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## NEWS

## Five health care kits available to students

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The Student Health Center Staff at UNLV has developed self-care kits which are designed to promote education among students in self-care concepts.

The kits are free to any registered students who are eligible to use the Student Health Center.

The five kits available are as follows: a Cold Kit, Flu Kit, Abrasion Kit, PMS/Cramps Kit, and a Condom Kit.

The contents of each of the kits, developed by Lori Winchell, director of Student Health Services, include health information, health aides which vary between the kits, and instructional materials for students to assist them in making their own health care decisions.

These kits were chosen because, according to Winchell, they are the type of health problems that the Student Health Center treats most frequently.

Winchell said, "It will help the appointment system."

If students feel that their problem doesn't require professional medical attention, they can use the

kits to treat their needs. The students are also encouraged to seek medical assistance if the problem continues and they are not able to treat it on their own, she added.

No appointment is necessary to receive and use the kits.

A student can simply go to the front desk of the Student Health Center and ask for the kit that suits their needs. Then, the students sign their name in a log so that the Student Health Center can keep track of the number of kits used and the ones used most frequently.

Winchell said that the self-care kits are a good idea because, "They are free, convenient and they teach students about health care."

Another objective of the self-care kits is that it encourages students to be responsible for their own health needs while providing information about how and when to make decisions as to whether or not professional medical attention is appropriate for the sickness or problem they may have.

In the future, the range of self-care kits might include an expanded variety. This depends upon the response and success of the kits which are currently available.



CHAPERONE

## Political Science major leads to high-powered jobs

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A degree in political science is essential to working as a lobbyist, according to Mark Hector, a lobbyist who works for interests such as mining and insurance companies.

"You have to be able to identify issues; you have to know the political environment and [how] the process works. This is how you learn to operate in the field I operate in," he said.

Hector, a 1975 graduate of UNLV, was one of three panelists at a workshop titled "What to do With a Major in Political Science" last Wednesday.

He and fellow panelists Peter Arapis and Gordon Fink focused on the options available to people interested in pursuing a B.A. in Political Science.

Hector spoke about the two basic kinds of lobbying: working as a lobbyist for a major corporation, which is fairly lucrative, and contract lobbying, which usually means starting your own firm.

Fink, a local attorney who also teaches some classes at UNLV, said that a political science major definitely helps in the law profession. "You can use this major [Political Science] in any field of law you choose," Fink said.

Arapis, a 1985 graduate of UNLV, was involved in the LBJ Fellowship as a student, which allowed him to gain experience in Washington, D.C. He is now an aide for Senator Harry Reid.

Arapis, who is now a part-time instructor at UNLV, said, "If you're thinking of going back to Washington [D.C.] as an aide, think about graduate school."

Arapis also talked about the

high burnout rate for political workers. "Be prepared for the long hours and all the hard work," he advised. He also commented on the importance of getting a job with a senator or congressman if a career in civil service is your goal.

When asked by a student in the audience about pay, no one would give yearly salaries but some indications were given.

Arapis said, "In my position you make contacts. You're not going to get rich doing what I do."

"It is monetarily rewarding ... I am well compensated," said Hector.

Phi Sigma Alpha and the Career Placement and Planning center sponsored the workshop.

Gina Polovina, president of Phi Sigma Alpha, said she was pleased with the turnout at the workshop.

"I've gotten lots of positive responses," she stated.

## Communication expert offers lectures

Internationally recognized communication theorist Walter Fisher will present two free public lectures at UNLV on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.

The Nov. 30 lecture, titled "Reason, Public Discourse, Fiction, and Film," is set for 7:30 p.m. in Frank and Estella Beam Hall, Room 242.

The Dec. 1 lecture, titled "Everything You Always Wanted to Know about the Narrative Paradigm," will be an informal scholarly discussion. It is set for 10:30 a.m. in John S. Wright Hall, Room 112.

Fisher argues that people are not persuaded by logical arguments but rather by narratives or stories. In his presentations, he will discuss

the role of these stories in what he terms "moral public argument" on issues of public and social policy.

"Fisher attempts to show how people are actually persuaded," said Gage Chapel, chairman of the UNLV communication studies department. "He focuses on the ways in which people assess the worth of narrative appeals through the use of the standards of consistency and coherence. It should be a fascinating lecture with practical implications for national public policy debates."

Fisher, a communication professor at the University of Southern California, has authored many books and articles about contemporary rhetoric including the pioneering

work "Human Communication as Narration."

Fisher's lecture is part of a continuing lecture series titled "Converging Interests in Contemporary Rhetoric" that focuses on the ongoing search for greater understanding of how language influences human thought and action.

The series is sponsored by the UNLV departments of communication studies, English, and philosophy, and the College of Arts and Letters. It is funded in part by a grant from the Nevada Humanities Committee and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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