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News & Information for UNLV Insiders

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P-Card Makes Purchasing Easy

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),

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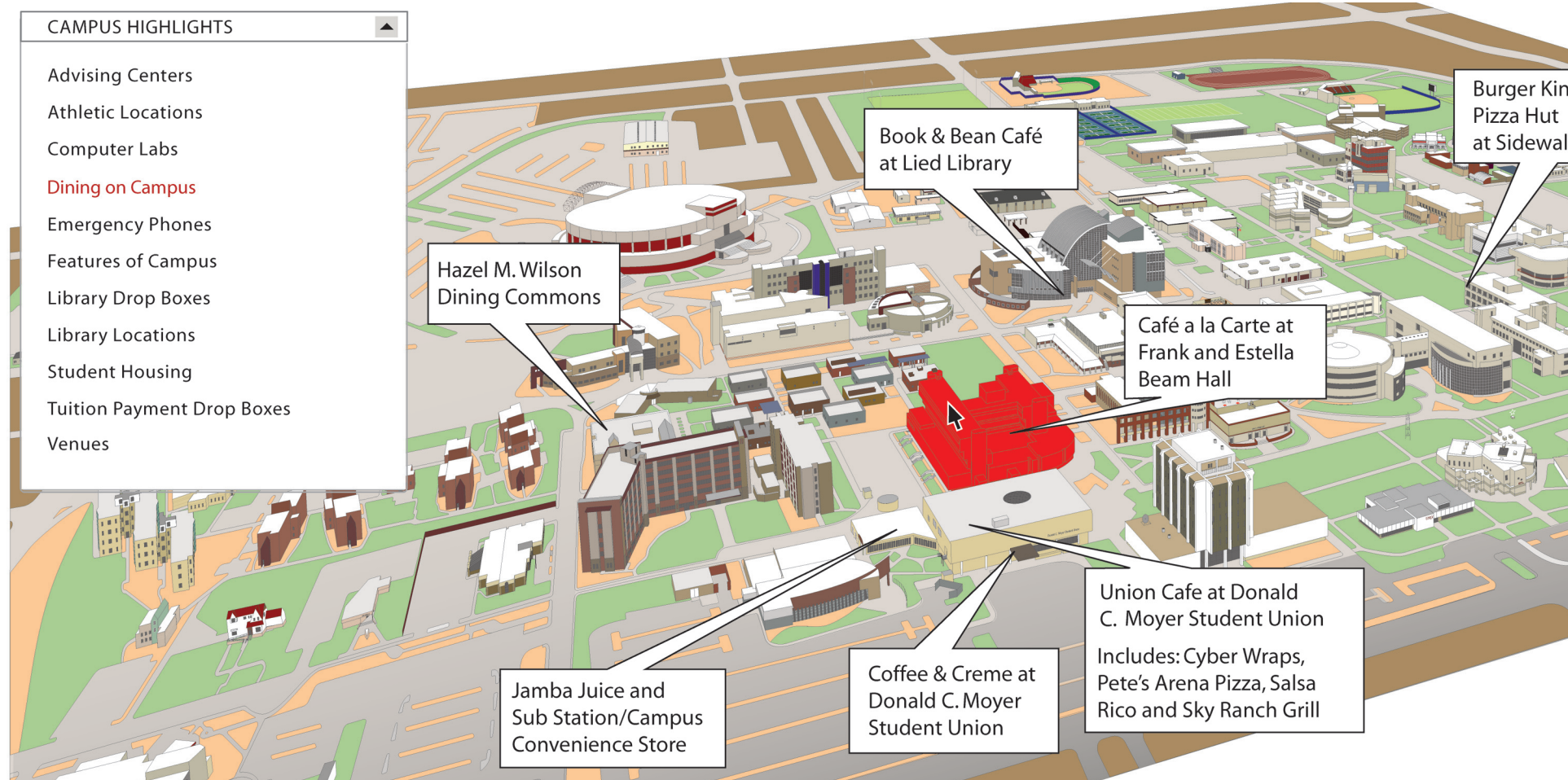
for example, requires redundant manual data entry.

In addition to cost, the p-card’s benefits include:

- **Quicker transactions** — Like LPOs, the p-card enables on-the-spot purchases. Reconciliation of p-cards is less time consuming compared to the required LPO paperwork processing.

- **Safer transactions** — The potential for misuse is much greater with LPOs, Mayden said. Individual p-cards offer fraud protection and dispute-resolution capabilities similar to those offered by most personal credit cards.

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New map functionality allows users to select specific campus features from a drop-down menu, which are then highlighted on the map.

New Website Helps You Get Your Bearings

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,

More info:
Go to maps.unlv.edu

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 passionate 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 a campus 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.

