

Students march YUCCA MTN. against violence

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Violence protest at UNLV

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Some 100 people, including students, marched in a rally to protest violence against women Monday.

The rally began in front of the Donald C. Moyer Student Union (MSU) and included a candlelight vigil.

During the march, which went from the MSU to Flamingo Road and back to the MSU, a gong was struck every 15 seconds to signify how often women are victims of violence. Marchers carried candles.

Kathleen Brooks, head of Temporary Assistance for Domestic Crisis, said that one out of every four women in America is a victim of rape.

"The problem of violence against women is one not relegated to one city or group. It is our business because it is us. It is time we stand together and say, 'No more.'" Cody Sparks, who made headlines several years ago after her 1985 murder conviction for killing her abusive father was overturned, said in the past, women had no right to fight back against abuse. "If we were battered, we deserved it. Well, I fought back."

Sparks called Nevada a "good old boy state," where women's issues don't get much attention. "I'll do what I can to stop abuse, not after the fact, but before the fact," she said to a cheering audience.

A woman named Barbara told marchers her former husband abused her and their children on a daily basis. "My husband said to me, 'You think you're better

than I am.' One day I said, 'Yeah, I am better than you are. I don't deserve to be beaten.'"

She eventually found a local shelter to escape the abuse. "A marriage license does not give husbands the right to put their hands on you," she said.

Yvonne Tyrell, senior majoring in communications studies, said she had seen battered women while serving in the U.S. Army.

"These women were wives of servicemen," Tyrell said. "I know if women don't stand up and say something for themselves, nobody else will. The very few who are here, just might inspire others. I'm also at this rally because I'm raising a son."

Dean Steiner, a senior majoring in sociology and a member of Students for Choice, said he was marching because restricting women's rights is wrong. "We don't want to take away a woman's right to choose, whether it is about going out safely at night or what she can do with her own body."

One boy carried a sign that read, "Terry Lilly, 28, shot to death by husband, August 21, 1989."

Two people carried anti-abortion signs at the rally. Leigh Daines, a member of the Christian organization Cross, said her group is in opposition to any kind of domestic violence. Her placard said, "Abortion is domestic violence." Another Cross member who called himself Dan said, "I think domestic violence is abhorrent, regardless of the size of the victim."

health, safety and environmental impact, with unforeseen long term consequences to the health of Americans."

The resolution continues, by requesting the AMA to urge "the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Department of Energy to cease its dangerous efforts at locating a high-level nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain, Nev., and to conduct a high-level nuclear waste repository selection process similar to the approach followed in Canada, France, Japan and Sweden, which is scien-

tifically defensible and assures maximum safeguards of the public health and safety."

Dr. Allen said, "We believe, and the resolution states, that the selection of Yucca Mountain, as the only site to be investigated as a location for the proposed nuclear waste repository, reflects a political, rather than scientific choice, and being pursued with federal bureaucratic disregard for the integrity of states and the health of Americans."

Citing concerns about

risks of public exposure, to dangerous amounts of radiation in the event of transportation accidents and a poor record by the Department of Energy in its past effort to implement the transportation, disposal or operation of high-level radioactive waste, Nevada's physicians expressed strong concerns about long-term health consequences which could arise.

The resolution will be discussed at the December meeting to be held at the Las Vegas Hilton by an AMA

Reference Committee which will make a recommendation to the full AMA house of delegates. "I believe we can make a strong argument to our colleagues from across the nation that organized medicine must take a position on this issue," commented Doctor John G. Scott, Jr., a Nevada alternate delegate to the AMA and a Reno urologist.

Dr. Allen has written to the Presidents of other Western State medical societies asking for their support of the Nevada proposal.



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