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Free shuttle connects campus and lots

By Cate Weeks | Marketing & PR

The thought of finding a parking spot the first few weeks of school is enough to send shivers down any employee’s spine, even on a hot August day. This year, though, staff and students can hop on free air-conditioned shuttles to get from their cars to convenient drop points around campus.

“The Ride” shuttle program, a joint effort by CSUN and UNLV parking services, was introduced Aug. 22 and is a vital part of the university’s strategy for addressing parking needs as enrollments soar through the Thomas & Mack parking lots.

“UNLV is becoming like many major urban universities, where parking is pushed away from the core to perimeter lots,” said Ted McDowell, director of parking services. “Our growth is only going to accelerate the trend away from door-to-door lots to a greater reliance on perimeter parking.”

This summer, construction of the new student union, the new recreation center, and the Science, Engineering and Technology Building cut into some favorite lots off Maryland Parkway and behind Beam Engineering. At the same time, a new lot was built off Naples Street near the Campus Services Building. The net loss of about 1,100 spaces, or just under 9 percent of the total, will be fireworks and the traditional lighted formation of the name UNLV.

Get Connected

And help welcome students to campus just as these folks did last year. Rebel Connection, the event designed to welcome and orient students to campus, continues through Aug. 31. On Aug. 30 you can listen to live music at the 11 a.m. Rebel Welcome at the Alumni Amphitheatre or attend the Comedy Lounge at 8 p.m. in the MSU ballroom. The final event will be the annual Premier UNLV celebration at 5 p.m. Aug. 31 on North Field. There will be fireworks and the traditional lighted formation of the name UNLV.

Get Taken for a Ride

‘The Ride’ Shuttle Pilot Program

UNLV/CSUN’s shuttle pilot program features 21-passenger buses on two routes.

Main Campus Route: These shuttles wind through the Thomas & Mack lots and then circle the campus clockwise entering the interior along key access roads. Pickups are scheduled approximately every 8-10 minutes, but may vary depending on weather and traffic conditions.

Thomas & Mack Express: This shuttle circulates through the Thomas & Mack parking lots, dropping riders off near the Student Services Complex. It takes approximately four minutes to circle the lots.

Hours: Through Sept. 16, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays. Starting Sept. 19, 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Fridays. Service is year-round, but on an abbreviated schedule during semester breaks.

Bus Details: The 21-passenger shuttles are air-conditioned and marked with university logos. All are equipped with wheelchair lifts.

Get more details and view a map of the shuttle route at parking.unlv.edu/shuttle.
By Carol C. Harter
UNLV President

The start of a new academic year is always exciting as we welcome new and returning students to our campus, engage in new programs and research projects, and celebrate our shared school spirit with a host of events. But this year finds us at a particularly interesting moment in the life of the university, with great transformation and opportunity on the horizon.

Following approval by the Board of Regents over the past year, a number of key degree programs will be offered this fall — including the new student union, student recreation center, and Science, Engineering and Technology Building currently under construction. They will not only physically transform campus, but will also help to enrich campus life and opportunities for learning, discovery, and community engagement. Progress never comes without some pain, however, so we hope that you will be patient and understanding of some interruptions to typical campus walking and parking routes.

Other transformational projects will take greater shape this year. For example, the Clark County public works department has begun a comprehensive study of traffic patterns surrounding the university as part of the Midtown UNLV initiative. This effort will be followed later in the year by a form of active traffic testing to assess the impact of potentially narrowing Maryland Parkway. Campus forums focusing on the Midtown UNLV initiative are also the places to engage, with more information to come soon.

When we talk about transformation and progress at the university we can usually all agree that the single greatest impediment to reaching our goals is money — having the resources to realize our plans. As we all can attest, our future at UNLV is limitless — and will doubtlessly be filled with amazing discovery, strong economic and social development, and the triumphs and accomplishments and the excitement of exploring our world-class education right here on our campus. We are already well on the way to attaining this dream — but the vision to get there extends beyond what state support can provide.

On Sept. 15 at the annual state of the university address, we will formally announce the public launch of UNLV’s first-ever comprehensive campaign. Many of you have been involved in the preliminary planning and cornerstone gift phase of the campaign over the past four years, and we are deeply appreciative of your efforts.

