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Energy Panel Discussion Scheduled for April 16

UNLV’s Institute for Security Studies (ISS) will host a panel discussion April 16 on America’s long-term access to global energy supplies in the midst of global conflict. The discussion, titled “Minimizing the Impact of Conflict on U.S. Energy Security,” will feature a panel of regional and national energy policy and political experts, including:

- Tyrus W. Cobb, CEO of the Northern Nevada Network
- Ted Robert Gurr, distinguished professor emeritus at the University of Maryland, College Park
- Dennis Pirages, Dean’s Professor of Government, department of political science, UNLV

The event, which is free and open to the public, will take place 6-8 p.m. at the Atomic Testing Museum, 755 E. Flamingo Road.

More info: Contact Nancy Brune, ISS director of research and outreach, at 931-4659 or at nancy.brune@unlv.edu or go to iss.unlv.edu.

Reid Center Reorganizes

Efficiency Efforts Save Dollars as Research Funding Fluctuates

By Shane Bevell | Marketing & PR

With all eyes on Washington lately, most people know of Harry Reid. Oliver Hemmers wants to make sure the campus is just as familiar with what goes on inside the UNLV building named after the Senate majority leader.

Hemmers took over as executive director of the Harry Reid Center for Environmental Studies in November and immediately changed the center’s focus. The result has been greater efficiency and the ability to retain staff as research dollars fluctuate. Last fall, funding for some of the center’s divisions had dried up, and 12 people were in jeopardy of losing their jobs. Hemmers reorganized the center in a way that made it possible to avoid layoffs.

Nearly all of the center’s funding comes from federal grants, particularly from the Department of Energy (DOE), U.S. Forest Service, and the National Park Service. The center houses labs for its researchers as well as professors from across campuses. Its radiochemistry program is one of the best in the nation, with graduate students coming from Berkeley, MIT, Virginia Tech, and Michigan State. Last year, the program conducted more than $3 million in research projects totaling more than $6 million. He currently manages a multi-year, multi-million dollar biodiesel project funded by the U.S. Department of Energy.

Oliver Hemmers

Hemmers is the executive director of the Harry Reid Center for Environmental Studies as well as the director of the office of strategic energy programs. He received his Ph.D. in physics from the Technical University of Berlin, Germany and has been at UNLV since 1994.

Over the past 10 years, Hemmers has been directly involved in research projects totaling more than $6 million. He currently manages a multi-year, multi-million dollar biodiesel project funded by the U.S. Department of Energy.
Today’s Actions Will Provide Long-Term Benefits

We will have stronger advocates for higher education. The crisis heightened the awareness of alumni, legislators, donors, business leaders, and the campus community about higher education’s pivotal role in strengthening Southern Nevada. I am proud to say that K-12 and higher education are strong allies, and the interdependency and mutual necessity of both is now a part of the discussions about the future prosperity of the state. The crisis also created lifelong advocates for UNLV within our own student body; I have been very impressed by the way students have engaged in the budget debates.

We will address funding inequities. Education has been a victim as long as anyone can remember but the swings of the economy. One of our primary legislative goals is to get approval for a study of the state's higher education funding. In addition to funding stability, the study would address inequities among the state's public institutions as well as the disparity between our funding and our mission. I believe the crisis has created resolve within our leaders to act on these tough issues and to place education at the top of the state's priority list.

Invent the Future

Little Gifts, Big Future

By Michelle Mouton | UNLV Foundation

The big gifts may make the headlines, but the little ones add up, too. Faculty and staff have played an important role in the success of the campaign both by volunteering time and making contributions.

In 2008, more than 220 faculty and staff members contributed to programs, scholarships, and the annual fund. One goal of the Invent the Future campaign is to involve more individuals, including faculty and staff, in the life of the campus.

Employee giving exceeded $221,500 last year. Throughout the campaign, faculty and staff giving has reached more than $94 million, including gifts designated through estate plans such as wills and trusts.

