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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. 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.

“In 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.

Phase Two

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

By Carol C. Harter | UNLV President

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 partnerships. 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 passionate and dedicated group of philanthropic supporters, 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 metropolitian 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 catch up 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 your 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 reaches the $300 million mark and I look forward to celebrating many more UNLV “firsts” with you throughout 2006 and beyond.

After Hours

Kadlubek Captures Hall of Fame Honors

By Tony Allen | for Marketing & PR

While many UNLV employees participate in some athletic activity in their off-duty hours — be it softball, flag football, or hiking — Vaune Kadlubek has taken her after-work pursuit to new heights. A water polo player since high school, Kadlubek (‘80 BS Physical Education, ’83 MS Physical Education) was invited to become an original member of Team USA, a water polo team and the first female to referee an international match. She also spent time as a pioneering member of the U.S. women’s national team, which she later went on to coach. And she did all of this while employed at UNLV, first as an assistant coach for the swim team and currently as an athletic-academic adviser.

Pioneering the Sport
“Being chosen for the Hall of Fame is a tremendous honor,” said Kadlubek, who today helps UNLV while employed at UNLV, first as

“Prior to the 1984 games in Los Angeles, we put together an exhibition match to try to spark an interest in the international community to show that women’s water polo was for real,” she said. “To know that we were the team that led our sport to the Olympics, it’s a great feeling.”

In August, Kadlubek will participate as a member of Team USA in the FINA World Masters Championship Tournament at Northland University. “It’s kind of like playing in an adult softball league,” said Kadlubek. “We’re trying to relive our glory days, although we’re a bit slower now and out of shape.”

The tournament will reunite Kadlubek with teammates from her playing days at UNLV, as well as with a few opponents from her years of international competition. “The friendships made in international competition are really special,” she said. “Our paths may only cross a few times in life, but when I get to see old friends and rivals, and relive old memories, it reminds me of why the sport is so great.”

“As pioneers we were always fighting for women’s water polo, not just here in America — Holland, Australia, and Canada as well,” she said. “We had world championships, but never an Olympic Games, until we finally got in.”

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### 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) or the university’s 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 403b plan, and a tax-sheltered annuity plan, also known as a 457 plan, and plan, available for both 457 and 403b plans, she said.

For 2006, employees can contribute limits for these plans, LaPutt said.

For many employees, that is a big plus because they can defer paying taxes when you withdraw the money, she said. For many employees, that is a big plus because they can defer paying taxes when you withdraw the money, she said.

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.

Worth discussing with company representatives are the requirements about how soon and under what circumstances you can withdraw money from a supplemental account and at what age you must begin withdrawing money from your account if you haven’t already begun to do so. And, the premature distribution penalties may be of interest.

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

To begin contributing to such a plan, an employee must fill out forms. For a 403b plan, the forms are a salary reduction agreement and an enrollment form. For a 457 plan, the forms are a deferral form and an enrollment form. Some, but not all, of these forms are available online. Or, if you call the human resources department at ext. 5-3504, the forms will be sent to you.

Which supplemental retirement plan, if any, an employee chooses to participate in is one of the variables they must consider. 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.

“Every time I get a raise, I fill out a new form and send that money to distributions due to an unforeseeable emergency.”

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### More Info

Call benefits managers 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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Across Campus

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.

The 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 and employees 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.

Any 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 from the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA).

Tom Narkter, 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.

Fine 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. Directed by Gateway Theatre’s Tom Narkter, the production is set against the backdrop of 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 Mariup 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 institution has enhanced the graduate program offerings selectively in disciplines of interest to targeted populations in the area. For instance, however, that executive and dual degree programs have been and continue to be developed to serve working professionals in Southern Nevada.

“The development of this distinctive blend of graduate programs is...
Two Departments Approved

Environmental and occupational health achieved departmental status in December. Three faculty members recently joined the department: microbiologist Linda Steetzenbach, biostatistician 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 Dinner of Distinction will honor industry leaders for their exceptional contributions to hospitality education.

