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Winter Break Reminder

Winter break will be here before you know it. Many offices will be closed Dec. 22 through Jan. 1. Offices remaining open include:
• human resources
• payroll
• university police
• information technology
• some library facilities
Before you leave, remember to shut down your computers and turn off your lights.

Don’t Forget Commencement Dec. 21

Winter commencement will be 9 a.m. Dec. 21 in the Thomas & Mack Center. Unlike spring commencement when the colleges are divided between two ceremonies, in the winter all graduates participate in a single ceremony.

Holiday Party Set for Dec. 10

The president’s annual holiday reception for faculty and staff is set for 4-6 p.m. Dec. 10 in the ballroom of the Student Union.

UNLV jazz studies students will provide music, and a dance floor will be provided. Additionally, a lounge area where people can play games will be available.

“We wanted to give this year’s reception a different feel,” said Tori Klein, special events manager for the president’s office. “Moving from the Barrick Museum to the ballroom makes that possible.”

Safety in Numbers

Group Effort Key in Catching Thief

By Shane Bevell | Marketing & PR

Police chief Jose Elique hopes everyone on campus follows the example of Jeremy Hall.

In October, the lock shop technician noticed a pattern of unauthorized Marlock card usage in an area where a rash of computer thefts were occurring. Using that information, facilities management assigned software engineer Indika Jayasekera to develop a system that alerted both facilities personnel and university police whenever the unauthorized card was used. This real-time alert, which included the building, room number, and time, was relayed via computer pop-up and text message.

The group effort resulted in the thief being caught. Coordinating the plan along with Hall and Jayasekera were Richard Storlie, director of administrative services, and Karl Reynolds, director of facilities maintenance.

Elique said the cooperation with facilities management is an example of UNLV’s community policing philosophy. “I want our officers to be more visible and accessible, and to establish relationships with those we serve because those people act as our eyes and ears.”

Tips for Staying Safe

• be aware of surroundings
• walk with someone
• stay away from isolated areas
• stay near street lights
• hold your purse or briefcase close to your body
• call ext. 5-3668 to have student security walk you to your car

The university maintains more than 70 emergency call boxes, identifiable by their blue lights. They will connect you directly with UNLV police dispatchers. Visit maps.unlv.edu for call box locations.
Zeroing In On Two Key Values

In a few years, when we reflect back on what I believe will be a period of considerable achievement, one characteristic will stand out: a decision-making culture that adheres to UNLV’s core values. At the Focus: 50 to 100 town hall sessions, the campus thoughtfully discussed the values that UNLV does and should embody. This month, I want to expand on two of these, student-centered education and sustainability.

Student-centeredness is a familiar concept in higher education. For us to embrace it as a core value, everyone — even those who seem to have little actual contact with students — must place the success of our students at the forefront of all that they do. We all affect the student experience. This means, for example, that we must vigilantly question our systems and processes with the aim of serving the student, rather than the administration.

In past years, our incredible growth hampered our ability to be as student-centered as we desired. We operated with an abundance of students; thus, some barriers to student access and success received attention, but not the focus and dedication we all know they deserve. With flattening enrollment and a low persistence rate, it is imperative that our campus genuinely embraces a student-centered culture.

Take our admissions and enrollment processes, for example. With the recognition that a student’s time is valuable, we have made some important improvements in the admissions process. Today we have made it a priority, and this is reflected in the time and space we are dedicating to improving the process. We also have identified some cumbersome alternative admissions procedures and are eliminating the unnecessary steps. And our student financial aid and business operations units are working closer to ensure that back-end systems minimize the bureaucracy encountered by a student.

Sustainability

Another important value is a commitment to sustainable practices. I believe UNLV must be the community leader in this regard. Our new facilities are putting us at the forefront. However, sustainability goes well beyond building “green.” With our fiscal resources, we must invest wisely in programs and initiatives with the most potential for long-term viability. In our business practices, we are striving to convert paper-based procedures into electronic ones. In the classroom, we need to infuse the curriculum with the information our students will need to practice sustainability in their future fields. Just as with diversity education, sustainability cuts across all disciplines — from biology and political science to accounting and art.