These contributions are benefiting all areas of the campus, and every gift counts. “A lot of little dollars come together to work in mighty ways,” said Kristene Fisher, a donor and executive director of the office of the vice provost for academic affairs. “I know that I’m part of a larger community that makes things happen.”

Terrence Clauterjee, a professor in the department of finance, said employees giving their time and supporting the university through their work is important, but so is giving back when they can. “I just have a desire to give back to the university and the community,” he said. “I’ve been fortunate to have a good career in academe, and so it’s a good way to give back.”

The annual Holiday Card Tree fund primarily is supported by faculty and staff gifts. This program raised $6,425 – a record amount — in 2008 for an endowment that funds multiple student scholarships each year.

Professional development funds for staff also are supported by contributions from faculty and staff and provide numerous opportunities for employees to gain skills and expertise in areas relevant to their careers.

Campus community members also can choose to designate their gift to a program or college, and many of those contributions go a long way to building the foundation for a stronger and more diversified campus.

“We’re grateful for the support of our faculty and staff because it’s important to the quality of the university,” said Christina Kawai, director of annual giving at the UNLV Foundation. “Their support demonstrates an investment in UNLV and provides a base of giving for others.”

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the most efficient use of taxpayer money in the state. It was given to the UNLV department for hav- ing saved $11 million since 2001 through sustainable practices (see “Taxpayer Group,” this page). That’s an independent taxpayer’s group not linked to a govern- mental body verifying that our facilities management department has realized substantial savings for Nevada’s citizens by looking for and implementing ways to be more efficient,” Bomotti said.

Savings Beyond Facilities
While last year’s efforts got some outside recognition, cost-cutting measures are ongoing. “This isn’t something new we are doing just because of the state’s current bud- get problems,” Bomotti noted. “It’s our job to be good stewards of the taxpayers’ money — in good times and in bad.”

This year, however, extra effort is being made to identify potential effi- ciencies and cuts, he said. And it’s not just Bomotti’s staff who are looking for ways to save money. All vice presidents and deans have been given tar- get amounts by which they are expected to reduce their budgets.

Facilities maintenance continues to look for ways to increase effi- ciency in areas such as utility costs. Facilities now is testing an automated leave-reporting system and the university is researching an automated travel system. Another improvement in auto- mation will come with the new iNte- grate system that UNLV is pilot testing for the NSHE. iNte- grate is a modern, automated student information system that will include admissions, advising, registration, and all student sup- port activities through graduation.

Legend
Right now, of course, Bomotti and his staff are among the folks on campus who are spending a good part of their time working on issues involving the Legislature.

“We’re working with legislators, providing them facts and figures they need as they work with the state budget,” he said.

Bomotti said the hope is that lawmakers will recognize UNLV’s vigilance in pursuance cost savings and will fund the university suffi- ciently to maintain its mission.

“Sometime early this month, we hope to know more about the Legislature’s budget plans for all state agencies,” he said.

Fundraising Cain: Tearing it Up for a Good Cause

By Gian Galassi | Public Affairs

If you’ve ever played a full round of golf, you know the body starts to tire a bit somewhere around the 15th hole. So imagine playing 1,000 holes of golf — consecutively ... in just 12 hours. That’s exactly what Christopher Cain, UNLV’s PGA golf management director, and Brian Esposito, founder of Par For The Cure, plan to do May 1 at the Las Vegas Golf Club. It’s not just some display of athletic bravado; it’s all for a good cause — two, really. And they need your help.

Their quest, aptly named 1,000 Holes of Golf, is raising funds to benefit the UNLV PGA golf manage- ment program and Par For The Cure.

“Setting such an ambitious goal attracts attention to our effort, which will ultimately help us reach our goal of increasing exposure for the golf management program and for our program’s support for breast cancer research,” Cain said.

