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Greenspuns Pledge $9.7 Million

by Tom Flagg

The Greenspun family has pledged to give UNLV 40 percent of the cost to build a new facility to house the university's Greenspun College of Urban Affairs, President Carol C. Harter announced recently.

By current estimates, the proposed Greenspun Hall would cost $24.3 million, bringing the Greenspuns' pledge to $9.7 million. UNLV will ask the Nevada Legislature during its next session to fund the balance.

"Because its programs directly address the issues of an urban environment like Southern Nevada, the Greenspun College is one of UNLV's most important academic units," Harter said. "Centralizing it in a single facility will strengthen the college's teaching and research programs. This extraordinary pledge would provide significant assistance to the state in the construction of this high-priority building."

The college comprises the Greenspun School of Communications, the School of Social Work, and the departments of counseling, criminal justice, public administration, and environmental studies. These programs, along with UNLV TV's studio, would be located in the proposed 70,000-square-foot, five-story building. The structure would be built on the property recently acquired from the Boulder Dam Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

"My husband, Hank, and I have always been deeply committed to education," Barbara Greenspun said. "My family has also believed in leadership by example. When we started the Hank Greenspun School of Communication, and then expanded our commitment with the opening of the Greenspun College of Urban Affairs, it was only a matter of time before the various pieces of the college needed a place to come together."

Martha Watson, dean of the Greenspun College of Urban Affairs, said the college annually enrolls more than 1,100 undergraduate students and 400 graduate students who study with 54 faculty and professional staff members. "It will be wonderful to have the entire college under one roof, and I'm deeply grateful to the Greenspun family for their continued support," she said.

Cart Licensing and Safety Program Started

by Cate Weeks

UNLV's fleet of battery-powered carts has become a ubiquitous presence across the 355-acre campus. Now, to ensure both cart drivers and pedestrians are safe, members of the Facilities Use Committee are establishing registration and purchasing procedures for these handy vehicles.

"There are two main reasons we've decided to register the carts," said Phil Plentzas, director of administrative services for facilities management. "First, we want to know that all of the carts are safe to be driven. Second, we need a central inventory of all carts on campus so we can insure them for damage or loss."

Plentzas is currently updating the database of carts listed by inventory control. The database will be used to monitor safety inspections and to create an insurance listing.

Members of the Facilities Use Committee are also developing procedures to ensure all carts are inspected on an annual or semi-annual basis. The wiring system and all safety features on the carts, such as brake lights, will be checked.

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Reaffirming Community Connections

by Carol C. Harter
UNLV President

Since September 11th, I have thought many times about how a major metropolitan university can use its vast and varied expertise and resources to reinforce democratic values and enhance the quality of life for all the people it touches. A reaffirmation of community engagement seems to me to be a necessary condition of meeting that goal.

One of the ways we can reaffirm our connection with our community is to support and encourage university/community collaborations. We have often spoken of the value of these collaborations that have led to research, programs, and services yielding positive results for the community.

My advocacy of such collaborations is strong for a number of reasons. In addition to the obvious and important networking they so often produce, these types of partnerships are representative of the synergistic bond we have with our community and our state. I know many of you share my feeling that these two entities need our active participation in helping to meet their various challenges. After all, it has been a time-honored tradition for universities to provide service to the communities in which they reside and, indeed, to society in general. And this service is especially important in Southern Nevada, which is - despite its rapid growth and increasing sophistication - still geographically isolated; as a result, we are at times the sole resource available when it comes to providing easily accessible expertise and guidance on certain matters. Thus, I feel our responsibility for contributing to the community in substantive ways is quite clear.

As I have considered the institution's necessary and growing commitment to the goal of enhancing these collaborations in the past several years, it has become increasingly apparent to me that a more supportive organizational structure could aid in this effort. Thus, at the beginning of this academic year, I introduced my plans to form the Council for University/Community Collaborations in an effort to achieve this goal. I am pleased to announce that this council has been formed, has met, and is beginning its work.

