Purchasing Card Saves Time and Money, Improves Security

By Cate Weeks | Marketing & PR

Since the UNLV purchasing card (p-card) was introduced to campus two years ago, it has proven to be the safest, most efficient way to make purchases, according to Sharrie Mayden, director of purchasing. The program has a growing number of users — more than 560 currently — and is allowing UNLV to move into more modern business practices that have already been adopted by many other institutions, she said.

Estimates from the National Association of Educational Buyers show that the average cost to process purchase orders is between $55 and $70 per purchase order. The costs come primarily in employee time and bank charges for all the checks that must be cut to pay for the purchases. The p-card, which works much like a credit card, cuts those costs to just $4 to $6 per transaction.

“Our goal is to make our purchasing processes user friendly and efficient. Departments have found that the p-card eliminates some time-consuming steps required with other purchasing methods,” she said. The process for limited purchase orders (LPOs), for example, requires redundant manual data entry. In addition to cost, the p-card’s benefits include:

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P-Card Makes Purchasing Easy

By Shane Bevell | Marketing & PR

A new UNLV map website offers students, faculty, staff, and campus visitors an easy-to-use tool for finding their way around campus.

It allows users to download and print maps, search interactive maps online, find building information, and get directions to campus.

The most notable features include the addition of maps for the Shadow Lane campus, a new two-dimensional parking and shuttle map, and information on each building on campus, including a list of the academic departments and administrative units located there.

Collaborative Effort

The website marks the second phase of a campuswide initiative that started in June 2004 with the formation of a campus maps task force. The task force brought together individuals from facilities, planning and construction, parking, reprographics/design services, marketing and public relations, and web communications.

In the past, the university had several campus maps that were created with older technology, often making them difficult to update and maintain. The task force consolidated the number of maps, updated the technology used to create them, and developed a comprehensive, easy-to-use map for students, visitors, and faculty and staff.

“With the growth of the university, the construction of new buildings, and the creation of additional campuses, the time was right to pull together a group of people from departments across campus to develop a new system for producing and updating maps,” said Ken Kelleher of the marketing and public relations office who chaired the task force.

“The system we developed will result not only in better maps, but also in a more efficient way to maintain and update those maps,” Kelleher said.

Phase One

The first phase of the project involved selecting a vendor to build new three-dimensional and two-dimensional color maps of both the main and Shadow Lane campuses. Having photographers from UNLV photo services take new aerial photos of both campuses also was part of this phase.

The second phase involved the creation of a new interactive, color, three-dimensional map with improved tools and the construction of a new website with information and photos for each building.

“The result of this effort is what we hope the entire campus and community will find to be a helpful website with features that make getting around campus a little easier,” said Barbara Childs, assistant director of web communications.

Third-phase plans include creating a guided video tour of UNLV.
Invent the Future Tops $300 Million Mark

As the community of such a young campus, we at UNLV have — almost every day, it seems — the unique opportunity to be involved in many university “firsts.” Together we have shared and celebrated firsts in academic programming — from degree offerings to entire professional schools — as well as many firsts in technology, in building programs, and in research and community partnership. Last fall we kicked off the public phase of another exciting and critical milestone in the life of the university: our first comprehensive fundraising campaign, appropriately titled Invent the Future. This campaign is designed to strengthen community engagement with UNLV while raising private funds to enhance our institution at every level.

New Milestone

After a two-year “quiet” or cornerstone gift phase, we started our public campaign with more than $263 million in commitments and a rising tide of momentum from both our campus and the larger Las Vegas community. I am thrilled to share with you that, with the great work of our campus community and a passion and circle of volunteers, we have received since September additional commitments of more than $40 million, pushing our current campaign total over the $300 million mark. That is a truly remarkable achievement for one quarter’s work — and I would like to thank each and every one of you who do such great work every day for getting us there.

The aim of the campaign is truly to build your momentum — to enhance the teaching, research, and service you undertake by funding equipment and facilities, as well as development opportunities, special programs, and a host of other needs. As you know, many exciting programs and more of those “firsts” capturing attention on campus today have been made possible through private support. Significant private investment has helped the Science, Engineering and Technology Building take shape, for example, bringing state-of-the-art research laboratory resources to campus. In partnership with the Clark County Health District, privately underwritten graduate assistantships have also enabled researchers in the School of Public Health to study lead and mercury in food products. These are just two of many prominent examples of public-private partnerships mobilized to address community need.

