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New Singapore campus opens for classes

By Diane Russell | Marketing & PR

You’re bound to notice the changes. The new student union — featuring a full-blown Starbucks — is open for business.

The new student recreation center, slated for a summer 2007 opening, is taking shape on the eastern edge of the Thomas & Mack parking lot.

And the seventh floor has a new resident. President David Ashley arrived in July, becoming UNLV’s eighth president.

The changes don’t end there.

New Campus

One thing you can’t see, but which certainly is of note, is the opening of UNLV’s first international campus last month. UNLV Singapore brings programs from the William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration to Asia. Andy Nazarenchuk of the Hotel College is heading the new campus.

Ashley noted that Singapore is an ideal setting for the campus. “Singapore is thriving, and support for tourism there is second to none,” he said. “UNLV students should really blossom in that environment.”

Construction Continues

For something you can see, take a look at progress on the

Construction on the new student recreation center progresses. The 187,617-square-foot facility is scheduled to open in the summer of 2007.

205,779-square-foot Science Engineering and Technology Building. All underground heating and cooling piping is complete and the steel beam frames have gone up. Delays associated with steel fabrication have delayed construction slightly with completion now scheduled for spring 2008.

And while some things go up, others come down. Gone is the old reflecting pool at the academic mall entrance to the Ham Fine Arts Building; replacing it is a student-designed piece of art. Art and architecture students enrolled in professor Pasha Rafat’s Art in Public Places class designed the piece. Construction was done by the facilities management department. Finishing touches on the project, which received funding from CSUN, will be completed in the next few months.

Changing Faces

Some significant personnel changes have taken place in recent months, too. Among the appointment are:

• Michael Bowers and Dawn Neuman as co-directors of the Office of Executive Vice President and Provost. Both had been serving as vice provosts. They will remain in their new roles until the search for an executive vice president and provost is completed.

• Mark Rudin as interim vice president for research and graduate dean.

• Sociology professor Kate Hausbeck as the Graduate College’s associate dean for academic affairs.

• Engineering professor Robert Abella as associate dean of the Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering. He will spend 75 percent of his time on research and the other 25 percent on recruiting.

• Food and beverage professor Andy Feinstein as associate dean of strategic initiatives for the Hotel College.

More info: To learn about new degrees and programs, visit facultystaffinfo.unlv.edu.

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Quick Take: Making the Most of Your RebelCard

By Cate Weeks | Marketing & PR

If you’ve been here for more than, oh, a month, you probably already have a RebelCard, the official identification card of the campus community. But do you know all the uses? Inside UNLV sat down with Alex Herzog, director of campus card services, to get the scoop.

Books and Beans: Users have taken advantage of their RebelCards more than 2.8 million times during fiscal year 2005-06 to check out library books, make photocopies, and enter the McDermott Physical Education facilities. In addition, the card can be used like a debit card by linking it to a RebelCash account. Campus purchases through RebelCash are tax-free. A dozen vending machines on campus, including those in the residence halls, also accept the cards.

Off-Campus, Too: A number of restaurants, including Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf and Johnny Rockets, accept RebelCash payments, as well as some locations of 7-11 and CVS Pharmacy, Herzog said. The most popular off-campus spot for card users is Chipotle Mexican Grill (see rebelcash.unlv.edu for a full listing).

Department Cards Make Purchases Easy: More than 50 UNLV departments hold cards, primarily to enable faculty and staff to make copies on campus machines.

Caught without Cash for Lunch? Save the ATM fees and deposit money into your RebelCash account from the comfort of your office. Using the online RebelCash system, deposits can be from a bank debit or a credit card. Last year, users conducted $774,000 in RebelCash transactions, with the average transaction costing $4.31.

A Model Program: RebelCard services is moving toward being a self-sustaining unit using a business plan approach that’s novel in higher education. Herzog presented the concept at the National Association of Campus Card Users and the International Users of BlackBoard conferences last year.

Lost Card? Deactivate your card by calling ext. 5-2351 or online at rebelcash.unlv.edu. This will protect any RebelCash you have in your account and prevent library books from being checked out in your name.