After Hours

Kadlubek Captures Hall of Fame Honors

Adviser Scores Big with Water Polo

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 inducted into the U.S. Water Polo Hall of Fame on Jan. 14, capping off a career in which she became the first high school girl to play on a boys’ water polo team and the first female to referee an international match. She also spent 10 years 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 athletes achieve their academic goals. “But when we were out there playing, especially as pioneering members of the sport, the Hall was never in our minds, it was more about advancing the sport of women’s water polo to the Olympic level.”

Kadlubek’s Hall of Fame career began in California at the Santa Barbara YMCA. “When I got to high school, I didn’t even know what water polo was,” she said.



UNLV athletic-academic adviser Vaune Kadlubek recently was inducted into the U.S. Water Polo Hall of Fame.

“I’ve always loved all sports, but at that point, swimming was my game. With water polo, however, once I found out that there was a ball involved, I knew right away it was for me.”

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, not just here in America — in Holland, Australia, and Canada as well,” she said. “We had world championships, but never Olympics. It took a lot of hard work from a lot of dedicated people to get us there.”

Struggle Pays Off

The struggle for women’s water polo paid off, though, as the

sport became an official Olympic event at the 2000 games in Sydney, Australia. Although Kadlubek’s playing days were over by 2000, she still has some fond Olympic memories.

“Prior to the 1984 games in Los Angeles, we put together an exhibition match to try and spark an interest in the international community to show them that women’s water polo was for real,” she said. “To know that we were the teams 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 Stanford 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 on the national team, 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.”



NAACP Leader Highlights MLK Event

Eric Guideng, president of UNLV's chapter of Delta Chi, presents a plaque to Bruce S. Gordon, NAACP president and chief executive, left, who was also a member of Delta Chi. Gordon was the keynote speaker at UNLV's second annual Martin Luther King Celebration on Jan. 19. In addition to staff and students, the event brought out community members both young and old.



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 called 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

Comparing UNLV's Supplemental Retirement Options

	457	403b
Who can use the plan?	Deferred Compensation Plan. Available to government employees, including employees of public universities	Tax-Sheltered Annuity Plan. Available to select groups, including university employees
Tax-Deferred?	Yes	Yes
Investments are Employee-Directed?	Yes	Yes
Required Distribution	Must start drawing by age 70.5	Must start drawing by age 70.5. If you have multiple 403b accounts, you can choose to draw from just one or from multiple accounts.
Qualifying Events for Distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separation from service • Retirement • Unforeseen emergency (i.e. unexpected illness) • Death of participant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separation from service • Age 59.5, even if still employed • Permanent and total disability • Financial hardship (i.e. to purchase a primary residence) • Death of participant
Premature Distribution Penalty	Premature distribution penalty may apply except to distributions due to an unforeseeable emergency.	Premature distribution penalty may apply if under age 59.5 at time of distribution.
Minimum Monthly Contribution	\$25	\$16.67
Additional Info: To learn more about beginning a supplemental retirement plan, contact representatives of one or more of these vendors.	Hartford 862-8296 ING 562-5094	AIG-Valic 796-0047 Fidelity Investments 800-343-0860 TIAA-CREF 800-842-2776

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.

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 is a very personal decision, LaPutt said.

She has found a relatively painless way of making contributions to her own plan.

"Every time I get a raise, I fill out a new form and send that money straight into my retirement plan," LaPutt said. "That way I never see the extra money in my paycheck and I don't miss it."

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

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 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 María G. Ramírez 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 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 EMITON 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. 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 Ailey 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. "As 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 is enhancing its 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 and continue to be developed to serve working professionals in Southern Nevada.

"The development of this distinctive blend of graduate programs is



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 easy 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@unlv.edu.

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 certificate 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 graduate from the School of Public Health program that began with 25 students during spring semester 2005.

Students study in one of four concentrations:

- Environmental and occupational health.
- Epidemiology and biostatistics.
- Health care administration.
- Health promotion.

Two Departments Approved

Environmental and occupational health achieved departmental status in December. Three faculty members recently joined the department: microbiologist Linda Stetzenbach, 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 at Harrah's Hotel Casino; Susan Schwartz, president of ConvExx; and Norman Brinker, founder of Steak & 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

Poli Sci Offers New Courses

Many new courses, including a graduate course in educational ethics and politics and undergraduate

classes in law and society and in contemporary liberal political thought and intelligence, are being designed and taught this year by political science 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 direction the department is taking as it prepares a proposal for a doctoral program. Such a program would educate scholars concerning authoritative decision making and conflict resolution in a variety of cultural, national, and regional settings. A concentration in comparative politics would deal with the challenges and opportunities posed by interactions with other nations and cultures. A concentration in international relations would deal explicitly with questions of conventional and unconventional warfare, the rights of citizens and aliens in the context of an increasingly dangerous international environment, and issues of international law and organizations among nation-states and other international entities.

