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Extramural Funding Hits New High

Research Dollars Up 48.6% to $69.4 Million

By Sue DiBella | Research and Graduate Studies

UNLV received more than $95 million in total extramural funding in fiscal year 2005 — with nearly $69.4 million supporting research, according to recently released figures from the office of research and graduate studies.

The new figures represent an increase in extramural funding of $21.6 million over fiscal year 2004, reflecting a nearly 30 percent rise in one year. Research funding climbed 48.6 percent, or $22.7 million, during the same period.

The dramatic increases in funding are attributable to a number of factors, according to Paul Ferguson, vice president for research and graduate studies. Funding acquired by the UNLV Research Foundation increased substantially in the last year, as did the average award value.

Commitment to Scholarship

“We are seeing remarkable increases in these figures, which are significant indicators of UNLV’s growth in sophistication as a research institution,” Ferguson said. “They also serve as a measure of the strength of our faculty, their dedication to research, and our institution’s commitment to supporting the scholarly endeavor.”

Ferguson notes that this commitment is evident in the university’s efforts to offer improved and proactive research services and to support the colleges by providing greater numbers of graduate assistantships. It is also demonstrated in the reallocation of increased funding from indirect cost recovery to faculty start-up packages, laboratory and office renovation, and matches on federal grants.

Rising levels of federal research funding help to support the scholarly endeavor, Ferguson said. “Our overall funding level, and especially the percentage increase, are significant indicators of our institution’s research capability.”

Invent the Future

$3 Million Donation Funds Moot Court Program

By Gian Galassi | Public Affairs

A $3 million donation last month from longtime UNLV benefactors Joyce Mack and the Thomas family will establish the Thomas & Mack Moot Court Complex at the Boyd School of Law.

The complex will support the school’s appellate advocacy training programs and provide a large, high-quality venue appropriate to host court proceedings and host site for judicial proceedings by state and federal courts, including the Nevada Supreme Court and the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

“The Thomas and Mack families have enjoyed a close association with UNLV since its inception, and we are especially pleased with the growth and success of the Boyd School of Law,” said Tom Thomas. “Its legal clinics are recognized nationally and provide critical services to members of our community. We applaud Dean Richard Morgan’s efforts in attracting such an esteemed and capable group of professors and staff. The next step in the maturation of this law school is the construction of a very special facility: a moot court room where students can learn and practice the skills necessary to effectively operate within our legal system.”

Rees Associates Inc., a leading architectural firm for courtrooms, is designing the 6,000-square-foot facility. The complex will include a fixed-bench courtroom and a 190-seat auditorium in which legal education, legal argument simulation activities, and court hearings can occur. Several administrative offices will also be included in the design.

The structure will be built east of the law school and is scheduled to be completed by August.

UNLV President Carol C. Harter thanked Mack and the Thomas family for their generosity.

“I am grateful to Joyce Mack and Parry Thomas for their support and very pleased that the Boyd School of Law will benefit from this donation,” Harter said. “We are a stronger university because of donors like the Thomas family.”
Freedom Forum
University of Texas law professor David Rabban delivers the keynote talk during the Academic Freedom Conference that took place last month on campus. Rabban also serves as legal counsel to the American Association of University Professors.

Clint Richards, chair of the UNLV Faculty Senate, said the conference was important because “despite the critical importance of academic freedom, its purposes, limits, and differences from freedom of speech are not always clearly understood.”

The conference gave members of the UNLV community a chance to hear national experts speak on these issues and to have questions answered, he said. The event was sponsored by the William S. Boyd School of Law and by the Faculty Senate.

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and the Thomas family for their generosity and said the donation would further improve the university’s reputation as a great place to study law.

“This gift will significantly enhance the legal education our students receive by providing a great venue for our law school’s already impressive advocacy training programs,” said Hartter. “Once again, Joyce Mack and the Thomas family have shown their steadfast commitment to the future of this university and its students.”

In 2001, Mack and the Thomas family jointly contributed $2 million to the law school to establish the Thomas and Mack Legal Clinic, which provides free legal services on issues such as child welfare, juvenile justice, immigration, education, and capital defense. In these clinics, student attorneys work under faculty supervision with UNLV social work and education students to provide high-quality representation to children and adults in trouble, many of whom otherwise would have no legal representation.