More info: The RebelCard office is located in Room 118 of the new student union. Visit rebelcash.unlv.edu.
Learning by Walking Around

My first few weeks and days at UNLV have been truly exciting and informative. In an effort to learn as much as possible about this great university, I have attempted to emulate David Hewlett-Packard founders Bill Hewlett and David Packard’s “management by walking around” philosophy. My “learning by walking around” has been an excellent way to meet so many of you and engage you in conversations about the institution. Through these interactions, I have had the opportunity to learn about our unique history and to experience firsthand the campus culture. Most importantly, these exchanges have given me the opportunity to listen to your thoughts on where the university has been and what you envision for UNLV’s future.

Meeting the Campus Community

Indeed, it has been a great experience learning about the campus and meeting students, staff, and faculty. The campus community has made me feel welcome and has been extremely supportive. In an attempt to organize some of these campus interactions, during this semester and next, I plan to visit the various individual schools, colleges, and units.

Recently, I had the opportunity to visit the College of Education, where I was particularly impressed with the energy and enthusiasm expressed by faculty. During this initial meeting, tough questions were asked and many expressed their desire to take the necessary steps to advance UNLV’s research agenda. I appreciated everyone’s honesty and willingness to explore critical issues that are impacting the university.

In my future visits and tours, I would encourage all to ask questions and think deeply and carefully about what you envision for this institution as it embarks on becoming a stronger research university.

So What Have I Learned Thus Far?

UNLV is a remarkable university. The tremendous amount of enthusiasm and commitment demonstrated by students, faculty, and staff is inspiring. Not only does UNLV impact the lives of students, but also the lives of citizens in the Las Vegas community and beyond.

Just recently, UNLV launched its first international campus, UNLV Singapore, to create opportunities for global impact. I had the good fortune to attend the grand opening and witness firsthand how UNLV’s reputation for excellence is recognized around the globe.

With that said, I believe that the planning foundation for increasing the university’s academic reputation and research agenda is already in place. UNLV, however, has experienced dramatic growth, and with that growth comes many new challenges on the road to achieving these aspirations. Such expansion has seriously strained the university’s resources and created strain on the university as a whole.

The Next Step

I believe the next step in our development as a research institution is to strategically identify and develop more focused centers of academic excellence. This will require a commitment on the part of the entire campus community. Of course, I would expect more discussions and more refined planning to take place before any decisions are made.

Filling Critical Positions

During the next few months, a considerable amount of energy will be devoted to filling critical positions, including three vice presidencies: executive vice president and provost, vice president for research and graduate studies, and vice president for diversity. It is essential that these new appointments possess a mix of research, teaching, and administrative experiences from top research-intensive universities to help lead us in our quest for greater academic distinction.

Filling these key positions will require a significant amount of thought and time on the part of many members of the campus community, and I urge you to participate when given the opportunity.

Continued Interaction

I will admit there is a great deal of ground that I have not physically covered and there is much more for me to learn. Yet, it has been a delight to have met with so many of you already.

Communication is important to me and I hope to continue to interact with many more of you in order to understand the institutional culture from your perspective. I want to continue to learn, listen, and engage all in the process of further building UNLV’s research agenda and elevating its academic stature.

Tech Savvy

Everywhere a Change, Change

New locations and technologies improve services to campus

By Mamie Peers | OIT

Moving both the faculty/staff and student Help Desks is just one of the service improvements made by the office of information technology over the summer.

The IT Help Desk for employees, designed to be the one-stop-shop for computing help, has moved to the Harter Classroom Building Complex, Room B-113.

“Our new spot is a bit more excluded from foot traffic so that, when we’re on the phone with callers, we can focus on our customers,” said Cathy Stevens, manager of client services.

“Before, our desk was in a hallway near a reception area. At our busiest times of the year, it became loud in that area.”

Stevens, manager of client services, “and we want to know how the technician who delivered the cart and a cell phone number to call for help.

“We deliver between 100 and 200 carts a day,” said Rohan Palmer, supervisor of campus media services, “and we want to know how we’re doing. The feedback should help us provide better service.”

Inside UNLV welcomes comments and suggestions. Please e-mail inside.unlv@cmail.nevada.edu or drop a note to Inside UNLV at mail code 1024.

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Let the Arts Begin

By Jennifer Vaughn | Fine Arts

Tony and Emmy Award-winning actor-singer Mandy Patinkin will perform at UNLV on Sept. 16 as part of the New York Stage & Beyond series.

