Kruger Era in UNLV Basketball Begins

by Andy Grossman

As far as Athletics Director Mike Hamrick is concerned, UNLV found everything it was looking for in its next Runnin’ Rebel basketball coach when it hired Lon Kruger.

A coach with years of experience at both the collegiate and NBA levels, Kruger became the 10th full-time coach in the history of UNLV men’s basketball on March 15. The criteria for the position were clear from the start, and Hamrick said it became obvious that Kruger met every standard.

One of the primary goals was finding a college coach with success at more than one university, he said. “We wanted a coach who knew what it took to get into postseason play,” Hamrick said. “We wanted a coach who knew how to get to the Final Four. We found all of those things. We found a coach who took a program that was down and out and within three or four years took it to the top.

“But most importantly, we wanted an individual who had class, integrity, and who did everything the right way.”

Hamrick said the decision to hire Kruger was easy. “Every time I got on the phone to talk with the so-called basketball gurus about potential candidates, Lon Kruger’s name was the one that brought the conversation to an end.”

Coaching History

A veteran of two decades as a head coach on the collegiate and professional levels, Kruger came to Las Vegas after a four-year stint in the NBA. Following an 18-year career as one of the nation’s most successful college coaches, Kruger spent three seasons (2000-03) as the head coach of the Sun Devil basketball team.

Frey to Retire after 30 Years

by Diane Russell

Jim Frey clearly remembers his first visit to UNLV in the late spring of 1974. Nearing completion of a doctoral degree in sociology at Washington State University, he flew to Las Vegas for a job interview.

“I remember getting off the plane and feeling the searing heat. Of course, McCarran at that time didn’t have any gates. You would get off the plane and walk across the runway, basically, to the terminal. (Sociology professors) Ron Smith and Fred Preston met me at the airport,” he said.

Despite the blazing temperatures and the less-than-luxurious accommodations at the Motel 6 on Tropicana Avenue, Frey decided to take the job. That summer, “I drove down from Pullman (Wash.) with everything I owned in a VW bus. I showed up on a Friday, and department secretary Joy Kreider told me to report to work on Monday and start teaching.”

Frey, whose areas of expertise include research methods and the sociology of work, leisure and sport activities, and organizations, found himself part of a department that combined sociology and criminal justice and had a half dozen professors.

“One of the first courses I taught was undergraduate research methods and the sociology of work, for the last seven years as dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

Smith, who today chairs the sociology department and has known Frey since both were students at Washington State, said of his colleague, “As dean, Jim will always be remembered for his excellent management of an incredibly large and diverse academic unit and the initiatives he
Turning to New Ground
by Carol C. Harker
UNLV President

We recently gained the approval of the Board of Regents to begin planning for a new regional campus on 640 acres of federal land in the North Las Vegas area. Although this approval was a very early step in what will be a lengthy planning process, I am quite enthusiastic about the prospect of UNLV's expansion into this part of the valley, and I would like to take this opportunity to discuss it more fully with the campus community.

As most of you know, our rapid growth has already required us to expand beyond the current boundaries of our land-locked main campus. Although we have established our first regional campus at Shadow Lane, the facilities there were quickly assigned for use by the School of Dental Medicine, the UNLV Cancer Research Center, and the new biotechnology center. Thus, we have continued to evaluate other possible sites for expansion.

We were delighted last year to learn of an undeveloped Bureau of Land Management parcel near I-215, Pecos Road, and Lamb Boulevard that seemed uniquely suited to our needs. Access to the site is excellent, for expansion near I-215, the UNLV Cancer Research Center, the new biotechnology center. Thus, we have continued to evaluate other possible sites for expansion.

The undeveloped nature of the land will enable us to build the necessary infrastructure to fit our requirements. Also, the cost of the land is more than reasonable at a lease rate of only $2 per acre annually and a purchase price of approximately $10 per acre. (I will discuss other costs associated with planning later in this column.)

When we were approached by North Las Vegas officials about expanding to this area of the community, we were pleased to initiate a partnership with them, and negotiations with the BLM began. Under the provisions that guide such an acquisition and BLM land, we were required to prepare a detailed plan of development. Because it would take more than two years to complete this plan, we naturally needed to gain approval from the Board of Regents right away and make our intentions clear to all of the governmental agencies involved. This, of course, brought attention in January to a project that was really in its earliest stages of development.

Since that time, we are pleased to note that the plan is progressing nicely. With the regents' approval, we have set aside $700,000 to develop a master plan, which will be prepared with input from the city of North Las Vegas, adjoining property owners, and other local governmental agencies. Also, as we develop this plan, we intend to draw on the collective strengths of other UCCSN institutions in the valley, including Nevada State College and the Community College of Southern Nevada, to bring a strong, collaborative foundation to the endeavor.

