

Health center provides coordinated care

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The following is part one of a two-part article on the Student Health Center

The Student Health Center is dedicated to educating and protecting all UNLV students, according to Lori Winchell, director of Student Health Services.

The Health Center, said Winchell, has a mission with three different areas of focus. The first is clinical-patient care, which is done on a regular basis.

The second is education-preventative care. Peer education is a vital part of this area of the mission. Ray Rodriguez, the Health Education Coordinator, manages the Peer Education Programs.

The third area concerns the health and safety of the whole UNLV campus. Patty Avila-Porter, the Student Health Advocate, fo-

cuses on this area of the mission. She deals with the immunizations and vaccines.

Issues related to sexuality are very important to the Student Health Center since these are the issues that the students seem most interested in.

In order to cater to their needs, the center provides information on sexually transmitted diseases, how to prevent them and how to deal with them if infected. The information is given through classes, peer education groups, and pamphlets available at the center.

According to Rodriguez, unplanned and unwanted pregnancies are a common problem.

"We've seen more pregnancies the first couple of weeks of school probably than we've seen at the beginning of any other semester," he said.

According to statistics gathered by the physicians, 30 to 35 percent of UNLV students are worried about their chances of contracting a venereal disease.

Of those who actually come in

for testing, 8 to 10 percent turn out to be positive for a sexually transmitted disease. The most common is chlamydia. The next is venereal warts and HPV infection, followed by herpes.

Among the least common STD's is gonorrhea which is the most commonly reported infectious disease in the country, but it occurs much less frequently on campus than herpes.

There has only been one case of test-positive syphilis at UNLV in the

last 12 months, and out of the 500 students who have tested for the HIV virus only one has been positive.

According to Rodriguez these statistics can change. "We see a lot of unhealthy sexual practices, people who are engaging in intercourse and other sexual acts without using a condom."

The national statistics state that one out of every 1,000 college students is positive for the HIV vi-

rus. However, the riskier the sexual behavior the higher the chances of being infected.

What is taught by health education coordinators is safer sex methods. According to Rodriguez, "...the only safe sex is masturbation."

One of the services provided by the student funded health center is the free HIV anti-body testing done every Thursday from 2 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Neither names nor student I.D. is necessary. Complete confidentiality is ensured and privacy is respected.

The testing is done quickly and efficiently, and the results are given one week later, along with advice on how to handle the situation if the results are positive.

According to Rodriguez, "This organization treats people like human beings. We're not going to treat you like a second class person because of anything, especially not because you're a student."

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Campus Events

Graduate students working on a doctorate degree in any field, may apply for a non-renewable fellowship of \$15,000, awarded by the Spencer Foundation.

Approximately 30 applicants will qualify for the scholarships.

The deadline to apply is Nov. 3. For more information call Ext. 3695.

Don't miss this one! *Casablanca*, revered as one of the best movies of all time, starring Humphrey Bogart, and Ingrid Bergman, will be shown tonight in Wright Hall 103, at 7 p.m.

Admission is free, and open to the public.

Out-of-Town UNLV students, needing a home away from home can connect with a Las Vegas family while attending college.

Families will stay in contact with you, and see you throughout the school year.

For more information call Sharlene 794-2888, or Susie 456-4838.

The Student Counseling Center, located on the second floor of the campus library is offering help to students through several services, which include:

Stress Management Group, this is a ten session structured workshop that can assist you in handling stress.

Real Life Support Group, if life seems to be too overwhelming, or you are experiencing difficulty in relationships, work, or your classes, then consider joining a place where you can express your feelings, and receive support.

Discover, this is designed for students who have questions concerning career related decisions, or for those who want to discuss their college majors.

Computer assisted career guidance and information is also available.

For more information about any of these groups, call the Student Counseling Center at Ext. 3627.

News Briefs

'Take Back the Night' rally to be held on campus

The annual "Take Back The Night" rally and march will be held on Monday, October 4, 1993, starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Valerie Pida Plaza on the UNLV campus.

The event is held each year to make people aware of the acts of violence that take place against women in the Las Vegas community as well as on the UNLV campus.

The rally will feature guest speaker Pat Thacker and a victim who will discuss her own survival story. The march will take place around the UNLV campus, stressing unsafe areas there, as well as outside UNLV. The night will conclude at approximately 8:00 p.m. with a candlelight vigil.

The event is being sponsored by the UNLV Women's Center, Temporary Assistance For Domestic Crisis, UNLV Women's Studies, and UNLV Residential Life. For more information, contact the Women's Center at 895-4475.

USC Sociologist Michael Messner

to speak at UNLV

"Power at Play: Learning About Gender Through Sport and Play" will be the topic when sociologist Michael A. Messner speaks at UNLV on Oct. 7 as part of the University Forum lecture series.

Messner, an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Southern California, will speak at 7:30 p.m. in Wright Hall, Room 116. The lecture is free and open to the public.

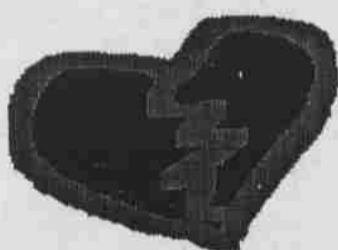
Messner is the author of the book "Power at Play: Sports and the Problem of Masculinity."

The University Forum lecture series is sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and underwritten by UNLV Foundation.

For more information, call the College of Liberal Arts at 895-3401.

UNLV fall 1993 enrollment

Total enrollment at UNLV this fall is 19,482, up 1.42 percent from last fall's 19,209, according to figures released Monday (Sept. 20) by the Registrar's Office.



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Keevil and Day scholarships awarded

University of Nevada, Las Vegas senior Daniel Duffy is the recipient of both the Ned Day and Tom Keevil Memorial Scholarships for 1993-94.

Duffy, who is a senior majoring in journalism at the Greenspun School at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, received the awards in memory of Day, who was a *Review-*

Journal columnist at the time of his death in 1987, and Keevil, who was the *Review-Journal* editor when he died in 1988.

Duffy is editor of the school's alumni newsletter, the UNLV Communicator, and last year served as managing editor of the *Rebel Yell*.

Claire Keevil, widow of the

former editor, said Duffy is the ideal recipient for both awards, because he is committed to a career in newspaper reporting and has already served as both a columnist and an editor.

Combined, the scholarships will pay \$2,500 toward Duffy's bills at UNLV this school year.

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