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Career seekers should bring 50 resume copies and dress for success but wear comfortable shoes.

More Info: Go to hire.unlv.edu/careerdaysponsors.html

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By Cake Weeks | Marketing & PR

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How did UNLV plan for budget cuts?

Last fall we began engaging the campus in thoughtful analysis of where we can invest our funds for the greatest return. We had forecasted a significant reduction in our state budget for the 2009 session. This is tied directly to our changing enrollment profile. With more selective admissions and standard focus on elevating our research programs, we have moved from a period of dramatic growth to a leveling off of enrollment. Unfortunately, the state’s current funding formula rewards growth. Our projections indicate reductions of more than $40 million in state general funds for the 2009 biennium.

So, the preparations we were making for the 2009 session positioned us to respond to a short fall in the current biennium. What we have developed is a thoughtful plan that minimizes long-term adverse impacts of cuts.

Which of the current cuts concerned you the most?

All NSHE institutions will defer the award of merit raises for six months. This measure affects our most productive faculty and staff members, who are quite deserving of a merit-based raise.

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mories” that legislators awarded to the Saltman Center for Conflict Resolution, the Black Mountain Institute, the Women’s Research Institute of Nevada, and the Center for Health Disparities Research. UNLV is identifying non-state resources to restore about 10 percent of the funding, Ashley said.

NSHE also has elected to return $10 million that had been appropriated by the Legislature for the first phase of its iNerigate project, an automated student information system. The NSHE will use its own funds to continue progress on the project. To finish the project, administrators anticipate that the state’s contribution will be reinstated in the next legislative session. In addition, Ashley successfully lobbied for UNLV to be the pilot university for implementation of the new student information system.

Differential Cuts

Minimizing impact on the key areas — academic integrity, students’ progress, and research programs — meant that the board cuts were not doled out to units. The finance and business units will absorb the greatest cuts: 3.8 percent for the remainder of this fiscal year and 8.5 percent for 2008-09. The academic units will cut less than 1 percent this fiscal year and about 2 percent next year.

“Certainly, that approach wasn’t taken because somebody thought my unit is flush with resources,” Bomotti said. “I think my unit recognizes that UNLV is an academic enterprise and that we are going to realize a better return on our investment by placing the priority on students and faculty.”

The cuts will mean delays in filling some positions and slower, back-end processing times. “In some ways, strangely enough, you’ll see more activity,” Bomotti said. “We’ll be especially aggressive when there is a one-time investment that will bring future payback in terms of reduced energy costs and staff time.”

Bomotti’s division is continuing to roll out a more efficient purchasing system and will move forward with a request for proposal for an automated travel system. Tier-reduction efforts and installation of new heating and cooling control systems in the Carlson Education and White Hall buildings — both long-term cost-saving measures — will proceed.

On the academic side, some classroom technology upgrades and lab renovations will be delayed, and funds for the president’s research infrastructure awards will be cut nearly in half, to $550,000.

GreeenSpun Hall and the Science and Engineering Building will open, but with reductions in funding for the furniture and equipment.

“We have such a critical need for academic space that I am committed to opening these buildings,” Ashley said. “Priority will be given to the academic areas. So, to oversimplify the approach we will take, the classrooms will have seats when the buildings open, but the lobbies might not be fully furnished.”

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Information: UNLV’s full budget-reduction plan is available on the NSHE website at system.nevada.edu.

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Employees Encouraged to Tout UNLV to Friends

By Shane Bevell | Marketing & PR

When your neighbor’s teenager asks you about UNLV, do you get tongue-tied? Your insider’s perspective can help UNLV’s student recruitment efforts, said Suzanne Espinoza, associate vice president for enrollment and student services.

“Working at UNLV means something in this community,” she said. “Whether it is your mechanic or dry cleaner, they consider your opinion to be important because you are a credible source. What you say, whether it is positive or negative, really has an impact, especially if they have kids who are considering attending UNLV.”

