

# SHC has much to offer on campus

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Have you ever looked at your tuition bill and wondered about the \$20 health fee? The money collected isn't a user fee, it is a program.

Unlike some suspect, the Student Health Center is for more than treating ill students. In addition to the clinical aspect, it also provides services in prevention and education, and it works with public health concerns on campus.

As a medical clinic, SHC employs registered nurses, nurse practitioners and faculty physicians from the school of medicine. Students can either walk in and be seen on a first come, first serve basis or make an appointment for

which there is usually a two to three week wait.

The visit is free and medical supplies and lab tests are charged at cost. Lab work is typically done on site by Eva Choy, staff Lab Technologist. A pharmacy in the SHC for filling students' prescriptions at wholesale prices is included. Also, students can pick up free self care kits containing over-the-counter medications.

"It is very convenient and easy to get," Bill Stuber, a hotel administration major, said of SHC's flu self care kits.

Because the center is located on campus between the Dining Commons and the Student Services Building, between 60 and 70 students per day take advantage of the

clinical services.

"It has been very useful for me," said Francine Miller, a student utilizing SHC's lab services.

SHC houses several prevention programs to assist UNLV students, including Alcoholics Anonymous. Various support groups are also available.

In addition, approximately 10 to 20 HIV tests are done weekly and safer sex kits including six condoms and various pamphlets are distributed free of charge.

This spring SHC may begin fitness testing. Currently, an athletic trainer and a registered dietician offer consultations for a nominal fee. As for education, the center has many pamphlets and videos which students can use for class

projects. They sponsor various educational programs throughout the year.

SHC has some responsibility in the area of public health. For individuals diagnosed with communicable diseases, SHC representatives can visit the classes in which the patient is enrolled to test all other students to ensure that no one else has contracted the disease.

Approximately two-thirds of SHC's funding comes from the health fees charged each semester. The fee was implemented to ensure student needs are met. "We want to know what students want, what they like, what they don't," said Lori Winchell, SHC director.

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## DONDERO

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create more opportunities for those in her district seeking better or higher education.

"I think the most important thing for us is to have the best university that we can make it," Dondero said of higher education. "We have wonderful programs (at UNLV)." The proposed law school, Dondero said, will expand UNLV's educational opportunities even further.

"I have been here since UNLV was one building," Dondero said. "I've watched it grow and I am very proud of it."

UNLV's education program "is key as well," according to Dondero. Her husband of 50 years, the late Harvey Dondero, was a prominent educator who taught at Las Vegas High School for many years and also served as interim superintendent of schools.

Dondero said she spent a great deal of time helping out when her five grown children—Judy, Mike, Harvey, Nicholas, Marilyn and Robert—were still in school. "I spent as many years at school with my kids as they did," Dondero joked.

Dondero is not only concerned with the issues of her district, but with those involving Las Vegas and Nevada.

"The state has experienced such tremendous growth that we haven't been able to keep up as far as buildings, teachers and equipment are concerned," Dondero said. "So much modernization is happening that we really ought to try and keep up technology. We also need to employ the best faculty we can find."

Educational projects on which Dondero is working include implementing a child care program at UNLV sponsored by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Las Vegas and establishing the Paradise Elementary School as a laboratory school for education majors at UNLV.

Dondero said her post as regent, which she will officially assume Jan. 1, won't be a big transition from her post as a county commissioner.

"I don't think its different than what I've been doing," Dondero said. "Regents set policy and the budget, which is what I did as a commissioner."

"I think the fact that I'm familiar with the community will help me in my new role tremendously," Dondero continued. "It's a different arena but I've already fought the political wars."

Dondero will continue to fight wars, but after she is formally elected a regent in November they will be educational battles—for District 2E, for Las Vegas and for Nevada.

Dondero says she's ready. "I believe in what I'm doing and I believe in education," she said.

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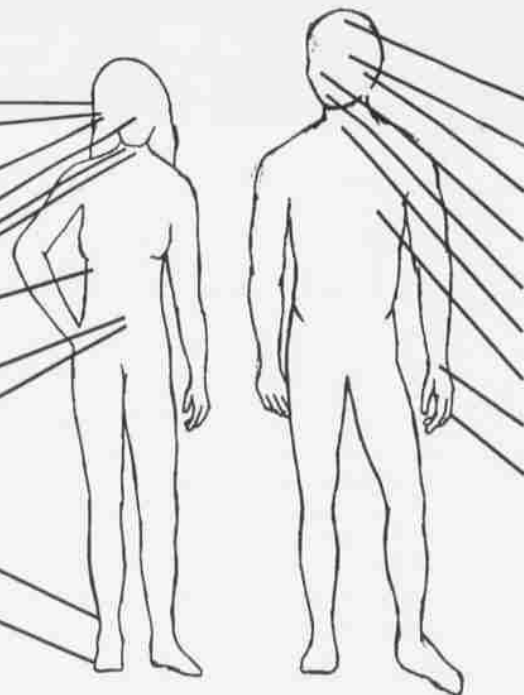
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