Getting Recognition

People are noticing. Your achievements are building UNLV’s reputation within our community and region, as well as nationally. I had the opportunity recently to serve on a discussion panel with a dozen colleagues from institutions ranging from Colgate and Amherst to the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Washington. As we were quizzed by a prominent group of editors and writers from the national media, it was evident to everyone in the room that UNLV already is a standard-bearer for the new, Western metropolitan institution, which takes a central role in the development of its community, not only by providing a bright and talented workforce, but also by dedicating resources to addressing critical issues. Where many older, more insular institutions struggle to change with the needs of today’s students, we have the opportunity to innovate, with each of those “firsts” experienced together helping to set the stage for an exciting future.

Both the awareness and private dollars generated by the Invent the Future campaign will help us continue with our ambitious goals. Each of you contributes to the university’s advancement daily as you mentor students and talk with family members, friends, and neighbors about UNLV — and the campaign’s campaign committee has formed with the objective of furthering those efforts. Please use this bright and energetic group of faculty and staff as a resource for campaign information, and for myriad ideas on how you can get involved. I hope that you will share in the excitement as our campaign continues to gain momentum, and I look forward to celebrating many more UNLV “firsts” with you throughout 2006 and beyond.

From the President

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Adviser Scores Big with Water Polo

By Tony Allen | for Marketing & PR

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Pioneering the Sport

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Her talents flourished and she was invited to become an original member of the U.S. women’s water polo team after graduating from high school in 1976. She enrolled at UNLV and continued playing, although juggling college classes and international competition wasn’t always easy, she persevered. “As pioneers we were always fighting for women’s water polo, often not just here in America — Holland, Australia, and Canada as well,” she said. “We had world championships, but never a World Cup. It was a great feeling.”

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Your Benefits

Ratchet Up Your Retirement Plan

Two Options Help You Build a Bigger Nest Egg

By Diane Russell | Marketing & PR

Whether it’s approaching at an accelerating pace with the finish line finally in sight or it’s only a dot on your distant horizon, it’s never too soon — and almost never too late — to add to your retirement savings.

Employees already participate in mandatory retirement plans either through the university’s retirement plan alternative (RPA) for faculty and professional staff members or through the Nevada Public Employees Retirement System (PERs) for classified employees.

But, as everyone who reads or watches the news on a regular basis knows, with medical, prescription, and utility costs skyrocketing, those savings may not be sufficient to support the kind of retirement lifestyle many people would like to live.

That’s where supplemental retirement savings come in.

Two Types of Plans

UNLV offers employees two ways to supplement their retirement savings — a deferred compensation plan, also known as a 457 plan, and a tax-sheltered annuity plan, also known as a 403b plan, “Both are voluntary and require action on the part of the employee to implement. And either could make a big difference to your future, according to Pat LaPutt, UNLV benefits manager.

“One major consideration is that the contributions employees make to these supplemental plans are done on a pre-tax basis, which means that rather than paying taxes on that portion of your income now, you will pay taxes when you withdraw the money,” she said. For many employees, that is a big plus because they won’t be withdrawing the money until after they retire — at which time their incomes, and therefore their tax brackets, are often lower, she pointed out.

Each year the IRS sets the contribution limits for these plans, LaPutt said. For 2006, employees can contribute as much as $15,000.

“But some employees, depending on their age, on how close they are to retirement, and on the number of years they have worked for the Nevada System of Higher Education may be able to contribute more than that under the “catch-up” provisions available for both 457 and 403b plans,” she said.

Of course, employee contributions to such plans do not need to be as substantial as $15,000 or more per year.

The key, she said, is to take a hard look at your retirement plans and your projected retirement income and determine whether they are in sync.

For those who have waited to begin such savings, both types of plans provide catch-up provisions for employees over the age of 50 that allow them to set aside an additional $5,000 for 2006. These limits change yearly.