The campaign is an ambitious effort to expand private support at every level of the university — for scholarships and student-centered opportunities, for endowed professorships and faculty development, for special programs, new equipment, and even buildings. This support can help catapult UNLV from the Midtown UNLV level to state university level, and strengthen our role as a community resource.

Your leadership as members of the UNLV community will be critical to the success of this campaign, as it is to all of the transformational efforts occurring on campus. As university ambassadors in the community, all of us play a part in making this happen, and you will take this occasion to find new ways to get involved. Please join us for the state of the university address on Sept. 15 as we celebrate our vibrant past and look toward an exciting future together.
The REBEL LIFE

Legislature Comes Through on Many UNLV Funding Priorities

By Diane Russell | Marketing & PR

Substantial construction funding, raises for employees, and a provision allowing universities to hold on to more of their research dollars were among the items that made the 2005 legislative session a successful one for higher education in Nevada, according to the university’s chief lobbyist.

Marcia Turner, UNLV’s director of governmental relations, said several items stand out as important victories for UNLV and for the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE).

“Recently saved legislative support for capital improvement funding has to be considered the highlight of this session as far as UNLV is concerned,” Turner said.

Record Funding

With Chancellor (Jim) Rogers leading the charge and tremendous support from the governor and Nevada legislators, the NSHE was able to secure a record level of capital improvement funding for programs throughout the system,” Turner said. A total of $91.8 million will be spent on capital improvement projects at UNLV this fiscal year and next, said Gerry Bonomi, vice president for finance and business. The Legislature allocated $63.9 million, which includes repair and maintenance funding, from state capital improvement funds. The remainder will come from funds generated by UNLV, Bonomi said, adding that much of the money is the direct result of President Carol C. Harter’s successful fundraising efforts.

Among the UNLV projects to receive funding were Greenspun Hall, which will be home to the Greenspun College of Urban Affairs. The Legislation supported this project with an allocation of just under $34 million for the project, which will be combined with a generous donation of more than $26 million from the Greenspun family, Turner said. This partnership will help ensure a

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THE REBEL LIFE

Bravo! Encore! Encore!

By Diane Russell | Marketing & PR

Thirty years and still going strong. Back in 1976, UNLV’s Performing Arts Center, which celebrates its 30th season this academic year, was one of the few places in town where patrons could see something other than Strip-style entertainment.

But that year Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall opened its doors. It along with Judy Bayley Theatre, which opened in 1972, was the nucleus of what would become the Performing Arts Center.

Over the years, the two facilities have been host to a variety of performances — some traditionally classical, some not — ranging from plays starring students to performances by violinist Itzhak Perlman, cellist Yo-Yo Ma, the amazing National Acréobats of Taiwan, and the comedic Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo.

30th Season

And, as the PAC begins its 30th season, titled “Our Greatest Performances,” things show no signs of slowing down.

Concerts by such diverse groups as the Russian National Orchestra and Rockapella will be complemented by performances by the Ailey II dance troupe and by Broadway (and Chess) star Bette Newirth.

On top of that, the College of Fine Arts will present plays ranging from the musical Carmen!, to the Scopes monkey trial: play, Inherit the Wind; and Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream in the Bayley.

And those lists don’t include performances slated for the PAC’s Black Box Theatre or the College of Fine Arts’ Doc Rondo Recital Hall or intimate Paul Harris Theatre.

Audiences can expect such diversity and volume of programming to continue as the PAC enters its fourth decade a city that is closely associated with its operation.

Continued Growth

“As both our campus and our city continue to grow, you will also see continuing growth in the arts at UNLV,” says Ansley Koep, director of artistic programming and production.

“I just think about the changes that are going on both on and off campus. The Las Vegas we see today is not the Las Vegas we will see in another 10 or 20 years. Our city is just starting to look like it will later this century.”

Henley often travels to other cities and takes note of the arts offerings available there. Las Vegas and UNLV hold up well in comparison, he said. “This is such an exciting time to be here. The arts at UNLV are just on the brink of a potential that is vast,” said Henley, whose first connection to the PAC came when he was a UNLV undergraduate and performed in a production of The Threepenny Opera. “We are going to be an incredible artistic resource for Southern Nevada in the years to come, just as we have been for the past 30 years.”