What to Know & Say

As an employee, the most important information you can provide a future student is about what the university does and the experiences that students can expect to have. Knowing the cost of tuition, the availability of financial aid, and what it takes to get admitted can also be helpful. “The more people that can get the message out, the better. There are 330 employees on campus who can help promote UNLV to prospective students and their parents,” Espinoza said.

To familiarize yourself with the admissions process, spend a few minutes browsing different websites — admissions, registration, student financial services — and the “About UNLV” page. You can also sign up at facultystaff.unlv.edu to participate in recruitment events and other outreach efforts. Recruitment employees can visit your department during staff meetings to present information on how to speak with prospective students.

“If a friend or acquaintance asks you a question about UNLV that you don’t know the answer to, say, ‘I don’t know, but let me find the answer or see whom we can talk to,’” said Espinoza.

When you don’t have the answer, reach out to advisors in academic departments or professionals in financial services, admissions, or the registrar’s office. The personal attention you help provide can ease the transition to UNLV for students, Espinoza said.

UNLV faculty and staff can encourage prospective students and their parents to take a tour of the campus.

Know a Prospective Student?

The office of undergraduate recruitment sends information to schools and holds events all over Southern Nevada for prospective students and their families. Some of the most meaningful recruitment efforts, however, come when recruiters contact a student and can say, “Dr. So-and-So called our office and thought you might be a good match for UNLV. Can I tell you more about our programs?”

Help recruiters take a more personal recruitment touch by collecting your prospect’s contact information and passing it on to undergraduate recruitment through the refer a future Rebel form at facultystaff.unlv.edu. Once the information is received, they will follow up with personal, e-mail, or mailed responses. You can also encourage the student to visit the prospective students page on the web.

Another good idea is to encourage prospective students and their families to take a campus tour, Espinoza said.

Picture This: Test Your UNLV Knowledge

If not now, when? Inside UNLV’s Picture This: 50th Anniversary Trivia Contest is now in its sixth month. If you haven’t been playing, now’s the time. Just for submitting an entry last month, Mary Williams of the School of Allied Health Sciences won a gift bag filled with fun 50th anniversary items.

1 A memorial at UNLV was named after this cheerleader (seen in the photo flanked by then-President Robert Maxson and then-Regent Carolyn Sparks), who lost her 12-year battle with Hodgkin’s disease in 1992.
   a. Valerie Pida
   b. Lee Pascal
   c. Maude Frazier

2 In 1988, this student earned what honor?
   a. “Glamour’s Top 10 College Women” by Glamour magazine
   b. “Unsung American Hero” by Newsweek magazine
   c. “Rising Star Award” by Women’s Day magazine.

3 In what year did Las Vegas Mayor Ron Lurie declare Jan. 24 as this student’s day?
   a. 1986
   b. 1987
   c. 1988

The answers to last month’s questions: The William S. Boyd School of Law opened in the former Paradise Elementary School in 1999. The law school moved to the site of the former James R. Dickinson Library in 2002.

How to Enter

By E-mail — Send your answers to inside@unlv.edu by Feb. 19. 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.

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: __________________________

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**Across Campus**

**Business**

**New Executive MBA Class Begins in June**

The college is accepting submissions from executives, managers, and other business leaders for the executive MBA degree program, which will begin its next cohort in June.

The 18-month course helps business professionals sharpen their skills and gain a competitive edge in the business world. The program’s structure is conducive to the working professional’s schedule. Each entering class forms a cohort and attends all classes together every other weekend.

Throughout the program, UNLV faculty and executives from other institutions visit the students and offer expertise. At the end of the 18 months, the class participates in an “international seminar,” giving students the opportunity to learn about the culture and business practices of different countries.

The most recent cohort visited South Africa in December, where they attended the World AIDS Day Concert; met with Roelf Meyer, former minister of provincial and constitutional affairs under former President Nelson Mandela; and toured many local businesses.