His performance will open the Performing Art Center’s 31st season, and is one of the many performances that will be presented by the various divisions of the College of Fine Arts from now through January.

Patinkin will perform the music and lyrics of Rodgers and Hart, Stephen Sondheim, Harry Chapin, Irving Berlin, and Cole Porter.

The New York Stage & Beyond series also offers:

- Bayanihan Philippine National Dance Company on Oct. 3
- Hello Jerry!: Celebrating the Music and Lyrics of Jerry Herman on Oct. 21
- Grammy and Pulitzer Prize-winning jazz musician Wynton Marsalis on Nov. 1
- the incomparable and award-winning Manhattan Transfer on Dec. 2

Vanda Master Series

The Charles Vanda Master Series, the gold standard in Southern Nevada classical programming since 1976, opens its series with 1 Music (The Musicians) on Oct. 18, the anniversary of the opening of the Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall in 1976. The Boston Globe called 1 Music’s ensemble performance "lyric sweetness."

Other series offerings between now and the end of January are:

- the Moscow State Symphony Orchestra, one of the world’s greatest orchestras, on Nov. 4
- the acclaimed Hungarian State Folk Ensemble on Jan. 18
- Lorin Maazel, music director of the New York Philharmonic, conducting the Filarmonica Arturo Toscanini on Jan. 27

The acclaimed Hungarian State Folk Ensemble is slated to perform on Nov. 18 as part of the Charles Vanda Master Series.

Nevada Conservatory Theatre

The 2006-07 Nevada Conservatory Theatre season features a wide variety of plays divided into two seasons.

The main season will open in October inside the Judy Bayley Theatre with Noel Coward’s Private Lives, a comedy about a once-married couple who run into each other at a hotel where they are honeymooning with their new spouses. It runs Oct. 6-15.

Acclaimed Shakespearian director James Edmondson will direct Twelfth Night, which will be presented Dec. 1-10.

The second season, which is intended for mature audiences because of subject matter and language, begins Sept. 22-Oct. 1 with The Laramie Project, a drama developed and performed by Moises Kaufman and the members of Tectonic Theatre Project related to the kidnapping, torture, and murder of 21-year-old university student Matthew Shepard in Wyoming in the late 1990s.

The Playwrights’ Rep follows at the end of October and into November with two plays from the master of fine arts playwriting program. Carissa Jank’s The Book of Nights (Oct. 27-Nov. 4) is about a woman who heals others in a safe house for abused and battered women but cannot heal herself.

In addition, throughout the year the college offers many gallery exhibitions, a lecture series sponsored by the art department, and the School of Architecture’s Kial Juba Lecture Series.

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UNLV has done a wonderful job of developing a strong and impressive MIS department in a short period of time,” he said. “Given the leadership at both the department and college levels and the high-quality faculty within the department, I know the MIS department will continue to grow in stature and national reputation. I am excited about contributing to that continued growth.”

Thatcher was drawn to teaching and developed a love for research as an undergraduate research assistant. “I enjoy interacting with students and contributing to their education while engaging in innovative research that has significant impacts for businesses and for industry regulators,” he said.

His research examines the strategic and economic impacts of information technology, software patent policy design, and the social costs of information privacy.

UNLV special education professor Tessie Rose knows that teaching our youth, especially those with disabilities, is often a challenging profession. “Unfortunately, some individuals underestimate the level of expertise and the amount of dedication needed to be a teacher, leading many teachers to feel underappreciated and often underpaid,” Rose said. “Good teachers are artists and have a tremendous impact on the lives of students. With qualified teachers, all kids can really learn.”

Her research interests include identifying and addressing variables that increase the quality of life of individuals with cognitive and low-incidence disabilities.

Jo joins the college as an assistant professor in its new School of Informatics. One of the program’s focus areas is her specialty, cyber security. “For example, when you surf the Internet, you will sometimes see a lock icon in a corner of the web browser,” Jo said. “That’s a secure site indicator. Most people wouldn’t care why the icon showed up, what the digital certificate is, or how secure that website is. That’s where my research comes in. I study the things under the hood, like how the interaction between the web browser and the server, or checking whether a hacker can see the message content or create a fake message.”

One goal of the new school is producing a workforce that can bridge computer and business technology and the business world, and become a bridge between the two. The most popular and newest informatics areas include digital cinematography, design of interactive IT systems for resorts and casinos, and developing anti-spam and anti-phishing tools.

