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Welcome (back) students



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Health fee spurns controversy

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For The Yell

The newly-implemented \$20 student health fee has been the source of serious controversy on campus. CSUN Student Body President Joel Kostman estimated there have been more than 100 phone calls received from disgruntled students since they were notified of the fee in June.

But the real problem may lie in the fact that students are under the impression that the fee buys insurance or a similar service from the school. These assumptions are incorrect. The fee will help pay for an expansion of the existing health services facility, the establishment of new educational programs and the hiring of full-time staff. The health fee is not a form of insurance.

Of the students who voiced



concern, some said they didn't want to pay the extra money while others wanted to know how they would benefit since the Claude I. Howard Health Center is closed when they are on campus. Many said they already have insurance, not knowing the fee is not a substitute for insurance, or complained they did not have the opportunity to vote in the election concerning the health fee.

The health fee issue was on the ballot in two elections. In the first election, the fee passed with a 754 to 740 vote. It passed again

Fee draws attention to university health facilities

The Claude I. Howard Student Health Center has become the center of attention this semester with the addition of the \$20 health fee attached to students' tuition. But some students may not know what the Claude I. Howard Health Center has to offer.

The center has a variety of services among which is the treatment of minor illness and injury, testing for sexually transmitted diseases, allergy antigen injections and contraception and pregnancy testing.

All medical records are kept confidential and

only the student can allow them to be read by other people.

While the health fee is mandatory, use of the center is limited. Anyone under 18-years-old must get signed parental consent for medical care. The forms are available at the Student Health Center.

The center is located behind the dining commons next to the softball field and is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

— Thomas Moore

1,310 to 550 in the second election. Turnout was low despite the fact that notification of the health fee election was publicized beforehand.

Ray Rodriguez, health educator at the Claude I. Howard Student Health Center, said

UNLV offers services woefully below that offered at other universities. The Health Center is not able to serve all the students that come to them for treatment. As the campus population has grown, the center has gone from serving an average of 30 students

per day in the past to 50 students per day last spring. With only four examination rooms, some students must be sent off campus and pay for expensive health care.

The \$20 health fee may be a

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