The first building being considered for the site is a Higher Education Center - to be operated by UNLV, NSC, and CCGN - that will provide coordinated degree tracks in high-demand disciplines, such as business and education. Although higher education will be the primary focus on the

CUP Tackles Child Welfare Improvement
by Gian Galassi

The Greenspun College of Urban Affairs' Center for Urban Partnerships (CUP) and the Clark County department of family services (DFS) are collaborating on a five-year, $2.5 million project designed to improve outcomes for children and families in the child welfare system.

The Caring Communities Demonstration Project, which is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, will provide intervention and services for grandparents and other family members who assume care of their relatives' abused and neglected children. It is one of only nine projects nationwide designed to test the "system of care" approach in child welfare. Department of family services administrators Susan Klein-Rothchild and Joy Salmon began planning for the new national demonstration project in October.

Ramona Denby, associate professor of social work and interim CUP director, said, "Ultimately, the project is designed to help kinship caregivers increase their parenting capacity and their ability to maintain their kin's children for however long they need to care for them. Kinship care placements sometimes fail because relatives are not given the support services they need."

In addition to safeguarding children's well-being, promoting permanent placement with relatives is a major objective of the demonstration project.

Interdisciplinary Approach
Denby, who also serves as the lead evaluator for the federal initiative, has organized an interdisciplinary team of UNLV researchers to provide methodological expertise, statistical and analytic support, and conceptual guidance for the project.

"UNLV is essentially serving as the evaluation team for this intervention program, which has not yet been tried here in Nevada," Denby said. "Our role is to evaluate the efficacy of the project and to provide programmatic recommendations to county administrators and DFS management and staff."

One of the main strategies of the project includes providing families with mentors who have at one time navigated the system themselves. These mentors, or parent advocates, employed by Nevada Parents Encouraging Parents, will assist families in numerous ways, including accompanying them to family court, helping to locate services in their community, and simply providing moral support during difficult times.

"We're hoping this approach will help families from burning out, giving up, or perpetuating the abuse that put children in the system in the first place," Denby said. "These advocates work well because they're independent of the child protective system, and they can empathize with the caregivers' experiences. They're concerned with being an ally and an advocate for the caregivers' needs and interests."

UNLV Reaches Out
The collaboration between CUP and DFS is an example of one of the many projects that CUP facilitates in the areas of child welfare, mental health, social services, and criminal justice. The center's various projects are organized into five research cores and are led by the following UNLV researchers: Pat Markos (counseling), Daniel Allen (psychology), Larry Ashley (counseling), Lori Glasgow (public administration),
For Phil Plentzas, UNLV's P-Card is priceless. The UNLV Procurement Card doesn't just let employees efficiently buy needed supplies; it improves their ability to get the job done.

"The P-Card really gives workers the authority to go along with the responsibility for getting their jobs done," said Plentzas, director of administrative services and energy management. "For the warehouse crew in particular, it speeds up their ability to serve the campus."

The P-Card can be used in lieu of LPOs and requisition orders for certain purchases of up to $2,000. It can be used for in-person, catalog, and online purchases as well as for conference registrations and hosting expenses.

Warehouse crewmembers, for example, use their cards when they run out of pipe needed to fix a plumbing problem. With card in hand, they are able to buy the pipe immediately, without filling out forms and waiting for signatures.

Before the P-Card, the LPO process could delay an emergency repair. "It's taken the process from at least a day to a matter of moments," Plentzas said. "And it removes a lot of unnecessary and time-consuming steps."

Those time-consuming steps, said disbursements director Joe Honrath, also add to the cost of making a purchase. The present purchasing process requires six separate steps to complete the paperwork and costs between $55 and $70 per transaction, according to estimates from the National Association of Educational Buyers.

"Now, essentially, there are two steps involved in the transaction — the selection and the purchase," Honrath said. "The record-keeping aspects for each transaction are handled using a process similar to online banking. By eliminating all the unnecessary steps, the cost of each transaction is reduced to only $4 to $6, for a substantial savings to our university."

Expanding Vendors

Another major benefit is that it enables cardholders to make on-the-spot or emergency purchases.

"One thing cardholders will like is that they can comparison shop when they don't know exactly what they want," said Debbie Kargard, assistant director of disbursements. "Once they find it, they can make the purchase immediately. They don't have to go back to the office to get the paperwork filled out. They can also use the card at places that don't take our purchase orders, such as Best Buy and Wal-Mart."