Jo worked three years at California State University, Sacramento. Prior to that she spent several years developing telecommunication software for Lucent Technologies, Bell Labs, and a start-up company.
new high notes. “We have an outstanding faculty of music in place, yet we have serious voids in personnel and programmatic resources that prevent us from achieving national and international acclaim — something I hope to accomplish.”

He says he enjoys the odd moments that come with university teaching. In 1986, while a faculty member at the University of Tulsa, Good’s secretary said that he had a call from “some old man who wanted a band to record some of his music.” Good says that without identifying himself, the man said he was looking for a college band to record arrangements of his songs.

“Always somewhat skeptical of these types of calls, I half-listened with one ear and continued working on what I had been doing,” he said. “Only at the end of the conversation did the caller identify himself as Irving Berlin. Unfortunately, Mr. Berlin became ill and died before the project could be completed.”

**FOUNDATION**

Launa Wilson

**Working in the banking industry for 10 years was good for Launa Wilson’s pocketbook but not for her heart.**

“The only thing I could do to help these people I had gotten to know was to offer them a loan,” she said. “I wanted to do more than just loan them money; so I decided to go to school and study something, where I felt I could really make a difference.”

In her new job at UNLV, Wilson is once again involved with money and people, although in a different capacity. As director of development for the Greenspun College of Urban Affairs, she raises money for the college as part of the Invent the Future campaign.

The job brings her back to the university from which she earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in social work. She previously worked for a statewide nonprofit organization. Wilson became passionate about policy issues that affect individuals and families, which got her involved in research and legislative advocacy.

She came back to the university, she said, because she missed the learning environment and being around the students and faculty. An avid gardener, Wilson loves to grow her own vegetables. She relates gardening to her job. “Gardening requires a lot of cultivating and nurturing to help plants grow,” she said. “Similarly, I have to cultivate relationships with potential donors to help them feel connected to the university.”

**HEALTH SCIENCES**

Katherine Howard

**Her research can save lives, but Katherine Howard never imagined it would help save her own.**

Four years ago Howard went to the emergency room with a high fever and very low blood pressure. Although barely coherent, she insisted to the ER personnel that she was in septic shock from a kidney stone.

“Because I was a ‘doctor,’ they immediately took appropriate action before any test results returned,” she said, referring to her Ph.D. “It was extremely ironic and very fortunate that I recognized my symptoms because of the research I do in my lab.”

Howard, an assistant professor of biomedical sciences in the UNLV School of Dental Medicine, said it was also appealing to join such a fledgling laboratory. “I am able to talk with people who are still living off the land,” she said. “That really got me excited about trying to understand human behavior through time.”

**LIBERAL ARTS**

Lisa Frink

Assistant archaeology professor Lisa Frink has found a way to escape the desert heat; she spends time in the Arctic each year conducting research.

As an undergraduate, Frink signed up for an anthropology course to fulfill a liberal arts requirement. A guest lecturer who had worked in the Arctic inspired her future career.

“I was so fascinated by the fact that people are still living off the land,” she said. “That really got me excited about trying to understand human behavior through time.”

Frink, who served a stint in the Coast Guard, said her research interests include studying Native American hunter-gatherers and how their lives have changed since colonialism, as well as their processes of change. For the last 10 years, she has spent time in the Arctic studying the Yup’ik Eskimo people.

“About once a year I talk to the students of the University of Alaska at Fairbanks about how I got started doing research,” Frink said. “I try to explain to a library patron why that is not an effective way to dry a wet book.

The UNLV web services librarian said she will be managing and improving the Libraries’ website. Her job also involves supporting distance learners and ensuring that their information needs are met, even though they aren’t on campus.

Del Bosque, who received her master of library science degree from Indiana University, was previously the head of electronic information and reference services at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

“I knew I wanted to work at a university, but I never could quite limit myself to one field,” she said. “With librarianship I learn something new every day and am able to assist students, faculty, and staff with questions and problems.”

Helping faculty, staff, and students understand how best to use the web in their research is an important focus for today’s university librarians, she said. “Not all the information you need will be found on the web,” she said. “Librarians are trained to help you find the best information on the Internet and elsewhere.”