“The law school is honored to be the recipient once again of the extraordinary generosity of Joyce Mack and the Thomas family,” said Morgan, the law school dean. “Their support has always been and continues to be essential to our success.”

Faculty Breakfasts
These are some of my very favorite events each year — a chance for us to sit down and talk about the issues on your mind, and to catch up with and learn from colleagues we might not get to see as often as we’d like. This semester’s first faculty breakfast was held last month, but there is still opportunity to attend the next session, 8:30-10 a.m. Nov. 7 at the UNLV Foundations Building in the Blasco event wing. Please RSVP by calling ext. 5-0953.

Barrick Lecture Series
Now in its 55th year, the Barrick Lecture Series has brought many nationally and internationally renowned speakers to campus. Acclaimed legal analysts Catherine Crier and Jeffrey Toobin will explore the timely topic, “The New Supreme Court: What’s at Stake?” at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 9.

I encourage you to join us for what is certain to be a provocative presentation and discussion. Tickets are available through the Performing Arts Center box office. Call ext. 5-2787 for more information.

Winter Commencement
As you know, there is no day more meaningful in a student’s life than graduation. I look forward to commencement ceremonies each year as some of the most significant, exciting, and inspirational times in the life of a university. It is a great way to celebrate the accomplishments of our students and present to the community the best and brightest products of our efforts.

Although spring commencement typically gets the greatest fanfare from the community, as campus has grown so has the winter ceremony.

I know that it is incredibly meaningful for students to have their teachers and mentors with them as they graduate, and I would ask that you plan to join us at 4 p.m. Dec. 19 at the Thomas & Mack Center. I think you’ll find the experience to be both moving and rewarding.

Invent the Future — Together
The October edition of Inside UNLV featured a great deal of information about the launch and goals of our first-ever comprehensive campaign, titled Invent the Future. This campaign is designed to take UNLV to a new level of excellence in all facets of the institution by raising awareness, community engagement, and participation, as well as funding. A Campus Community Campaign Committee has been formed, which will work as a conduit for information throughout the campaign.

Watch for campus forums and open house sessions to be announced in the coming months and for many opportunities for you to get involved in this critically important effort.

Classroom Technology Support: Just a Call Away

By Mammie Peers | DT

Ever been frustrated when a projector seems not to project? Ever had to cancel class because a VCR wasn’t cooperating? Help is just a phone call away.

Emergency classroom technology support is provided on campus from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. All you need to do is pick up a phone in the room and call ext. 5-0771.

In September, employees known as technology monitors — or TeMon — resolved more than 204 calls for assistance. Most problems were resolved over the phone. In fact, all of the classrooms in Wright Hall and the Classroom Building Complex can be “remotely” repaired, meaning a TeMon can fix equipment without being in the room.

If the issue can’t be resolved over the phone, an on-call classroom TeMon will arrive to fix the problem or immediately move your class to another room with the needed technology.

To prevent technical problems, TeMon check the rooms every day to ensure the equipment works.

Unfamiliar with Equipment?
Individual training is also available. Just call ext. 5-0771 to schedule an appointment.

Technology Enhanced Classrooms (TECs) Quick Facts
> 72 of the 160 general classrooms at UNLV are TECs.
> The remaining 88 rooms will be converted to TECs in the next four years (22 rooms per year), as funding allows.
> It costs about $37,000 to convert a standard classroom to a TEC room.
> This summer, 23 rooms were upgraded with new technology, and five new rooms were added.
> Cameras have been installed in all TEC rooms. They display a variety of materials, including paper with fine print, overhead transparencies, 35 mm slides, and three-dimensional objects such as circuit boards.

“This service is especially helpful the first time you need to use a piece of equipment,” said Herbie Akinseye, a TeMon majoring in computer engineering. “We can meet you in your classroom 10 minutes before class begins to show you the ropes. If you have a video you’d like to show, the TeMon can help you set it up.”