Choosing Between the Plans

In choosing between a 457 and a 403b plan, you may want to consider what your career plans are for the future, LaPutt said. Are you going to continue employment with a state or government entity, or are you going to continue in higher education? If your plans are to stay in higher education, then the 403b plan is a better choice since most other higher education institutions offer these type of plans, but not all can offer 457 plans.

Interested employees should make an appointment with one or more of the companies that offer the plans. Representatives frequently are on campus for individual consultation; watch the UNLV Information list for dates.

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Employees who may want to use the catch-up provisions, which take into account several variables, should discuss their situation with the company representatives, LaPutt said.

Beginning Contributions

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More Info: Call benefits manager Pat LaPutt at ext. 5-3958 or one of the benefits counselors at ext. 5-0414 or 5-0413.

Comparing UNLV’s Supplemental Retirement Options

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- Deferred Compensation Plan: Available to government employees, including employees of public universities.
- Tax-Sheltered Annuity Plan: Available to select groups, including university employees.

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Employee-Directed? Yes

Investments in these supplemental plans are done through the university’s retirement vendors.

Required Distribution

- Separation from service
- Retirement
- Unforeseen emergency (i.e., unexpected illness)
- Death of participant

Investments are Employee-Directed?

Additional Info:

- To learn more about beginning a supplemental retirement plan, contact representatives of one or more of these vendors.
- Visit the university’s retirement page for more information.

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Business
Southwest CEO to Speak
Gary Kelly, vice chairman and CEO of Southwest Airlines, will speak at the Wells Fargo Distinguished Speaker Series at 10 a.m. March 23 in the Beam Music Center Auditorium.

Kelly joined Southwest in 1986 as controller and was promoted to chief financial officer and vice president of finance in 1989. He became vice chairman and CEO in July 2004. Kelly received a BBA in accounting from the University of Texas at Austin and is a certified public accountant.

Kelly's presentation is free and is open to all faculty, staff, and students.

The Wells Fargo Distinguished Speaker Series is a forum for dynamic national business leaders to share their knowledge and provide insight into current international and domestic issues. Through this program, both students and faculty will be better equipped to integrate practical experience into their bases of business knowledge.

Education
Group to Aid English-Language Learners
Advancing the linguistic and academic achievement of English-language learners across campus is the purpose of a recently established college committee.

The English Language Acquisition Committee includes representatives of each of the college's departments. To promote and support the collaboration, representatives from UNLV's other colleges, the state Department of Education, and the Clark County School District are being sought.

The committee will initiate and support cross-departmental efforts related to research, grant writing, and course/program development involving English-language learners. The group will explore cultural and socioeconomic factors impacting second-language teaching and literacy, curriculum program initiatives, students with special needs, student and faculty attrition rates, family literacy, parental involvement, and workforce education.

Preliminary tasks include identifying English language services provided in the Las Vegas area, developing a brochure of courses offered by the college, addressing the needs of English-language learners, and developing a committee webpage.

Anyone interested in participating should contact Maria G. Ramirez at ext. 5-4027 or ramirez@unlv.nevada.edu.

Engineering
ISRI Wins Contractor Status with GSA
UNLV's Information Science Research Institute (ISRI), an internationally recognized institute specializing in document conversion and information access research, recently received contractor status with the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA).

Tom Narker, director of the institute said, “For 15 years, ISRI research has focused on problems of ‘information access’ for the U.S. Department of Energy. ISRI’s new listing on the GSA information technology schedule will make it possible for us to apply this expertise to the information access problems of other government agencies.”

The GSA promotes increased access to its nationwide procurement opportunities. For example, businesses interested in contracts related to the rebuilding of the Gulf Coast can contact the GSA to learn about such opportunities and to find resources to assist them with the bidding process.

Energy Center Has Pulse on the Future
UNLV recently joined the elite ranks of a dozen universities worldwide that research pulsed power.

The EMITION Center (Energy Material Interaction Technology Initiative of Nevada), recently approved by the Board of Regents, will support the needs of government and private industry. The center was developed to conduct research with pulsed power electromagnetic phenomena (electrical, electromagnetic, and optical) and pulsed particle beams interacting with materials commonly used in the biological/medical and environmental fields.