**More info:** Call ext. 5-3655.

**Education**

**Physical Activity Researcher Joins Faculty**

Thomas McKenzie, who has been a major investigator on nine interdisciplinary research projects supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), has joined the department of sports education leadership as a visiting professor. The NIH-sponsored projects include SPARK (Sports, Play, and Active Recreation for Kids), CATCH (Child and Adolescent Trial for Cardiovascular Health), MSPAN (Middle School Physical Activity and Nutrition), and TAAG (Triad of Activity for Adolescent Girls). He is currently co-principal investigator on two obesity-prevention programs — AVENTURAS, which targets Latino homes, communities, and schools; and MOVE, which involves 30 community recreation centers — as well as a study of parks and recreation centers in Los Angeles.

McKenzie is emeritus professor of exercise and nutritional sciences at San Diego State University and a former adjunct professor in pediatrics at the University of California, San Diego. He has authored or co-authored more than 130 scientific papers and chapters, developed numerous assessment and curricular materials, and presented more than 350 papers at state, national, and international conferences.

**Dental**

**Free Clinics Provide Service to Needy Children**

A Saturday dental clinic for underprivileged children that was organized entirely by dental students was such a success in the fall that three more clinics are scheduled for this semester.

At the first clinic, 24 children who had no form of dental coverage were treated by 12 students and four faculty volunteers. Local charitable organizations identified the children who could benefit from these care.

The goal of the clinic is to provide quality, comprehensive dental care to underprivileged children.

**Students Provide Program for Future Minority Dentists**

The School of Dental Medicine’s chapter of the Hispanic Dental Association partnered with the UNLV Center for Academic Enrichment and Outreach during the fall semester to offer a mentoring program for local minority students.

The center’s Upward Bound program targeted minority students interested in dental careers. More than 70 students attended the event at which dental students made presentations on oral anatomy, academic preparation for a career in dentistry, and community service opportunities. Dental students also gave tours of the school’s facilities.

The next program will take place later this month.

**Fine Arts**

**From Classical Guitar to Rapp in February**

The UNLV Classical Guitar Series welcomes Quartemaria on Feb. 12. This internationally renowned group — formed by Brazilians Fernando Lima, Joao Luiz, Fabio Ramazzina, and Sidney Molina — creates a “canon of fire” and plays with “an aura of purity,” according to the Los Angeles Times.

On Feb. 14, the St. Petersburg State Ballet Theatre performance of Giselle, the tale of never-ending love. The St. Petersburg group is the younger sibling of the Kirov and Bolshoi Ballet theatres.

The Performing Arts Center also welcomes Anthony Rapp in “An Evening of Words and Music” as part of the New York Stage & Belfy Series on Feb. 18. Rapp originated the role of Mark in Rent on Broadway and reprised it for the film adaptation. His other performances include Six Degrees of Separation on Broadway and on film and a television role on Law and Order: Special Victims Unit. Rapp will sing and talk about his life in the theater.

**More info:** Call ext. 5-2787 for tickets.

**Graduate**

**Recruitment and Research Events Set for March**

Two events — a recruitment fair and the annual research forum — will take place in March.

The spring graduate student research fair is set for 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 4 in the ballroom of the Student Union. The event allows undergraduates to learn about specific graduate programs, the graduate student experience, and the admissions processes. Representatives from more than 40 graduate programs and from student services will be available to answer questions.

On March 29, the Graduate & Professional Student Association (GPSA) will host its annual research forum 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on the second floor of the Student Union. The event showcases the research done by the graduate and professional students who were awarded funding by the GPSA. It also gives those attending a chance to see the breadth of scholarship generated by UNLV’s graduate and professional programs.

**Hotel**

**Singapore Campus to Host Top Industry Leaders**

UNLV Singapore will host the International Convention Expo Summit this month.

The conference for industry professionals features presentations from leaders in hospitality, tourism, conventions, events, food and beverage, gaming, clubs, entertainment, and leisure activities.

Patti Shock, former chair of the tourism and convention department, founded the summit. Participants will learn more about convention and exposition marketing, effective use of audio-visual materials, event management and marketing, impacts of conventions and expositions on their host communities, and human resources issues for the convention and exposition industry. This is the first time UNLV Singapore has hosted this conference.