Cain is no stranger to reaching ambitious goals on the golf course. In 2002, while serving as the golf pro- fessional at Penn State University, he played 505 holes in 12 hours. It was, at the time, a record-breaking feat. This time, though, Cain acknowledge- edges that he is not in quite the same shape he was back then.

“The experience I gained from playing that number of holes will hopefully outweigh the seven years of age difference and slightly diff- erent conditioning techniques this time around,” he said. “The event is extremely demanding because a premium is placed on accurate shot making, while maintaining speedy performance.”

Speedy is the operative word here.

Consider this: an average 18-hole round of golf takes four to four-and-a half-hours with the use of a golf cart. Cain and Esposito will need to be on pace to play an 18-hole round in 24 minutes — that’s about 80 seconds a hole. In the end, they will have cov- ered 100 miles of greens and fairways (and hopefully not too much sand).

More Info: Go to 1000holesofgolf.com.
Auditing Educator by the auditing department.

In February thanks to the collaborative effort of the student-athlete academic services (SAAS) department, theatre department, and the College of Fine Arts Advising Center.

The CHAMPS/Life Skills Theatre featured undergraduate actors from the theatre department playing the roles of student-athletes involved in more than 30 life skills issues. Audience members interacted with the performers to choose the endings of the skits, while campus resource experts led discussions about consequences of the actions depicted.

Theatre professor Rayme Cornell recruited the actors, while Aaron Tuttle from the Fine Arts Advising Center organized the event with SAAS.

A Target Campus Grant made the event possible. Also supporting the event were the Jean Nidetch Women’s Center, the Rebel Wellness Zone, counseling and psychological services, including X-rays, restorative dental care, cleanings, and advanced dental treatment at the School of Dental Medicine.

“Dong-Chan’s outstanding research program offers the promise of more efficient energy use for Nevada and the nation,” said Wanda Taylor, interim dean of Sciences. “UNLV students are fortunate to find such an accomplished and dedicated scientist in their classroom.”

Lee’s research seeks to address two of the most limiting factors in organic solar cell performance: scarcity of useful n-type molecules and challenges in controlling nanostructure morphologies. The grant includes an educational outreach component. Lee plans to partner with the Clark County School District to provide summer internships in his lab for Basic High School students and to launch a summer research program for high school science teachers. He also will recruit, train, and mentor several graduate and undergraduate students from the College of Sciences.

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Lee joins professors Brian Hedlund and Frank Van Breukelen from the School of Life Sciences and Chulsung Bae from the chemistry department as the fourth CAREER Award recipient at UNLV in as many years.
judged by trained national reviewers. Graduates from approved programs are automatically eligible to apply for the National Certificate in School Psychology.

Engineering Students Compete in Programming Challenge

The student chapter of the Association for Computer Machinery (ACM), coached by faculty member Lawrence Larmore, competed in the ACM regional Programming Competition, narrowly missing a chance to advance to the national competition.

Members of 53 teams from across the country competed in solving seven programming problems in five hours. Teams were not allowed to use electronic devices or cell phones to arrive at their solutions. However, they were allowed one computer per team to assist them. Scoring was based on how many problems each team completed and how much time they used.

Members of the team, called the Reapliers, were Talin Salway, Sean Kau, and Scott Miller. All three plan to compete in next year’s challenge.

Fine Arts Composers Come to Campus

The music department will host NEON, Nevada Encounters of New Music in April. The composers’ symposium and festival, now in its third year, offers four days of intensive activities, including concerts, lectures, private lessons, and master classes. This program combines active learning with enriching exposure to new music.

Enchanted Evenings in April

The Performing Arts Center (PAC) welcomes Roman Viazovskiy as part of the Classical Guitar Series on April 23. Viazovskiy released his second CD in 2007 and debuted it at the Moscow Philharmonic’s Tchaikovsky Concert Hall.

On April 25, the PAC presents Neil Berg’s “100 Years of Broadway.” Like speed dating for Broadway lovers, this musical revue takes the audience through a century of Broadway in just one evening. The program includes “Some Enchanted Evening” (South Pacific), “Think of Me” (Phantom of the Opera), and “All That Jazz” (Chicago).