Student-centeredness and sustainability are only two values being discussed during the planning process. At the end of the process, we will have an opportunity to comment on draft documents.

Next Steps for the Planning Process

The Focus: 50 to 100 town hall meetings will wrap up Dec. 7. The steering committee will then condense the ideas discussed and send its feedback to the president’s cabinet. By mid-March, the campus community will have an opportunity to comment on draft documents.

Don’t waste time thumbing through the campus directory to find the human resources (HR) numbers you need now. Cut and save this helpful telephone list.

Staff Development

Learn how to create WebContracts, speak Spanish, or improve your business writing skills through workshops offered by the office of staff development. The office can also customize trainings for your team. Call ext. 5-0402.

Health Insurance Contacts

PPO Plan

For questions about a claim, call 877-963-8232. To find a doctor in your network, call 242-7770. For pre-certifications, call 888-323-1461.

HMO Plan

For questions about a claim or to find a doctor in your network, call 242-7300. For prior authorizations or referrals, call 800-745-7065.

Dental

Whether you are on the HMO or PPO plan, call 869-6200 to find a dentist in the network. For claims questions, call 877-963-8232.

Main Telephone Line

Still have questions? Call the HR main telephone line at ext. 5-3504.

Benefits

Have questions on health insurance, supplemental insurance, retirement, or grant-in-aid? Call a benefits counselor at ext. 5-0924.

Employee Relations

To fill an open position in your department or office, call the employment office. The office can assist you with the recruitment process, answer salary questions, and coordinate search committees. Call ext. 5-2894.

Job Hotline

Looking to grow professionally or join the university? Call the job hotline at ext. 5-1666 to hear the latest classified job opportunities.

How to Enter

By E-mail — Send your answers to inside@unlv.edu by Dec. 12. To be eligible for the prize you must:

• Include the word “trivia” in the subject line of your e-mail

• Include your name, title, department, and telephone extension

Picture This: Test Your UNLV Knowledge

It’s almost never too late to play UNLV’s Picture This: 50th Anniversary Trivia Contest. Don’t wait. Enter today. The winner for participating in the contest last month is Aurore Giguet of the Barrick Museum. Just for participating, she wins a 50th anniversary gift bag filled with a variety of fun items.

1 The dedication ceremony for this campus landmark was covered on the Evening News with Walter Cronkite? (c. Princeton)

• a. Flashlight
• b. Talisman
• c. Clock Tower

2 Who designed the piece? (Ascending) on Caterpillar Tracks

• a. Claes Oldenburg and Coosje van Bruggen
• b. Kevin Robb
• c. Lee Pascal and Rita Deann Abbey

3 At which university is the sculpture Lipstick (Ascending) on Caterpillar Tracks, designed by the same artist or artists, located?

• a. Harvard
• b. Yale
• c. Princeton

The answers to last month’s questions:

The answers, and fill out the information below. Then send your entry to Inside UNLV at mailstop 1024.

By Campus Mail — Cut out this box, circle the answers, and fill out the information below. Then send your entry to Inside UNLV at mailstop 1024.

Name:
Title:
Department:
Phone:
E-mail:
Police Enjoy Singing the Blues

UNLV Officers Form Campus Choir

By Shane Bevell | Marketing & PR

Have you ever passed a pair of UNLV police officers and heard them singing under their breaths? Don’t be alarmed; they are just practicing for an upcoming performance.

Officer Laura Tramposch, a UNLV alumna, formed the police choir almost a year ago with Dan Bennett, deputy chief of the College of Southern Nevada police. “I want people to see us as humans and not just police officers,” Tramposch said. “I want us to be more visible on campus. When I was a student here, I didn’t even know there was a police department.”

When the choir’s first director left, Tramposch turned to professor David Weiller, who directed her in the university choir when she was a student, to help her find a replacement.