**More info:** Go to www.unlv.edu.sg/ICES2008.

**Law**

**Peace in the Desert Series Brings Conflict Resolution Expert**

John Paul Lederach, professor of international peacebuilding, will speak Feb. 8 as part of the Peace in the Desert public lecture series.

A pioneer in conflict transformation, Lederach is involved in conciliation work in Colombia, the Philippines, Nepal, and Tajikistan, as well as in countries in East and West Africa. He has helped design and conduct training programs in 25 countries across five continents. He
Research.

Libraries Award for Undergraduate Research by sponsoring students’ projects. The Saltman Center also is hosting two other lectures this month: Laura Nader, professor of social cultural anthropology at the University of California, Berkeley, will speak Feb. 4 on “Conflict Resolution and the Anti-Law Movement: A Global Effort?” Her work focuses on how central dogmas are made and how they work in law, energy science, and anthropology. Susan Strum, George M. Jaffin Professor of Law and Social Responsibility at California University Law School, will talk Feb. 19 on “Conflict Resolution and Systemic Change.” Her recent paper takes issue with critics who dismiss processes such as mediation and suggests alternative dispute resolution processes can promote systemic change.

More info: Go to law.unlv.edu/saltman.

Liberal Arts Department Expands African, African-American Expertise

To encourage world history offerings, the history department hired two new professors to offer coursework in African and African-American history.

Kevin Dawson, who received his Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina, came to UNLV from Fairfield University in Connecticut where he was an assistant professor. He will be offering coursework on West African diaspora, slavery culture, comparative slavery, the Atlantic world, and early American history. He is researching a book-length study, “Enslaved Watermen in the Atlantic World, 1440-1888,” which examines how slaves conveyed African maritime skills (swimming, canoeing, fishing, and underwater diving) to the Americas and how this shaped the social, cultural, and economic development of the Atlantic world.

Dawson’s next work will survey “Cultural Cleansing in Africa” and how Westerners’ relatively unhygienic practices shaped Africans’ perceptions of them.

Todd Robinson received his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. A specialist in recent African-American history, he will be offering courses in black urban history, the civil rights movement, black athletes in the 20th century, hip-hop culture, and general American history. He is researching a book on race, poverty, geography, and metropolitan spatial stratification in Grand Rapids, Mich., from 1945-1975. He is also conducting interviews with former African-American workers at the Nevada Test Site for his forthcoming book on the African-American labor struggle during the Cold War era.

Libraries Awards Support Undergraduate Research with Cash Prizes

Faculty members can support research by sponsoring students’ applications for the University Libraries Award for Undergraduate Research.

Up to four $1,000 cash prizes will be awarded for projects that demonstrate sophisticated information literacy skills. Undergraduates should enter their 2007 research projects for consideration by the Feb. 4 deadline. Several 2008 projects must be submitted by April 14.

University Libraries created the award in partnership with the Division of Research and Graduate Studies to recognize excellence in undergraduate research projects that incorporate the use of Libraries’ collections. The award review committee considers the project of the research, but focuses on the research process: the demonstration of information gathering skills, use of library resources, and the strategies used to investigate a research problem. Expectations for achievement are commensurate with the applicant’s class year and the requirements of the discipline. Winners will be recognized at a reception in May, and submitted projects will be displayed in Lied Library.

The winners of the 2007 award were:

Heidi Ann Manlove: “Hyperandrogenemia, Obesity and PCOS: Consequential Female Health, Reproductive Success and Behaviors from Their Fetal Environment to Their Granddaughter.” Faculty sponsor: Peter Gray, anthropology and ethnic studies.


Melissa Mezger. “Student Attitudes about Alternative Energy Use at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.” Faculty sponsor: Timothy Farnham, environmental studies.

More info: Go to www.library.unlv.edu/award or contact JD Kotula at jd.kotula@unlv.edu or Priscilla Finley at priscilla.finley@unlv.edu.

