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40 Years of Lifelong Learning

Ed Outreach Classes Available to Employees at Bargain Prices
By Shane Bevell | Marketing & PR

Do you have a family member who wants to explore interests outside work? The natural sciences and travel courses for Educational Outreach are so popular because many Southern Nevada residents want to explore interests outside work. The natural sciences and travel programs are perennial favorites. In recent years groups have visited the Grand Canyon, California wine country, Kenya, China, and Great Britain.

Professor Finds Connection to Community
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Though his courses take him as far afield as Mexico and Kenya, geosciences professor Steve Rowland has found a greater connection to the community by teaching the non-traditional students in Educational Outreach.

Rowland has taught natural science and travel courses for Educational Outreach since 1979. The courses have taken him throughout Southern Nevada, to the Grand Canyon by raft, and abroad to Mexico and Kenya.

The natural history and exploring trips are so popular because many Southern Nevada residents have come from other careers, according to Rowland. The trips provide a great way for them to learn about their new environments while meeting people with similar interests.

Rowland said he thinks it’s important for UNLV to connect with the wider Las Vegas community and that Educational Outreach is an effective way to do that.

“Educational Outreach is a mechanism for me to not only teach people about geology, it is a way for me to enrich the lives of my neighbors, and vice versa.”
— Steve Rowland, geosciences professor

40-Year Anniversary Celebration
An open house reception celebrating the 40th anniversary of Educational Outreach is set for 4-7 p.m. March 29 at the Tam Alumni Center. The UNLV Community Concert Band and the Southern Nevada Musical Arts Society will perform.
Across Campus

Business
Wells Fargo CEO to Speak
Dick Kovacevich, chairman and chief executive officer of Wells Fargo & Co., will speak about business ethics as part of the Wells Fargo Distinguished Speaker Series at 10 a.m. Feb. 2 in the auditorium of the Beam Music Center. The free event is open to all faculty, staff, and students.

Kovacevich became president and CEO in 1998. In 2001 he was elevated to chairman. He serves on the board of directors for Target Corporation, Cisco Systems and is a member of the Federal Reserve’s Federal Advisory Council.

The series provides a forum for dynamic national business leaders to address students and faculty. The presentations are intended to help students bridge the gap between the classroom and the business world.

Through the program, both students and faculty will be better equipped to integrate practical experience into their base of business knowledge.

Education
Psychology Education Group Meets at UNLV
The WATS (Water According to Science) system took top honors at the fall 2005 senior design competition hosted by the College of Engineering.

The WATS (Water According to Soil) system was the invention of seniors Houston Osoemwenjo and O'Dealy Price, both of the electrical and computer engineering department. They received $2,500 for their project. Engineering professor Robert Schill served as faculty adviser on the project, while engineering professor Bill O'Donnell was the faculty instructor.

Other projects included a home security robot, an auto accident avoidance system, and a solar water distiller.

Graduate
Graduate Assistantships and Funding Increase
The number of graduate assistantships offered at UNLV has grown significantly in the last several years, as has the amount of funding for the positions. UNLV offered 913 graduate assistantships this year, representing a 77 percent increase over 1999-00. Of these, 529 were state-funded assistantships, reflecting an increase of 27 percent for the same period.

Graduate assistantships are offered through nearly $1.5 million in grant funding. These assistantships, which are funded by faculty research grants, offer graduate students the opportunity to conduct research with faculty mentors. In 2000, only 68 grant-funded assistantships were available through approximately $859,000 in funding.

“GAs play an indispensable role on campus, serving as research team members and augmenting class room learning,” Ferguson said.

“Additionally, graduate assistants themselves benefit tremendously from the experience, which provides excellent professional development opportunities. Because graduate students value this experience, UNLV’s ability to offer financially competitive assistantships is important to the recruitment of the best and the brightest prospective graduate students,” Ferguson said.

Ferguson said assistantships support graduate education and advance the university’s research agenda, both of which enhance institutional reputation in the higher education community.

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Fine Arts
Fine Arts Presents Variety of Events
The Donna Beam Fine Art Gallery presents “Midas Drowned: A Com- plexity of Riches and Excess” by Stephen Hendee from Jan. 17 through Feb. 18. This one-person, site-specific installation investigates the naturally coded landscape of Las Vegas with experimental light sculptures.

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The popular program of the week is the Wells Fargo Distinguished Speaker Series with Maestro Ivan Fischer, conductor of the Budapest Festival Orchestra, and violinist Renaud Capucon. The series will feature a free public lecture by Maestro Ivan Fischer, the well-known conductor who is in demand throughout the world. Fischer will conduct with the Budapest Symphony Orchestra, which he has led for more than 30 years. The orchestra is known for its thrilling performances of classical music, including Beethoven, Mozart, and Mendelssohn. The orchestra also performs works by modern composers such as Richard Strauss, Prokofiev, and Shostakovich.