Center director Robert Schill Jr. is pursuing research collaborations with the UNLV School of Nutrition Sciences, studying the sterilization of fruit juices; the Cancer Research Center, to see if cancer cells can be “turned-off” with pulsed power; and with the U.S. Department of Energy to analyze the effect pulsed power has on plastic material.

In addition, the center is pursuing a number of projects with the Desert Research Institute, as well as with colleagues in the College of Engineering.

Moving Mountains (of Paper)
Beginning next month, Mary Floresta's cubicle in the controller's office will no longer be brimming with printouts of accounting reports to be distributed to campus. Campus users can now access their account information — using the balance and activity report and the organization/grant summary report — through the Financial Data Warehouse, a user-friendly online tool.

The change provides account managers more up-to-date information and makes it easier to research account activity, track spending, and export information into Excel spreadsheets. The paper distribution, which was already two weeks out of date by the time it reached campus, required Floresta to sort 50,000 pages of three different reports into 500 inter-office envelopes. For more information on the change, contact Floresta at ext. 5-1160 or mary.floresta@uniknedu.

Pine Arts
February Lineup Includes Classic and Cutting Edge
The Nevada Conservatory Theatre at UNLV presents Inherit the Wind Feb. 10-19 in the Judy Bayley Theatre. Written by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee, the play is based on the Scopes “monkey” trial of 1925, and explores the monumental legal clash that resulted from pitting the teachings of Darwinist evolution against Christianity.

The UNLV Performing Arts Center welcomes the Russian National Ballet for a special Valentine's Day performance of Sleeping Beauty. The troupe returns to the PAC to perform Russian choreographer Marius Petipa’s masterpiece — a grand and amusing fairytale.

On Feb. 18 the PAC hosts the Alley II dance troupe featuring artistic director Sylvia Waters. This exceptional group merges the spirit and energy of the country’s best young dance talent with the vision of today’s most outstanding choreographers. Formed by dance master Alvin Ailey in 1974, the group showcases the most promising students from his junior company.

Making its first appearance at the PAC on Feb. 26 is the Pipes, Drums, and Highland Dancers of 1st Battalion: The Black Watch & The Band of the Welsh Guards. A fully operational battalion in the modern British army, the Black Watch dates back almost 300 years. The Band of the Welsh Guards regularly performs for Buckingham Palace’s changing of the guard.

For ticket information, call ext. 5-2787.

Graduate
New Degrees, Certificates Approved
Several new graduate degree and certificate programs have been approved recently, including the master of education degree in early childhood education, as well as two advanced graduate certificates for family nurse practitioners and forensic social workers. Additionally, a dual JD/MSW (juris doctorate and master of social work) will be offered to help meet the increasing need for social work professionals with legal expertise.

The total number of graduate and professional degree and certificate programs is now 118, including 34 doctoral programs.

“We are pleased to see growth in graduate degree and certificate program offerings,” said Paul Ferguson, vice president for research and graduate studies. “UNLV seeks to improve its standing in rankings such as the Carnegie classification system, comprehensive doctoral and professional degree program offerings become increasingly important.”

Ferguson added that the institute is enhancing the graduate program offerings selectively in disciplines of interest to targeted populations in the area. For instance, he notes that executive and dual degree programs have been approved and continue to be developed to serve working professionals in Southern Nevada.

“The development of this distinctively blend of graduate programs is
guided by an interest in serving the region, state, and community. The Graduate College is committed to working with UNLV’s colleges and departments to develop excellent graduate-level degree and certifica-
tive programs that are well-suited to our area.”

Health Sciences
First Master of Public Health Degree Awarded
In December, UNLV awarded its first master of public health degree. Stacy Rapp was the first to gradu-
ate from the School of Public Health program that began with 25 stu-
dents during spring semester 2005. Students study in one of four concentrations:
• Environmental and occupa-
tional health.
• Epidemiology and biostatis-
tics.
• Health care administration.
• Health promotion.

Two Departments Approved
Environmental and occupational health achieved departmen-
tal status in December. Three fac-
ulty members recently joined the department: microbiologist Linda Steentebak, biostatistican Chad Cross, and anthropologist Michelle Chino.