Energy Talk

Energy and energy conversion were subjects of discussion when Hatice Gecol, left, director of the Nevada office of energy and Frank Tuning, center, executive director of the Nevada Alliance for Defense, Energy and Sustainability, visited campus. Chemistry professor Clemens Heske, right, told them about some of his research. Gecol, who also is Gov. Jim Gibbons’ science and energy advisor, expressed particular interest in Heske’s research efforts on hydrogen storage.

Sciences Simon and Burnley Receive 2008 Research Infrastructure Award

Professors Adam Simon of the geoscience department and Pamela Burnley of geoscience and the physics and astronomy department received a research infrastructure award to acquire an electron backscatter detector (EBSD). Currently, there is no EBSD facility in the state. A facility at UNLV will allow faculty in geosciences, physics and astronomy, and chemistry, as well as others on and off campus, to conduct cutting-edge microtextural and phase identification studies. The added capability will enhance ongoing research projects, drive new research, and increase competitiveness for external funding. In addition, it will enhance significantly the quality of graduate and undergraduate education as well as the ability of the department of geoscience’s electron microanalysis & imaging laboratory to attract outside users.

EBSD is used in geosciences, materials science, metallurgy, and solid state physics, and chemistry on samples ranging from deformed rocks and fossil mollusk shells to thin films and nanomaterials. It will be available to UNLV faculty and students for their research projects. Currently there are more than 30 students working with faculty members on such projects, and the availability of the EBSD detector will allow each to add this component to their research. Experience with this cutting-edge technique will help students market themselves after graduation.

University College Student Win Capstone Awards

Three students recently won winter commencement capstone project awards. They are:

• Alan Proctor, who received the $150 distinguished University Studies (UNS) capstone project award. Proctor, who combined sociology and marketing as his two areas of study, interned with Barbeques Galore and streamlined the company’s inventory and spare parts processing system, which resulted in significant cost savings and reduced order shipment time. He was offered a full-time position in the company’s North American parts headquarters in Texas.

• Christian Cardnuto, who received $75 for the most creative UNS capstone project. Cardnuto, who combined hotel management and communication as his two areas of study, completed a project titled, “The Cynical Nature of Hospitality in Sin City.” He used both interviews and firsthand knowledge to describe a culture he views as too focused on the bottom line to the detriment of customer service. He has accepted a position as banquet captain at the Hard Rock Hotel in San Diego.

• Tiffany Eisen, who received $75 for the outstanding service UNS capstone project. Eisen, who combined criminal justice and psychology as her areas of study, interned with the Rape Crisis Center of Southern Nevada. Working on the frontlines at the center, she often was called to University Medical Center late at night to provide support and guidance to victims. She plans to extend her relationship with the Rape Crisis Center, but her long-term goal is to join the FBI.

Urban Affairs

Social Work Receives More Than $1 Million for Child Welfare Work

The School of Social Work has been awarded more than $1 million to develop a statewide Child Welfare Training Partnership.

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Energy and energy conversion were subjects of discussion when Hatice Gecol, left, director of the Nevada office of energy and Frank Tuning, center, executive director of the Nevada Alliance for Defense, Energy and Sustainability, visited campus. Chemistry professor Clemens Heske, right, told them about some of his research. Gecol, who also is Gov. Jim Gibbons’ science and energy advisor, expressed particular interest in Heske’s research efforts on hydrogen storage.

Sciences Simon and Burnley Receive 2008 Research Infrastructure Award

Professors Adam Simon of the geoscience department and Pamela Burnley of geoscience and the physics and astronomy department received a research infrastructure award to acquire an electron backscatter detector (EBSD). Currently, there is no EBSD facility in the state. A facility at UNLV will allow faculty in geosciences, physics and astronomy, and chemistry, as well as others on and off campus, to conduct cutting-edge microtextural and phase identification studies. The added capability will enhance ongoing research projects, drive new research, and increase competitiveness for external funding. In addition, it will enhance significantly the quality of graduate and undergraduate education as well as the ability of the department of geoscience’s electron microanalysis & imaging laboratory to attract outside users.