The PAC’s development will continue to be fueled by growth in the College of Fine Arts, said dean Jeft Koep, who also oversees the PAC.

“Our college has nearly tripled its enrollment in the last 10 years,” he said. “I believe it will continue to grow, which automatically means an increase in the arts at UNLV. I’m particularly excited about one facet of the arts that is relatively new to UNLV — entertainment engineering.”

Entertainment engineering is, just as it sounds, a melding of two distinctly different disciplines, Koep said. “We see entertainment engineering used all along the Strip, whether it’s in a Cirque du Soleil performance or the dancing waters at the Bellagio.”

UNLV, Koep said, is in a unique position to be a leader in this relatively new field.

“Not too many universities have launched entertainment engineering programs,” he said. “And the Strip will provide our students the best technical laboratory in the world.”

Currently, UNLV, through both the College of Fine Arts and the Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering, offers a minor in entertainment engineering. Koep predicted that a major in the field will be available by the end of this academic year.

New Competition?

Both Koep and Henley agree that plans for a new multimillion-dollar performing arts venue downtown will not hamper the PAC’s continued development.

“I know that Southern Nevada is large enough to support more than one successful performing arts center,” Koep said, adding that the other center’s mission may be somewhat different from that of the PAC. “For instance, if it brings in Broadway road shows for somewhat lengthy runs, that’s different from anything we’re doing.”

As more art — be it theater, dance, music, or visual art — is available in Southern Nevada, the appetite for such offerings will only grow, Henley predicted. “I think the patron is going to be the winner,” he said, adding that with multiple performing arts centers, fans will be able to indulge their tastes more often.

“It will be important for the two centers to coordinate their schedules somewhat,” Henley said, pointing out that for both centers to present a major symphony orchestra on the same night would be foolish.

Concert Hall Improvements

Continuing a successful arts program at UNLV, however, requires improving its performance venues. Lori James, director of finance and guest relations, has witnessed the PAC’s development since 1980 when she first worked there as an usher while still a high school student. “We’ve had a couple of major renovations to Ham Concert Hall, beginning with the redecoration of the lobby in 1999. That changed the entire atmosphere in the lobby and made it a much more inviting place.

“We’re expecting a similar positive reaction to our latest changes in the concert hall, just last month we installed new, more comfortable seats in a lush Rebel red.”

Koep said he does not believe that UNLV’s emphasis on expanding its research programs bodes ill for its arts programs.

“Some of the traditional research institutions such as UCLA and Michigan also have tremendous arts programs,” he said.

Henley agreed, asking, “What great research university doesn’t have great performing arts? Look at the websites of the great research universities and you’ll find the arts well represented there.

“Besides, without the arts, you don’t have well-rounded students — or a well-rounded community.”

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PAC celebrates 30th anniversary

Ballet Flamenco Jose Porcel will perform Sept. 28 as part of the Performing Art Center’s season of “Our Greatest Performances.”
Kathleen Krach

Kathleen Krach spent two years working as a school psychologist in the Atlanta area after completing her doctoral degree at Texas A&M in 2003. Now, she is embarking on her teaching career as an assistant professor of school psychology at UNLV. Among her major areas of interest and research are bilingual education and working with children from multicultural backgrounds.

“A school psychologist who works with bilingual or multicultural children needs to understand the impacts that diverse backgrounds and previous educational experiences from other countries have on academic and social behavior,” she said.

Daniel Cook

Engineering

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Engineering has traditionally been the realm of those who build bridges and rockets. Today that list has grown to include roller coasters, sports venues, and increasingly complex Las Vegas attractions, and UNLV is positioning itself to be at the forefront of the new wave.

To that end, this year the College of Engineering has hired its first faculty member dedicated to the field of entertainment engineering and design. Assistant professor Dan Cook comes to UNLV from Virginia Commonwealth University where he taught joint classes in mechanical engineering and sculpture.

“Artists need to be more technical and engineers need to be more creative to be successful these days,” Cook said. “That’s what I want to teach my students.”

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Graduate Manuela Dokie

After living “all over the world” for 25 years, Manuela Dokie is ready to stay put for a while. Originally from Germany, Dokie married a military man and also worked for the U.S. Army. Their last stop was El Paso, where Dokie was a research coordinator at the University of Texas, El Paso, for eight years.

