## BACCHUS attempts to save lives through alcohol concienciousness

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for Boosting Alcohol wide Conscienousness Concern-Students

American College Health

including UNLV, showed

tive," Rodriguez said.

positive students.

at UNLV."

"A study done by rights."

from students at 35 colleges, Health Center.

students tested HIV posi- Rodriguez said.

estimated to have 40 HIV Wednesday.

Mandatory testing

importantly, it's a violation my partner."

that two in one thousand 10,000 condoms a semester,"

UNLV is "fairly representa- of the month. The results

tive" of the study and can be are returned the following

tion of course," he said. "I when asking for a safe-sex

don't want to create a panic. kit which contains do's and

There is currently only one don'ts on the use of the five

would produce an exact the kit," Rodriguez said,

number but Rodriguez said "aren't admitting to a pro-

he "is against mandatory miscuous sex life, but are

testing because it's an inva- saying 'I'm going to take re-

reported HIV positive case condoms it contains.

Rodriguez said he feels done on the last Wednesday

"This is just an estima- dents not to be embarrassed

HIV

homosexuals.

known to students of Greek has had the program for one whole campus. mythology as the god of wine, year. There are over 420 BACCHUS is the acronym chapters at colleges nation- organization's endeavor is

ing the Health of University like Mothers Against Drunk for all who participate in Kristi Petroni, co-chair- Against Drunk Driving gree of responsibility man of the BACCHUS (SADD) the main idea of project, said that the pro- BACCHUS is to get the ma- is great," Petroni said. "It's gram was originally started jority of the 60 percent of good peer education. It's

of the individual's civil

Preventative methods

"We pass out over

AIDS testing is free and

Rodriguez urges stu-

"Students who ask for

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at the University of Florida. program who are 21 or It became a national project younger set up into a desig-Although Bacchus is over10 years ago. UNLV nated driver program for the

> Petroni said the not to ban or discourage She also said that un- drinking, but to make it safe Driving(MADD) or Students such activities, with a de-

"I think it (BACCHUS) by Gerardo Gonzales in 1976 undergraduates into the alright to stand out in the crowd. We support the consumption and sale of alcoholic beverages, but not the negligence coming from the results of alcoholic abuse."

The program is open to graduate and undergradu-Association(ACHA) which have been taken at great took 1000 samples of blood lengths at the Student ate students.

BACCHUS was a main sponsor of UNLV'S Alcohol Awareness Week, despite its not being formally recognized by Student Govern-

Ray Rodriguez, health educator at the Student Health Center, said that the program would not be costeffective to the university and that they are trying to get local support and sponsorship for it.

"The program would be beneficial to the university in terms of information outreach and student dissemination," he said. "This program can reach places where professionals can't."

Police Officer Ron sion of privacy and most sponsibility for myself and Pearce of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department said there are a lot of penalties for driving while intoxicated. On the first offense, a DWI is a misde-



Judge Valerie Vega and Attorney Tom Conner (bottom, right) prosecute a drunk driver while Attorney Dayvid Figler defends.

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to \$500, 0-6 months incar- of the individual's driver's year. The second offense re- incarceration with a \$2,000 sults in at least 10 days to 6 fine. months incarceration, a fine of \$100 to \$500 and suspension of the individual's contact Kristi Petroniat 384driver's license for two years. 9676, or Mike Paliniri at 798-The third offense is a felony 2383. resulting in imprisonment

meanor with a fine from \$100 ceration and the suspension license for 30 days to one for a maximum of 2-10 years

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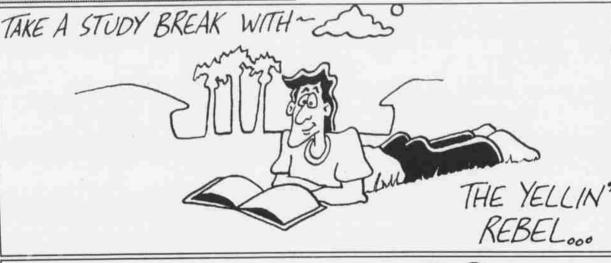
tective covering made of latex (rubber) or animal membrane that fit over the penis and keep semen from entering vagina. A latex condom with nonoxynol-9 spermicide is the best protection available against AIDS and the transmission of other STDs. They are ineffective if used incorrectly or if broken.

Condoms are available free at SHC inside a Safe Sex kit. The kit includes a pamphlet on choosing contraception, making sex safe and five form-fitting condoms lubricated with nonoxynol-9.

Female students seeking birth control at SHC will receive a preliminary check-up prior to receiving prescrip-

"It is important to insure that the student is in good health before they receive any prescribed birth control," said Director of Student Health Center Lori Winchell. "We also find it important to educate the students on the proper use, advantages and disadvantages of different forms of birth control."

Overall, students surveyed at UNLV indicated that they thought birth control was an individual responsibility which should be mutually shared, especially within a long term, sexually active relationship.



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