Currently, the P-Card may not be used for most travel expenses, but disbursements is working to expand the program soon to cover airfare, lodging, and other travel-related expenses.

Getting Your Card

There are currently about 190 cardholders on campus, and everyone can potentially qualify for the card, said procurement card coordinator Tony Calleja. The card is issued in the name of the individual but because it is a corporate card, it does not affect the cardholder's personal credit history.

A cardholder must have the approval of the appropriate dean or vice president. Each cardholder must fill out a cardholder agreement and application form, both of which can be downloaded from the disbursements website, which also contains the policy and procedures manual, FAQs, and notices to cardholders.

In addition, each card account must have at least one account liaison, generally the person who oversees departmental expenditures. Both the cardholder and the liaison must attend a training session before the card is issued.

The department liaison is responsible for keeping the original receipts and verifying that the purchase was appropriate. Before the end of each billing cycle, the liaison reconciles the transactions and designates from which university account each purchase is paid.

P-Card systems are already in place at a number of other institutions. UNR has been using the system for more than five years.

"The important thing for the campus to know is that this is not a whole new way of making purchases," said Calleja. "It doesn't circumvent policies already in place. It's just a more efficient way to pay for those purchases."

He doesn't have big plans, but hopes to spend more time at his cabin on Utah's Duck Creek and on the golf course. He'll also soon serve as president of the Green Valley Rotary Club. And, he's considering registering with what he describes as a "Dean-for-a-day" service that places experienced administrators in temporary dean's jobs at universities nationwide.

Frey hasn't ruled out coming back to teach the occasional sociology course at UNLV, but said he figures that first he'll need to get up to speed on the technologies so commonly used in today's college classrooms.

"When I left the chair's position (to become dean), I thought I was in the forefront on technology. I had list-serves and chat rooms. We were kind of in a fledgling stage of technology. A lot of the students didn't even have e-mail addresses. Now, seven years later, I'm so behind," he said.

"Maybe instead of hitting the links, I'll spend some of my retirement improving my technology skills."
Education
Preparing qualified teachers to meet the mandates of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act is one of the college's primary missions. Although a number of for-profit teacher preparation programs are now available in the Las Vegas Valley, teacher candidates are drawn to UNLV. It is the college's goal to prepare more than 600 new teachers annually.

Having taught who are qualified to teach in cross-cultural settings is a major goal of NCLB. This semester, more than 200 candidates are doing student teaching in the areas of special, elementary, and secondary education. Student teachers were assigned to schools not only locally, but also in Connecticut, New Zealand, and on the Navajo Reservation in Pinon, Ariz.

Elementary, special, and early childhood teacher candidates were placed in 42 Clark County School District (CCSD) elementary schools in the Las Vegas Valley. Additionally, one student taught in Virgin Valley and another in an elementary classroom at Our Lady of Las Vegas.

Secondary teacher licensure and workforce education candidates were placed in 18 high schools and 20 middle schools in the Las Vegas Valley as well as in Moapa and Lovelock schools.

Thanks to the support from CCSD and the opportunities provided through the International Student Teaching program, the college is able to offer candidates learning opportunities in such diverse settings.

Engineering
Walter Vodrazka Sr., professor of civil and environmental engineering, is retiring after 14 years. From 1990 until 2001, he served as the college's associate dean. He received his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Manhattan College in New York, a master of science in civil engineering from Mississippi State University, and a Ph.D. in civil engineering from Purdue University.

Professor Ramon Martinez of the department of electrical and computer engineering is retiring after more than 30 years at the university. He was the original architect of the university's electrical and computer engineering program and has focused his work primarily in the area of computer engineering. He holds a master of science degree in electrical engineering from Worcester Polytechnic University.

The college has set up funds in honor of Vodrazka and Martinez. Those interested in making commemorative gifts, which will be used for projects in the professors' respective disciplines, may contact Caleen Norrod Johnson at ext. 5-2913 for more information.

The colleges of Engineering and Fine Arts announce a new minor in entertainment engineering, which will be obtainable through the theatre department or the College of Engineering beginning this fall. Entertainment engineering is a field that explores, expands, and combines the rigor of engineering with the creativity of fine arts.

Fine Arts
The college congratulates art professor Catherine Angel, who recently was named the recipient of the Board of Regents' Creativity Award for her excellence as a creative artist.

The college also congratulates Janet White, assistant professor in the School of Architecture, and Nate Bynum, associate professor of theatre. White recently received the college's Outstanding Teacher Award and Bynum is the recipient of its Creativity Award.

