

A new trend is seen on campus

by Kimberley McGee

A recent trend has hit the UNLV campus. Many have been seen adorned with crystals. These crystals and stones worn on necklaces and embedded in precious metals and placed on fingers, are said by gem dealers to hold special powers.

"Some people believe they have healing powers and some people just think that they are pretty," said Sandy Baxter, part owner of the Mind Emporium located on Flamingo Road said.

"A lot of kids are wearing them now," said Russ Hill of the Psychic Eye Bookshop. "The whole metaphysical aspect of life is catching on. A lot of

people believe in self help and a lot believe in witchcraft and rituals."

They sell many crystals ranging from the clear quartz crystal which, according to Hill, "amplifies your energy," to the glassy black of obsidian which "reduces stress."

Baxter said that rose quartz and amethyst tend to be the biggest sellers at the Mind Emporium. According to her, amethyst "is good for insomnia, and a lot of people use the amethyst for meditation."

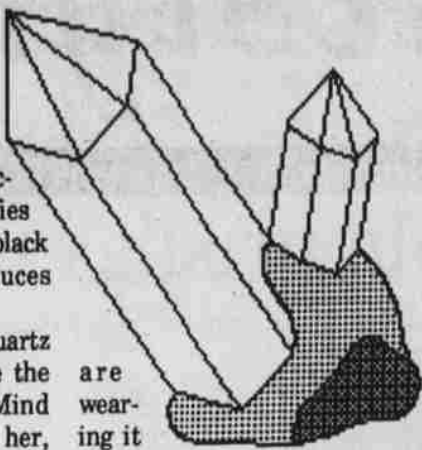
"There is thought out there that when you receive a crystal, it needs to be cleared," Baxter said. She added that this can be done by running water over the crystal or stone, letting it soak in sunshine or even blowing on it.

"There are different myths out there. Some people feel they

are wearing it for a purpose and when people touch it, it might receive bad energies," Baxter said.

"I wear it for the natural healing capabilities of the gem stones and the crystals and because they look cool," one student said.

Crystals range in price from \$10 to \$40 according to Hill, and their healing properties are diverse.



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raffles which raise money for charity. Sponsors like TCBY and the Hard Rock Cafe helped the Greeks raise more than \$2,000 for St. Jude's Ranch for Children this year. Greek Week also promotes the school's Greek system by getting other students involved as spectators, which increases the awareness of the presence of the fraternities and sororities on campus.

The events of Greek week are fun and give a slight twist

to normal sports, in an effort to make the competition more enjoyable and less competitive. For example, there is mooshball, a variation on softball, and the women's clothes swimming relay which are rather interesting forms of more normal events. More bizarre games like the spaghetti eating contest and men's bellyflop contest are good examples of the true competition.

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event on a series, such as a wedding, a birth or a death. In fact, being able to predict the outcome of an anticipated event heightens the viewer's pay-off.

A life-changing event in a soap, such as the death of a main character, does not lessen the impact that character continues to have on the plot. Many times an event like death only brings more excitement and predictions.

Introduce a character, kill her off, then you are free to speculate to your heart's content. Did her husband murder her? Is that new character really her long lost twin? Is her mother seeing ghosts now?

College students have been known to arrange their class schedules around a favorite soap grand finale.

A trip to the second-floor TV lounge of the Moyer Student Union at 11 a.m. on any given weekday reveals a die-hard assortment of loyal fans listening intently to the conversations of the *Young and the Restless*.

Allison Johnson, a junior education major, said although she did not arrange her schedule in order to catch the *Young and the Restless*, she knows people who do.

"I watch (soaps) to get away," Johnson said. "This is a diversion for me. I don't care for game shows because they discuss the same thing and with soaps there are no repeats."

When Johnson does miss an episode she said her friends or other *Y&R* fans will always catch her up.

Julie Pollock, a senior communications studies major, calls *Y&R* a "juicy soap." "The character are in our age bracket and just fun to watch. I just dropped a class so I can watch every day and I'm excited to be here."

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