

Health dean says students should know the facts about AIDS

by Leslie Moser

Las Vegas is known as the gambling and risk-taking capital of the world.

Everyone knows most people lose, but a large number are willing to bet they will be one of the few lucky winners.

But the stakes are high when you're dealing with AIDS.

The sexual attitudes of most heterosexuals have not changed, even though cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome in Nevada are rising.

"Heterosexuals do not see themselves at risk for AIDS infection," said Vicky Carwein, dean of the College of Health Sciences.

One would speculate that the number of AIDS cases would decrease be-

cause of the threat of the disease and the practice of safe sex., yet the rate of infections in Nevada is increasing.

According to the Clark County Health District's most recent report, there was a substantial increase in Nevada AIDS cases, while the number of cases on the national level has dropped.

More studies show declines in AIDS cases among the homosexual and bisexual population.

The number of AIDS cases on the university level is surprisingly low. Recent figures show that, over the two-year period, only one of the 140 students tested at UNLV was found to be HIV-positive.

Preventive measures for health care workers have not changed from the Center for

Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, Carwein said.

Those who could be exposed to HIV through their professions can wear gloves, mouthpieces and goggles. Although AIDS has become a household name, the number of people wanting medical careers hasn't decreased.

However, with the recent cases involving doctors and dentists who have spread the virus to their patients, questions arise. Should the patient be told if the physician has AIDS? Are gloves enough? Should police officers (if not equipped with gloves) take action at an accident or wait until the paramedics arrive?

A CDC study, conducted in four hospitals, stated, "One or more injuries drawing blood occurred among surgical personnel during 96

of the 1,382 operative procedures."

The practice of sharing needles is common among users of illegal drugs. This is one of the biggest ways AIDS is transmitted. In an attempt to avoid needle-sharing, some city leaders allow for the distribution of clean needles to abusers.

The projected number of AIDS cases worldwide is phenomenal, Carwein said. She attended the recent Seventh International Conference on AIDS in Florence, Italy.

Knowledge about how AIDS is transmitted is the key to prevention. Literature and information are available at the health center.

All AIDS testing at the Student Health Center is done confidentially and there are no questions asked.

ATMs are the latest rage on campuses

According to a survey by Plus Systems, Inc., adults who are 18 to 24 years old, especially college students, conduct more transactions at automated teller machines (ATMs) than any other age group. This trend is driving up usage at campus ATMs during the school year to double the level of other cash machines.

Plus System Inc., an international network of bank ATMs, found that nearly 40 percent of all 18- to 24-year-olds in the

United States use ATM cards, the highest percentage of all age groups questioned. And they use their cards more frequently than any other group. Nearly one-third go to the ATM 10 or more times per month.

At UNLV there are currently no ATMs on campus because of the renovation at the Donald C. Moyer Student Union. However, there are teller machines at nearby bank branches.

Minority Student Affairs office changes its name and its attitude

by Tricia Ciaravino

Racism. Discrimination. Misconception. These are the problems that prey on Tony Gladney's mind. As the coordinator of Multi-Cultural Student Affairs, he considers it his job to solve the problems.

His first solution was to change the name of his department from Minority Student Affairs to Multi-Cultural Student Affairs. He said he felt the difference in name would make more students, including non-minority students, feel welcome.

"I felt that I had a lot of students with the idea that they're not welcome to learn about cultural awareness," Gladney said. "Everyone should be able to learn about different cultures. I'm here

to help everyone."

Gladney is currently working with Jay De Leonard, assistant director of student services, to inform students about the options they will have during Rush. He said he wants them to understand that they have more than one choice and can join other organizations.

"I want to promote cultural diversity successfully on campus," he said. "I think we're really headed in a positive direction."

Gladney, a graduate of UNLV, has held his position for about six months. "I'm glad I'm able to have this opportunity here," he said. "I feel I have a special rapport with the students because I've been there. They're why I'm here."

Student at University of Minnesota forms white student union

Is it promoting culture or white supremacy?

by Tricia Ciaravino

Tom David, a student at the University of Minnesota, has waged a battle against what he feels is reverse discrimination on campus. He has begun the formation of a non-exclusive white student union. The object of this union is to force the university administration to banish affirmative action and quota programs.

"White people are being discriminated against simply because of their race," David said. "This will be an organization to fight affirmative action and quotas."

The white student union will not discriminate against non-white students who want to join.

"Other races have their own unions," David said.

"I want non-whites in the organization who are against affirmative action and quotas," he said. "It's possible (that these students will join), but most non-whites aren't of a conservative nature."

David caused an uproar when he placed an advertisement for his white student union in the university's paper. The paper was obligated to publish the ad because it was not discriminatory.

"We had no reason not to run the ad," said Robin Trippel, managing editor of *The Minnesota Daily*.

Trippel does not agree with David's formation of a white student union, however.

"The university is a white student union," she said. "There is a small percentage of (minorities), so they need groups to feel they have something to belong to. His mission is not simply to promote white culture. He's written letters (to the editor) that have been obviously racist or homophobic. It just doesn't seem to fit."

Tony Gladney, coordinator of Multi-Cultural Student Affairs at UNLV, said that he understands the need for a white student union but doesn't agree with

David's reasons, especially since the university has had many problems with racism and hate-speech already.

"I think we need to look at it in a cultural sense," Gladney said. "If a white student union represents cultural awareness and anyone is welcome there to learn about culture, that's positive. I don't feel that at the University of Minnesota a white student union would be doing that. It's a definite potential for white supremacy. It has a negative language."

David said he resents

the fact that this is being observed as an act of white supremacy, especially by what he considers communist groups in the Minneapolis area.

His definition of a communist, he said, is "anyone who thinks the strong have to apologize to the weak."

David will not register his organization with the university any time soon.

"It could be infiltrated too easily," he said. "I'm going to build support before I register with the university."

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