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

The dinner event will feature special guest Jerome Vallen, founding dean of the college, and his wife, Flossie. During his time as dean, the college graduated more than 2,400 students. To recognize Vallen’s dedication to the industry, the college is establishing an endowed professorship in his name. The professorship will make funds available to bring distinguished industry or educational leaders to the college.

The event will be held at the Mirage Hotel Casino on April 27 with Don Snyder, 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

Sci Po News: 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, representing approximately 70 percent of the center’s efforts. A secondary focus will be support services and outreach.

• 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 atmospheric, 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 relations with industries doing business 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 development programs.

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

Rebel Welcome

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

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.

Social Sciences

New Centers Approved by NSHE Board of Regents

The Center for Economic Education to start new research, nurture and sustain existing research, or participate in economic education activities supported by the U.S. Department of Education (DOE), and the National Science Foundation.

Cultural, historical, and policy studies once again is considered 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 under way to recruit the first cohort of coaches for fall semester.

Phanord at ext. 5-0361 or e-mail dieudonne.phanord@unlv.edu.
Spring Semester Brings Computer System Upgrades

By: Mamie Peers | OT

A number of projects designed to improve technology on campus are under way this semester in the office of information technology.

Lotus Notes

In March, the Lotus Notes e-mail and calendaring system will be upgraded. Among the new features that campus users have been requesting are color calendaring and instant messaging.

Users who access Lotus Notes from home will also see improvements. “The web version of Lotus Notes is also far better than what we currently offer,” said Cathy Stevens, manager of the Computing Resource Center. “It looks and functions in a way similar to the desktop version of Lotus Notes,” she said.

Faculty and staff will receive e-mail and paper notification when it’s time to upgrade. Simple instructions will be provided to lead people through the updating process, Stevens said.

Dolores Valenca Tanno (Honors) was honored at the 2005 National Communication Association conference in Boston. The Latina/Latino Communication Studies Division sponsored a panel of participants from across 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 Sendhilk 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 100,000 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 the University of Nevada Alumni Pride partners in 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 Mooneyham (Facilities) was named class 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. Maro (History) and Jessica Assom (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 Assom’s paper “The Chinese Six Companies in Virginia City.” Maro’s paper, “Two Taoist 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 a volume edited by Madelene 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 Eating Choices” at the annual American Dietetic Association’s Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo in October. Her co-authored poster presentation with intern nutrition scientists Barbara Pamplona and Laura Kruskall (Nutrition Sciences).

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Getting Your P-Card

By UNLV Sports Information Department

Baseball

Last Year: Under the direction of Buddy Gouldsmith, 2005 Mountain West Conference coach of the year, UNLV won an unprecedented third-consecutive MWCC championship and advanced to the 2005 Temple Regional of the NCAA Tournament.

What to Look for This Season: Will the Rebels bring home the MWCC tournament title for the fourth consecutive year? With 16 players returning from last year’s championship squad, the team will once again be among the conference favorites.

Don’t-Miss Event: UNLV hosts the defending College World Series champions and preseason No. 1 Texas in a three-game series March 2-5 at Wilson Stadium.

Men’s Golf

Last Year: The 2005 NCAA western regional champions finished eighth at the national finals with national player of the year Ryan Moore leading the way.

What to Look for This Season: With Moore now on the PGA Tour, the Rebels, who were ranked sixth in the nation as the fall 2005 season ended, will look to senior Andres Gonzalez to lead the charge to the team’s 16th NCAA Finals appearance in an 18-year span.

Don’t-Miss Event: Besides the NCAA Championship, the Southern Highlands Collegiate Championship features the best field in college golf. It will take place March 10-12 at Southern Highlands Golf Club.

Women’s Golf

Last Year: UNLV won its second-straight Mountain West Conference Championship, led by 2005 league player of the year Elena Kurokawa.

What to Look for This Season: More of the same, as the Rebels return Kurokawa and three other regulars from last season’s title squad.