The charge of the council is first to make an assessment of the recent and current collaborative endeavors in which we are engaged and to recommend ways they can be supported and expanded. I have asked Juanita Fain, vice president for administration, and Martha Watson, dean of UNLV's College of Urban Affairs, to co-chair this council, which will be composed of faculty and staff members, students, and, of course, members of the community. A steering committee has been formed, as have subcommittees that will concentrate their efforts in five specific areas: social linkages and community partnerships, economic linkages, cultural linkages, continued on page 3

New Recreation Program Teaches the Business of Golf Course Management

by Cate Weeks

With the endorsement of the Professional Golfers' Association of America, UNLV will offer a new degree concentration to students beginning this fall. The PGA recently approved the professional golf management curriculum at UNLV, bringing to 13 the number of colleges and universities offering the program.

The four-and-a-half-year program grants a bachelor's degree in recreation with a concentration in professional golf management. It is designed for students intending to become PGA club professionals, not touring players. Club professionals manage many aspects of a golf course's daily operations, including instruction and customer relations.

"This rigorous academic program is going to prepare our students to take on the business challenges specific to their chosen industry," said Stuart Mann, dean of the William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration. "As we continue to work with a business degree to handle the management aspects of the profession, he or she wouldn't be prepared for many of the particular needs of a golf course. By the same token, a skilled instructor of the game needs to be equipped to handle the business aspects as well as they handle a club."

Because the golf management program is part of UNLV's existing recreation degree, the college was able to launch the academic program quickly. The program's faculty members already were working within the recreation and leisure studies department.

He hopes UNLV's urban setting will help draw minorities and women to the program. "We are nicely situated to be able to attract groups traditionally underrepresented in the golf industry to our program," he said. "The community's diversity - which other institutions offering this program just don't have - will attract students from all types of backgrounds."

To further encourage diversity, the PGA is establishing a scholarship at UNLV for minority students. Las Vegas' strong golf and tourism industries will also appeal to prospective students, said Jim Busser, the college's associate dean for academic affairs. "Las Vegas presents a unique setting in that we have every type of golf facility represented - daily fee/municipal, resort, country club, gated community, and executive courses," he said. "Every course type is here for students to experience and add to their repertoires."

The curriculum includes classes in customer service, personnel administration, pro shop operations, and food and beverage concession management. At the same time, students complete many of the PGA's requirements for membership.

UNLV Police Officer Dies

UNLV Police Lt. Rochelle sax, 55, died March 4 after a battle with cancer.

Born Jan. 3, 1947, in East St. Louis, Ill., she was a 20-year veteran of UNLV's police department and the first female to attain the ranks of sergeant and lieutenant. She specialized in sexual assault investigations and crime prevention. As lieutenant, Sax was in charge of special events and the patrol division.

While working full time as a police officer, she took classes and graduated with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 1987. Sax previously had worked as a corrections officer for the city of Las Vegas and as a peace officer for the Humane Society of Las Vegas. She was a volunteer and charter member with the local chapter of the Humane Society.

She is survived by her sister, Annette Seawan.
Staff Tackles Challenges of Eventful Jobs

by Betty Blodgett

More than 50 classified staff members are employed by the Thomas & Mack Center, Cox Pavilion, and Sam Boyd Stadium to help support these facilities, which host more than 200 events and approximately 1.2 million guests each year.

Communications and ticketing are two critical areas in which classified staff members provide much-needed support. Mark Horn and Erin Edelman-Josephs are two classified staff members whose attention to detail is crucial in ensuring that the myriad sporting and special events run smoothly.

As the communications coordinator for the Thomas & Mack Center, Cox Pavilion, and Sam Boyd Stadium, Horn is responsible for installing phone and computer lines for all of the sporting and special events that are held in each of the three facilities. That is a major responsibility in light of the large number of events that take place — often simultaneously — throughout the year.