Got An Idea?
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Where’s the Money? Research Services Can Help

Like many researchers, Mark Rudin wasn’t very successful in his first attempt at obtaining a research grant. “It was a learning experience,” he said. “Fortunately, with each grant application, I got a little bit better at understanding the process, and things began to click.”

Rudin’s early grant-writing experiences have made him more attuned to the needs of new principal investigators (or PIs) and have prepared him for his current role leading UNLV’s office of research services. He hopes the office minimizes the learning curve for individual researchers as much as possible.

Here, he shares his insights on research services’ goal to proactively reach out to the research community.

Years at UNLV: 12 (10 in the health physics department and two in his current position)

His unit’s role on campus, the short version: We’re here to help researchers be successful at conducting their research and at acquiring grant funding.

The long version: As part of the Division of Research and Graduate Studies at UNLV, our offices help PIs locate, apply for, and obtain grant funding. Through the office of sponsored programs, we help PIs get through the intricacies of the grant process — from finding potential funding sources to working with other campus support units, such as grants and contracts financial services. Research services also houses the office for the protection of research subjects, as well as laboratory animal care services. These offices work to ensure that research activities involving human subjects and animals meet federal compliance standards. All of the offices are designed to provide efficient and contemporary support services to the university research community.

The small stuff: We also track down the answers to some of the day-to-day administrative questions for PIs so that they are able to focus on their research. Our goal is to remove the hurdles and frustrations.

Success stories: We continue to partner with several other support service offices on campus, such as disbursements, purchasing, and human resources, to address the challenges that PIs face. For example, we worked with disbursements recently to develop a system for the payment of human subjects involved in research. The new system is flexible enough for the PIs, but still has all the right steps to ensure accountability.

Pilot Processes: We’ve established a pilot program in the College of Sciences that involves embedding a research administrator within the college. This allows us to build better, more personal relationships with the PIs and enables us to bring our services directly to the PI’s doorstep.

Advice for those new to research: One look at an NIH (National Institutes of Health) grant application can send people running in the opposite direction. PIs naturally have questions about grant preparation, and they can be assured we are here to help answer those questions.

Lucrative Lingo

Funding for the university comes from a number of sources. Here are a few terms often used:

Extramural funding (also known as total sponsored program funding) — Includes grants funding for all types of programs and projects, including public service, student support, equipment, and conferences. The term “research funding” refers specifically to extramural grants that support academic research, scholarly endeavors, or creative activities.

Tuition and fees — This figure includes all tuition and fees paid by undergraduate, graduate, professional, and special students. Fees are funding such things as the construction of the new union and student recreation center, improvements to technology, and the Rebel Recycling program.

State appropriations — The Nevada Legislature and governor approve general and earmarked appropriations for UNLV as part of the state’s biennial budget. General funds are derived from an enrollment-based formula.

Capital appropriations — These funds come from the Nevada Legislature and are earmarked for capital building projects. Funds for building projects also often come from private gifts.

Gifts — Private donations made to the university. UNLV is currently in a comprehensive campaign to raise $500 million for needed projects.

Funding also comes from investments and sales by educational departments and auxiliary units, including athletic and entertainment venues.

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> FY 2005
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> $46,709,646
> FY 2003
> $59,016,077
> $31,697,652
> FY 2002
> $55,790,843
> $34,188,174

Research Funding

Total sponsored funding

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Across Campus

Libraries
Reference Question? Instant Message a Librarian
Library patrons can now use their favorite instant messenger to chat live with a UNLV librarian.

Launched in June, instant messaging uses software through Yahoo! Messenger, AOL Instant Messenger (AIM) and MSN Messenger to exchange text-based information between two or more people in real time.

Whether you need answers to basic reference questions, such as information about library locations in the stacks, how to pay fines, or Internet access within the building, or more scholarly solutions to specific research subjects, such as in-house texts or online databases to use, instant messaging is the latest in information evolution. UNLV is one of just a handful of universities worldwide currently using a live system.

To get instant messaging, simply set up a screen name through Yahoo!, AIM, or MSN. Once your screen name is set up, you can log in and chat with a librarian.

What makes instant messaging unique is that it allows patrons to chat from any computer, anywhere. Even if you use a computer without instant messaging software, you can log in to the Web-based version through the links provided on the Libraries’ chat reference service page at www.library.unlv.edu/ask/chat.