The department of health care administration and policy was approved by the Board of Regents in June. Charles Mosely is the chair.

Hotel Industry Leaders to be Honored
The college’s annual Vallen Dinne of Distinction will honor industry leaders for their excep-
tional contributions to hospitality education.

Being honored are Richard Mirman, senior vice president of development of the New Orleans Hotel Casino; Susan Schwartz, president of ConvExx; and Norman Brinker, founder of Denny’s, Chili’s, and other restaurant chains.

The dinner event will feature special guest Jerome Vallen, found-
ing dean of the college, and his wife, Flossie. During his time as dean, the college graduated more than 2,400 students. To recog-
nize Vallen’s dedication to the industry, the college is establish-
ing an endowed professorship in his name. The professorship will make funds available to bring dis-
tinguished industry or educational leaders to the college.

The dinner event will be held at the Mirage Hotel Casino on April 27 with Don Sneary, retired president of Boyd Gaming, as the master of ceremonies.

Tickets are $75 for members of the college’s Alumni Association, $85 for non-members and guests, and $650 for tables of eight. For tickets, call Judy Nagai at ext. 5-2934.

Liberal Arts
Poli Sci Offers New Courses
Many new courses, including a graduate course in educational eth-
ics and politics and undergraduate

classes in law and society and in con-
temporary liberal political thought and intelligence, are being designed and taught this year by political sci-
ence faculty members.

Other new offerings are in the area of global studies, including undergraduate classes in Africa in world politics, politics of Sub-
Saharan Africa, democratization, politics of globalization, and global environmental politics, as well as a graduate course in international human rights.

Global studies mark the direc-
tion the department is taking as it prepares a proposal for a doc-
toral program. Such a program would educate scholars concern-

ing authoritative decision making and conflict resolution in a variety of cultural, national, and regional settings. A concentration in compar-
itative politics would deal with the challenges and opportunities posed by interactions with other nations and cultures. A concent-
ration in international relations would deal especially with ques-
tions of conventional and uncon-
ventional warfare, the rights of citizens and aliens in the context of an increasingly dangerous inter-
national environment, and issues of international law and organi-
izations among nation-states and other international entities.

The master’s program in ethics and policy studies once again is admitting new students and pro-
viding them the opportunity to explore ethical questions arising from the affairs of public and pri-

date organizations, including ques-
tions involved in the making and analysis of public policy.

Libraries
Pilot Program Started for Peer Research Coaches
A pilot program to address undergraduate student retention is being launched with the gener-
ous support of Libraries Advisory Board member Flora Mason and her husband, Stuart. The program will recruit students and train them to serve as frontline research coaches to their peers.

Professional literature shows that college students who work in libraries, especially assisting in classrooms or at reference desks, find their own research skills and academic performance are strengthened. The program will include mentoring by librarians. Like suc-

cessful peer mentoring at other aca-
demic libraries, UNLV’s program can help address the retention issue by improving the research and information retrieval skills of the peer research coaches while also providing role models to other “at-risk” students.

The program will recruit and train at-risk, but motivated, first-

and second-year students to serve as frontline research mentors to their peers. By focusing on bright, enthusiastic students who are con-
sidered to be at risk of not finishing their degrees, it is hoped that the program will make a measurable impact on both the student mentors and their peers.

Detailed program planning is underway to recruit the first cohort of coaches for fall semester.

Sciences
New Centers Approved by NSHE Board of Regents
The Center for Atmospheric, Oceanic & Space Sciences (CAOS) was approved by the Board of Regents in December. CAOS will:
• Participate and collaborate in funded research. This will serve as the primary focal point, represent-

ing approximately 70 percent of the center’s efforts. A secondary focus will be support services and out-
reach.
• Compete for external funding.
• Provide a platform for all interested and qualified faculty in the Nevada System of Higher Education to start new research, nurture and sustain existing research, or participate in atmos-
pheric, oceanic and space science activities supported by NASA, the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD), the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), and the National Science Foundation.
• Build firm and equitable rela-
tions with industries doing busi-

ness with NASA, NOAA, DOD, and DOE.
• Help Nevada reach its goal to host an additional U.S. Space Port.
• Implement NASA, NOAA, DOD, and DOE work force develop-
ment programs.

