

# Victims of AIDS remembered

by Melanie Schoenfeld

Volunteers working on World AIDS Day, "A Day Without Art," began activities a week in advance Monday with red ribbons being distributed to students, faculty and staff. The ribbons were given to signify the recognition of AIDS and the lives the deadly disease has taken.

World AIDS Day is Dec. 1, and art around campus will be turned to the wall. The College of Fine and Performing Arts will also not have performances or rehearsals that day. The Day Without Art signifies the creations of human hearts and minds that AIDS has taken from society.

On Dec. 2 and Dec. 3 there will be performances and exhibits in celebration of the arts and creativity. There will also be free lectures throughout the week.

Former tennis star, Arthur Ashe, who is infected with AIDS, will speak as part of the Barrick Lecture Series Dec. 2 at Artemus Ham Concert Hall at 7:30 p.m.

## World AIDS Day Special Section — coming Dec. 1

Panels from the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display in the lobby when Ashe speaks.

There will be a lecture on heterosexuals and safe sex on Dec. 1 at 2 p.m. and Dec. 2 at 9 a.m. in the Rod Lee Bigelow Health Sciences Building, Room 131. Dr. Carolyn Sabo, assistant professor of nursing at UNLV, will be the speaker.

A lecture on living in a community for persons with AIDS will be given by Mara Adelman, assistant professor of communication studies at Northwestern University, in Wright Hall, Room 116 on Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Dean of Health Sciences Dr. Vicky Carwein will give a lecture on basic AIDS information Nov. 30 at 4 p.m. in BHS 131. Carwein will report on the AIDS

International Conference that was held in Amsterdam in July. Her report will be given on Dec. 1 at 9 a.m. in BHS 131.

World AIDS Day is a global attempt to increase awareness and understanding of the AIDS epidemic. It is sponsored by the United Nation's World Health Organization.

The World Health Organization predicts that 30-40 million people will be infected with HIV by the end of the century. That is one person for every 150 in the world.

The main goal of World AIDS Day is to help everyone come to the realization that they are in some way affected by AIDS.

As Christopher Knight, a *Los Angeles Times* art critic, said, "The great thing about 'A Day Without Art' is that it keeps our moral compass pointed exactly where it should be: On the horrific sense of loss, which is the final truth of AIDS that touches everyone."

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to the state legislature. If Kostman and Student Government hire their own lobbyist, then the legislature could receive mixed messages.

"The regents want to provide a united front," said Ackerman. "If there was some discord it is because Joel has chosen to go his own direction."

Maxson attended the meeting and claimed there was no formal discussion of the situation. However, he did say after he heard Glen Krutz's, an official from the chancellor of the university systems' office, report of a meeting of system-wide student body presidents he had the sense there was coordination.

That coordination must have been short lived because at a Student Government press conference Friday night the animosity had not died down.

Kostman claimed Berkley had contacted the student body presidents from the entire system and told them that Kostman was not a team player. Kostman said the entire problem was political because Berkley was upset because she was not endorsed.

Also, in a press release handed out that night, Kostman claimed that at the meeting he was told by a Regent to watch his back and that some people wanted him removed.

Kostman said the attacks, insinuations and innuendoes are ludicrous and rude and are to be expected from Berkley. "Joel has gone off the deep end," Berkley said. "(He has) an irrational hatred of me."

She added that the other student body presidents, even the classified employees are all working together.

"The only group that has not come to help is UNLV's Student Government," Berkley said.

# Department concentrates on training, proper disposal

by Randy Miller

A janitor walks into a dark, empty chemistry lab. He notices something has been spilled on the floor. He grasps his mop and cleans the spill without thinking of his own safety. Unknowingly, he has just exposed himself to hazardous waste.

Fortunately, at UNLV this scenario should never come true due to extensive accident-prevention training.

According to Thomas Graham, radiological safety officer, the majority of problems concerning hazardous materials arise from situations in which people are unaware that a substance is radioactive.

Graham said due to the efforts of the Radiological Safety department, no serious injuries have occurred on campus.

"We put quite a bit of our effort into controlling these problems by training and disposing of radioactive materials properly," he said.

The department of Environ-

mental Health and Safety, which oversees Radiological Safety was formed last July. Dr. Lawrence Tirri is the director in charge of the three offices that make up his department: Radiological, Occupational, and Hazardous Materials Safety.