Fischer will also conduct the Budapest Festival Orchestra, which is known for its innovative programming and commitment to education. The orchestra is regularly featured at international music festivals, including the BBC Proms and the Festival of the Sound in Vienna. Fischer’s work with the orchestra has helped to establish a reputation for excellence in the field of music education, and he has been a strong advocate for the importance of music in schools and communities around the world.

The free event is open to all faculty, staff, and students.

Health Sciences
Faculty Provides Exercise for Marathoners
Health Sciences faculty worked with the Las Vegas Track Club to provide informational seminars to runners preparing for the Las Vegas Marathon. Laura Kruskall (Nutrition) and Brent Mangus and John Mercer (Kinesiology) held sessions on such topics as the nutritional aspects of endurance performance as well as mechanisms, prevention, and rehabilitation of common injuries. Mangus, along with certified athletic training students, assisted with the marathon medical team on race day.

Dietetic Internship Launched
The new dietetic internship program in the department of nutrition science at UNLV has been granted developmental accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education (CADE).

The dietetic internship is a post-baccalaureate, supervised practice program. Students who successfully complete the program are eligible to sit for the National Registration Examination for Dietitians.

In other nutrition sciences news, the didactic program in dietetics received initial accreditation by CADE and will be accredited through the year 2015.

DPT Program Going Strong
The 20 students who comprise UNLV’s first class in the doctor of physical therapy (DPT) program are now more than half way through the first year of the rigorous three-year program. They began their studies in June. The DPT program is the only second clinical doctorate at UNLV.

Specialized areas of study include orthopedics, sports medicine, rural health, pediatrics, geriatrics, women’s health and neurological rehabilitation, and amputee therapy. Students will be required to complete 111 credit hours, including clinical education.

Hotel
Gourmet Event Funds Faculty Scholarship Program
Gourmet cuisine, spirits, and scholarships — in November, they were all rolled into one grand affair called the World Gourmet Summit.

The Harrah Hotel College was among the many organizations to benefit from the second annual event. Ten scholarships were awarded to students for their accomplishment and potential. The scholarships were awarded in recognition of students’ hard work and dedication.

The World Gourmet Summit was a spectacular event, drawing a large crowd of food enthusiasts and professionals. The event featured a variety of food stations, including sushi, pasta, and Asian cuisine. Attendees were treated to a variety of wines and spirits, and the event was capped off with a keynote speech by world-renowned chef Thomas Keller.

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World AIDS Day
An AIDS ribbon on North Field formed from red and white flags helped commemmorate World AIDS Day at UNLV. Passing students read profiles of individuals with AIDS that were posted near the ribbon.

Law

Teams Fare Well At Moot Court Competition
The two teams the Boyd School of Law sent to the regional division of the National Moot Court competition both came home winners in matches that pitted them against 12 other teams.

The team of students Michael Giles, Christian Hale and Tom Mulkey, coached by professor Peter Bayer, won second place in the competition and will advance to the final competition in New York City, along with a team from the University of Utah. Additionally, this team won the award for the second best brief in the region.

Giles was recognized as the second-bestoralist in the region, while Hale was awarded fourth-best oralist. The team of students Peg Samples, Jackie Gilbert, and Brandon Kumble won in the preliminary rounds and missed advancing to the semi-finals by the smallest of margins. It also won the award for the third-best brief in the competition. This team was coached by Terrill Pollman, the Ralph Denton Professor of Law.

The National Moot Court is sponsored by the Bar Association of the City of New York and the American College of Trial Lawyers, and is the oldest and arguably the most prestigious competition in the country. The competition is a perfect opportunity by having been selected to participate in the fair, which focused on international development, and will advance to the final competition in New York City, along with a team from the University of Utah.

More than 500 students participated in the fair, which focused on the nexus of political economy of children and statistics. She received a mentorship from the Honors College and recently chaperoned a group of students to the Global Women’s Rights Conference so she could learn about globalizing research and meet many of today’s civil rights leaders.

Libraries

Excellence in Undergraduate Research Reaps Reward
Faculty and staff members can help undergraduates who excel at research by recommending they apply for the new Libraries’ Award for Undergraduate Research.

The award, co-sponsored by the office of research and graduate studies, is given to students who demonstrate originality and originality in research projects. As many as four $1,000 prizes will be awarded.