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When he interviewed recently for his job, he noticed that a lot had changed at UNLV since he graduated 12 years ago. "I saw the commitment that UNLV had made to become a diverse campus and I wanted to be a part of it," he said. "This is a career that will allow me to do a lot of good things for students, the community, and the campus."

Melendrez learned the dynamics of partnerships between universities and communities while working on a university research project after receiving his master’s degree from the University of Michigan in 2003. He was recruited and eventually became the project manager of a study that focused on developing educational programs and workable solutions for diabetes in the Latino and African-American communities.

When he was 10, he read about Pavlov’s dog. He said that he knew earthworms lived in dark places and he wondered if he could train them to prefer lighted areas with electric shocks.

"I already had an offer from a university in Philadelphia and had plans to move there," he said. But still, he thought, it wouldn’t hurt to interview. "When I arrived at UNLV, I was extremely surprised at how dynamic the community is. The more I talked to people, the more I liked it. Even though UNLV is facing many growing pains, there is a lot of enthusiasm.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Peter Kim

Peter Kim has a bit of advice: If you’ve never tried skydiving, try it just once. "It is such an adrenaline rush knowing that you are actually doing something that is death-defying," he said.

Back on the ground, his advice for students helps them avoid freefalls through the academic world. He hopes to help shape the students’ UNLV experience in his new position as academic advisor in University College.

A classic movie buff, whose favorite film is Ben Hur, Kim always thought that he would go to the tenured track route. But while earning his doctoral degree in education from UCLA, he decided he didn’t like the instability of being a tenure-track professor. He also wanted to remain near his family, so he pursued other avenues within higher education.

Advising offered a way to remain in the university environment, interacting with students and in some way still teaching. After advising for a year at a small private college in Los Angeles, he came to UNLV because of the growth and expansion the university is experiencing.

UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Pat Mobley

In 1984, Pat Mobley found herself pouting on the top floor of the Natchez Eola Hotel in Mississippi. She had been promised lunch with then-Vice President George Bush and when told it wasn’t going to happen, she fell apart. She had worked five of his events and each time missed out sitting at his lunch table.

As she picked at a terrible tuna salad in the restaurant, the elevator doors opened. "All I saw was a man’s legs and then heard, ‘Are you Pat Mobley?’ I grunted something in return and then looked up and there was George Bush Sr. with a rolling table of unbelievable food," Mobley said. After gathering herself, she enjoyed a private dinner with the vice president and his wife, Barbara.

Despite the high moments, Mobley eventually realized that she just didn’t have the thick skin and the stomach required for the political world. After 10 years organizing political rallies for presidential and congressional campaigns, her career shifted into general events management. Now the special event and affinity partnerships manager for the alumni relations office, Mobley said she enjoys working with alumni, students, faculty, and staff.

URBAN AFFAIRS

Tara Emmers-Sommer

Too often, people who learn Tara Emmers-Sommer earned a Ph.D. in communication comment to her that she has a degree in “talking.”

“Communication scholars are strong in theory and in methodology,” she said.

“Yes, we do study human communication, but what we do far exceeds ‘talking.’”

Emmers-Sommer, who just spent five years working at the University of Arizona, said she was drawn to her profession because she is interested in relationships and the continuous evolution of the human experience.

“The material applies to everyone,” she said.

“In learning more about the research in this area, you also learn a lot about yourself and those around you.”

Her research focuses on “communicative consumption”— relational and sexual communication and sex and gender issues. Those relate to interpersonal communication, health, and media.

For example, her interests include areas such as sexual coercion, safer sex, and the effect of sexual violence in the media on attitudes toward women.

In addition to teaching, she is the graduate coordinator in the department of communication studies.

Her husband, Thomas Sommer, is an archivist in the Libraries’ special collections section.
The Inside Guide to the New Union

If you haven’t made it over to the new student union (or the first half of it, anyway) here’s the run-down on its many features.

First Phase Highlights

There’s more...
- Food service choices including Panda Express, Taco Bell Express, Sub Connection, Jamba Juice, Pandinis, and Grill 155
- Meeting and conference rooms
- Social and study lounges
- Student organization (CSUN, GPSA, Rebel Yell) and administrative offices

A brand new...
- 300-seat theater
- Starbucks
- TV lounge

Bigger and better...
- Student organization resource area
- Computer lab and student computer help desk
- Social and study lounges

New offices in the union:
Some folks have moved into the new union from other campus locations. They include:
- The Rebel Yell
- The Graduate and Professional Student Association (new satellite office)
- Student Computing Help Desk
- UNLV Catering

As in the past, university departments won’t be charged for space rental if their planned event is free and the expected non-UNLV attendance doesn’t exceed 20 percent of overall attendance. New this year, conference space holders will be charged for the use of audio/visual and other equipment.