Don’t-Miss Event: The second annual UNLV Spring Invite is March 13-15 at Black Mountain Country Club in Henderson and will feature 17 teams from across the country.

Softball

Last Year: The Rebels put up the third-most wins (44) in school history en route to the program’s eighth appearance in the NCAA Tournament and were led by an All-America performance by freshman Marissa Nichols, who helped rewrite the record book in nearly every offensive category.

What to Look for This Season: The Rebels return 11 players, five of whom earned recognition for their play. Three players were named to the All-West Region team of the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (Caitlyn Paus, Brittany Meade, and Nichols) and a fourth (Maggie Liveni) joined them on the All-Mountain West Conference team.

Don’t-Miss Events: The Rebels host three tournaments in the first full month of play: The Alexis Resort Kick-Off Classic (Feb. 9-12), the Louisville Slugger Desert Classic (Feb. 16-19) and the UNLV Invitational (March 2-5). Additionally, UNLV will host Missouri in a three-game series and the five MWCC squads in double-headers.

Men’s Tennis

Last Year: Senior Henner Nehles was voted conference MVP as he led UNLV to its most victories since 1997 (16-8 overall), including a first-ever victory against a top-10 team in a 4-3 stunner over Oklahoma State.

What to Look for This Season: Senior and Las Vegas native Joel Kielbowicz, who posted 20 wins a year ago, moves up to the No. 1 singles position and hopes to keep team’s momentum rolling.

Don’t-Miss Event: UNLV to its most victories since 1997 was voted conference MVP as he led UNLV to its most victories since 1997 (16-8 overall), including a first-ever victory against a top-10 team in a 4-3 stunner over Oklahoma State.

Women’s Tennis

Last Year: MWC runner-up Lady Rebels returned to NCAA postsea-

Don’t-Miss Events: Top league

Track and Field

Last Year: UNLV finished sixth at the MWCC Indoor-Championships and fifth at the outdoor championship and was led by senior Christine Spence, who would go on to earn All-America honors in the indoor high jump, outdoor high jump, and 400-meter hurdles.

What to Look for This Season: Track and Field: This season will be a rebuilding year for the Rebels, led by head coach Barbara Ferrell-Edmonson, who will be working with a young squad.

Don’t-Miss Event: The UNLV Invite is April 1 at the Myron Partridge Stadium and Sheila Tarr-Smith Field.

Getting Your P-Card

Apply now for a p-card. It typically takes a month after the application is submitted for individuals to receive their cards.

To get your card:
1. Download and complete the p-card application from www.unlve.edu/depts/purchasing/pcard.
2. Get your application signed by the person with signature authority over your accounts. In addition, the paperwork must be signed by your vice president or dean/director.
3. Submit paperwork to the p-card coordinator in Campus Services Building, Room 205. Purchasing will contact you to schedule your p-card training.
4. Attend a two-hour training session and pick up your card.

More info: Contact Tony Calleja in purchasing at ext. 4-2273 or visit www.unlve.edu/depts/purchasing/pcard.

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• More flexibility — Departments can customize their cards with individual single-transactions limits (typically $2,000). Cards can be set up to limit the number of transactions allowed per day, the total amount authorized to be spent per month, and the types of goods that can be purchased.

• Improved vendor relations — When using the p-card, vendors are paid immediately. “If one department doesn’t process their LPO paperwork in a timely manner, it can affect vendor relations with the entire campus. That’s not a problem with the p-card,” Mayden said.

• Easier tracking of purchases — As with online banking, departments can view up-to-date reports on p-card spending. LPOs, on the other hand, could take weeks to post to a department’s account. By the end of this calendar year, the p-card will be used for small-dollar purchases instead of the LPO.

Purchasing also expects to introduce computer automation to the requisitioning process later this year. “Departments will be able to input their requirements electronically and then track the status of the requisition from initial input, through the approval process, to the issuance of a purchase order.”

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Another Op’nin’, Another Show

Backstage at Nevada Conservatory Theatre

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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.