The master's program in ethics and policy studies once again is admitting new students and providing them the opportunity to explore ethical questions arising from the affairs of public and private organizations, including questions 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 generous 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 successful peer mentoring at other academic libraries, UNLV's program can help address the retention issue by improving the research and interpersonal communication 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 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.



Rebel Welcome

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

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, 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.

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 responsibilities of this research and teaching 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 Devitt at ext. 5-4699 or e-mail dev59@nye.nscce.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 convention of the National Communication Association in Boston.

Communication studies professor Jennifer Bevan and graduate student Kristen Stetzenbach 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 legislative 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 studies professor Julian Kilker presented "Procrustean Pedagogical Environments: Understanding Usability, Interactivity, and Control in Web-based Teaching" at a session on communication technology in the classroom, and chaired a panel titled "Perceptions, Attribution, and Communication Technology." Anthony Ferri presented his paper, "One Frame of Boston: The Boston Strangler 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 Mullen served as a panelist for "Roundtable on the Master's Degree in Communication."

> **Melva Thompson-Robinson** (Health Promotion) received a three-year subgrant from the Centers for Disease Control for \$1 million to develop an HIV Prevention Leadership Institute.

> **An-Pyng Sun** (Social Work) wrote a paper, "Relapse Among Substance-Abusing Women: Components and Processes," which has been accepted for publication in the journal *Substance Use & Misuse*.



> **Margaret Louis** (Nursing) has been appointed to a two-year term on the Master's and Baccalaureate Evaluation Review Panel by the National

League for Nursing Accreditation Commission. Panel members are responsible for reviewing nursing programs for national accreditation. The panel is composed of nurse educators, practitioners, and the general public from across the United States.

> **Susan Summers** (English) was named a classified employee of the month for December in the administrative category. An administrative assistant IV, she provides administrative support for the department chair, supervises four administrative assistants and four student workers, and maintains 21 budget accounts. She has worked at UNLV since July 2001.

> **Denise Tenata** (Public Health) was promoted to director of the Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy. In November, she was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Nevada Legislature to study the "the health, safety, welfare, and civil and other rights of children in care of certain governmental agencies or private facilities".

> **Julian Kilker** (Journalism and Media Studies) presented research on his working 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.

> **Dolores Valencia 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 Senthil** 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 the Community Pride partners at 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 classified 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 students Joan L. Mann (History) and Jessica Axsom (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 Axsom's paper on "The Chinese Six Companies in

Virginia City." Mann'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 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 Regard to Healthy Food Choices" at the annual American Dietetic Association's Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo in October. Her co-authors were nutrition sciences student Barbara Pamplona and **Laura Kruskall** (Nutrition Sciences).

> **Joanne Goodwin** (History and WRIN) and **Caryll Dzedziak** (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 proven record in research and education, the parent institution's support for the institute, and letters of support from other member centers. The 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, "Publish or 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 administrative category. An administrative assistant I, he has worked at UNLV since 2001 when he joined the custodial services staff. He will graduate from UNLV in May with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

> **Stephen Rosenbaum** (Honors) is serving as president of the Western Regional Honors Council. His tenure as president will last through November. He also is a member of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Honors Colleges.



> **Frank Serafini** (Curriculum and Instruction) wrote an article, "Taking On the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards: Alignment, Recognition and Representation," which was published in *Current Issues in Education*.

> **Bradley Bingham** (Hotel College) was named classified employee of the month for December in the technical category. He is a computer network technician I in the College of Hotel Administration. His duties include managing the technology inventory for the college, providing Help Desk services for the college, managing computer labs, and serving as college webmaster. He will graduate in the fall with a degree in university studies with emphases in management information systems and communications. He has been a full-time employee since 2003.

> **Jack Young** (Kinesiology) organized the annual meeting for the Southwest chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM), which was held in Las Vegas. **Laura Kruskall** (Nutrition Sciences) and **Larry Golding** (Kinesiology) directed the ACSM health and fitness instructor examination that took place during the conference.

> **Patricia Cruz** and **Mark P. Buttner** (Harry Reid Center) co-authored a book chapter titled "Total Fungi and Other Assessment Methods: Quantitative Polymerase Chain Reaction (QPCR)," which was recently published by the American Industrial Hygiene Association in the second edition of the *Field Guide for the Determination of Biological Contaminants in Environmental Samples*.

Tech Savvy

Spring Semester Brings Computer System Upgrades

By **Mamie Peers** | OIT

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.