The UNLV Drumline recently won first place in the collegiate division of the American Drumline Association competition held in Apple Valley, Calif. The group placed second overall out of 42 groups. This is the drumline's first year back in competition after winning the national championship in 1997.

The Performing Arts Center ends its 2003-04 season, "A Season of Color," with a special finale featuring Holbrook as "Mark Twain Tonight" on May 22. Winner of the Tony and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award, Holbrook's creation is arguably the most successful one-man production in the history of American theater. One critic noted, "As the world changes, Holbrook changes his Twain with it.”

Graduate
The college and the Graduate and Professional Student Association sponsored the annual Graduate and Professional Student Research Forum on April 17. More than 60 students from a variety of academic colleges and departments presented their research in paper or poster presentations. Awards were given in a variety of categories. The quality, quantity, and diversity of research projects were impressive.

Congratulations to all those students who participated and thanks to those faculty and students who attended.

Health Sciences
The Board of Regents recently approved a Ph.D. program in radiocchemistry developed by faculty from the health physics and chemistry departments. The program will accept students within the next year.

Kinesiology faculty members are continuing their work in the area of health and human performance through several grant proposals and projects. One such grant investigates how nicotine affects one's control of movement. A second grant investigates intervention programs that promote positive lifestyles for children.

Projects in the works include a research and teaching laboratory for the study of sports-related injuries, a mobile laboratory for the assessment and intervention of healthy lifestyles, and the creation of an athletic training research laboratory.

The clinical lab sciences program received a recommendation for a five-year accreditation renewal from the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences Program Review Committee.

The department of nutrition sciences has received considerable attention from the local media highlighting UNLV students partnering with the city of Henderson in a three-year, collaborative health education program called "Hearts N' Parks." The program is proving to be a successful model for educating school children about the benefits of leading healthy lifestyles.

Nutrition sciences also held a reception at the Marjorie Barrick Museum in appreciation of the Manufacturer's Association for International Trade, Hong Kong, for its generous donation of more than $100,000 to support nutrition research. An ongoing relationship is being established to continue to raise funds for this endeavor.
common educational experience, provide them with valuable information on how to successfully achieve an honors education, and introduce them to their peers in the college.

The college is in the process of creating an honors code. Many honors graduates will enter professional programs after leaving UNLV. As a result, the college believes that honors students should be treated in a manner similar to students enrolled in professional schools, such as UNLV's law and dental schools.

The college also is revising its bylaws, particularly the sections that focus on the role of the Honors Council. The council is composed of the dean and associate dean, a faculty representative from each academic college, and student representatives from the Honors College. The council sets policy and procedures for the college, making it crucial that its relationship to the college be clear to all involved.

Hotel

Now students in the college have a new option when it comes to choosing a major. At its January meeting, the UCSC Board of Regents approved a new bachelor of science in gaming management degree. This 124-credit program is designed for those who wish to pursue a career in one of several aspects of the rapidly expanding gaming industry.

"As the influence of gaming grows around the world, there is a very strong need for those in the field to be properly educated," said Stuart Mann, dean of the Hotel College. "Casino gaming is a multi-billion-dollar industry and needs a program dedicated to the education and training of tomorrow's managers. Since the William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration is unrivaled for the depth of its gaming courses, it's the logical place to institute a bachelor of science in gaming management program."

The new degree is targeted not only to those who will work in actual casino operations but also to students who are thinking about careers in casino accounting, as professional staff working in gaming regulations and control, and as suppliers who will serve the casino industry.

Professor Gary Waters emphasized that "students who graduate with this degree will have a well-rounded education in both general education and hotel administration core requirements. This will enhance their gaming industry skills."

Law

The school hosted several events during spring semester. The civil rights symposium "Pursuing Equal Justice in the West" drew distinguished speakers from universities nationwide. The panel of local historians and activists — with firsthand knowledge of the history of civil rights in Nevada — was delightful and eye-opening to newcomers to the region. Papers from the symposium will be published in the Nevada Law Journal, the school's academic journal.

The first speakers sponsored by the Saltman Center for Conflict Resolution — professors Carrie Menkel-Meadow of Georgetown University Law Center and Jennifer Robbenolt of the University of Missouri, Columbia, School of Law — brought fresh insights into their respective specialties in dispute resolution. In April, the law school hosted a symposium featuring speakers with widely differing viewpoints on the constitutional issues raised by the Nevada Supreme Court's controversial decision regarding the two-thirds voting requirement for state tax legislation. Also speaking in April was Edward C. Walterscheid, a distinguished scholar in the field of intellectual property and the U.S. Constitution.

