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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.

$89 Million and Counting
UNLV Officials Strive Diligently to Save Money
By Diane Russell | Marketing & PR
Just as families are looking for ways to trim their spending — a scaled-back cable television package here, buying a used car rather than a shiny new one there — UNLV has been searching for ways to reduce its bills. But when UNLV looks for ways to spend less — and Gerry Bomotti is in charge of the hunt — we’re talking millions saved.

Over the past 10 years, UNLV has slashed its spending by $89 million. Some of it was particularly painful, as when a number of employees didn’t have their contracts renewed, but some of it was done with little or no negative impact to the campus community, particularly in the area of facilities.

Proud of Award
Bomotti, senior vice president of finance and business, takes particular pride in the facilities management department’s recent award from the Nevada Taxpayer Association. The Cashman Good Government Award is the group’s highest honor and is given for

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 campus. 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
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 with the way students have engaged in the budget debate.

We will address funding inequities. Education has been a victim as long as anyone can remember to swings of the budget cycle. 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.

More info: For more budget information, including a recently updated FAQ section, go to unlv.edu/budget.

David Ashley | UNLV President

Invent the Future

By Michelle Mooton | 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 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 $4 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 Clautreto, a professor in the department of finance, said that 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 on a long way to building the foundation for a stronger future.

“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.”

Recognizing Donors

A recognition social for all faculty and staff donors will take place 2-4 p.m. April 16 at the Metcalf Art Gallery in the Tam Alumni Center.

More info: Contact Patrice Mickens, development officer for annual giving, at ext. 5-2821.
the most efficient use of taxpayer money in the state. It was given to the UNLV department for having saved $11 million since 2001 through sustainable practices (see “Taxpayer Group,” this page).

“That’s an independent taxpayer’s group not linked to a government 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 budget 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 efficiencies 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 target amounts by which they are expected to reduce their budgets. And facilities maintenance continues to look for ways to increase efficiency in areas such as utility costs.

Sustainability Links

Many of these efforts tie in well with UNLV’s commitment to sustainability, Bomotti pointed out. The “paperless” push that did away with paper payroll checks at the end of 2008 is one example.

Facilities now is testing an automated leave-reporting system and the university is researching an automated travel system. Another improvement in automation will come with the new iNtegrate system that UNLV is pilot testing for the NSHE. iNtegrate is a modern, automated student information system that will include admissions, advising, registration, and all student support activities through graduation.

Legislative Watch

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 pursuing cost savings and will fund the university sufficiently to maintain its mission.

“Sometimes 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 at about the 18th 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 2 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 management 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 professional at Penn State University, he played 505 holes in 12 hours. It was, at the time, a record-breaking feat. This time, though, Cain acknowledges that he is not in quite the same shape he was back then.

“The experience I gained from playing the 505 holes in 12 hours will hopefully outweigh the seven years of age difference and slightly different conditioning techniques this time around,” he said. “The event is extremely demanding because a premium is placed on accurate shot making, all while maintaining speedy performance.”

Speedy is the operative word here.

Christopher Cain, UNLV’s PGA golf management director, takes a practice swing as he prepares to shoot 1,000 holes of golf in just 12 hours. He’ll be joined by Brian Esposito, founder of Par for the Cure, in this endeavor. Funds raised will be donated to the golf management program and Par for the Cure, which sponsors cancer research.
Academic Success Center Workshops Target Students Struggling Academically
Faculty and staff members are asked to encourage students — especially those on probation or in academic peril — to sign up for an April 22 workshop to help students understand and improve their grade point averages. The center received positive responses from students who participated in workshops earlier this semester.

Starting fall semester, these workshops will be required for students with undeclared majors who are on probation, and will be offered to colleges for their students on probation.

More info: Contact Anne Hein at ext. 5-0663.

Life Skills Skits Help Athletes Improve Decision Making
A series of skits depicting life skills issues was presented to UNLV's student-athletes and to members of the athletic staff 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 Rayne 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, the NCAA compliance office, the office of student conduct, and the campus police department.

Business
Meslier Named Outstanding Auditing Educator
Professor William F. Meslier has been named 2009 Outstanding Auditing Educator by the auditing section of the American Accounting Association.