One officer controls each department and develops programs with university departments for health and safety concerns.

Graham ensures that the university complies with state laws that govern radiology. He monitors the university's radiography, health physics, biology departments, student use of radioactive materials and the use of X-Ray machines.

Students serving internships at local hospitals are required to wear film badges to monitor their occupational exposure to radiation.

Graham also developed an extensive program to train students, faculty, and staff that may encounter the hazards of radioactive materials and to monitor

when radioactive materials are acquired and exposed to the environment.

Bradford Manning, the officer in charge of Occupational Safety, makes sure the university is in compliance with all OSHA regulations.

Manning must work with academic science departments and staff departments including: Facilities Management, Residence Halls, the Thomas & Mack Center, Telecommunications, and Public Safety to develop programs for all their individual needs.

These programs deal with accident prevention, indoor air quality, exposure to noise and chemical agents, and training employees how to work with hazardous materials.

Manning also runs the university's right-to-know program which trains faculty, staff, and students which teach them the safety concerns in all three areas.

The program was started by Tirri several years ago when the university was trying to develop

safety programs for the whole university. OSHA requires that only employees be trained, but through the right-to-know program, UNLV has extended this to the students as well.

"I have found the campus to be in good shape and departments are very concerned about standards and want to comply," Manning said.

The third position of Hazardous Materials officer is being filled temporarily by Tirri. He oversees the use of hazardous materials and hazardous waste generated by the university, which includes all phases of use.

Tirri said a phrase often used by the industry to refer to his job is, "cradle to grave." This means that from the first time a material is on campus, he must make sure it is properly stored, safely used, and then properly disposed of.

Tirri said even when the waste is ultimately disposed of there are concerns. The university's philosophy is to incinerate the waste to assure that

the waste is transformed into non-hazardous materials such as carbon dioxide, water or ash.

"It is more expensive than some of the other methods, but it is the best and the most environmentally safe means of disposal," Tirri said.

All purchasing of hazardous materials must be approved, and an inventory data base is kept for emergency planning.

"This is very important for emergency planning," Tirri said. "In the event of an emergency we would be able to provide information to all of the emergency responders so they will know what is located in each of the buildings and know what kind of precautions are necessary should they need to enter those buildings."

All faculty and staff are trained under the right-to-know training. Materials considered hazardous under the OSHA regulations include the use of white out and photographic chemicals.

# Georgia fraternity ousted for racial slur in recruiting pamphlet

ATHENS, Ga. (CPS) — A racial slur in a pledge pamphlet has resulted in a fraternity being suspended for an indefinite period from the University of Georgia campus.

University officials discovered that a printed pamphlet for Pi Kappa Phi fraternity contained the phrase "no niggers." An investigation revealed that

some fraternity members knew about the slur and chose to do nothing about it.

More than 1,000 students signed a petition demanding that the fraternity be ousted from the campus. The petition was started by the university's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The suspension resulted from an Oct. 22 hearing in which the fraternity exercised its option to have the case heard by an administrative officer rather than a student panel.

The fraternity can apply for reinstatement during the summer of 1993.

"I intend the time during this suspension to be spent

learning and teaching the value of diversity in a modern university and to satisfy the expectations announced by your national organization and your local alumni," wrote William Bracewell, director of judicial programs who served as hearing officer on the case.

Pi Kappa Phi president James "Tripp" Ackerman III appeared at a recent meeting with the Black Greek Council and read a statement of apology by the pamphlet's author, and said the fraternity did not condone the material.

"The offensive statement was not condoned by the chapter president or the brotherhood," Ackerman said. "I regret that this situation may have caused others to form negative opinions

about the Lambda chapter, the Greek community or the University of Georgia community as a whole."

The Greek organizations at the university reacted strongly to the incident, officials said. The school's sororities have refused to participate in Pi Kappa Phi's annual philanthropic War of the Roses football tournament this year.

The ruling against the fraternity was unexpected, although welcomed, said Jonathan Burns, managing editor of *The Red and Black*, the campus newspaper. "The students seem very pleased with the decision."

Pi Kappa Phi is the seventh fraternity to be suspended from the University of Georgia campus since 1980.



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