"There’s always something going on, whether it’s men’s basketball, football, women’s basketball, volleyball, car sales, title fights, concerts, or the NFR (National Finals Rodeo)," Horn said.

During large sporting events, Horn installs the communications lines so that the television and radio stations can broadcast the games. Similarly, the Rebel football coaches rely on Horn to make sure their headsets are working properly so they can call plays.

"If a coach’s headset goes down and he can’t communicate, then that could cost us the game," he said.

Music concerts can also pose a unique challenge when it comes to providing communication services, Horn said.

"You have to realize that many of these large bands that perform here on campus are traveling businesses. When production crews for groups such as the Grateful Dead, ‘N Sync, and the Dave Matthews Band arrive here, they expect to have phone, fax, and Internet communication lines set up so they can continue to conduct business, like coordinating plans for the next stop on their tour."

Horn has the additional responsibility of making sure communication devices such as radios and pagers work properly during events so ushers, concessionaires, and parking staff are able to communicate with each other.

The role of communications coordinator may seem like an unusual career choice for Horn, who graduated from UNLV in 1993 with a degree in kinesiology. While a student, he began working part time at the Thomas & Mack Center as a stagehand setting up concerts. He moved into his current position full time in 1996, having focused most of his skills on the job and demonstrating a great aptitude for the work.

"I love this job because there is so much variety in what I do on a daily basis, and I am always learning something new about the rapidly changing field of communications technology," Horn said. "I am happy that I am able to be a part of the exciting events that take place here on campus."

Erin Edelman-Josephs shares Horn’s enthusiasm about the job environment. She is one of the key players in the ticket office at the Thomas & Mack Center. She joined the ticket office in 1989 while attending UNLV as a student and remained on the job after graduating with a degree in community health education in 1996.

"I joined the ticket office because I thought that it would be a fun and interesting place to work," said Edelman-Josephs, whose current duties include providing outstanding customer service at the VIP ticket window. Now, almost 13 years later, she says that she continues to find her job enjoyable and thinks of the people she works with at the Thomas & Mack as family.

The ticket office plays an important role in the marketing of events to the local community. While selling tickets is the primary function of the office, Edelman-Josephs explained that another important function is to act as an information center for upcoming events.

"With the large number of events that are going on throughout the year, we work hard to make sure the information that we give to our customers is correct and current," she said.

Edelman-Josephs said that staffing can sometimes be a challenge when there are events that are running simultaneously at the Thomas & Mack Center, Cox Pavilion, and Sam Boyd Stadium.

"It can become quite hectic at times, but we have a great group of people working here so we always are able to meet the challenges when they arise."

The ability to communicate in a positive manner with a large and diversified public is an important skill that Edelman-Josephs brings to her job in the ticket office.

"Working in the ticket office is interesting because you get to know the different types of people that come to all the various events, such as the World Wrestling Federation matches, Disney on Ice, the National Finals Rodeo, rock concerts, and games. The events are all so different that it exposes you to a wide variety of people and types of human behavior, which is fun and sometimes quite an eye-opening experience. Our customers are usually pleasant people because they are buying a ticket to be entertained. Good entertainment makes for happy people. Ultimately, this is what makes working at the Thomas & Mack Center such a feel-good job."

Tickets for Annual UNLVino Fund-raiser Now Available

Whether you’re a wine neophyte or an oenophile, UNLVino is the place to expand your palate with new vintages.

Billed as the largest single day event for wine tasting in the country, the 28th annual UNLVino will feature more than 100 vintners from around the world. The event will take place from 1 to 8 p.m. April 20 at the Paris Las Vegas Hotel Casino.

In the past three years, the event has raised more than $100,000 each year. All proceeds from the auction and ticket sales go to benefit William Coppola, Pahrump Valley Vineyards, Robert Mondavi, and Sebastiani Vineyards.

Live music and an auction of specialty wines will be featured during the event. Alumni also are invited to attend a brunch before the wine tasting at the Skyview Room of Baby’s Hotel and Casino. Tickets to the alumni brunch are $45 per person and include admission to the UNLVino wine tasting. To purchase brunch tickets, call Deborah Young at ext. 3148.