EBSD is used in geosciences, materials science, metallurgy, and solid state physics, and chemistry on samples ranging from deformed rocks and fossil mollusk shells to thin films and nanomaterials. It will be available to UNLV faculty and students for their research projects. Currently there are more than 30 students working with faculty members on such projects, and the availability of the EBSD detector will allow each to add this component to their research. Experience with this cutting-edge technique will help students market themselves after graduation.

University College Student Win Capstone Awards

Three students recently won winter commencement capstone project awards. They are:

• Alan Proctor, who received the $150 distinguished University Studies (UNS) capstone project award. Proctor, who combined sociology and marketing as his two areas of study, interned with Barbeques Galore and streamlined the company’s inventory and spare parts processing system, which resulted in significant cost savings and reduced order shipment time. He was offered a full-time position in the company’s North American parts headquarters in Texas.

• Christian Cardnuto, who received $75 for the most creative UNS capstone project. Cardnuto, who combined hotel management and communication as his two areas of study, completed a project titled, “The Cynical Nature of Hospitality in Sin City.” He used both interviews and firsthand knowledge to describe a culture he views as too focused on the bottom line to the detriment of customer service. He has accepted a position as banquet captain at the Hard Rock Hotel in San Diego.

• Tiffany Eisen, who received $75 for the outstanding service UNS capstone project. Eisen, who combined criminal justice and psychology as her areas of study, interned with the Rape Crisis Center of Southern Nevada. Working on the frontlines at the center, she often was called to University Medical Center late at night to provide support and guidance to victims. She plans to extend her relationship with the Rape Crisis Center, but her long-term goal is to join the FBI.
Spotlight On Accomplishments

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Changyeong Kwak (Nursing) was invited to speak at the clinical grand rounds at the Burn Center of the National Burn Hospital in Seoul, Korea. Her presentation was titled, “Strategies for successful CNS’s Role in South Korea: Based on Comparative Analysis of Health Care Delivery System Between U.S. and Korea.”

Karl Kingsley (Dental Medicine) is senior author on a recently published high-impact risk paper in the journal Risk. HPV Types 18 and 16 are Potential Modulators of Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma Phenotypes in Vitro, published by the American Association for Cancer Research in November. This was his fourth published, peer-reviewed article in 2007.

Jeffrey Crouse (Political Science, Philosophy, and Honors) acted as guest editor for the André Bazin special issue for Film International. In his role as guest editor, Crouse invited the contributors to submit their work after reading the introduction, he wrote the introduction, he wrote the 10,000-word introduction, and he interviewed the contributors. In celebration of the French film writer’s work, the issue includes essays by William Rothstein (Columbia University, New York), Tom Paulus (Antwerp) Richard Armstrong (Cambridge), Charles Warren (Harvard), Karla Koeler (Emory), Mays Rohdin (Stockholm), and Francisca Duran. In addition to writing the introduction, he wrote the introduction, he wrote the introduction, he wrote the introduction.

Algerian Hart (University College) recently made a presentation “Does Race Impact the White House’s Strategic Phenomenological View” at the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport and Physical Activity conference in Phoenix. The study explores male and female white athletes’ experiences with race in specific episodes that occurred during their athletic careers. Athletes from different competitive levels and various sports were interviewed to obtain a deeper understanding of their experience with race and how they portray their athletic careers. He collaborated with Dr. Malik Lawrence of Arizona Pacific University and presented the paper at the international conference that emerged from the athletes’ experiences.

Dennis Farmer (Health Physics) presented a report for the Desert Research Institute (DRI) concerning the impact of wildland fires on southern Utah last summer on air quality. The report was that “High radiation fallout from historical operations at the Nevada Test Site (1950-1992) could potentially be reintroduced into the environment by wildfires.” Analysis of air monitoring samples collected by the DRI from the towns of Milford and Delta, Utah, during the August fires. Analysis of air monitoring samples collected by the DRI from the towns of Milford and Delta, Utah, during the August fires.