For ticket information, call ext. 5-2787.

Graduate New Degree Programs, Certificates Approved

During the past year, two new degree programs and several graduate certificate programs have been approved. These include:

- Ph.D. in environmental and occupational health
- Master of science degree in oral biology from the School of Dental Medicine
- Graduate certificate in accounting
- Graduate certificate in community mental health offered by the department of counselor education
- Graduate certificate in management information systems

- Graduate certificate in finance
- Business administration graduate certificate in management
- Business administration certificate in new venture management
- Advanced specialty program certificate in pediatric dentistry.

Honors Students to Host Jane Austen Ball

Jane Austen’s resurgence in popularity is not limited to the worlds of literature and film, but has extended to the Honors College as well.

The college’s 400-level seminar on Austen will culminate with a Jane Austen Ball on May 8. Professor Maria Jerinic said the students, who read six of Austen’s works as part of the seminar, were enthusiastic about learning in depth about both the author and her books.

“Our Jane Austen seminar meant the world to me,” said student Mary Catania. “Dr. Jerinic combined a passion for the material with an incredible degree of scholarly expertise. In doing so, she allowed all of us to keenly express our love and admiration for Austen and at the same time exposed us to her depth and continued relevance.”

More info: For current and past Honors seminar listings, go to honors.unlv.edu.

Faculty, Students Present at Regional Conference

College staff recently attended the annual Western Regional Honors Council (WRHC) in Spokane, Wash.

The conference, which focused on preservation, sustainability, and renewal from both environmental and academic standpoint, was hosted by Washington State University at the historic Davenport Hotel.

Presentations by students and faculty focused on what honors colleges and programs could do to help students and institutions “go green.”

UNLV’s Honors College is a member of the WHRC and the National Collegiate Honors Council.

Law Students Study Employment Discrimination

Students and professors at the Boyd School of Law are concerned with legal doctrine as well as with “law on the ground,” the practical, real-world effects of legal rules and decisions.

An example is a class co-taught recently by Boyd professor Ann McGinley and professor Mitu Gulati of Duke University School of Law on “Employment Discrimination: Dress and Appearance Regulation in the Casino Industry.”

A 2006 federal court decision involved a suit by a female bartender who alleged that her Nevada casino employer committed illegal sex discrimination when it fired her for refusing to adhere to the casino’s appearance policy by wearing make-up. Although the court ruled against the bartender, it stated that appearance policies can be illegal under certain circumstances if they impose unequal burdens on men and women or impermissibly sex-stereotyped female employees. It was widely predicted that the decision would lead to changes in casino appearance policies and staffing patterns.

The professors and their students are testing these predictions. Under the professors’ direction, the law students visited casinos, interviewed casino workers, and talked with attorneys and casino executives. Students then wrote papers.

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Here Comes the Sun

The Amonix 7700, a new photovoltaic system at the Center for Energy Research, is the world’s largest and most powerful solar generator, according to the company. Professor Bob Boehm, the center’s director, said the photovoltaic system is capable of converting as much as a quarter of incoming sunlight for power generation. The center will be studying the Amonix 7700 to test its reliability, accuracy of aim, and temperatures generated.
Spotlight On Accomplishments

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- Diane Sessions (Student Accounts) was named a classiﬁed employee of the month in the administra- tive category for February during part time at UNLV during registration for about nine years before joining the staff full time in 1996. Among her duties is billing third parties for tuition payments. (An example would be a company that is paying for an employee to attend UNLV,) She also works closely with several departments handling employee grants-in-aid.

- Tiffany Schmier (Honors) presented “Great Expectations: Meeting the Needs of Today’s Honors Student” at the National Academic Advising Association’s region 9 conference at the Tropicana Hotel. Lisa Chastain (Honors) created the presentation, which was selected as Best in State at the Nevada State Academic Advising Drive-In Conference last year. It high- lighted the cross-campus- and inter- campus communication between the college uses to best serve its students.