Tickets for UNLVino may be purchased in advance for $35 through many area locations of Ticketmaster, online at www.unlvino.com, at the Performing Arts Center box office, or at the UNLV Bookstore. Tickets will cost $50 at the door.

For more information, visit www.unlvino.com or call ext. 3161 or 876-4500.
Business

The college has worked with Fred Albrecht, vice president for university and community relations, and Alex Herzog, assistant director of alumni relations, to create an alumni association for the college. Involvement with alumni is key for faculty and students. Alumni are a link to traditions of the past and a window to future opportunities. They play a key role for students as possible mentors and help build a network for internships and placement.

Faculty members have been critical to staying connected to alumni. Many professors have followed the careers of successful students and maintain contact with them. Faculty members are working with alumni as guest speakers and as a link to the business community.

Because of increased interaction with college alumni, we have received valuable feedback on positive experiences that former students had while attending UNLV. Whether they recall a particular faculty member who made an impact on their career or reflect on the overall experience, alumni have shared that the college and their degrees have helped them to advance their careers.

A group of alumni spanning all decades of the college's history have come together to guide the college alumni association board of directors. These alumni leaders will serve as a link between our current faculty and students and other alumni.

Members of the campus community who are also College of Business alumni are encouraged to stay connected to the college.

Dental School

The school recently hired some key faculty members, including Dr. Gailn M.P. Galbraith, who will serve as chair of integrated biosciences, and Dr. Peter J. Fos, who joins the faculty as the school's chair of clinical sciences.

Galbraith comes from the Medical University of South Carolina where she held dual appointments in the departments of stomatology and immunology and served as vice chair of the department of microbiology and immunology. She received her degree from the University of London in 1971 and joined the MUSC faculty in 1976. At MUSC, her teaching responsibilities included both predoctoral and postdoctoral dental and medical students. Additionally, she was director of the microbiology and immunology graduate program. Her research focuses on the immunology of mucocutaneous diseases and the roles of cytokines and cytokine genetics in periodontal disease.

Fos comes from Tulane University Medical Center School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. There he coordinated master's degree programs integrated with various departments within the School of Public Health, the School of Medicine, and other schools within the university system, as well as other universities outside the Tulane system. Additionally, he served as assistant dean for undergraduate relations in the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. He was instrumental in developing and implementing an integrated curriculum in international health systems management and has extensive experience in curriculum design and management.

Education

The health and physical education department (HFPE) has undergone a reorganization. The physical education program moved to the department of educational leadership and is now known as the sport educational leadership program. Concurrently, the health education (HED) faculty have agreed that "health promotion" best describes their department. The HED department offers a bachelor of science in health education with a school emphasis, leading to teacher licensure, or with a community emphasis for graduates who work in corporations, health volunteer agencies, government agencies, medical sites, or managed-care companies. The HED department also offers a master of education degree in health promotion. This new program is the 12th largest on campus. With the community emphasis as the basis of this program, graduates are placed in the types of agencies listed above.

As a result of the new configuration and the hiring of two new faculty members, the HED department has focused its efforts on the following tasks: (1) initiating a series of one-credit seminars to explore topics such as health across cultures, bio-terrorism, safety and public health, and self-health; (2) expanding the undergraduate program to include a new course on multicultural health and the offering of multiple sections of the HED programs service courses such as stress management; and (3) having faculty continue to pursue grant funding in such areas as a Phase II Center for Disease Control and Prevention's program and involvement in a national initiative targeting health and fitness activities with seniors. Details of this project may be located on the HED Web page.

Engineering

KLAS, Channel 8, and its Community Pride Partners extended congratulations to professor Eugene McGaugh as a 2002 Black History Month Portrait of Pride awardee at its honorary luncheon on Feb. 13. It was with great pleasure that the college nominated McGaugh as an African-American who has contributed significantly to the community and positively influenced Nevada's future generations.