The school was pleasantly surprised to be included in the "Top 100" law schools in the nation in the 2005 rankings published by U.S. News & World Report. The methodology and reliability of these rankings are controversial, and a number of law schools have been accused of manipulating data in order to boost their rankings. As the newest school in the rankings, and one that has chosen not to "live and die" by such rankings, Boyd faced the very real possibility of being placed in the "Fourth Tier," which could have had a somewhat negative impact on the applicant pool. The strong showing is therefore a great relief.

Liberal Arts

The Writing Center has had another productive year with an increase in operating hours and staff to more effectively serve the UNLV community. Last fall, the center assisted in 15 workshops, temporarily expanded services to Lied Library, and increased consultation availability by 42 percent. During the spring, the Writing Center held 16 workshops and made more than 30 in-class presentations.

This month, staff members Han Quek from the College of Liberal Arts and Renato Estacio from the College of Fine Arts will receive degrees from UNLV. Quek, a senior writing consultant, plans to pursue Ph.D. studies. During the fall semester, he helped train new writing consultants, taught English 101, and assisted in daily operations.

A writing consultant for two years, Estacio was promoted to assistant director of the center. This year, he participated in the Corporate Challenge (soccer and track), served on the CSUN Student Advisory Board, and sang in the UNLV Opera Theatre's production of Gianni Schicchi.

In March, center director Patrice Hollrah discussed her recently published book, "The Old Lady Trial, the Victory Trial: The Power of Women in Native American Literature," at an author's reception hosted by the Women's Research Institute of Nevada.

The Writing Center thanks the UNLV community for its continued support. For more information regarding the center, contact Estacio at ext. 5-3908 or send an e-mail to writingcenter@ccmail.nevada.edu.

Libraries

Have you ever had search engine trouble? Ever wanted an expert guide to finding things online or in the library buildings? UNLV Libraries is pleased to introduce a new way to get immediate help with finding information. Now UNLV students, faculty, and staff can follow the "Ask a Librarian" link on the Libraries' website to chat online with a librarian.

Between 1 and 5 p.m. on weekdays, clicking that link will offer users a way to communicate instantly with an information-finding expert who can help identify relevant and reliable resources, locate the full text of a scholarly article online, or answer questions about library services and collections or almost anything else.

UNLV librarians are familiar with a wide variety of resources that are not freely available on the Internet. So, when you don't know where to begin, or when your search engine fails you, you can choose to get expert advice by telephone (ext. 5-2200), by e-mail (www.library.unlv.edu/ref/refquestion.html), or by using the new online chat reference service.

Urban Affairs

UNLV was well represented at a recent conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. Several members of the Hank Greenspun School of Communication presented papers at the Southeast colloquium held in Tampa, Fla.

Assistant professor Anthony Fargo presented his paper, "A Privilege Ruling Leaves Journalists on Thin Ice: McKevitt v. Pallasch," at the "Confidentiality, Cross Burning, and Other Activism" session sponsored by the association's law division. Graduate student Shelley Wilkerson presented the paper "Is Cross Burning Free Speech?" at the same session.

At the history division's session "Politics, War, and Media Effects," assistant professor Gregory Borchard presented his paper, "N.Y. Republican Press and the 1860 Campaign: Greeley's Estimate of Lincoln Revisited."

In other college news, the department of counseling recently had three new programs approved: the advanced graduate rehabilitation counseling certificate, the advanced graduate certificate in addiction studies, and the advanced graduate certificate in marriage and family therapy.

The counseling department also is forming the Student Organization for Addiction Professionals (SOAP). Recently, the department, in conjunction with the Nevada Council on Problem Gambling, hosted a public briefing and forum as a wrap-up to National Problem Gambling Awareness Week.
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Paul Traudt (Communication Studies) completed a successful fall semester subbatical resulting in the textbook Media, Audiences, Effects: An Introduction to the Study of Media Content and Audience Analysis, published by Ally & Bacon.

David Hassanab (Environmental Studies) wrote an article, "The Effect of Uncertainty on Cost-Effectiveness Estimation," which will appear in the Journal of Risk Research. His co-authored article, "Accommodating Uncertainty in Comparative Risk," (with Clint Andrews, Rutgers University, and Braden Johnson, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection) will appear in Risks Analysis. His chapter, "Uncertainty as a Resource in Risk Comparisons," will appear in the book Comparative Risk Assessment and Environmental Decision. He also has been appointed to chair the education committee for the Society for Risk Analysis.

Nancy Cleveland (Publications) received an award of merit in design in the annual Bronze Quill Awards competition sponsored by the Las Vegas chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators. She was recognized for her work on the paralegal brochure.