- William Sullivan and Keith Rogers (CAES) presented “Creating a Regional Art Council” at a special ceremony at the Modern Language Association’s region 9 conference at the National Academic Advising Association’s region 9 conference at the Tropicana Hotel. Lisa Chastain (Honors) created the presentation, which was selected as Best in State at the Nevada State Academic Advising Drive-In Conference last year. It high- lighted the cross-campus- and inter- campus communication between the college uses to best serve its students.

- Dina Titus, who is on leave from her job as a UNLV political science professor, with the prestigious Educational Pioneer Award during the 2009 National TRiO GEAR UP Day celebration at the university in February. The center annu- ally recognizes individuals for their participation in community efforts and for going “above and beyond” to sup- port higher education for low-income and ﬁrst-generation students. Also rec- ognized for their academic and per- sonal achievements were 15 outstanding- TRiO and GEAR UP honorees, both current program participants and alumni.

- Erik Engstrom (Communication Studies) wrote an article, “Creation of a New ‘Empowered’ Female Identity in WET’s Brizzausaha,” which appears in the winter 2009 issue of Media Report to Women.

- Tom Sommer (Libraries) has been invited to address the 2009 joint annual meeting of the Council of State Archivists and the Society of American Archivists in August. Sustaining archives has become more important in recent years because of the chang- ing expectations of local and global audiences. His paper is titled “UNLV Special Collections: Expanding Our Reach and Use through Digital Archival Projects.” It will focus on the history of Web 2.0 and how the UNLV Special Collections Division is addressing the current needs of researchers via digital archival Project, software, search boxes, blogs, and virtual exhibits.

- DeeDee Roberts (Registrar) was named a classiﬁed employee of the month in the administrative cate- gory for February. An admissions and records assistant III, she has worked at UNLV since 2006.

- Glenn Casale (Theatre) recently received the Board of Regents’ Award for Creative Activity. This award, which was established in 1993, recog- nizes signiﬁcant accomplishments that bring recognition, as well as national and international, to the Nevada System of Higher Education. The recipient receives a $5,000 stipend and a medal.

- Dave Loeb (Music) served as guest conductor of the Long Beach Symphony Orchestra in February. The pro- gram included the world premiere of Ruminations, a movement of Rachmaninoff’s “Second Piano Concerto,” played by Otto Ehling, one of UNLV’s jazz stud- ies students and a Liberae scholarship recipient. Ehling received a standing ovation at the event at the Long Beach Arena that was attended by more than 5,000 people. Additionally, Loeb con- ducted his arrangement of “Climb Every Mountain” for vocalist Nita Whitarke.

- Louis Kovarsur (Dance) has written a book, The Aesthetics of Dance, which has been accepted for publication by Human Kinetic Books. The author begins with a philosophical investigation for how to look at a dance work and understand it as a work of art.

- Larry Letourneau (CAED) was selected by the U.S. Department of Education to serve on a negotiated rule- making committee charged with writing new regulations to implement the Higher Education Opportunity Act. The act, which became law in August, is the most current reauthorization of the Higher Education Act of 1965. He is one of 18 members of the Discretionary Grants Committee. That committee is focus- ing on the regulations that govern TRiO, GEAR UP, and other discretionary grant programs. UNLV is one of 13 TRiO proj- ects and two GEAR UP partnerships.

- Bill Halley (Student Recreation and Wellness) was named classiﬁed employee of the month in the custodial category for February. He has worked at UNLV since September 2008.

- Chad Hensley (Radiography) has been named in as president of the Association of Collegiate Educators in Radiologic Technology. He will hold that position for two years and then will become chairman of the board. The cer- emony took place at the group’s confer- ence in Las Vegas in February.