Patrick Griffith, Kristin Costello, Darcy Del Bosque, Cory Lampert, and Eva Stowers (Libraries) wrote a chapter on the University Libraries’ expansion of its virtual and physical service efforts that was published in the book Library 2.0 in Higher Education in Academic Libraries. The chapter describes the Libraries’ integrated approach to establishing and expanding innovative library 2.0 services for students and faculty. This work will be notable because it will be accompanied by a wiki that will allow chapter authors to update the article for two years. The Libraries’ chapter covers a range of topics, including staff wikis, virtual reference, blogs, RSS feeds, and the strategic planning behind the implementation.

Tish Snyder (Nursing) was invited to speak at the annual Nevada Organization of Nursing Executives conference at Lake Tahoe. Her presentation was titled “No Book? 21st Century Nursing Education and Technology.”

Rimi Marwah and Osk Vichukal (University College) recently presented “Advising Challenges and Opportunities for a Newly Created Advising Unit” at the 2007 National Academic Advising Association conference in Baltimore. The conference brings together academic advisors from colleges and institutions across the nation. This year’s conference included particular attention to technology in advising, specifically the use of social networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace, to increase participation and communication among students and advisors.

Jonathan Huynh (Police Services) has been hired as a police officer. He previously was a police officer in Henderson and worked in the food and beverage division of Harrah’s Hotel & Casino. He received his law enforcement training from the Southern Desert Regional Police Academy.

Bill Holcomb (Athletic Training) gave a series of lectures at the Olympic training center in Beijing. The lectures were part of a November work shop organized by the Chinese Olympic Committee to prepare the sports medicine staff for the 2008 Olympics that will be held in Beijing. The topics for lectures included assessment and immediate care of athletic injuries.

Patrick Carlton (Educational Leadership) was named 2006-07 Rotarian of the Year by the Rotary Club of Las Vegas. He also honored for his service as co-chair of the Paul Harris Society, the fundraising arm that assisted them in raising $5300. He assisted Rotary President Brock Fraser in welcoming UNLV President David Ashley as an honorary member of the Las Vegas Rotary Club.

James Cicciariello (Harry Reid Center), Wendie Sage Diesman (Chemistry), Donna Hughes (Health Physics), Michael Kettener (Northern Arizona University), and Scott Fuller (University of Texas Environmental Protection Agency) published a paper in Analytical and Bioanalytical Chemistry titled “Pu Fingerprinting of Plutonium in Western US Soils Using ICPEMS Solution and Laser Ablation Measurements.”

Vicky Albert (Social Work) has been invited by the Oxford Round Table to attend and present a paper during a weeklong session at the University of Oxford in England this summer. She will be one of many scholars and government officials from around the world to discuss and present on a number of topics related to children’s issues. The purpose of the Oxford Round Table is to provide an interdisciplinary forum for discussion of contemporary issues. Invitations are determined on the basis of nominations and published work.

Phil Burns (Student Conduct) recently served on the Association for Student Judicial Affairs (ASJA) Diversity Task Force Summit, which took place at Washington University in St. Louis. He was chosen to serve on this task force from among 1,600 members nationwide to review, evaluate, and recommend all policies, practices, and services in the context of addressing diversity. ASJA is an international professional organization that facilitates the integration of student development concepts with principles of judicial practice in higher education settings.

Rainer Spencer (Anthropology & Ethnic Studies) gave a presentation titled “Mitigating Multiraciality: Rejecting Race and Rejecting the Convenience of Complicity” at the annual meeting of the Association for Humanist Sociology for the theme of “Race, Culture, and the Future of Educational Leadership” with Sonya Douglass Horsch (Educational Leadership), and Allan David Walker and Chen Shuangye, Chinese University of Hong Kong.


Anthony J. Ferri (Journalism & Media Studies) is the author of the book, Willing Suspension of Disbelief: Poetic Faith in Film, published last year by Lexington Books.