Tom Bean (Curriculum and Instruction) had a chapter on "The Role of Multicultural Literature as a Counter-Force to the Literary Canon" published in the book Disrupting Preconceptions: Postcolonialism and Education. The volume was edited by A. Hickling-Hudson, J. Matthews, and A. Woods of the University of Queensland in Australia (Post Pressed Publishers) and based on presentations made at an international conference held at the University of Queensland.

Earnest Phillips (Marketing & Public Relations) received an award of merit in design in the annual Bronze Quill competition sponsored by the Las Vegas chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators. He received the college's Outstanding Teacher Award, while Bynum was honored with the college's Creativity Award. Both professors will be recognized at the college's awards ceremony.

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Spotlight on Accomplishments

Andy Nazarechuk (Tourism & Convention Administration) was named Tourism Educator of the Year for 2003 by Zhejiang University and the Zhejiang Hotel Association. The university is the largest comprehensive university in China and is located in Hangzhou, home of West Lake, a famous cultural tourism destination. The hotel association has more than 400 hotel members and is the largest provincial association in China. Nazarechuk recently spent two semesters teaching in China and continues to write articles about tourism on a regular basis.

Christopher A. Kypuros (Student Enrollment and Financial Services) delivered a presentation, "Savage Inequality in San Antonio: Public School Funding," at the 31st annual meeting of the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies. The conference took place in Albuquerque, N.M., in April.

Geri Kody (Marketing & Public Relations) received several awards in the annual Bronze Quill competition sponsored by the Las Vegas chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators. She won Bronze Quills, the highest honor, for her black and white photography in UNLV Magazine, for her color photography for the cover of the Faculty/Staff Directory, and for design of "Profile of a University." She also received awards of merit for design for UNLV Magazine, for design for the cover of the Faculty/Staff Directory, and for special purpose communications for "Profile of a University.""}

Reeta Sinha and Cory Tucker (UNLV Libraries) gave a presentation at the American Library Association's Midwinter Conference in San Diego in January. They described the process and results of the 2003 serials assessment project conducted by UNLV Libraries. Theirs was one of three papers on evaluating serials assessment conducted by UNLV Libraries. Theirs was one of three papers on evaluating serials assessment conducted by UNLV Libraries.

Cate Weeks (Marketing & Public Relations) received an award of excellence in publications and an award of merit in design for UNLV Magazine. The awards were given by the Las Vegas chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators in its annual Bronze Quill competition.

Evelyn Faulkner (Foreign Languages) was chosen Classified Staff Council Employee of the Month for February. An administrative assistant III, she has worked at UNLV for three years. She began her university career with the office of diversity initiatives, transferring to foreign languages in 2002. Previously, she worked at the Desert Research Institute for eight years.

Joanne J. Thompson (Social Work) has had an article accepted for publication in the Journal of Progressive Human Services. Co-authored with Christine Dietz of the University of New England, the article is titled "Rethinking Boundaries: Ethical Dilemmas in the Social Worker-Client Relationship."

John Hobbes (Publications) was honored by the Las Vegas chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators in its annual Bronze Quill competition for his work on UNLV Magazine. He received both an award of excellence in publications and an award of merit in design.

Yvonne Berry and Kyle Ethelbah (Center for Academic Enrichment & Outreach) recently attended the American Council on Education's Forum on Adult Learners. The purpose of the forum, which took place in Miami, was to engage professionals involved in educating adult learners in dialogue and share best practices. The forum was co-sponsored by Miami's Barry University.

Diane Russell (Marketing & Public Relations) received an award of merit in the tabloid category for her work on Inside UNLV. The award was given by the Las Vegas chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators in its annual Bronze Quill competition.

David Henry (Communication Studies) has been appointed editor of the Quarterly Journal of Speech. Established in 1915, it is the oldest journal published by the National Communication Association. He will be the journal's 40th editor and the third selected from a master's-level graduate program. He also has been appointed the executive director of the Rhetoric Society of America, an interdisciplinary organization of scholars with 1,000 national and international members from a variety of disciplines, including communication, history, sociology, the visual arts, English literature, and the philosophy of science.

Josh Rankin (Publications) received several awards in the annual Bronze Quill competition sponsored by the Las Vegas chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators. He received the Bronze Quill, the highest award given, in the design category for "Profile of a University." He also received an award of excellence in design for the presidential invitation package and two awards of merit—one for special purpose communications for "Profile of a University" and one in design for the cover of the Faculty/Staff Directory.