Meslier, who holds the Kenneth and Tracy Knauss Endowed Chair in Accounting, was recognized for his exemplary research and teaching over more than a decade, as evidenced by publications, educational innovations, guidance to graduate and undergraduate students, and excellence in teaching.

He also holds the Frewaterhouse Cooper Professor II in the department of accounting, auditing and law at the Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration and has held a visiting appointment at SDA Bocconi in Italy. He received his doctorate from Indiana University in 1979 and began as an assistant professor at the University of Florida. Before coming to UNLV, he was a faculty member at Georgia State University.

Meslier is a past editor of Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory. He also served as president of the auditing section of the American Accounting Association.

Memorial Clinic Helps Veterans Get Free Dental Care
A dental clinic honoring a U.S. Army soldier who died in Iraq is helping Nevada's veterans receive dental care.

For people who do not qualify for Medicaid and cannot afford dental insurance, the Sergeant Clint Ferrin Memorial Clinic has been held twice at the dental school. So far, 53 veterans have received more than $21,000 in treatment.

Sgt. Clint Ferrin, a member of the 82nd Airborne Division, died in 2004. His brother, UNLV dental student John Ferrin, a second lieutenant in the National Guard, saw a need to provide dental care to Nevada Army National Guard soldiers who were not eligible for deployment because of dental disease. The clinic, which began in July for soldiers of the Nevada Army National Guard, since has been expanded to treat all veterans.

Education
School Psychology Degree Receives Stamp of Approval
The department of educational psychology recently received word that its Ed.S. degree in school psychology has again been granted full approval by the Program Approval Board of the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP).

This is the highest level of national recognition available for specialist-level school psychology programs. The Ed.S. degree is the entry-level degree for practice as a school psychologist, involving one year of post-master’s graduate coursework and a full academic year internship. NASP describes its program approval/national recognition as an important indicator of quality graduate education, with comprehensive content and extensive and properly supervised field experiences, as

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Print to Screen
Award-winning novelist Russell Banks, left, and writer and actress Guinevere Turner trade comments during a Black Mountain Institute at UNLV event last month. The topic was the challenges of adapting books for the big screen. The institute presents distinguished speakers and writers who specialize in literature, politics, social issues, and international affairs.
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 C’s Challenge**

The student chapter of the Association for Computing 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 Reapifiers, 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, April 3. 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**

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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. 5-2797.

**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.

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**Law Students Study Employment Discrimination**

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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-stereotype female employees. It was widely predicted that the decision would lead to changes in casino appearance policies and staffing patterns.

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**Across Campus**

**Libraries**

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President David B. Ashley will be the special guest speaker. All faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to attend.

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Liberal Arts

English Faculty Reap Honors

World-class scholars in the English department earned acclaim and prizes this season. Charles Whitlum won the 2008 Elizabeth Dietz Award for Best Book in Early Modern Studies for his landmark work, Early Responses to Renaissance Drama (Cambridge, 2006). The prize, for contributions to English literature 1500-1650, was presented by Robert Parten of Rice University at a special ceremony at the Modern Language Association meeting in December.

Works closely with several departments handling employee grants-in-aid.

Tiffany Schmier (Honor) presented “Great Expectations: Meeting the Needs of Today’s Honor Student” at the National Academic Advising Association 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 among 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 Rio Hotel 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 outstand-

ing TRIO and GEAR UP honorees, both current program participants and

alumni.

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

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Alex Faletto (Accounts Payable) was named classified employee of the month in the technical/service category for February.

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 the opportunity to interact with local faculty and staff and attend presenta-

tions, as well as learn more about Italian culture and traditions.

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 numerous work-


istrative regulations to which TRiO project grantees must conform, as well as infor-

mation on managing TRiO budgets in accordance with federal requirements.

Spotlight On Accomplishments

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

— Immortality on a World Scale.

— Differentiating Allowable from Non-Allowable Costs.

— Conducting Project Evaluation, Part I.

— Collecting Data Needed for Evaluation & Performance Reporting.


— TRiO Reporting Requirements, Part 2.

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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: 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.

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 aunt took my sister and I on an Alaskan cruise. We had a suite complete with butler service. It was wonderful. The staff was a little appalled that I wanted to do my own laundry. But someone else wash my underwear? No thanks. I’ll 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.

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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.

(Above) The rugby team scrums for a photo. (Right above) 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) 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.