Music education major April Drohn, whose father is a police officer, said the group is developing an a cappella version of Bad Boys (the COPS theme song) and Danny Boy, and O Canada! for an upcoming performance.

“The only requirements to sing in the choir are that you are a police officer and have a good attitude,” said Tramposch, who has been a university police officer more than a year.

The choir has performed at the UNLV awards banquet, where the police officer of the year award was presented, and for the Latin Chamber of Commerce. So far, its repertoire includes three songs — “The Star Spangled Banner,” “Danny Boy,” and “O Canada!” — but Tramposch said the group is developing an a cappella version of Bad Boys (the COPS theme song) and “I Fought the Law (and the Law Won).”

Choir members also include Lt Jeff Green, Sgt. Scott Lewardowski, Staphani Preston, Denise Murphy, and Michael Lenza.
Moving Memorial
Student Angelina Fernandez places a flower during a ceremony that was part of the annual Take Back the Night event. Each flower represents someone from Southern Nevada who died as a result of domestic violence during 2006. A total of 40 flowers were placed.

Business
UNLV Receives High Ranking for Advertising Scholarship
UNLV recently was ranked as one of the top 10 universities nationwide for the publication of scholarly research focused on advertising, according to an article in the Journal of Advertising.

The article was based on research conducted at Old Dominion University. Researchers used methodology from a study completed 10 years ago of advertising scholarship in the top three advertising specialty journals. That study, in turn updated a previous study published in 1990. While many institutions maintained the positions they held in previous studies, UNLV rose to number nine on the list of 395 institutions. Previously, UNLV was well below the top 50.

The author primarily attributed UNLV’s dramatic climb to scholarly articles published by professors Michael LaTour of the College of Business and Kathy LaTour of the College of Hotel Administration. The study found they were within the top 3 percent of most productive authors out of more than 1,000 authors contributing in the 10-year period.

Education
Campus Hosts Addiction Research Event
The campus recognized National Addiction Recovery Month in September with a variety of events organized by professor Larry Ashley of the department of counseling education.

The Nevada Association of Addiction Professionals hosted some of the top names in the field at a conference on campus Sept. 27 and 28.

More than 100 people attended the conference, which featured Darryl Inaba, an internationallyknown addictions specialist; David Smith, a national leader in addiction medicine; Jeffrey Wilkens, one of the country’s leading addiction psychiatrists; and Peter Mansky, who is widely published in psychopharmacology and addiction psychiatry.

Sony Canteenwala, a renowned addictions chiropractor, also made a presentation, as did George Kaiser, a certified addictions treatment physician specializing in nicotine addiction; Victor Sandoval, an expert in addiction problems in dentistry; Melissa Piasecki, a psychiatrist specializing in underserved populations; and dentist James Tracy, who specializes in addiction as a family issue.

Topics ranged from the science of addictions to developments in treatment and the impact of addiction on oral health. Among the other topics were co-occurring disorders and prescription drug use.

Additionally, the Student Organization for Addiction Professionals sponsored a booth on campus Sept. 20. National Addiction Professional Day.

Engineering
Yantis Named Teacher of the Year
Computer science professor Angelo Yanti’s has been named the 2007 teacher of the year by the Technology Business Alliance of Nevada.

Yantis, who has been at UNLV for 25 years, is the director of the UNLV digital image processing and computer graphics laboratory. His research interests include digital image processing, underwater acoustics, statistical signal processing, computer graphics, geostatistics, computer simulation, and pattern recognition. He has published more than 100 research papers in refereed journals and refereed conferences. He teaches classes in digital image processing, computer graphics, statistical pattern recognition, and cryptography.

“My greatest moments are those when my students soar to new heights through the application of what I deliver in my courses,” Yantis said.

Fine Arts
Messiah Performance Leads December Events
Guest conductor David Weiller conducts the UNLV Symphony Orchestra in G.F. Handel’s Messiah at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2. Tickets are $10 general admission, $8 for seniors, $5 for UNLV faculty and staff, and free to all students with valid ID.