Computer Replacement

Also this semester OIT is planning the distribution of new computers to many faculty and staff members in academic areas.

"The provost's office has promised the academic areas a yearly sum of \$500,000 to replace aging desktop machines," said Lori Temple, vice provost of information technology. "We have never had replenishable funds for technology replacement, and we want to use it wisely. We've been working with representatives from the academic area to develop a fair and efficient process by which to distribute new computers."

Web Accounts Switch

Faculty and staff web accounts now are handled by OIT rather than by the web services section of the office of marketing and public relations.

Faculty and staff members wanting to create new web accounts should contact the Computing

Resource Center at ext. 5-0777 or at crchelp@unlv.edu.

Going Wireless

Wireless Internet access is expanding to the entire Lied Library. Currently, wireless capability is available only in the Book N' Bean Cafe and in the graduate study area.

A recent survey showed that access throughout the library is a top priority for campus wireless users.

David Peers, network operations center manager, said the goal is to have the project completed this month.

Technology Upgrades

During winter break, six computer lab teaching facilities, five in the Classroom Building Complex and one in Frank and Estella Beam Hall, were updated with state-of-the-art audio and visual equipment.

"New gooseneck microphones and wall-mounted speakers were installed in each of the teaching labs. The only speakers used in the rooms before were the ones available on the projectors," said Darrell Lutey, associate director of campus computing services. "We also installed a new control system that reduces the number of remotes

needed in the room from three or four to none."

In addition, 12 technology-enhanced classrooms were upgraded in Beam Hall and the McDermott Physical Education Complex. "We installed new multimedia projectors, combination VCR/DVD players, easy-to-use control systems, and audio equipment," said A.J. Robinson, computing facilities development manager.

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Spring Sports Promise Power Plays

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 MWC tournament title and advanced to the 2005 Tempe Regional of the NCAA Tournament.

What to Look for This Season: Will the Rebels bring home the MWC 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 3-5 at Wilson Stadium.

Men's Golf

Last Year: The 2005 NCAA west 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 Gonzales 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 Livreri) 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 MWC 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: South Carolina, which eked out a 4-3 win over UNLV last spring en route to



(Left) Sophomore Elena Gantcheva is among the nation's elite. (Above) Junior infielder Chris Bonnell is among 16 returning players looking to make it four straight MWC tournament titles.

a top-20 national ranking, returns to the Fertitta Tennis Complex on March 18.

Women's Tennis

Last Year: MWC runner-up Lady Rebels returned to NCAA postseason play after downing three top-30 teams for first time ever.

What to Look for This Season: Super sophomore Elena Gantcheva's second straight record-breaking fall performance has her ranked in the nation's top 10 heading into spring.

Don't-Miss Events: Top league rivals BYU (March 24) and San Diego State (March 26) come to town during same weekend.

Track and Field

Last Year: UNLV finished sixth at the MWC Indoor Championships and fifth at the outdoor championships 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: 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 Shelia Tarr-Smith Field.

> P-Card

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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. In the next few weeks detailed information regarding the phasing out of LPOs will be issued to campus.

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."

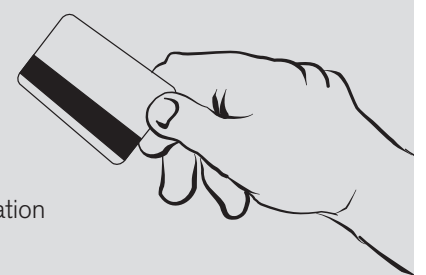
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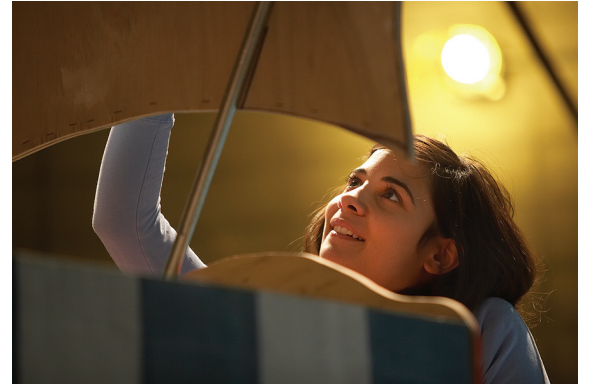
1. Download and complete the p-card application from www.unlv.edu/depts/purchasing/pcard.
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3. Submit paperwork to the p-card coordinator in Campus Services Building, Room 235. Purchasing will contact you to schedule your p-card training.
4. Attend a two-hour training session and pick up your card.



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



Another Op'nin', Another Show



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

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.



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 Hertfelder, head of the costume shop, puts finishing touches on a hat.