

Residence Halls support philanthropic efforts

by Tonya Lomeo

Whether it is collecting food for the homeless or helping individuals who need clothing, students living in the residence halls are making a difference.

Currently, the Gym Road South Complex Council is sponsoring their second-annual Thanksgiving food drive for the St. Vincents' Shelter, according to Jason Frame, the Gym Road South Complex Committee chair.

Students living in the residence halls are being asked to donate meals from their meal

cards. The cash equivalent will be turned over to St. Vincents. This drive began Friday and will end Wednesday.

The Residence Hall Association is also sponsoring an ongoing clothing drive. According to Ed Marshall, president of RHA, this is the third year the drive has been conducted.

"We take the clothes and try to find who needs them the most," Marshall said.

A deposit point has been set up in the Gym Road South service building, and everyone is encouraged to participate. Marshall said last year the

committee targeted people devastated in the Los Angeles riots, while two years ago, RHA adopted two families who were in need of clothing.

Frame said they haven't found their prospective group for this year and that, at the end of the semester when the residents are moving, the drive will move into full-swing.

In addition, the RHA community service committee is aiding Lens Crafters in their "Gift of Sight" campaign. According to Robert Spirito, a committee member and liaison for Lens Crafters, people are

asked to donate used eyeglasses which will be "taken out of the country to be given to people who need them."

Spirito said the target for this year's campaign is Africa. In the past, donations were made to Panama and Costa Rica. The drive for the donations began Oct. 15 and will end Jan. 1.

Spirito's committee is collecting the eye-wear in the RHA offices located in building D of the residential halls. Lens Crafters' goal for this year is a half million pairs of glasses.

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anonymity.

These suggestion cards are reviewed by the Student Health Advisory Committee, the student health organization that works directly with Student Government, and are read at health center staff meetings.

Second, there is a grievance committee at the health center.

"Students are encouraged to set up an appointment with me," Winchell said, "or they can talk directly to the staff person, but we need feedback. We're human too."

The student said she was unaware of any option to voice her complaint about her treatment at the center.

In addition, the health fee has allowed the center to begin staffing a health advocate who will be "the advocate for students and will work with Student Government" in attempt to improve the quality of service at the health center, Winchell said.

That staff member will begin working in a few weeks, and students will be able to go to this person with any grievance. Anonymity will still be respected, and the advocate will seek out a remedy to the problem.

Marshall attributed part of the problems at the health center to the fact that it is a growing establishment and the staff will have to learn to grow with it. Marshall urged campus residents to come to him if have any kind of problem, he will help to resolve it with them.

Sen. Bryan speaks to communication class

by Melanie Schoenfeld

The Clinton-Gore Administration is "a generational change of leadership," said U.S. Sen. Richard Bryan when he spoke to a communication studies class Thursday.

Bryan said 80 percent of Americans believe the country is headed in the wrong direction and Clinton and Gore are the agents of change.

The economy is a major issue confronting the nation and the Clinton Administration will attempt to provide a national economic strategy, he said. He

also said America needs to be more competitive in the international marketplace.

Bryan said the Clinton Administration will be more sensitive to domestic issues than President Bush has been. The administration will focus on the environment, the homeless and health care, he said.

As far as the deficit is concerned, Bryan said, "the prosperity of the '80s was purchased on an American Visa card, and now we have to do something about it."

We also need to reform the political system in America with

the way campaigns are funded, Bryan said. "It is truly an American scandal," he said.

Bryan said the amount of money spent in running for political office should be reduced. The integrity of our system is being threatened, he said.

As far as Yucca Mountain is concerned, Nevadans should not think the nuclear dump is inevitable, said Bryan. Nevadans also should not be greedy and say they will take anything as long as they get enough money, he said. People should let their elected officials know their opposition to it, said Bryan. "This is all about money, nobody should be deceived that it's about science."

Bryan said he does not know the answer from an educational standpoint, but busing was originally part of the integration plan. Regardless of the answer, "because we have a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic society the sooner people come to-

gether, the better for all of us," he said.


Bryan also spoke about the Bryan Bill that did not pass in the last session of Congress. The bill called for greater fuel efficiency in cars. It said that in 10 years, cars must average 40 miles per gallon.

Three reasons for the bill are energy dependence, environmental protection, and the deficit as far as trade balance is concerned, said Bryan.

The auto industry is a powerful lobbying force which has caused major problems with the passing of the bill, he said.

With regard to all areas of conservation, America is less energy efficient than Europe or Japan, but it is better than it was in the 1970s, he said.

Bryan is from Las Vegas. He graduated from Las Vegas High School and UNLV. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1988. His term will be up in 1994.



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