More info: Contact the student life scheduling and conferences office at ext. 5-4449.

Building & Info Desk Hours
Monday-Saturday, 7 a.m.-midnight
Sundays, noon-midnight
Hours may vary based on holidays and the academic schedule.

Important Phone Numbers
Information Desk: 5-3221
Rebel Card Services: 5-2351
Student Involvement and Activities: 5-5631
Scheduling and Conferences: 5-4449
Student Computing Help Desk: 5-0761
Diversity Programs and Services: 5-6624
Involvement Center: 5-5576
Rebel Yell: 5-3878
Catering: 5-2650
CSUN: 5-3645

What’s Your Flavor?
Walk into the new union from the Maryland Parkway entrance and it won’t take long before you smell the aroma of fresh Italian stromboli, spicy Mexican tacos, and flavorful orange chicken. Filled with eats suited for anyone’s taste buds, the food court offers plenty of options to calm those hunger pangs.

Starbucks
If your morning Starbucks run is making you five minutes late every day, fret no more. A full-service Starbucks is now here in the northwest corner of the union.
Hours: Monday-Saturday, 7 a.m.-11 p.m.
Sunday, noon-11 p.m.

Grill 155
Satisfy your taste for a good, old-fashioned American meal with a cheeseburger, fries, and a soda at Grill 155. They’re open early for breakfast, too.
Hours: Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday, closed

Taco Bell Express
Enjoy all of your favorite Taco Bell tacos, burritos, and nachos at this express location.
Hours: Monday-Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-11 p.m.
Sunday, noon-4 p.m.

Panda Express
Traditional Chinese food served hot, fresh, and fast.
Hours: Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-11 p.m.
Sunday, noon-11 p.m.

Sub Connection
Made-to-order sandwiches and wraps are served at the Sub Connection.
Hours: Monday-Friday, 10:30 a.m.-11 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m.-11 p.m.
Sunday, noon-4 p.m.

Jamba Juice
Jamba Juice once again brings its lighter fare back to campus. Cool off with a fruit smoothie while you get through the last of these hot days.
Hours: Monday-Thurs, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday, noon-4 p.m.

Pandini’s
Pandini’s offers fresh Italian classics. Enjoy wood-fired pizza, specialty salads, and a variety of pastas made to order.
Hours: Monday-Thurs, 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday, closed

Reserve a Room
Hold your conference or meeting in style. Book space in one of the union’s conference rooms, which feature:
- Wireless Internet access (must have an active UNLV wireless account)
- Built-in screens and white boards
- Multiple room configurations to accommodate different needs
- Rooms with views of campus and surrounding areas

Phase Two Construction
The existing Moyer Student Union closed its doors for the last time Aug. 4. The building will be demolished this fall to make room for the second phase of the project, scheduled for completion in fall 2007. The finished project will bring you a 10,000-square-foot ballroom, game room, convenience store, retail stores, and outdoor patio seating.
**Scoping Out the New Union**

By Diane Russell | Marketing & PR

As promised, the new student union is bigger and better, offering more space, more food outlets, and more amenities. And that’s just phase one. The second phase, slated for completion in fall 2007, will offer even more features, including a bigger ballroom.

By comparison, the Moyer Student Union totaled 78,000 square feet, while the first phase of the new union is 100,000 square feet. Another 35,318 square feet will come with the second phase.

Most of the moving was completed during the three-day period beginning July 25, with a predetermined number of offices moving each day. The order in which offices moved was coordinated with an eye to minimizing disruption of regular business. Professional movers handled the large items, while staff members carried over some smaller things.

(Far left) James “Mac” Hayes, executive director of student life facilities, who spearheaded construction of the union, descends its main staircase. (Left) Two employees of Pandini’s, one of the union’s new food outlets, practice making pizza before the union’s opening. (Above) Karen Strong, associate vice president for student life, carries a plant to her new digs.