Business
Nevada Hall of Fame to Induct New Members
Robert Lewis, Jerome D. Mack, and Del E. Webb have been named as the 2006 inductees to the Nevada Business Hall of Fame. A dinner event to honor the inductees is scheduled for Feb. 16 at the Bellagio Resort and Casino. The College of Business is presenting the dinner in association with Deloitte.

The Nevada Business Hall of Fame honors top business leaders who have significantly contributed to the economic prosperity of Nevada and who have brought positive recognition to the state.

The inductees emerged as the top candidates from a large pool of public nominations submitted to the nominating committee and the college’s Executive Advisory Board.

Previous inductees include such prominent Nevadans as William S. Boyd, Hank Greenspun, William F. Harrah, Howard Hughes, Irwin Molasky, William “Si” Redd, Jim Rogers, Glenn Schaeffer, Parry Thomas, J. A. Tiberti, Claudine Williams, and Stephen A. Wynn.

Education
College Partners with Homeland Security
The Center for Workforce Development, an Occupational Research has partnered with the U.S. Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP) to develop a specialized “Train-the-Trainer” program for security professionals.

The program is designed for training managers and security professionals within three target venues: hotel and casino; large shopping malls; and large-audience special events.

The program is supported by a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, integrates ODP’s training goals and objectives with an understanding of the special response considerations faced by security personnel in these three venues. The course includes seven modules:
• Terrorism Overview
• The Security Professional’s Homeland Security Role
• Terrorist Threat Delivery Options
• Unimproved Explosive Devices Recognition Training
• Terrorist Threat Detection — Suspicious Items Indicators and Suspicious Person Indicators
• Critical Infrastructure Exercise
• Incident Scene Management

In addition, individuals may become certified as trainers for this course by completing a “facilitation training” module. In September and October, 260 security professionals completed the course. The course is now being offered nationwide in cities such as Chicago, New York, San Francisco, Atlanta, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Orlando, Phoenix, Seattle, and Dallas-Ft. Worth.

Engineering
Transportation Research Center Receives Federal Funding
The Transportation Research Center was selected by the U.S. Department of Transportation to host a federally funded University Transportation Center (UTC).

The Transportation Research Center will receive $500,000 per year for at least the next five years through the federal transportation bill. That will be matched with support from other sources.

The UNLV will be one of about 40 UTCs in the country — and the only one in Nevada. UTCs are designed to advance U.S. technology and expertise in the many disciplines comprising transportation through the mechanisms of education, research, and technology at university-based centers of excellence. The UNLV center will focus on safety, risk analysis, and infrastructure management.

Accreditation Renewed
The College of Engineering received renewed accreditation from the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology for its programs in mechanical, electrical, computer, and civil and environmental engineering. For the first time, the computer engineering program is accredited separately from the electrical engineering program.

The next accreditation visit will be in 2011. The college’s program in computer science was separately and previously accredited and will go through the renewal process again in 2007, as will the construction management program.

Fine Arts
Upcoming Arts Events
The Nevada Conservatory Theatre is proud to present Larry Shue’s The Foreigner Nov. 11-20 in the Black Box Theatre. A group of devious characters must deal with a stranger who, they think, knows no English in this Obie Award-winning comedy.

Don’t miss two exciting offerings from the Performing Arts Center next month — “An Evening with Betty Buckley” on Dec. 3 and a performance by pianist Emanuel Ax with clarinetist Richard Stoltzman on Dec. 6.

In a warm, brilliant start to the Las Vegas holiday season, Texas native and Broadway star Buckley sings favorite show tunes and holiday classics.

Noted for his magical, elegant performances, distinguished pianist Ax returns to Las Vegas and unites with dazzling clarinetist Stoltzman, whose talents as a captivating recitalist have catapulted him to the highest ranks of international acclaim.

For information, call ext. 5-2787.

Graduate
Reception to Recognize Doctoral Candidates
The office of research and graduate studies and the Graduate College will host a reception honoring summer and fall 2005 doctoral candidates at 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Dec. 19 in the Fireside Lounge in the Meyer Student Union.

