

Health Center reports three HIV cases

Based on current estimates, 40 students may be infected.

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FOR THE YELL

To date, three UNLV students have disclosed they have AIDS or HIV to the Student Health Center, according to Ray Rodriguez, the health education coordinator at UNLV.

Ken Tomory, a clerk at the health center said he knows of at least 20 students at UNLV who are HIV positive although he doesn't know any who, at present,

have full-blown AIDS.

Tomory said he did know one student who left school after becoming too ill with the virus; that person died about six months ago.

Both Tomory and Rodriguez said there have been eight people that were either students or alumni, who have died from AIDS since 1985.

According to Rodriguez, current estimates show one in every 500 college students is HIV positive. Based on those statistics, approximately 40 students on campus may have the virus.

If a student decides to disclose to any campus professional that

he or she has the virus, that student is promised complete confidentiality Rodriguez said. Disclosing such information is grounds for dismissal and, according to Rodriguez, there has never been a problem with disclosure at UNLV.

Rodriguez said HIV and AIDS are considered permanent disabilities and so infected students are eligible for aid from student services.

Even so, there are no HIV or AIDS specific programs at UNLV according to Tomory. He said while student services may provide counseling, it is not enough.

"They are not equipped to handle persons who are HIV infected," Tomory said.

There are attempts to rectify the lack of resources on campus. Rodriguez and the peer educators, a group of students who receive 70 hours of HIV/AIDS training, give 100 presentations a year to various classes and organizations on campus.

The presentations are geared to inform people about the most current information about HIV and AIDS.

In addition to the classes, Rodriguez said they try to get people with AIDS to come to campus and speak to students. Last December, former tennis great Arthur Ashe told the campus about his condition and AIDS in general.

Both Rodriguez and Tomory said there needs to be a change in the attitude of students about AIDS.

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Police Blotter



FRAUD

April 13—A person was selling fraudulent tickets at the Thomas & Mack Center. The person's vehicle was towed and the tickets were confiscated.

April 14—Four subjects were cited at the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl for selling counterfeit t-shirts.

PEACE

April 13—A man was arguing with his girlfriend on the first floor of the Flora Dungan Humanities building.

THEFT

April 14—A female subject's tickets were taken from her back pocket while at the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl.

BATTERY

April 14—A male subject slapped another male subject at the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl. A citation was issued and the subject was released.

April 14—A male subject was arrested at the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl for scalping tickets and battery on a police officer.

TRAFFIC

April 14—A vehicle was impounded from the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl for illegal transfer of plates. The subject was issued a citation for not having insurance and driving on a revoked license.

April 17—An unknown person went over a curb in parking lot E, east of the Moyer Student Union hitting and crushing a campus parking sign.

TRESSPASS

April 14—A subject was arrested at the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl after refusing to leave. The subject was arrested for trespassing and obstructing a police officer.

VANDALISM

April 14—A unknown person took the gooseneck from a faucet in the men's restroom causing severe damage.

April 17—An unknown person twisted a campus parking meter in parking lot N, east of the film studies building.

ASSIST

April 18—A female subject fell down the steps in the Black Box Theatre spraining her leg. She was taken to Desert Springs Hospital.



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