Amanda Tritsch (Kinesiology) and a group of athletic training majors, including Kristin Howell, Ginger Lei Selera, Heather Schiej, Jeff Perkins, Becky Satter,stalk, Shuhei Yamamoto, and Kyle Foster assisted with the health care of runners finishing the Zappos.com half and fall marathons in December.

James Cicciariello, Klaas Zietenbach, and Tien Wei (Chemistry), Jen Hodge (Chemistry), Jean Cline and Robyn Howley (Geocience), and Fred Phillips (New Mexico Tech) had a paper published in the journal Radiation and Nuclear Chemistry titled “Recent Measurements of Cl-1 in Yucca Mountain Rock, Soil and Seepage.”

Correction: In the December issue of Inside UNLV the college affiliations of three faculty members were incorrectly listed. Algerian Hart, Joshua Kryah, and Ann Donaldson are all part of University College.

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The key goal is to develop a comprehensive training infrastructure and intensive professional training program for all Nevada child welfare workers. “Child protective services represent some of the most demanding and challenging jobs; therefore, it is essential that we have a well-trained, quality workforce,” said Joan Thompson, director of the School of Social Work. The work will be conducted with the UNR School of Social Work and the University of Denver’s Butler Institute. Other collaborators include the Nevada Division of Child and Family Services, Clark County Department of Family Services, Washoe County department of social services.

Journalism School Receives $50,000 Gift The School of Journalism and Media Studies received a $50,000 gift from KLAS-TV to support the school’s civic journalism program. The funds will buy two Maryland audio and equipment to support the Maryland Center for Investigative Reporting.

“Our students will use this equipment to capture the thoughts, concerns, and needs of local residents,” said Arydth Sohn, school director.

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How can the campus help you do your job? I would ask departments to deposit money upon receipt for credit to their accounts. Also, notify our office of any incoming electronic funds so we know who they belong to as soon as possible.

What makes you successful at your job? I love working with numbers — it’s just what I like to do. Plus, it helps to have a great boss and support staff.

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**Campus Scene**

**Photos by UNLV Photo Services**

**CUSTOM ART:** The talents of UNLV’s staff photographers, Geri Kodey, Aaron Mayes, and R. Marsh Starks, have been tapped for photo installations across campus. Their work offers an economical alternative to purchasing generic art for office walls. **(Below)** Images of UNLV students line the Student Union hallway near Jamba Juice. **(Right)** For the alcove in the food court, Starks shot close-ups of items commonly found in a student’s backpack. Mayes’ scenic images of Southern Nevada hang on the second floor of the union. Detail images of native plants by both Kodey and Mayes now hang in the Classroom Building Complex.

**Get Your Photo Fix**

By Shane Bevell | Marketing & PR

Looking for a photo for your brochure or to hang in your office? UNLV’s photo services department can help. These photos represent some of their work as well as the photographers in action. Geri Kodey, R. Marsh Starks, and Aaron Mayes shoot everything from portraits to athletics, and Itzhak Perlman to the CNN Democratic debate. For general images, the office might already have what you need. They maintain a small online collection of photos for publications, websites, and presentations. You can view the images and then use the online form to order your selections. If you don’t find what you need, call the office to view the full archive — there are literally thousands from which to choose.

To get a photographer to a specific event, Kodey recommends booking at least two weeks in advance.

**UNLV photo services price list:**

- **Photo Session**
  - Hourly rate — $30
  - Overtime rate — $60

- **Digital Services**
  - Proof sheets — $4.50
  - Digital images — $10
  - CD Burn Disk — $10

- **Enlargements**
  - 5 x 7 — $12.50
  - 8 x 10 — $15
  - 11 x 14 — $40
  - 16 x 20 — $50

**More info:** Go to photo.unlv.edu or call ext. 5-5778.

**BEHIND THE LENS:**

**(Above)** Aaron Mayes photographs UNLV faculty and Clark County School District teachers during the inaugural nanotechnology summer institute, hosted by the College of Sciences. **(Right)** R. Marsh Starks works with the UNLV softball team on images for their media guide.