The center will report to the deans of sciences and engineering and the vice president for research and graduate studies. For informa-
tion, contact professor Diederonne Phanord at ext. 5-0361 or e-mail dieudonne.phanord@unlv.edu.

Water Conservation
Center Name Changed
The center formerly known as the Center for Urban Water Conservation has a new name — the Center for Urban Horticulture and Water Conservation.

The name change reflects the broader activities and responsi-

bilities of this research and teach-
ing operation. It was approved by the Academic Affairs Council of the Nevada System of Higher Education at its December meeting.

For more information, contact professor Dale Devit at ext. 5-4699 or e-mail devit59@nyscseve.edu.

Urban Affairs
Faculty Participate in National Conference
Faculty and students of the Hank Greenspun School of Journalism and Media Studies and the department of communication studies represented UNLV at the recent annual conven-
tion of the National Communication Association in Boston.

Communication studies professor Jennifer Bevan and graduate student Kristen Sneedbank presented their paper, “The Relationship between Jealousy Experience, Expression, and Communication Satisfaction in Adult Sibling Relationships.” Donovan Conley presented “Dodging Hegemony,” a position paper on political theory and rhetoric, and the paper “Screaming Nation, Quiet Citizen” for the panel “In Sickness and In Health: Mediating Nations, States, and Citizens.” David Henry was a panelist for the session “Getting Published in NCA Journals and Annuals: A User’s Guide,” and served on the organization’s legisla-

tive assembly, as did former NCA president Martha Watson, dean of Urban Affairs. Watson also was a panelist for a discussion on the health of the communication discipline.

Journalism and media stud-

ies professor Julian Kilker pre-
sented “Procteurian Pedagogical Environments: Understanding Usability, Interactivity, and Control in Web-based Teaching” at a ses-

sion on communication technol-

ogy in the classroom, and chaired a panel titled “Perceptions, Attribution, and Communication Technology.” Anthony Ferri pre-

sented his paper, “One Frame of Boston: The Boston Stranger Movie of 1968,” for a session on “Visions of Boston in Sight and Sound: Healthy and Unhealthy Media Images of the Cradle of America.” Journalism and media studies graduate coordinator Lawrence Mullin served as a panel-

ist for “Roundtable on the Master’s Degree in Communication.”

Welcome event at the Alumni Amphitheatre as spring semester begins.

Rebel Welcome
The band Forget McCarran plays for UNLV students during a Rebel Welcome event at the Alumni Amphitheatre as spring semester begins.

Across Campus

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Dolores Valenzano Tanco (Honors) was honored at the 2005 National Communication Association conference in Boston. The Latino/Latina Communication Studies Division sponsored a panel of papers from throughout the nation to honor her as a distinguished teacher-scholar for her contributions to the understanding of communication and cultural identity, particularly in the areas of intercultural communication, rhetoric, and ethics.

Geetha Sendhil and Keith Rogers (Center for Academic Enrichment and Outreach) earned the designation of Project Management Professional (PMP) from the Project Management Institute, the world’s leading not-for-profit professional association for project management. The PMP certification is the project management profession’s most recognized and respected global credential. There are over 110,000 PMPs worldwide in almost 120 countries, and about 170 PMPs in Southern Nevada.

Millie McClain (Dental Medicine) was among four people honored by KLAS channel 8 and Nevada University Pride partners this year for their annual Portraits of Success Award ceremony celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. She also received a certificate of commendation for her contribution to the Las Vegas community from U.S. Sen. Harry Reid.

Michael Moonenham (Facilities) was named employee of the month for December in the custodial category. A custodial supervisor I, he serves as a troubleshooter. He has worked at UNLV nearly 28 years.

Sue Fawn Chung (History) and graduate student Joan L. Marn (History) and Jesscia Assen (UNR, Anthropology) presented papers at the National Chinese American Studies Conference in San Francisco. Chung’s paper “History and Archaeology: New Sources of Information” gave a context for Assen’s paper on “The Chinese Six Companies in Virginia City.” Marn’s paper, “Two Tastit Temples: Bok Kai Temple in Marysville, California, and Baiyunguan in Shanghai, China” delved into the history of two 1880s temples still in operation. Selected papers will be published in an edited by Madeline Hsu in the near future.