UNLV Jazz Ensembles II and UNLV Jazz Combos perform in concert at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4 in the Black Box Theatre. Tickets are $10 general admission, $7 for seniors, and free to all UNLV students with valid ID.

The Messiah production is part of a 10-year period.

More info: Call ext. 5-2787 or visit finearts.unlv.edu.

Graduate
Fair Encourages Students to Stay at UNLV for Graduate Studies
The college recently held its first Fall Graduate Student Recruitment Fair, an event designed to enable UNLV’s undergraduates to learn more about specific graduate programs, the graduate school experience, and admissions processes.

The goal is to encourage undergraduates to continue their UNLV studies at the graduate level, according to Kate Hausbeck, senior associate dean of the Graduate College.

“Fair is designed to recruit the best undergraduates that UNLV has to offer for our master’s and doctoral programs,” Hausbeck said. “We are committed to providing a seamless and applicant-friendly process to attract and admit diverse and highly talented future alumni of UNLV.”

Prospective graduate students were encouraged to drop into the event and meet informally with representatives from approximately 40 different graduate programs, as well as staff from the Graduate College and graduate student financial services.

Also represented were the Graduate and Professional Student Association and a number of other campus units that serve students’ needs.

Hotel
Professors to Develop Training Tool for Latino Workers
Researchers from the Hotel College will be working with colleagues at the University of Missouri, Columbia to develop a food-safety training program that is culturally customized for Latina and Latino employees.

The three-year project received a $600,000 competitive grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In targeting Latinos and Latinas, it is reaching out to the largest group of food service workers in the United States.

Hotel management professor Mehmet Erdem is spearheading the project, along with hospitality and beverage management professor Audrey McCool and Seonghee Cho, a hotel and restaurant management professor at the University of Missouri. Cho also is an alumna of UNLV’s College of Hotel Administration.

The team of researchers will design and develop a computer-based instructional tool to train participants in proper food handling and temperature control and safety practices for cooking, serving, cooling, and reheating food.

Food safety training programs long have been available in multiple languages, but, according to Erdem, those programs have not incorporated culturally sensitive techniques.

The local and national restaurant industry supports the project, Erdem said.

Law
Bar Exam Passing Rate Continues to Climb
The school continued its trend of excellent — and improving — bar results when students took the Nevada bar exam during the summer.

This year an all-time high of 85 percent of first-time test takers from the William S. Boyd School of Law passed. This is almost 20 points higher than the overall passage rate of 65 percent for all test takers and represents the third consecutive year that Boyd passage rates exceeded the state rate.

Liberal Arts
Ramsey Joins Philosophy Faculty
Noted philosopher and cognitive scientist William Ramsey joined the philosophy faculty this fall after 18 years at the University of Notre Dame, one of the country’s top philosophy departments.

Across Campus
Cambridge Press recently published his book on psychological and neuroscientific theories of mental representation. He has considered one of Notre Dame’s best teachers and was the youngest faculty member to win all of the university’s major teaching awards.

“Many students expect philosophy to be boring, obscure, and irrelevant,” Ramsey said. “But a great deal of philosophy is exactly the opposite — it is provocative, fun to think about, and extremely important to how we view our lives. That’s the sort of philosophy they hear about in my class.”

He also said he was drawn to UNLV both because of its excellent faculty and because of the natural resources in the surrounding area. As one of the country’s premier rock climbers, Ramsey liked the idea of Red Rock Canyon, Calico Basin, and the cliffs of Mount Charleston being right next door.

**Nursing School Helps Community Deal With Multicultural Issues**

More than 80 nurses from California and Nevada attended the inaugural multicultural conference, “Nurse to Nurse: Celebrating Diversity and Bridging the Gap,” on campus this fall.