Submitted projects will be exhibited at the library. Applicants must have completed a research project for a credit course at UNLV during summer 2005, fall 2005, or spring 2006.

Library

Professor Stephen Lepp has filed for a patent on a spreadsheet program for offenders.

He also noted that professor Leticia Saucedo, a member of the social work department. She received a mentoring committee, the workshop will focus on a variety of NASA projects, including the Far Ultraviolet Spectroscopic Explorer, the Cassini/Huygens mission to Saturn’s moon, the Spitzer space telescope, and the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA).

The presence of the NASA conference at UNLV is just one indication of the program has achieved world-class status.

He also noted that professor George Rhee hosted an international meeting attended by 70 distinguished scientists in March. "Barons and Dark Matter Haloes" was the topic.

Currently, UNLV researchers are exploring a number of hot topics such as black holes, neutron stars, and gamma-ray bursters.

Professor Stephen Lepp has filed an application on behalf of the department seeking a master of science and a doctoral degree program in astronomy and astrophysics.

University College

Recipe for Success
The ninth annual Major Exploration Fair, which took place in November, saw a 20 percent increase in attendance compared with last year. More than 500 students participated in the fair, which focused on "Your Passport to Success ... A World of Choices." A full 89 percent of students who attended said they felt they had gained valuable information about majors and careers.

An increase in faculty and staff support of the event also was noted, with more than 100 faculty and staff from a diversity of departments participating.

The amazing brain teasers, geographical trivia, prizes, and treats fostered an inclusive, supportive environment that led to the Hotel College for winning the gift basket for its beach motif theme.

CSUN deserves thanks for its support.

Credit for the program’s success also goes out to event organizers and college staff members Paula Castillo, Veronica Concisida, Tara Dori, Anne Hein, Rimi Irish, Monica McNerly, and Cheryl Tilloton.

Urban Affairs

KUNV-FM Increases License Membership
KUNV-FM 91.5 raised more than $63,000 in pledges during its fall membership campaign. Membership closed at 1,177, an increase of 16 percent.

New members included listen- ers from Nevada and even those visiting Las Vegas from other countries, such as Canada. The station began a new program called “Buy Las Vegas.” All the people who pledged were sent a certificate of wattage to indicate their “owner- ship” of the station.

The fall semester was the visit that blues leg- end B.B. King made to the station.

New Faculty Join College

The college welcomed five new assistant professors in 2005:

• Katherine Herleifin (marriage, family and community counseling) has a doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy from Virginia Tech.

• Alexis Kennedy (criminal justice) has a doctoral degree in psychology from Washington State University. She studies women and crime, mapping, and community.

• Debrah Koetele Shaffer (criminal justice) earned a doctoral degree in psychology from the University of British Columbia. She researches street prostitution and cross-cultural differences in child abuse.

• Deborah Koetele Shaffer (criminal justice) earned a doctoral degree in criminal justice from the University of Cincinnati. She specializes in infidelity, sex therapy, therapeutic writing, and child therapy.

• Katherine Herleifin (marriage, family and community counseling) has a doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy from Virginia Tech.

• Vincent L. St. John (information systems) has a doctoral degree in information systems and human rights.

• Paul Battaglio (public administration) earned a doctoral degree in public administration from the University of Georgia. He studies public human resource management, company policy and administration, and comparative political attitudes.

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Programs and Services

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How to Register for an Educational Outreach Course

• All full-time academic faculty and professional staff members and their spouses are entitled to a 50 percent discount on most of the non-credit educational outreach courses. They must present their RebelCard when paying for the course.

• All full-time classified employees are entitled to a 50 percent discount on most of the non-credit educational outreach courses. An application must be completed for each non-credit continuing education course, and a representative from human resources must sign the form. Forms may be downloaded at http://hr.unlv.edu/forms or obtained from the human resources office.

• To receive the 50 percent discount, all faculty/staff members must apply in person at the Educational Outreach offices on the Paradise Campus.

• Registrations are not processed without payment.

More info:
Visit edoutreach.unlv.edu

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Expanding Programs

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Professional development classes for 10 years. She said they offer her an opportunity to expand her knowledge and to network with other professionals. “I believe in lifelong learning, and many times learning in a less formal setting is the most rewarding because I am motivated by the topic and not the grade,” she said.

Fisher earned a certificate in business management, which she said helps her manage her office and employees more effectively. She also takes a yoga class because it helps her better manage her hectic life.

“I really enjoyed the business management courses because of the diverse group of students and the fact that many of the instructors worked in the business field. I had the benefit of learning from their experience,” Fisher said.

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