An electrical engineering professor, McGaugh has served as director of the Minority Engineering Program in the College of Engineering since 1989. The mission of the MEP is to recruit, retain, and graduate under-represented minority students majoring in the disciplines of engineering and computer science at UNLV. The program currently provides approximately 150 students with scholarships, tutoring, counseling, mentoring, and assistance in finding employment opportunities. McGaugh has also developed a collaborative dual-degree program with Fort Valley State University in Georgia, which is called the Cooperative Development Energy Program. The CDEP conducts a summer program for middle school students on the UNLV campus called the Mathematics, Science and Engineering Academy. Approximately 40 students from throughout the United States are selected each year to participate in this program. As part of the program, McGaugh conducts introductory classes on electrical engineering.

Additionally, he has coordinated the Applied Engineering and Science Orientation Program, which has actively involved with the UNLV Alliance of Professionals of African Heritage, and has chaired the Roosevelt Fitzgerald Awards Committee.

Fine Arts

The Australian Chamber Orchestra featuring piano soloist Stephen Hough will perform inside Ham Concert Hall on April 6 as part of the Charles Vanda
The theatre department presents Lourder Than Words in the Black Box Theatre April 12-21. Kim Moone’s hilarious comedy has Marie Baker, a physical comedy genius, struggling to keep a band of vaudeville misfits together as they buck and wing into the future. The dance department will present a concert April 26-27 in the Black Box Theatre.

Law School

Professor Annette Appell of the Boyd School of Law was recently elected vice president of the College of Legal Education Association (CLEA). The organization is a national association of law professors who use clinical methods, such as in-house legal clinics or externships, in their teaching.

The association’s principal goals are to promote clinical teaching in law schools, advocate for pro bono legal services and against cuts in legal services for the poor, and promote legal education reforms designed to prepare law students to be more effective lawyers after graduation. CLEA also cosponsors the Journal of Clinical Legal Education, a peer-reviewed academic journal devoted to improving the teaching of law and the quality of legal practice.

Appell was CLEA’s vice president during 2002. Appell will become the president of that organization in 2003. As one of the founding faculty at the Boyd Law School, Appell played a crucial role in the creation and implementation of the school’s clinical programs, and her leadership role in CLEA now brings further national recognition to the school.

Liberal Arts

"What are you going to do with a philosophy degree?" "Why didn’t you major in business?"

"Majors in our college frequently hear these kinds of questions, not only from their parents or fellow students, but also from faculty," said Dean Jim Frey.

Yet, the college has nurtured thousands of graduates over the years and not all are unemployed or singing hamburgers. In fact, they can be found throughout the occupational spectrum and are often in the top positions in their firms.

"It may take humanities and social science graduates a little longer to find that job which will lead to a career, but once in these positions, they rise to the top quickly because they have verbal and written communication skills, they can grasp the organizational culture quickly, they are adaptable, and these graduates have the ability to see the big picture," Frey said, adding that many companies, such as Enterprise Rent-A-Car, specifically seek liberal arts graduates. Medical schools and dot-com companies, in particular, physics department researchers use the computational facilities outside UNLV are also utilized. In particular, physics department researchers use the national parallel computing facility, a facility that is no longer localized in one place, but is actually spread throughout the United States. The computational physics program was approved in fall 2001 and immediately admitted three students.

Currently, the department is proposing a new Ph.D. degree in astronomy. In comparison to the existing program leading to a Ph.D. in physics, which is configured to reflect that interest in astronomy by its emphasis on course selection and thesis research topic, the new program will have a significantly greater emphasis on astronomy and astrophysics, including an expanded graduate studies curriculum. The Ph.D. in astronomy/astrophysics will prepare students for positions in academia, industry, and government. On-site facilities for this program include a computational and data reduction lab. Off-site resources include the Hubble Space Telescope and Kitt Peak National Observatory in Arizona.

