

# Drinking

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it will give parents of incoming students a clear picture of what life is really like on the campus.

"We're not that much different than the norm in the rest of the country," Purkins said.

Liz Baldizan, Student Judicial Affairs officer, whose jurisdiction covers on-campus and university-sponsored events, says she talks with many disciplinary officers from other schools.

"The code of conduct here is pretty comparable," Baldizan said. "I have fewer cases than they do. The big difference is that we have only 800 residents on campus."

Official UNLV policy prohibits the use of alcohol by any person under the age of 21, although people 21 and over may drink in their own residence hall rooms. Written permission must be obtained if on-campus events are to involve alcohol. Approval is granted only after completion of a rigorous application process which includes alcohol awareness training for the sponsoring group.

Theresa Chiang, Moyer Student Union activities director, said there are only one or two such alcohol events on the cam-

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pus in a semester because of the strict policy.

"We ask them to take responsibility for whatever activity they are scheduling," she said.

Referring to the same campus policy, Baldizan said, "There are so many safeguards to ensure accountability, that it is easier to go off campus. Maybe alcohol is so accessible off the campus, that it is less of a big deal on the campus." She said in the last three years, she has expelled only three students, and that alcohol was not involved in any of the cases.

Freshmen make up just over 25 percent of all UNLV students, and 37 percent of students responding to the survey were freshmen. Augie Galvan, residential life coordinator at Tonopah Hall, an all-freshmen residence hall, said the men and women in his building are much more aware of the pitfalls of

drinking than students were 20 years ago.

"This is an experimental time for them. They know they are becoming adults and need to know the guidelines," Galvan said.

He said the regulations concerning alcohol use are very straightforward at UNLV, and students know they must accept responsibility for their own actions.

Detective Lonnie Barrett of the University Police believes most fraternities have become more aware of the hazards of drinking and driving. "They are using designated drivers and monitoring their own parties," he said.

Interfraternity Council President Robert Snyder, a member of Phi Delta Theta, agreed there is a trend toward responsible drinking in the 10 fraternities represented at UNLV.

"It's human nature for college-age kids to test authority. (Drinking) is still against the law, and that's what has to be remembered," he said.

Snyder said fraternities are serious about their responsibility concerning drinking, and his chapter pays \$75 per year for each of its 45 men for liability insurance, even though the group has never had a violation.

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cluded for the questions. The votes originally disqualified were from graduate students but were included in the survey questions "because everyone is a student and deserves to have their opinion heard," Spray said.

Lori Winchell, the director of the health center, was unsure that the questions were helpful because of the large difference in the number of responses. "The validity of the survey is important to give you accurate information," Winchell said.

Winchell was also concerned about the broadness of the question. She wondered whether the responses were from people who actually used the center or were just upset about the health fee.

"It's not specific enough to make it useful for me," Winchell said. "I'm glad Student Government has initiated this and I really appreciated it, but it's not clear enough to me what they are measuring."

The reason for the delay, according to Bud Benneman,

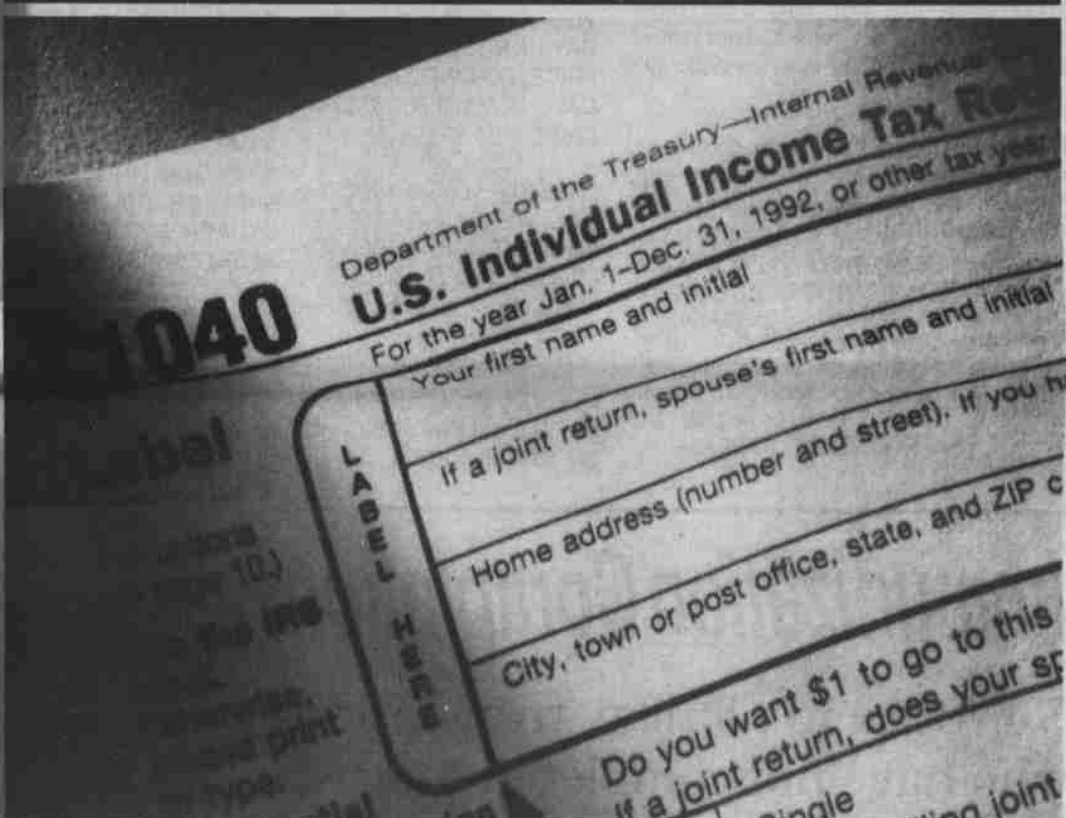
senate vice president, was that the ballots were incorrectly marked. "The problem was that a lot of people used pens to mark the ballots," Benneman said. "So the machine couldn't read them. If they had used pencil they could have run them right through the machine."

Spray said hand count was needed anyway because the scanning machine cannot differentiate between more than one response to a single question. Since they had to count the ballots by hand the vote took a long time, said Spray.

The ballot questions were divided into two sections. The first section asked students whether they felt ten subjects were issues or problems on campus. The list included AIDS, the environment, safety, and tuition among others.

The second section asked students to rate the following services on campus; KUNV, the campus radio station, *The Rebel Yell*, student security and the shuttle service and the Student Health Center. There were five ratings possible; excellent, above standard, average, poor, and no opinion.

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