- Karl Kingsley (School of Dental Medicine) is co-author of the article, “A Case Study for Teaching Information Literacy Skills,” which was published in January by the journal BMC Medical Education as a collaborative eﬀort with the University of Nevada.

- Vicky Albert (Social Work) has written two articles that were published recently. One, titled “Citizenship Status, Poverty, and Government Transfers for Families with Children,” was the lead article in the Journal for Social Service Research. The second, titled “Reframing Child Maltreatment on the Front Page of Public Policy: Child Neglect and Exploitation — Immortality on a World Scale,” was published in Children’s National Education Journal.

- Alo Falefine (Accounts Payable) was named classiﬁed employee of the month in the technical/service category for February. A veteran of the UNLV accounting staff, he spends all his time working on travel expense reim- bursements for employees. He earned a bachelor of science degree in ﬁnance from UNLV since 2006.

- Lisa Chastain (Honors) was part of a consortium of faculty and staff mem- bers from various colleges who traveled to Italy to complete Universities Studies Abroad Consortium site assessment of Torino and Viterbo, Italy. The faculty and staff who attended from universi- ties across the United States were given an opportunity to interact with local faculty and staff and attend presenta- tions, as well as learn more about Italian campus life and culture. The goal of the visit was for participants to become a resource for students who wish to study abroad.

- Deanna Davis and Kyle Ethelbah (CAES) presented several work- shops during the UNLV National TRiO Training Institute conference at the Riviera Hotel in January. Davis presented “Coordinating Services Offered by TRiO and Other Programs,” “Differential Travel Allowable from Non-Allowable Costs,” “Conducting Project Evaluation, Part 1,” “Collecting Data Needed for Evaluation & Performance Reporting,” “Data Analysis Needed for Evaluation & Performance Reporting,” and “TRiO Reporting Requirements, Part 2.” The seminars focused on the laws, program regulations, and general admin- istrative regulations to which TRiO project grantees must conform, as well as infor- mation on managing TRiO budgets in accordance with federal requirements.

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Another Take

David Henry
Professor of Communication Studies

Rebel since: 1998

What brought you to UNLV? I came to be the director of the Hank Greenspun School of Communication, which at that time included both my department of communication studies now and what is now the Hank Greenspun School of Journalism and Media Studies.

What about the reorganization? It’s been good for both groups. For our part, we have developed a program defined around two areas, interpersonal communication and public discourse. Increasingly, our graduates go on to pursue doctoral degrees. Also, as both the university and our program grow stronger, we’re seeing increased rigor in what we expect from our students and what they expect from us in return.

Are you enjoying teaching full time again? Yes, because I enjoy working closely with students. I’m especially enjoying teaching in the Honors College. Because of the smaller class sizes, I’m able to write as much back to them as they write to me in their essays and papers. It allows you to teach them the way students should be taught.

Since you study presidential rhetoric, talk about the top orators: Among the presidents of the 20th and early 21st centuries, three stand out — Franklin Roosevelt, Ronald Reagan, and Barack Obama. Kennedy would certainly have joined that group if he had lived longer. Clinton was very good, too. It may be too soon to put Obama in the top three, but the potential is evident.

What makes Obama so good? He is smart, he reads a lot, he thinks before he speaks, and when he does speak, he has something to say. During the campaign when people were taking shots at him, he stayed focused on his message and what he wanted the voters to think about. He didn’t let other people determine the focus of the day.

Why do so many people view him as inspiring? With him you get the sense that being elected president wasn’t his ultimate goal. Instead, being elected was a means toward achieving his goals for the county. For some presidents, getting elected seems to be an end in itself.


Phyllis Thompson
Administrative Assistant III, College of Liberal Arts

Rebel since: 2000

Typical day: I start off by going through my e-mails and answering any questions. I am the leave-keeper for a college with close to 200 people. I receive many leave-related questions every day. I also consider myself the unofficial events planner for the college. Right now, I’m working on the Honors Convocation. In the fall, I help plan a get-together so that our dean can meet with new faculty and staff members.