This conference provided a forum to exchange strategies to deal with an increasing diversity of patients and health-care workers. It also addressed cultural issues for nurses in the workplace while enhancing team effectiveness among nurses from different racial and ethnic backgrounds. It was specifically designed to help nurses learn from other nurses.

The conference featured a keynote address by Josephine Campinha-Bacote, a well-known cultural competency expert. The School of Nursing’s Yu Xu presented his latest published research, “International Nurses’ Experiences in Western Countries.” Concurrent sessions addressed communication, clinical differences, marginalization, and cultural uprooting.

Carolyn Yucha, dean of the School of Nursing; Christine Clark, vice president for diversity and inclusion; and Neal Smatresk, executive vice president and provost, welcomed attendees.

The School of Nursing hosted the event along with the Nevada Nurses Association, Hispanic Nurses Association, Southern Nevada Black Nurses Association, and the Philippine Nurses Association. Leaders from the National Black Nurses Association attended from Boston and Washington, D.C.

The conference planning committee included co-chairs Deborah Warner and Yu Xu, Tish Smyre, Tony Allen, Mary Bondmass, Belen Warner and Yu Xu, Yucha. The Division of Educational Outreach assisted.

**Libraries ASL Celebrates 10th Anniversary**

On Sept. 15, 1997, the architecture studies library (ASL) opened the doors to a 16,000-square-foot facility designed by architect Steve Swisher. Students in professor Attila Lawrence’s interior design class selected the furnishings.

That was the beginning of a 10-year relationship among faculty, students, and a staff dedicated to delivering a variety of services to the campus and the community. The ASL provides resources on architecture, landscape architecture, urban planning, construction, and interior design, as well as collections on Las Vegas architecture and architects.

More than 85,000 individuals from the design disciplines throughout the Las Vegas Valley use the ASL every year. It is a place to experience new design books, DVDs, and periodicals in addition to lectures, special events, and gallery exhibits.

**University College College Hosts Majors Fair**

The college and CSUN hosted the 10th annual Major Exploration Fair in October. Approximately 400 students and 150 faculty and staff attended. A large majority of students — 82 percent — said the event helped them gain valuable information about majors and careers.

This year’s theme was “Dancing with the Majors.” More than 30 different UNLV schools, colleges, departments, and advising centers participated in this lively event.

**Across Campus**

Nancy Cleveland discusses the Xerox iGen digital production press as she leads a tour during the annual reprographics open house. No, that’s not her normal office attire. She dressed as Lucy from I Love Lucy because the tour took place at Halloween. The iGen can insert customized color images and text while it prints to create more effective publications.
How to Back Up Your Data

**Method**

1. Request a "vector" account through the IT help desk at 6-0777 Or, go to newstudent.unlv.edu.
2. Pick a day, and copy your key folders over to it. Or, save all of your important files there.

**Instructions**

- OT promises nightly back-ups and can restore data even if you decide to delete it.
- Files are accessible from home and office.
- Easy to learn — just save your files to your H: or S: drive instead of signing on to your C: drive.
- Limited space. If you use a lot of photo and video files, an external hard drive might be better.

**Pros**

- Can be done from home and can be saved to a network drive.
- No need to lose track of where your files are.
- Data is read only.

**Cons**

- Easy to lose track of versions.
- Can lose the CD/DVD.
- Time consuming.

**Network Drives**

- Storing your files to a server that’s connected to a network is an easy method of backing up.
- Files for faculty and staff, the office of information technology (OT) offers 1 GB of space. Every night, OT copies the data to those servers for you.
- Some people pay for a similar service through Apple, or through companies like L训sh, that charge a monthly fee for a similar service.

**External Hard Drives**

- A device that holds data and appears as a "drive" on your computer.
- External hard drives hold between 80 GB and 1 TB (gigabyte and terabyte) of data.
- The larger the drive, the more a data costs.
- Determines the size of your key files or the amount of space computer on your hard drive to determine the size of the files you need.
- Purchase a drive at any retail store.
- Plug it into your computer.
- Copy important files.

