

Services expand at the Health Center

Though the new health services building is not scheduled for completion this semester, the center has already increased its services.

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The Claude I. Howard Student Health Center is scheduled for expansion later this year, but that's not stopping the director at the facility from increasing the services already provided by the center.

"Obviously, we can't do laboratory work without a laboratory or offer pharmaceutical services without a pharmacy, but we are doing what we can now—educational programs, rotating medical specialists and increasing working hours," said Lori Winchell, a nurse practitioner and the director of the center.

Family practice physicians from the University of Nevada, Reno Medical School rotate shifts at the UNLV center throughout the week. Additionally, the center has several local specialists: an allergist, orthopedic surgeon, obstetrician-gynecologist, dermatologist, psychiatrist and a dietician. Referral lists are available for services not offered on campus.

The center also provides educational/counseling programs on nutrition, weight control, athletic training, drug and alcohol abuse, AIDS and campus safety.

The 500,500-square-foot addition to the center is scheduled for

completion before next semester but Winchell is not holding her breath.

"They say it will be done by Aug. 1, but probably not," Winchell said.

Winchell credits the mandatory student health fee, implemented last fall, for making the center's rapid expansion possible.

"It's amazing that \$20 a semester has made such a big impact," Winchell said.

She also said that with the added money, it has been easier to work toward the center's three goals.

"We have three missions to fill," Winchell said. "Patient care, education and wellness, and health and safety on campus."

"We've had tremendous changes as a result of the fee. The center is 100 percent better, but for the moment we are a little cramped for the space because of the increase of services."

Winchell said the health fee is not a user fee but a program fee meant to fund various programs and services at the center. Although insurance is not required, students must still pay for health service in addition to the health fee.

The center offers a number of low-cost services including the treatment of minor illness and injury, exams and testing for sexual diseases, blood pressure tests, contraception, and pregnancy testing among others.

Located on University Road behind the Dining Commons, the facility is open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MGM executive to speak at MSU

Students worried about job prospects probably can't help but look at the growing Las Vegas skyline with hope in their eyes.

There are a number of resorts being built that could be a source of employment and students will have a chance to meet an executive from one of the largest—the MGM Grand Hotel and Theme Park.

Daniel Wade, senior vice president and general manager of the resort's theme park, will speak Feb. 18 at 4 p.m. in the Moyer Student Union ballroom.

While all students are invited, people who are not members of the UNLV Hotel Association, the sponsor of the event, will be charged \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door. Advance tickets can be purchased in Frank and Estella Beam Hall, Room 126.

International Food Service Executives Association will host a pasta dinner in the Boyd Dining Room in Beam Hall following the meeting.

There will be a cash bar and a variety of dishes as well as desert. Reservations are required and students can sign up in room 126 in Beam Hall.

Bill

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still do it through the courts."

President Robert Maxson applauded the regents' response to the taping incident.

"I think the regents acted very responsibly," Maxson said. "This could be a very good bill. My guess is that anything he (Coffin) would introduce would be good."

Maxson's appraisal of the regents' policy ran counter to Student Body President Joel Kostman who said, that while he had not read Coffin's bill, he thought it would be an improvement.

"I think the regents' policy could be better," Kostman said. "The problem I have with the regents' policy is that what if it is the president you are investigating? If someone has supreme executive power how do you investigate him?"

Coffin said the bill is in the process of being drafted and should be submitted to the Senate Feb. 17.

Warrior

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Ashe Foundation for the Defeat of AIDS and began lecturing.

Ashe spoke at Artemus Ham Hall in December on World AIDS Day—the day after he addressed the United Nations.

In his speeches, Ashe's message was education. At UNLV he used statistics to emphasize his points:

- "Today, 80 percent of hemophiliacs 15 years of age or older are HIV positive."

- "(Public studies) show that by the year 2000, 44 million people will be HIV positive...some private researchers put the figure at 110 million."

Ashe stressed realism in education. He said it's foolish to believe encouraging condom use encourages promiscuity. Ashe also said relying on abstinence is unrealistic.

Ashe

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blood test numbers are holding steady, and I think a lot of it has to do with personal initiative, in addition to what my doctors tell me to do."

Ashe said having the disease made planning difficult, but "that's not to say that I'm morbid about it."

"I've lived with this now for 4 1/2 years, so you see you come to some accommodation with it," he said. "But professionally I feel rather satisfied."

Ashe's career brought him the singles crowns of all the coveted tennis championships, including Wimbledon, the U.S. Open and the World Championship Tennis Finals.

Born in Richmond, Va., on July 10, 1943, Ashe began to play tennis in a neighborhood park where his father was employed as a guard.

He burst onto the tennis scene in 1961 when he won the National Interscholastic Tennis Championships as a high school star

from Richmond.

During the 1970s, the civil rights movement found Ashe at center stage.

In March 1970, he helped get South Africa banned from the Davis Cup because of the nation's apartheid policies. More recently, Ashe, who believed American black athletes should use their sports success to promote civil rights, wrote an acclaimed three-volume history of black athletes.

On the court, he scored perhaps his greatest triumph in 1975 when he changed his game and defeated the seemingly invincible Jimmy Connors to capture Wimbledon.

But on July 31, 1979, at the age of 36, Ashe suffered a heart attack after conducting a clinic for youngsters in New York City. A three-hour quadruple bypass operation was performed on Dec. 13.

Ashe retired from competitive tennis in 1980.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanne, and daughter, Camera.

Campus Events

MEETINGS

The Roundtable Support Group meets every Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Moyer Student Union, Fireside Lounge. Programs feature improving self-esteem, interviewing techniques, budgeting time and money, goal setting and job search. The group is set up for single parents, displaced homemakers or for people changing careers. Call the Women's Center for more information at 895-4475.

LECTURES AND SEMINARS

Leon Coburn, assistant professor of English, and Dyanne

Thorne, a professional actress and vice president of the Screen Actors Guild of Nevada, will recite a variety of love poems Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Frank and Estella Beam Hall, Room 242. The recital is open to the public and free of charge.

Andre Safirov, professor of political science at Moscow State University and the Moscow Academy of Sciences, will present a free public lecture titled "What's Ahead for Russia and the Former Soviet Union—Free Economy? Free Society?" Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Flora Dungan Humanities building, Room 105.

MISCELLANEOUS

The mentoring program at the Women's Center will match you with a professional in the field of your interest. For more information call the Women's Center at 895-4475.

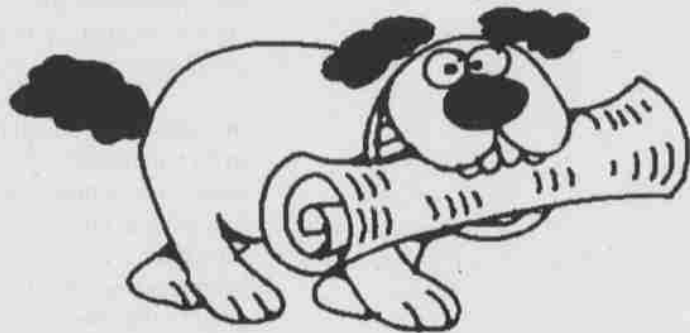
The Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) is collecting membership fees for the spring semester. Fees are \$53 and are due by 5 p.m. Feb. 23 in the Greenspun School of Communication office. Students interested in learning about public relations, marketing, advertising are encouraged to sign up. For more information call 259-0439.



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