Janet White (Architecture) and Nate Bynum (Theatre) are the recipients of the most prestigious awards given by the College of Fine Arts for 2003. White received the college's Outstanding Teacher Award, while Bynum was honored with the college's Creativity Award. Both professors will be recognized at the college's awards ceremony.

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campus, we are also considering a number of other options for future development of the site, including perhaps intercollegiate athletic facilities and/or recreational areas for faculty, students, and the public; one example of a recreational area being discussed is a system of trails that would make use of—and be compatible with—the natural environment at the location. As more details about these plans become available in the coming months, I will share them with the campus community.

In the meantime, I am delighted by our ability to acquire this land in North Las Vegas and to plan a new campus there. This is a wonderful and unique opportunity for UNLV; while serving the extremely practical goal of providing us with room to grow, it also broadens our vision to include new possibilities. As we move beyond our main campus borders, we begin to think more expansively about our mission, our goals, and our services.

We look to our surrounding community to learn how we can contribute in more meaningful yet mutually beneficial ways. We turn to new ground, and, with it, to new opportunities for higher education in Nevada.
**What's In A Name?**

**UNLV Commencement Honors Explained**

by Donna McAleer

It's an honor...

Commencement is a memorable occasion for every graduate, but a select few have a reason to be especially proud— they are graduating with honors. UNLV recognizes its highest achieving graduates with the Latin designations summa cum laude (with highest distinction), magna cum laude (with great distinction), and cum laude (with distinction).

UNLV undergraduates can earn these distinctions a few different ways. For all students, except those in the Honors College, honors at commencement are conferred on those who have earned at least 30 credits at UNLV and have a grade point average that places them in the top 10 percent of students graduating from their specific college. Grade point average benchmarks are established by the prior graduating class and vary from college to college.

- Summa cum laude is awarded to students in the top 1 percent of their college. The minimum GPA this year in this category varies between 4.0 and 3.9450, depending on the college.
- Magna cum laude is awarded to students in the top 2 to 5 percent of their college. The minimum GPA in this category varies between 3.9625 and 3.7857, depending on the college.
- Cum laude is awarded to students in the top 6 to 10 percent of their college. The minimum GPA varies between 3.9250 and 3.6059.

Students in the Honors College have different criteria for earning honors at commencement. Their awards are determined by whether they are a University Honors Scholar or a Department Honors Scholar. University Honors Scholars must take a minimum of 30 credits in special honors classes. Department Honors Scholars take four upper-division honors seminars and complete a six-credit thesis. In the Honors College, students must have specific GPAs to earn a Latin designation. Honors are not determined by percentage or class ranking. It is possible for students to earn both university and department honors.

- University Honors Scholar requirements:
  - Summa cum laude is not awarded unless students also complete requirements for Department Honors.
  - Magna cum laude, 3.7 GPA or higher.
  - Cum Laude, 3.5-3.69 GPA.
- Department Honors Scholar requirements:
  - Summa cum laude, 3.7 GPA or higher, plus honors thesis.
  - Magna cum laude, 3.69-3.5 GPA, plus honors thesis.
  - Cum laude, 3.49-3.3 GPA, plus honors thesis.

“Students must satisfy the college’s standards in the context of having to do more work, for which faculty expectations are higher, and must work very well to be able to meet the standards for Latin designations. In fact, a number of Honors College students graduate with no Latin designation because they do not satisfy the criteria,” he said.

Although the various standards used to award honors at commencement may seem a little confusing, one thing is very clear. Students in every college who have summa cum laude, magna cum laude, or cum laude on their diplomas have earned their honors, as well as the respect of the academic community.

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**Ceremony Set for May 15**

Spring commencement ceremonies will take place at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. May 15 in the Thomas & Mack Center.

The colleges of Business, Education, Engineering, and Hotel Administration will participate in the 9 a.m. ceremony. The 2 p.m. ceremony will involve the colleges of Fine Arts, Health Sciences, Law, Liberal Arts, Sciences, and Urban Affairs.

Participating faculty and staff members should arrive one hour before the start of the ceremonies.

Faculty who are hooding doctoral students and all faculty marshals assisting with commencement should go to the Cox Pavilion arena (upstairs). All other faculty members attending commencement, including platform guests, should enter the Thomas & Mack through the northwest tunnel.

Commencement rehearsal is scheduled for 9 a.m. May 14 in the Thomas & Mack Center. All deans and marshals should attend.

More information is available on the commencement website at http://commencement.unlv.edu/ or on the commencement hotline at ext. 5-3229.