Since spring 2004, this reception has been held to recognize the accomplishments of graduating doctoral candidates and their respective doctoral committee chairs. At the event, Paul Ferguson, vice president for research and graduate studies, will review proper hooding protocol and practice the tradition with the candidates and their advisers in preparation for the formal hooding ceremony at commencement later that day.

Doctoral candidates who have completed all degree requirements and who are scheduled to graduate in December should attend with their major advisers, who will be hooding the candidates.

In addition, department chairs, faculty, and guests of students are encouraged to attend this prestigious event.

For more information or to RSVP, contact the college’s associate dean, Harriet Barlow, at harriet.barlow@unlv.edu.

Health Sciences
ASDA Chapter Wins Multiple Awards
The School of Dental Medicine’s chapter of the American Student Dental Association (ASDA) received a number of awards at the organization’s annual session in September. Awards received included the most improved chapter, outstanding layout design for the UNLV ASDA Impressions newsletter, outstanding student legislative involvement for the chapter’s Legislative Grassroots Network, and a second-place finish in the ASDA/Crest Healthy smiles 2010 community service award competition.

Additionally, fourth-year student Sara Sutherland was named delegate for the year of ASDA region 10.

White Coat Ceremony
The dental school held its fourth annual White Coat Ceremony on Sept. 9. This year’s event featured the class of 2009. UNLV President Carole Lipman, President Ronald Thalgott, president of the Nevada Dental Association, and keynote speaker Dr. Karl Haden were among the special guests in attendance.

The class of 2009 includes 75 entering student doctors selected from a total of 2,187 applicants. The white coat ceremony was the final event in a weeklong series of orientation events.

Singer Phyllis McGuire poses with UNLV senior Adam Lewis the night she was inducted into the Nevada Entertainer/Artist Hall of Fame at UNLV. Lewis brought his grandmother’s autographed McGuire Sisters’ album with him to the event. McGuire first gained fame as part of the trio and later went on to a solo career. Among the McGuire Sisters’ hits were “Sincerely” and “Sugartime.”
President Carol C. Harter speaks at the UNLV premiere of the PBS American Experience film, "Las Vegas: An Unconventional History." The filmmakers used the Lied Library's vast collection of archived materials when producing the film. Now, the library's special collections section will serve UNLV and the community in a variety of ways. For example, the Las Vegas Women Oral History Project, supervised by women's historian Joanne Goodwin and staffed by current and former history graduates, has already produced 30 oral histories of women in Las Vegas' gaming and entertainment industries. These include prominent women such as hotel executive Claudine Williams as well as others who worked as dealers, dancers, waitresses, and mothmaids between the 1940s and 1980s.

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At the same time, the department's public history program has benefited the university and community in other ways. In 2002, program director Andy Kirk helped create Preserve Nevada, a statewide organization dedicated to saving historically significant structures. Preserve Nevada works with state preservation officers in Carson City, and the history department provides office space and administrative support. In fact, the chairman/deputy director is UNLV doctoral student Michelle Turck.

This group has compiled a "most endangered structures list" that includes the La Concha Hotel Lobby on the Las Vegas Strip. In its first few years, Preserve Nevada has been credited with convincing the media and the public that historic preservation is a legitimate aspect of civic planning and community life.

Law Welcomes New Class
The faculty and administration of the Boyd School of Law welcomed its first-year students this semester with a weeklong orientation program that focused on Anthony Lewis' classic book, Gideon's Trumpet. The book tells the story of the 1963 U.S. Supreme Court case, Gideon v. Wainwright, in which the justices established that the right to counsel in criminal cases extends to those who are not able to pay for an attorney.

The entering class was welcomed by Vince Consul, Nevada State Bar Association president; Bryan Scott, Clark County Bar Association president; Barbara Buckley, executive director of Clark County Legal Services; and federal defender Franny Foryman. They spoke about Gideon's Trumpet, the importance of the right to counsel, and the crucial role played by lawyers.