University Libraries

The full text of 340 Wiley InterScience journals, covering topics in science, medicine, technology, and social science, are now available to all UNLV students, faculty, and staff. Though UNLV subscribes to 49 of the titles, through a consortial agreement with Arizona University Libraries and UNR, the library had online access to the pool of subscribed titles or 183 journals. Recently by working with the Greater Western Library Alliance, a consortium of 29 academic libraries from Arkansas to Washington, access has been expanded to all 340 titles.

Digital Dissertations contains citations to doctoral dissertations and master’s theses from more than 1,000 graduate schools and universities. UNLV users are now able to download .pdf files of the complete text of titles published since 1997. Full texts of theses and dissertations published by UNLV students are available from 1990 to present. Two different previews of the digitized works can be viewed online. About 47,000 new dissertations and 12,000 new theses are added to the database each year.

Go to the Libraries’ “Find Articles and More” page at www.library.unlv.edu/resources/epsilon.html to search the full text of these journals, Digital Dissertations, and a multitude of other resources.

Honors

The Annual Honors College Medallion Graduation Ceremony is now scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. May 16 in the Boyd Dining Room in Beam Hall. The college is anticipating close to 45 graduates this May – the largest graduating class to date.

The college cosponsored "The Mystical Arts of Tibet" featuring monks of Drepung Loseling Monastery during the week of March 4. This performance also included a Mandala sand painting exhibit.
ON ACCOMPLISHMENTS


John Massengale (Kinesiology), a former editor of Quest, the journal of the National Association for Physical Education in Higher Education, has been appointed to the Quest editorial board.

Sandra Owens-Kane, George Rajewski, and Esther Langston (Social Work) recently received a $30,000 grant titled "Geriatric Enrichment in Social Work Education" from the John A. Hartford Foundation and the Council on Social Work Education. UNLV will be contributing an additional $13,000 to be used in the initial six-month planning stage of the project. The review process was very rigorous and competitive, and UNLV is one of 70 universities in the nation to receive the three-year renewable grant (www.GeroRich.org). The grants were awarded to help faculty grants implement innovative ideas for creating and sustaining a geriatric-enriched learning environment for students, faculty, and community stakeholders.

Craig Walton (Ethics and Policy Studies) gave a paper, "Fables, Case Studies and Natural Histories: The Coaching of Moral Imagination, Reasoning and Judgment," at the Third International Teaching Ethics Across the Curriculum Conference, which was held at the Univeristy of Florida in January. He also took part in the panel, "Ethics, Government and Leadership," at the Leadership Las Vegas gathering in February along with former U.S. Sen. Richard Bryan, Rick Bennett (Government Relations), and Review-Journal columnist Steve Schuelin.

Karen K. Emptage (Human Resources) recently earned certification as a Senior Professional in Human Resources. The certification, awarded by the Human Resource Certification Institute (HRCI), signifies that she possesses the theoretical knowledge and practical experience in human resource management necessary to pass a rigorous examination demonstrating mastery of the body of knowledge in the field. HRCI is the credentialing body for human resource professionals and is affiliated with the Society for Human Resource Management, the world's largest organization dedicated exclusively to the human resource profession.

Ann McDonough (Theatre/Gerontology) taught a workshop on "Creating Scripts Through Oral History Theatre" at the Educational Theatre Association Middle School Conference held at Harrah's in Las Vegas in February.

Catherine G. Belver (Foreign Languages) presented a paper titled "Gendered Spaces in Entre Vizos: A session of the Modern Language Association (MLA) in homage to the writer Carmen Martín Gaite, who died in 2000. She also served in the delegate assembly of the MLA as a representative of the Division of Twentieth Century Spanish Literature.

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Urban Affairs

The departments of criminal justice and public administration will be analyzing data collected during traffic stops by Nevada law enforcement agencies as required by a state law passed last year. Data collection began Jan. 1 of this year and will continue through Dec. 31, and will include information from an estimated 1 million traffic stops conducted across the state. Analysis of the data will examine whether racial profiling of drivers is a problem within Nevada law enforcement agencies. A report based on the findings will be presented to the 2003 Legislature.