Molly Michelman (Nutrition Sciences) presented “Cooking Classes with Nutrition Education and Physical Activity Components Empowered Young Participants to Improve Their Knowledge, Behavior, and Intention with Respect to Healthy Food Choices” at the annual American Dietetic Association’s Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo in October. Her co-authored, with Italian nutrition scientists Barbara Pamplona and Laura Kruskall (Nutrition Sciences).

Joanne Goodwin (History and WRIN) and Caryll Dziadziod (WRIN) will participate in the research activities of the National Council for Research on Women now that the Women’s Research Institute of Nevada (WRIN) has been accepted as a member of the council. Membership is selective and is based on the applicant’s previous record in research and education, the parent institution’s support for the institute, and letters of support from other member council leaders. The American Council is a network of more than 100 leading U.S. research and policy centers with a growing global reach.

Alan N. Miller (Management) co-authored an article titled “A Life Developed to Perish: Bane or Boon of Academic Life?” which was published in the December issue of the Journal of Management Inquiry. His co-author was professor Mark de Rond of Cambridge University.

Joshua Carpenter (Educational Outreach) was named a classified employee of the month for December in the custodial category. An administrative assistant I, he has worked at UNLV since 2001 when he joined the custodial service staff. He will graduate from UNLV in May with a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice.

Funding for the Digital History Workshop at George Washington University (Journalism and Media Studies) was granted a $100,000 grant from the Nevada legislature to study the “the health, welfare, safety, and civil and other rights of children in care of certain government agencies or private facilities”.

Julian Kilker (journalism and Media Studies) presented research on his working title project titled “Archive Lucida” at the Digital History Workshop at George Mason University in June. Kilker’s attendance and travel were funded by the Sloan Foundation.

Substance Use

Stevens said. "It's time to upgrade. Simple instructions will be provided to lead people through the updating process, technology is evolving at an alarming rate. "It's a constant battle," he said. "We need to keep up with the latest developments in technology to ensure that our students are prepared for the future."

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Highlight of Success Award ceremony took place during the conference.

Spotlight On Accomplishments

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Attention Regional Council. His tenure as president will last through November. He also is a member of the Executive Committee and the National Council of Honor Colleges.

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Another Op’nin’, Another Show

Backstage at Nevada Conservatory Theatre

By Diane Russell | Marketing & PR

For every hour a play is performed onstage, dozens of hours are spent in preparation. Sets must be constructed. Lines must be learned. Lighting must be designed. And when the play is a musical there are songs to rehearse and dances to practice.

For UNLV theatre students, the dozen or so plays produced by Nevada Conservatory Theatre (NCT) each year present wonderful opportunities to get experience in their chosen professions. They work on the productions — often as part of their coursework — under the expert guidance of the theatre faculty.

When the seldom-performed musical Carnival! was staged in December, students and faculty worked and rehearsed up until the last minute under the guidance of the show’s director, NCT artistic director Robert Brewer, to get things just right for opening night. The NCT is headed by Charles O’Connor.

Now they are hard at work on the next NCT production, the Scopes “monkey” trial play, Inherit the Wind. Written by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee, the play is based on that famous 1925 trial and explores the monumental legal clash that resulted from pitting the teachings of Darwinist evolution against Christianity.

Professor Robert Benedetti is directing the play, which will star equity actors G. W. Bailey as attorney Henry Drummond (the character based on Clarence Darrow) and Steve Vinovich as attorney Matthew Brady (the William Jennings Bryan character). The show runs Feb. 10-19. For tickets, call ext. 5-2787.

(Above) Vance McKenzie works the lighting board. (Top right) Student Melody Melendez paints part of the set.

Conductor Kyle Norris (right) discusses the score with trumpet player Dan Johnson.

(Above) Robert Brewer, artistic director of Nevada Conservatory Theatre and director of Carnival!, talks with an actress from the production. (Left) Katrina HertHelder, head of the costume shop, puts finishing touches on a hat.