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Gary Tom addresses UNLV students on the importance of Native American support.

## Native American Student Association is proposed at UNLV

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Speaking about the program which he started and developed at Southern Utah University, lecturer Gary Tom recently introduced the Native American Student Association to UNLV students.

Tom, who is the education director for the Paiute Indian Tribe in Utah, has been educating Indians at Southern Utah University for 21 years. He said before contact by the whites, there were 18,000 Paiute Indians living in Nevada and part of California; there are less than 1,800 now living in that same area. Tom's concern, he said, is to help and support the Indian children with their endeavors.

Tom said the networking program that is in effect with Native Americans is one of the best ways to support children's endeavors. This program consists of

Native Americans, who have already become successful, contacting and lending support to young Native Americans who are going through the system striving to get an education or to become artists.

Tom said this is very important and those who do not give back the help they received are not doing what they should.

Tom stressed that help should be given to young Native Americans to help them get started in areas in which they are interested. Counselors in schools may not have concepts of what young Native Americans need or want. This help can come from other people in the group.

He advised the UNLV program to start small and grow. Organizations can be essential in helping people to identify with others of the same group. Native Americans, Tom advised, should start groups to reinforce this

identity.

Tom said that the Native American Student Association here at UNLV is a great start.

People who have succeeded in the country can come to UNLV to demonstrate their expertise. This could help other Native Americans to identify and become proud of who they are.

From 1950 to 1980, education for Native Americans dropped to the seventh grade level. The school dropout rate was 40-60 percent and 80 percent of all deaths were alcohol related. Today, the average education level for Native Americans is at the eleventh grade, according to Tom.

Tom said he believes networking is a most important part of helping other Native Americans to succeed in what they desire to do.

## Calling all scholars

Some of UNLV's top students will be calling the best high school seniors in Nevada, Nov. 18-20, as part of the calling all scholars program.

Student Ambassadors from UNLV will telephone the top 10 percent of every Nevada high school's senior class in a recruiting effort designed to bring the best young scholars in the state

to UNLV.

"We have been doing this for eight years and every year we get excellent responses from both students and parents," said Admissions Counselor Angie Colvin.

As in past years, the student ambassadors will use telephones in the president's office, calling from 6 to 9 p.m. for three

consecutive evenings.

"Many of the students we contact will have already applied to UNLV," Colvin said. "By having one of our student ambassadors talk to them, we hope to reinforce their interest in attending college here."

UNLV's current enrollment is approximately 19,500.

## Attention All UNLV Students Special Election November 19 & 20, 1991 Vote Form The Student Health Fee!!

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### Question:

Should all students, undergraduate and graduate, full and part time, pay a \$20<sup>00</sup> per semester fee for expansion of student health services?

### Explanation:

The Student Health Center currently provides all UNLV students with a variety of limited health care services. However, a national survey comparing UNLV to similar colleges and universities found that UNLV's budget was significantly lower than other similar institutions. This negatively impacts the staffing and services of the UNLV Student Health Center by limiting the number of students seen and the types of services available to all students

*Injure yourself on campus? Get sick in class? Have a problem you don't feel you can share with your family doctor? A "yes" vote would allow all UNLV students to continue to use the services at no cost for examination, and allow for expansion of staff and services.*

### I. Expansion of the Student Health Center will:

- A. Increase Physician's hours from current 20 hours per week to 40 hours per week, and add part time Physician specialists, ie, Allergist, Gynecologist, Dermatologist.
- B. Increase Pharmacist's hours from current 8 hours per week to 40 hours per week, and add a licensed pharmacy with wholesale medications at cost.
- C. Add full time Laboratory Technologist, and increase laboratory services.
- D. Increase Registered Dietician's hours from current 4 hours per week to 20 hours per week.
- E. Add on campus X-ray facilities with darkroom and at-cost services.
- F. Increase number of exam room from current 4 to 12 rooms, and add a surgical area.

Remember, students with private health insurance frequently do not use it, because of cash deductibles and no medication coverage!

Health care on campus for the cost of a date. *Isn't it worth it?*

## Vote In Favor Of The Student Health Care Fee!!