Can’t work without: I’m always telling people how much I love my scanner. One change I’ve made is that I scan employees’ leave forms and then send them their copies electronically. I know the university is emphasizing “paperless” processes and I’m trying to help by saving paper.

People would be surprised to know: I’m a big Elvis fan. One of these days I’m going to make it to Graceland. Everyone I know who goes there brings me a souvenir.

Last book read: The Shack by William P. Young.

Dream vacation: One place my husband and I have always talked about going is Australia. Since I don’t think we can travel that far, I would love to go to England, Ireland, and Scotland instead.

Nancy Cleveland
Artist/Designer, Reprographics and Design Services

Rebel since: 1978

Typical day: There really isn’t one. I design a variety of brochures, catalogs, and programs for a number of campus clients. Sometimes I’ll work on the same project for two weeks if it’s something lengthy and detailed. Other days I rush to turn a project around in a day or two. It just depends which fire leaps the highest.

What makes you good at what you do? I’m good at paying attention to detail. I tend to do the long, detailed projects like the undergraduate, graduate, and ed outreach catalogs. The commencement program is a major project, and not just because it’s long — usually around 48 pages. It is incredibly detailed and those details are important. Parents don’t spend all that money on college to see their child’s name spelled wrong at graduation.

Can’t work without: The people in this building. We’re like family.

How you came to UNLV: My husband, Wayne, came here on a football scholarship in the ’70s. He played in the opening game at Sam Boyd Stadium. Later, he worked at UNLV in the receiving department.

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Dream vacation: I’ve had one dream vacation and have another in mind. An egg is created to do my own laundry. But someone else wash my underwear? No thanks. I’d do it myself. Now I would like to see the Panama Canal. It’s always fascinated me. Look at the difference it’s made in so many people’s lives.
For the Love of the Game

By Shane Bevell | Marketing & PR

For the love of the game. Yeah, it’s a cliché, but why else would hundreds of student-athletes sacrifice their own money and a lot of time to compete for a club team? Unlike UNLV’s official athletic teams, sports clubs don’t offer scholarships or support staff to help with logistics, said Steven Thiele, club sports program coordinator. “The teams raise money to keep out-of-pocket costs low, but player dues can run into the thousands of dollars,” he said.

The student-athletes do all the work to make their clubs function — deciding team rules and game schedules, organizing jersey purchases and travel accommodations, and developing sponsorship deals and fundraising activities. While not affiliated with the NCAA, club teams compete regionally and nationally against other colleges for national championships.

Student-athletes who did not make the university-sanctioned team can form a club team to compete at a different level (as is the case with baseball and soccer). UNLV club teams include:

- Baseball
- Bowling
- Boxing
- Cycling
- Ice Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Rugby
- Soccer
- Roller hockey
- Table tennis
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball

More info: Go to unlv.recportal.net/sportsclubs.

(Right) John Priest, left, Jerome Foster, center, and Henry Namauu at the UNLV boxing gym. Priest is a graduate student in exercise physiology who wants to train fighters as a career. Foster, a junior university studies major, is preparing for the upcoming regional tournament. Namauu is an assistant coach and boxed for the team from 2004-06. In 2006, he won an individual championship, helping the boxing club win the National Collegiate Boxing Association title.

(Above) The rugby team scrums for a photo. Ryan Krametbauer, left, and Anthony Greener led the hockey team to a ninth place finish in the West Region and its first-ever regional tournament. Meanwhile, another UNLV team, the roller hockey team, placed second in the Western Regional Tournament and will play in the College Roller Hockey National Championships in Pennsylvania this month. (Right above) Mary Pluff, right, an academic advisor in the Division of Health Sciences, has coached the women’s lacrosse team since it formed two years ago. She played collegiately at Niagara University. Katie Bane, left, is a sophomore studying elementary education. Molli Morgan, second from left, is a senior majoring in physical education. Jessica Lowe, second from right, is a freshman political science major.