The entering class is especially strong, with the best undergraduate grade point average and Law School Admissions Test credentials in the law school's history. It also has the highest percentage of minorities, 27 percent. The 151 students in the first-year class were selected from a pool of 2,456 applicants, a 12 percent increase in the applicant pool over the record set last year. Most of the students are in the full-time program, 41 are in the part-time evening program, and four are in the part-time day program. The class is evenly split between men and women, and 77 percent of the students are Nevada residents. Again this year, UNLV graduates make up a significant portion of the entering class.

Liberal Arts History Stresses Outreach
The department continues to serve UNLV and the community in a variety of ways. For example, the Las Vegas Women Oral History Project, supervised by women's historian Joanne Goodwin and staffed by current and former history graduates, has already produced 30 oral histories of women in Las Vegas' gaming and entertainment industries. These include prominent women such as hotel executive Claudine Williams as well as others who worked as dealers, dancers, waitresses, and mothmaids between the 1940s and 1980s.

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Sciences College, CSUN Host Lecture on Stem Cell Research
The college is an active and enthusiastic leader in public programs for the campus and the Southern Nevada community. Its teaching and research activities have a direct and significant impact on the quality of life in Southern Nevada.

On Nov. 21, the college is joining with CSUN to host a lecture and panel discussion on embryonic stem cell research. The featured speaker, Dr. John Gearhart of Johns Hopkins University, is recognized as one of the foremost researchers and authorities on this subject. He has testified before Congress, foreign governments, and international organizations. A panel discussion will follow, involving individuals representing divergent views on this important subject. The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the MSU ballroom.

University College Major Exploration Fair Scheduled Nov. 8
In its ninth year, University College at the ninth annual Major Exploration Fair 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 8 in the MSU ballroom. This year’s theme is “Your Passport to Success — A World of Choices.”

All faculty and staff are encouraged to participate. There will be interactive games, prizes, and opportunities for students to meet faculty, advisors, and staff from across campus.

New Colleagues Welcomed
University College would like to welcome its new faculty and staff: Deborah Boehm, Tara Dorf, Annet Glasby, Algerian Hart, and Noe Yamamoto.

Boehm comes from the central U.S. Metropolitan Studies and Comparative Immigration Studies, while Hart comes from the Pacific Northwest. Together they create a formidable teaching duo in the university studies program.

Doré, who is from Louisiana, brings an expertise in under-standing as an academic adviser. Coming from California and Las Vegas, respectively, are Glasby and Yamamoto, who helped build the faculty and staff in the college’s front office.

Urban Affairs Environmental Studies Thesis Posters Presented
The department of environmental studies held its annual senior thesis poster presentation and reception at the Marjorie Barrick Museum in the Lied Library. Deanna Morrell, recipient of the James E. Deacon scholarship, and Dakota Johnson, recipient of the Outstanding Alumnus Award.

In the senior thesis course taught by department chair Helen Neill, environmental studies students conduct original research under the supervision of a content adviser, who is either a faculty member or member of the professional community, and present their findings via visual presentations. Students tackled a wide range of topics related to Nevada, including correlation between mercury-scraping and home property values, minimizing ozone pollution, habitats and native animals and the role of Yucca Mountain, the Nevada Test Site, Christmas tree recycling, and even the attitude of environmental studies alumni about the value of the senior thesis.

Counseling Receives Grant
The department of marriage, family, and community counseling received a $15,000 grant from Harrah’s Entertainment to fund a graduate assistantship in gambling. In related news, on Oct. 6 the Student Organization of Addiction Professionals, Gov. Kenny Guinn proclaimed Sept. 20 National Addictions Counselor Day.
Admissions Requirements Comparison

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Admissions Requirements, Deadlines Changing for Fall 06

The times they are a-changing. Students entering as freshmen next fall will be required to have a higher grade point average — and to apply earlier — than students of the past.

The chart (detailed in the chart) are part of the plan implemented by the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education to gradually increase admission standards until a 3.0 GPA is required of incoming freshmen for fall 2010.

“We want all faculty and staff who come into contact with prospective students to be familiar with the changes so that any information they provide is up to date,” said Kristi Rodriguez, director of undergraduate recruitment.

“Our office has been working diligently to get the word out to prospective students and high school guidance counselors so that everyone is prepared for this change,” she said.