**CDs and DVDs**

- Coping files to CDs and DVDs is one more way of keeping "safe" copies of compute data.
- 1. Purchase blank CDs.
- 2. Load a CD in your computer.
- 3. Burn your files to the CD.

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**Submit Your News**

E-mail entries to inside@unlv.edu. Items should be no more than 100 words.

**Tech Savvy**

**A Lesson From Mamie: Back It Up**

By Mamie Peers | OT

Last semester I became a statistic. My computer hard drive crashed, and, with it, two years of my graduate student research. The grinding noise upon start-up should have told me to back-up my files. But I didn’t listen.

Evidently, I’m not alone.

"We see between three to five irrecoverable hard drive crashes per week on campus," said Ed Hawkins, supervisor of desktop services.

He said that when he tells people their computer data is lost for good, users experience stages of “denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance.”

Then, and only then, do they fix the problem with magic or through spiritual methods.

"Almost no one backs up data," he said. "Not even computer people."

His advice? Make backing up computer data as routine as turning off your light offices. Copy your data elsewhere in case your computer experiences an untimely death today.

Start this month right by choosing a second location for your files and setting time aside to copy them.

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**Spotlight On Accomplishments**

> **Henry Bullard** (Facilities Maintenance) was named classified employee of the month in the custodial category for November. A custodial worker I, he has been employed at UNLV since February 2006.

> **Ann McDonald** (Honors) presented a workshop on Oral History Theatre at the Educational Theatre Association national conference in New York.

> **Carolyn Yucha** (Nursing) is a co-author on two chapters in Cardiac Nursing (Saunders, 2007). "Hypertension as a Risk Factor" and "Management of Hypertension."

> **Jerry Robinson** (Educational Outreach) was named a classified employee of the month in the administrative category for November. An administrative assistant IV, he provides administrative support to E.G. Phillips and Christopher Shearer. A UNLV employee since 2002, he has worked in educational outreach since May. Before that, he worked in the offices of the registrar and the general counsel.

> **David M. Hassenzahl** (Environmental Studies) was elected to the Council of the Society for Risk Analysis.

> **Algerian Hart** (Honors) presented "Access to College: No Excuses" at Sociology (Phi Alpha Theta) at Central Missouri State University in February. Central Missouri State was among the presenting authors at a session titled "Competition: What It Means to America" that was also invited to make a presentation and became a panelist in the session, "Comparative Models of How It Does For Us and What It Does to Us."

> **Lawrence J. Mullen** (Journalism and Media Studies) is the author of the book, Las Vegas Media and Myth, published earlier this year by Lexington Books.

> **Patrick W. Carlton** and **Carl R. Steinhoff** (Educational Leadership) presented a paper titled "Building an Urban School District in the Desert: The Historical and Climatic Evolution of Public Education in Las Vegas, Nevada," at the annual conference of the Northern Rocky Mountain Educational Research Association. Carlton also was co-author, along with **Pamela Salazar** (Educational Leadership) and **Patti Chance** (Educational Leadership), of an article titled "The Role of Technology in Leadership Preparation for the Millennial Generation: The UNLV Story," published in NCPREA Connects, the peer-reviewed web publication of the National Council of Professors of Educational Administration. And, he authored a piece, "Leadership: The 'Constant Variable' in Emergency Management," for the UNLV executive master of science in crisis and emergency management web-based newsletter.
Law Students Get Their Day in Court

Moot Court Also Will Serve State Supreme Court

By Allison Miller | UNLV Foundation

Judicial proceedings — both real and mock — now have a new home at UNLV.

The recently opened Thomas & Mack Moot Court facility at the William S. Boyd Law School will provide a location for the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Nevada Supreme Court to meet when in town. It also will give faculty and students the opportunity to stage simulated trials in a courtroom setting.

The facility houses a 6,000-square-foot courtroom and can seat more than 180 people. Funded by a $3 million donation from Joyce Mack, the Tom Thomas and E. Parry Thomas families, and William S. Boyd, the building was designed by architects at Rees Associates. The donation is part of the Invent the Future campaign.