The department of criminal justice has been awarded a $165,876 grant from the National Institute of Justice to continue its Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring (ADAM) program. Currently operating in 35 cities nationwide, the ADAM program uses face-to-face interviews with samples of booked arrestees to determine the extent, nature, and trends in drug abuse among arrestee populations. Data from the project are used by law enforcement and treatment providers to improve the effectiveness of intervention efforts.
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P-16 partnerships and educational outreach, and physical linkages.
The first subcommittee will examine social linkages and community partnerships, focusing on enhancing social services and working with the criminal justice and legal communities to improve the social environment of Southern Nevada; the special needs of minorities will fall within the purview of this subcommittee. A second subcommittee will focus on creating positive opportunities to promote economic diversification by working with key representatives of the Nevada Development Authority, the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, and local chambers of commerce, as well as government officials and representatives of downtown businesses. The group will also involve members of the medical, dental, and biotechnology professions and research entities.

Another subcommittee will address cultural linkages, seeking to create opportunities for productive collaboration between the university and the sports and entertainment industries, local entertainers, megaresorts, and local artists. Another subcommittee will address educational outreach issues and preschool-through-college partnerships, helping to develop strategies to support and accommodate student preparedness and to enhance college and university recruitment and retention efforts. The issues of distance education and continuing education will also be addressed by this group.

The final subcommittee will provide insight and advice on how the university should expand geographically and physically within the city and community with the goal of broadening its physical presence in the area. This group will address issues involving real estate acquisition and will partner with members of the banking and real estate industries, city and county planners, architects, and the UNLV Foundation's Real Estate Committee.

I have asked the council's steering committee to produce a final report of its findings in December, that report will include input from the various subcommittees and will provide an assessment of our current collaborations, as well as recommendations for future directions. I look forward to receiving feedback from the council's members as they explore their respective areas and believe their efforts will guide us toward some very productive insights and potential developments for the future.
Many UNLV employees who joined the university community a couple of decades back will tell newcomers that they never envisioned the small, fledgling school becoming the 13,000-student-plus university it is today.

But not Jeff Halverson.

Halverson, who came to UNLV earlier this semester after 30 years in the registrar's office -- the last 24 as registrar -- says there never was a time he thought UNLV wouldn't become a major university.

"Maybe that's because I wanted so much for it to happen," he said as he reflected on his career one day shortly before his retirement.

Halverson came to UNLV in 1972 as assistant registrar to Muriel Parks, UNLV's first registrar. He already had experience working in the registrar's office at his alma mater, the University of Wyoming, where he had earned a bachelor's degree in business education and a master's degree in educational administration.

When Halverson first arrived, UNLV was a registration system then common to universities -- the decidedly low-tech punch card system. Enough cards were punched for each section of each class. Students filed into the MSU and lined up at the table of each department to list the classes and sections he wanted. If there was a card for the class and section he wanted, he was in. If not, he made another choice.

When that system, which required the participation of many people, became too cumbersome, the time it took students to complete the registration system was rapidly being eclipsed by online computer registration.

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The next thing he knew, he was overseeing and implementing the touch-tone Student Information System.

As the first institution in the University and Community College System of Nevada to employ such technology, UNLV's efforts were being closely watched by sister schools, Halverson said, making him both eager and nervous about the effort.

He clearly recalls waiting for the first student to call in and access the system. When that registration was successfully completed, Halverson quickly called his counterparts at the other schools with the happy news, "It works! It works!"

Though still in use today, the touch-tone system is rapidly being replaced by online computer registration, Halverson said. Yet, the successful installation and implementation of the telephone system will always be the high point of his UNLV career, he said.

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Halverson recently retired. Reflecting on his 30-year UNLV career, he says the high point of his UNLV career was overseeing the successful implementation of the touch-tone registration system.