Earlier Application Deadlines

For fall semester 2006 and summer sessions 2006, students must apply by Feb. 1. For spring semester 2007, students must apply by Oct. 1. The changes (detailed in the chart) are part of the plan implemented by the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education to gradually increase admission standards until a 3.0 GPA is required of incoming freshmen for fall 2010.

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Feelimg Lost? New Maps Available Online

New two-dimensional and three-dimensional maps for UNLV’s main campus and South Lake campuses are now available at maps.unlv.edu. The maps, available in color or black and white, can be viewed online or downloaded for printing.
Employees Strive to Keep Nowlin’s Memory Alive

By Holly Ivy De Vore | for Marketing & PR

In honor of Dr. Thomas P. Nowlin’s memory and his commitment to education, colleagues of the former chairman of clinical sciences at the School of Dental Medicine have come together to create a scholarship endowment fund. Already, $18,500 of the minimum goal of $30,000 has been raised.

Nowlin, who died March 5, was integral in the development of the school, according to Dean Patrick Ferril. “He contributed to the philosophy of what we were trying to achieve here — the integrated curriculum, the team concept. We are still working to make sure that Tom’s vision of teamwork and integrated curriculum do not go away,” said Ferril, who had known Nowlin for about a decade.

“He cared about the next generation of faculty and the students, and it is important to give the scholarship to someone who has the same career path and characteristics as Tom. Tom was committed to academics, committed to student doctors.”

Mentor to Students, Colleagues

Nowlin, 60, collapsed and died just after reaching Baltimore where he was to attend a professional conference. He was not only a mentor to students, but to co-workers as well, according to his colleagues.

Dr. Raymond Simmons, assistant professor of clinical sciences, said Nowlin was an invaluable mentor, especially for developing leadership skills in academic environments. “He is someone who is sorely missed by many, but more so by me in that he was the mentor that I needed and the type of mentor that many people would like to have,” said Simmons, who had worked with Nowlin for three years at UNLV and two years previously at University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

“I would describe him as a very intelligent people-person,” said Simmons. “As a mentor, Nelson said, ‘Tom really wouldn’t tell you what to do. Instead, he would ask if he could make a ‘suggestion.’ Whatever he suggested always seemed in your best long-term interest and was well-considered.”

“Coming to UNLV to help build the School of Dental Medicine was truly his ‘dream job.’ To have the opportunity to develop the department of clinical sciences from the ground up was just the kind of challenge that Tom loved. We were all devastated when Tom couldn’t see the end result of all his work here. “I am sure he would be very proud of what has been accomplished so far,” Nelson said. “The scholarship fund is our way of saying thanks to a person who was so important to all of us. It helps recognize what he did the best — develop teachers.”

Scholarship Details

Employees are establishing the Dr. Thomas P. Nowlin Scholarship Endowment Fund to honor the former chairman of clinical sciences at the School of Dental Medicine.

“Once $30,000 is raised, the scholarship will be endowed, which means it will be awarded to students year after year,” explained Zach Smith, director of development for the dental school. “The amount of the scholarship award will depend on the total amount of the endowment. Reaching the minimum $30,000 goal would provide a scholarship of between $1,000 and $1,500 annually, Smith said, adding that money raised beyond the goal will provide for larger awards.

“So, donors to the endowment fund include UNLV School of Dental Medicine faculty and staff, corporate partners, state and national dental organizations, and friends and colleagues of Dr. Nowlin — including a significant number of donations from colleagues at the Health Science Center at San Antonio, his former place of employment,” he said.

More info: Contact Zach Smith at ext. 4-2507. To learn more about donations toward scholarships and university programs visit foundation.unlv.edu.

Holiday Card Tree to Raise $5,000 to Support Students

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Employees have a chance to help students who require financial assistance by contributing to the UNLV Faculty Club scholarship endowment fund through the Holiday Card Tree.

The annual campaign for the fund is a longstanding tradition at UNLV. Since 1967, students have benefited from the generosity of current and retired faculty and staff. Donors are recognized on a custom holiday greeting card sent to the campus community in early December.