U.S. District Judge James Mahan, who teaches trial advocacy classes at UNLV, said the moot court will provide students valuable practice. “Trying a case is like nothing else in the human experience, and the moot court duplicates the experience you would have in a real courtroom,” said Mahan.

Integrated technology allows faculty and students to use the latest techniques in assisted evidence presentation. The facility will also be used by the law school’s trial advocacy program, Kids Court, and other appellate and advocacy programs.

Dean John White said he believes that this facility will help raise the profile of UNLV.

“State-of-the-art technology and a reconfigurable court bench make this a unique setting for the campus to host a wide variety of events,” he said, noting that both a delegation of Russian judges and a U.S. Senate committee already have used the building.

The facility garnered international attention at the National Center for State Courts Technological Conference, according to the dean. He expects interest will grow as more people become aware of what the facility has to offer.

Mark Your Calendars

The grand opening of the Thomas & Mack Moot Court at the Boyd School of Law is at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 7.

Another Take

Sue Fawn Chung

Professor of Chinese History

Rebel since: 1975

Typical day: I usually arrive here at 7 a.m. and prepare my lectures. The rest of the day I teach, meet with students, attend meetings, and answer e-mail. I also try to squeeze in time to work on two books I am writing on Chinese Americans who worked in the mining and lumber industries in Nevada. Then I go home and collapse.

Perfect day: A whole day of uninterrupted writing and research.

Biggest challenge: Funding and staying current in my research. I just got back from China. I hadn’t been there in over 20 years. China is undergoing modernization that is just mind-boggling. What I learned will change my teaching tremendously.

People would be surprised to know: I was a child actress. I worked with Johnny Carson, Humphrey Bogart, Jane Russell, and Marlon Brando. I also did a lot of “B” movies with John Wayne. On the small screen, I worked on shows such as My Three Sens and General Hospital.

Favorite actor: I really enjoyed working with Marlon Brando. He was a true craftsman and was very kind to everyone, even those who weren’t big stars.

Christopher Myers

Electrician, Sam Boyd Stadium

Rebel since: 1999

Typical day: Every morning I have a cup of coffee. But that’s the only typical thing. On any given day, I replace the stadium lights, drive a water truck, set up goal posts for games, or fix breakers. In this position there is always something different to do each day.

Biggest challenge: Power outages. Four years ago during a UNLV vs. Wisconsin game, the power went out with 13 minutes left in the fourth quarter. The power didn’t come back on until several hours later so they had to call the game. Wisconsin won.

What makes you successful at your job: Knowing the facility and having the ability to perform functions other than just electrical.

Most memorable event at Sam Boyd: During a State Farm employee appreciation event at the stadium, Glen Frey of The Eagles performed. The Eagles is my favorite band. I had the opportunity to sit in a suite and watch the entire show.

Afternoon pick-me-up: Sunshine and caffeine.

People would be surprised to know: I once bungee jumped off the Circus Circus.
From left to right, UNLV volunteers Lisa Arth of advancement, Pat Mobley of alumni relations, and Isabelle Johnson of marketing and public relations, help the CNN floor director fine-tune the sound in preparation for the debate. Mobley had just been given Wolf Blitzer’s autograph, which she wanted for a friend who is going through chemotherapy and whose hero is Blitzer. Mobley thought it would boost her friend’s morale.

Approximately 400 faculty, staff, and students attended the debate watch party in the Student Union ballroom. (Left) More than 350 media members, including representatives from The New York Times, Japanese network television, and local media, covered the debate.

(Above) Wolf Blitzer, left, debate moderator and anchor of CNN’s The Situation Room and Lou Dobbs, anchor of Lou Dobbs Tonight, preview the Democratic Presidential Debate. (Right) The debate, held in the Cox Pavilion, had 2,400 attendees.

Gettin’ Ready for Prime Time