General questions about commencement not answered on the website or hotline should be directed to education professor Jane McCarthy, chair of the Commencement Committee, at ext. 5-1208.

Questions about marshaling duties should be directed to committee member Rainier Spencer, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts, at ext. 5-3401.

Hotel administration students Yong Hee Kim, Anna Karner, and Sun Young Yi, at left, staff a booth at the annual Festival of Communities that takes place each April as part of UnityFest. A week-long celebration, UnityFest allows the campus community to explore and experience the diversity that exists at UNLV. Members of a local Capoeira Mandinga group, below, perform a mix of dance and martial arts, while UNLV Tennis Club members pound out a rhythm.
Performers Travel to Kennedy Center

by Jennifer Vaughan

The Human Show, a production developed by the dance and theatre departments in conjunction with experimental theatre artist Karl Margolis, was presented last month in Washington, D.C., as part of the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival (KC/ACTF).

"The university is enormously proud of our dance and theatre departments for earning the prestigious invitation to perform at the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival," said UNLV President Carol C. Harper. "Their hard work and dedication, coupled with the vision and guidance of our talented faculty, resulted in this wonderful invitation. They proudly represent UNLV and further enhanced our reputation as a leader in fine arts education."

Last summer, students and faculty presented the production at Scotland’s Edinburgh Fringe Festival. The Human Show is about 12 people who find themselves dressed for a party with nowhere to go at one minute before midnight. Connected by circumstance, they discover a place where a minute lasts a lifetime - a place with no address, no host, and no exits. The Tournament wanted to work with.

Dr. (Carol) Harter, Mike, Jerry Kruger, Jonathan Spoonhour. The job that he has done at UNLV has been a tremendous asset as we continue to grow as a university. The reception I’m receiving from the community is due in large part to what Tarkanian accomplished during his time here."

A Place to Win
Kruger piloted his teams to the post-season on 11 different occasions, with nine appearances in the NCAA Tournament and two in the NIT. He compiled seven 20-plus victory seasons, was a two-time SEC Coach of the Year (1992 and 1994), and led his 1993-94 Florida squad to the NCAA Final Four.

"This is a place you can win," Kruger said. "And you can win because you can attract the quality of student-athletes that it takes to win on a national scale. Las Vegas is a town that is recognized by recruiters everywhere. They’ll listen to you and once you get them on campus and give them the chance to experience the feelings that exist here, it will be very appealing for them to go to school here."

We are not taking over a program that’s down by any means. I think that’s a credit to (former head coach) Charlie Spoonhour. The job that he has done over the last three years makes this a much, much more appealing job today than maybe at any point in its history."

Kruger said he is looking forward to the future at UNLV.

"It is a delight to be here. We are going to hit the ground running, and it’s going to be a lot of fun. It takes the involvement of everyone. This is your program. We are always big on involving the student-athletes in the community and across campus. We are very accessible."

Grey to Head Public Affairs Office

Hilari Grey, formerly the public affairs manager for the Clark County department of aviation, joined UNLV at the end of April as public affairs director.

Grey, who has managed communications for McCarran International Airport and five other aviation facilities in Clark County for the past five years, will lead a newly restructured UNLV office that will handle media and external communication.

She previously worked in public relations for several high-profile public and private sector organizations. She serves as a public information administrator for the county manager’s office, a senior development officer for the city of Las Vegas neighborhood services department, and a senior account executive for a Los Angeles-based public relations firm.

"Hilari will bring to UNLV a whole host of sophisticated communication skills, as well as extensive knowledge of the community and a solid understanding of the needs of the media," said UNLV President Carol C. Harper. "She will be a tremendous asset as we continue to promote UNLV’s development on both a local and national level. I am very excited that she is joining the UNLV administrative team."

Harter added that Grey’s considerable professional experience includes management of crisis communication issues at McCarran during 9-11 and the ensuing shutdown of national airspace. Additionally, Harper said, Grey possesses valuable experience in community and government relations, publication and website management, special events, and video production.

"The work of a major university is so critical to the community it serves," said Grey, who earned a bachelor’s degree in literature/writing from the University of California, San Diego. "I’m looking forward to the opportunity to promote awareness of the important programs and research taking place at this great institution every day."

The UNLV public affairs office, which was created recently through a reorganization of university communication responsibilities, will continue to provide many services the former news & public information office offered, including fielding media inquiries and publizing UNLV programs, events, research, and accomplishments. The office will report directly to the president’s office.

Tom Flagg, former director of news & public information, has assumed the newly created position of director of community relations. The publications formerly produced by the news & public information office have been moved to the office of marketing and public relations.