The goal is to raise $5,000 in support of outstanding students like Gabriella Gonzalez (hotel administration) and Bradley Schaack (engineering), who are this year’s recipients of the UNLV Faculty Club scholarship. Contributions for this drive also count toward reaching the goal of Invent the Future, the university’s first comprehensive fundraising campaign.

Look for information about how to give to this year’s Holiday Card Tree scholarship campaign in your mailbox in the first week in November. Donors can return the form attached to the flier or contribute online at foundation.unlv.edu.

More info: For the Holiday Card Tree campaign, call Deborah Young, the UNLV Foundation’s director of scholarship and tribute giving, at ext. 5-2818. To learn how you can help Invent the Future campaign, go to cam-paign.unlv.edu.

Give Us a Break: Campus Winter Closure Ahead

Winter break, a concept pioneered at UNLV last year proved so popular with employees that it will return this year — with the campus closing for all but essential functions between this year — with the campus closing for all but essential functions between Christmas and New Year’s Day.

As a result, most employees will be off work for 10 days beginning Saturday, Dec. 24, and continuing through Monday, Jan. 2.

Essential services, such as police services, will continue throughout the break.

“UNLV employees were highly supportive of last year’s winter break and indicated they wanted to see it continued,” said Larry Hamilton, director of human resources administration. “Cabinet considered the proposal and decided to continue winter break this year.”

Employees who participate in winter break will be off four days that normally would be workdays, Dec. 27-30. The other six days either fall on weekends or are “replacement” days. Monday holidays for Christmas and New Year’s Day, both of which fall on Sundays this year.

Professional staff members must use annual leave days or take leave without pay to cover the four days. Hamilton said. Classified staff members may follow those options or may use accrued compensatory time, if they have it, he said.

Details such as these should be worked out in advance between employees and supervisors, he advised. While it is anticipated that most employees will choose to participate in winter break, employees have the option of working if that is their preference, Hamilton said.

“Employees who opt to work during the break also talk to their supervisors so that the details of what work they will do and where they will work can be decided, he said.

Classified employees who decide to work may be assigned duties outside their normal scope. That decision will be left to the various vice presidents and deans, Hamilton said.

“We’re trying to provide some flexibility so that winter break works well for everyone,” he said. “This year’s winter break was that it would be good for employee morale,” Hamilton said.

“Employees say it’s working.”

Cutting Consumption

UNLV’s Center for Energy Research teamed up with a consortium of partners to build a Zero Energy Home. The home combines state-of-the-art, energy-efficient construction and appliances with commercially available renewable energy systems such as solar water heating and solar electricity. Pro-duced by the home is fed back into the utility grid. At left, Bob Boehm, engineering professor and center director (on the right), discusses the project’s construction with a visitor. Over an 18-month period, engineering students and faculty will monitor the energy performance of the home compared to a traditional model next door.

During 2007, the UNLV Foundation’s Card Tree campaign generated $6,980 for Student Charities. This year, UNLV employees will expand this initiative with a Card Tree scholarship fund. Employees may contribute a donation of any amount, which will be added to the minimum goal of $30,000.

Donations toward the Holiday Card Tree scholarship and other charitable causes at UNLV are recognized in the UNLV Foundation’s Card Tree scholarship fund. Card Tree scholarship recipients are eligible for larger awards. To learn more about donations toward scholarships, visit foundation.unlv.edu.

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Santos Marquez wanders the halls armed with a walkie-talkie, ready to spring into action. She is one of six custodians on the day shift at UNLV charged with responding to daily clean-up emergencies. She also trolls some 100 women’s restrooms on campus a day — stopping at least twice at the high usage restrooms — to make sure they’re stocked with the necessities.

But cleaning up after the thousands of people on campus primarily is done after hours. The 140 custodial workers and administrative staff work swing and graveyard shifts, with a few on hand over the weekend. The crews go through $260,000 a year in paper products and cleaning supplies.

Not surprisingly with so much building space to cover, their job is tough, says Arch Archibald, executive director of facilities. “We appreciate it when employees and students take a moment to make sure the trash made it into the trash can and any soap they spilled is wiped off the sink — just like your mother always told you at home,” he says.

Archibald suggests that all special cleaning requests be called into the facilities help desk at ext. 5-4357.