David Gillespie.

Life skills an important part of health awareness

by Gwendolyn C. Watson

Only 40 percent of college students use condoms on a regular basis, according to Ray Rodriguez, health educator for the Claude I. Howard Student Health Center.

"That number is far below those students who are actually sexually active," said Rodriguez, whose job is to promote health awareness and spread the word about the availability of the Student Health Center.

Rodriguez said teaching condom awareness is important to help protect students from unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases.

Human sexuality is just a part of his mission to educate students. He also focuses his work on topics such as drugs and alcohol, nutrition and stress management.

To increase student awareness of the Student Health Center, Rodriguez is available to make presentations to classes, residence halls and Greek organizations. He also does seminars and special events.

Currently, Rodriguez is preparing for Health Awareness Day, an educational event to be held April 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Moyer Student Union.

He is coordinating his efforts with the Student Health Advisory Committee and the Public Rela-

tions Student Society of America.

Health awareness, according to Rodriguez, should incorporate wellness and life skills such as self-esteem, value clarification, decision-making skills, and rights and responsibilities.

"These skills are important to everyone does in life," Rodriguez said.

"Everyone has some degree of values and self-esteem."

In his discussions with students, Rodriguez makes sure they

are aware of their own values concerning drugs, sexuality, relationships and communication.

"If you don't have self-esteem, you are not going to use condoms," he said. "Students are more likely to use drugs and alcohol to compensate for the lack of self-esteem."

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Rodriguez said he hopes the talents of PRSSA members working of Health Awareness Day will help multiply the number of students who receive his message.



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Ray Rodriguez, health educator for the Claude I. Howard Student Health Center chats with Lisa Caratta, nutrition consultant.

Competition increases— job availability decreases

by Tami Hance

Have job prospects for UNLV graduates declined since last year? According to Eileen McGarry, Director of Career Planning and Placement, the number of projected openings for jobs are fewer this year.

On-campus interviewing is a bit slower this year than compared to last year, according to McGarry. Two major hotel companies cancelled their appointments for interviews at UNLV.

Fields of study that are in high demand are education, engineering and health sciences.

Engineering recruiters usually recruit students while they're still in school, McGarry said. This is due to the low number of engineering students attending UNLV.

One area that has become more competitive in Las Vegas is accounting. People want to live in Las Vegas, so accounting firms are receiving more resumes from out of state. These companies pay

attention to GPAs. Accounting firms view someone with good grades as an accurate person who pays attention to detail.

Liberal arts students will have some problems if they do not have defined career goals. Honing in on certain skills, such as computer science, can give students in these majors the edge.

"Food service jobs are taking the lead over hospitality jobs—students may have to take the job in the food service industry," said Tom Jones, hotel professor at UNLV.

What can a student do to gain the job over the next person?

"Students need to take the initiative in their job search," McGarry said.

Companies usually will have presentations that are open to students. These are important to attend, because recruiters will stay an extra day to interview if their interest is high in the students they meet at the receptions, according to McGarry.

Companies also look for a "balanced student."

"Students should maintain a 3.0 overall GPA, have work experience, and be involved in campus activities, or maintain a 3.5 GPA and have honors in college," McGarry said.

Work experience related to your major can be beneficial for interviews.

Undergrads can get a head start on their career placement by writing to companies one year before they are going to graduate, expressing an interest.

Entry-level positions may not be the most appealing jobs, but they can help gain experience in your desired field. These positions can help you move up the career ladder.

The bottom line is initiative, hard work and searching. It may take a while, but the efforts will be worthwhile.

"The promotability factor becomes the use of a college degree," McGarry said.

Good Shepherd Campus in jeopardy

Damage assessment of the recent electrical burnout at the St. Jude's Ranch Good Shepherd Campus continues to mount as tests on wiring are made.

A broken water pipe flooded the main electrical relay box and destroyed the circuit breakers intended to protect the electrical installation on the campus for troubled teenage girls in Las Vegas.

According to Father William Willard, resident director of the Good Shepherd Campus, the initial difficulties included loss of power to telephones, fire alarms, hot water tanks, and the heating system as well as lighting.

Rough estimates for repairs

to the transformer and main breaker panel alone were placed originally at more than \$10,000.

"But as we dig into the problem, we are finding even greater damage than we first feared," Willard said.

St. Jude's Ranch for Children, a non-sectarian facility for homeless and neglected girls and boys located in Boulder City, has operated its Good Shepherd Campus as an alternative site for juvenile court.

Now the entire program may be in jeopardy due to the present disaster, according to Father Herbert Ward, executive director of St. Jude's.

"We have partial insurance coverage," Ward said, "but until we know the exact extent of the damages, we cannot say if we will be able to absorb this loss."

"If there are 2500 good folks in Clark County who could spare ten dollars each toward our current repair bills," Ward continued, "I think those funds—plus our insurance—might be able to keep us going."

Anyone wishing to help may address letters to:

St. Jude's Ranch for Children, Good Shepherd Campus Repairs, P.O. Box 985, Boulder City, Nevada 89005. For more information, call Nola Helm at 293-3131.