When her husband retired from the service and they decided to put down some roots, Las Vegas looked like the place to be. Not only does she have family in nearby Barstow, Calif., but also Dokie said she was drawn by the university’s

New Faces

Stories by Erin O'Donnell | Marketing & PR

Editor’s Note:

Here, in place of the usual “Across Campus” section, we’re presenting “New Faces,” profiles of a random sampling of some of UNLV’s newest employees. As the new academic year begins, take a minute to learn about some of your new coworkers. “Across Campus” will return next month.

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momentum as a research institution. “I want to be part of the growth and cutting-edge environment that the UNLV research community and administrators have accomplished over the past few years,” Dokie said. “UNLV provided me the opportunity to join an excellent team of research administrators who share the same passion for the work we do.”

She joins a three-person team of senior research administrators. It’s their job to help faculty members submit proposals for externally funded projects, including those for research, education, and training.

After an award is made, they may also negotiate contracts and provide support by submitting modifications, extensions, and renewals through the life of a project.

**HEALTH SCIENCES**

**Chad Cross**

Chad Cross might be new to the UNLV faculty, but he’s no stranger to campus. Cross has been a statistician in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s office at UNLV since 1999.

“My intention had always been to return to academia full time after working with the federal government for a few years,” said Cross, director of the epidemiology & biostatistics program. “When this faculty position in the School of Public Health became available, I became excited about the potential of the school and working with the faculty within it.”

His goals include beginning a rigorous public health research program to attract top graduate students and making the School of Public Health the state’s premier research program.

Cross never truly left the classroom, however, whether as a student or a teacher. His long and varied resume includes teaching positions at four other universities, and he taught part-time in UNLV’s environmental studies department while at the EPA. He has five degrees spanning research interests from applied statistics to wildlife studies and even counseling.

“I decided to take a few classes in counseling to become a better teacher,” he said. “I discovered that I really enjoyed the program, and so I pursued and completed a master’s degree in marriage and family therapy. The training has opened up completely new areas of research interest for me, such as substance abuse and trauma.”

**HONORS**

**Maria Jerinic**

From New York City to rural New Mexico, Maria Jerinic has always sought out the chance to work with honors students. “I like the intellectual climate,” said Jerinic, a visiting assistant professor in the Honors College. “I like to foster a love of learning for the sake of learning.”

Jerinic will teach three sections of English this fall, and she has already taught this course at Georgia State University, the school from which she had earned her law degree. “I realized then that I enjoyed teaching more than anything else I was doing, so I made the move into full-time academia.”

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Jerinic taught part-time in the English department before receiving the full-time honors appointment this year. She came to Las Vegas a few years ago when her husband, Michael Pravica, joined UNLV as an assistant professor of physics. Both had previously taught at New Mexico Highlands University.

**LIBRARIES**

**Amy Johnson**

As an employee of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, Amy Johnson opened the world of books to young readers. Now she wants to show teachers how to spark a lifelong love of reading.

Johnson came to UNLV this year as a library technician in the curriculum and materials library. Her primary role is to hire, train, and supervise student workers. She’s also pursuing a master’s degree in curriculum and instruction with an emphasis in children’s literature. She plans eventually to teach the subject at the college level.

“Libraries, especially the children’s department, are the perfect combination of working with kids and helping them love the literature,” Johnson said.

Although she earned a bachelor’s degree in education, Johnson didn’t go straight into teaching. She became a nanny for a while and even cared for singer Marie Osmond’s children. Johnson also worked in a few bookstores before landing in library work.

At the library district, Johnson started in school outreach, visiting campuses to share the library’s resources with children. (Her top three children’s book recommendations: *Knuffle Bunny* by Mo Willems, *Lilly’s Purple Plastic Purse* by Kevin Henkes, and *Strega Nonna* by Tomie dePaola.) She spent another couple of years at the Henderson District Public Libraries as a teen specialist before coming to UNLV.

In just the short time she’s been here, Johnson said, her experience of working on campus has been overwhelmingly positive. “It’s so refreshing when you’re working hard in your job and also working hard in your education, to have people understand that.”

**HOTEL**

**Tyra Hilliard**

Meeting and event planning was Tyra Hilliard’s first career. Now, as an associate professor of tourism and convention administration at UNLV, she’s helping others learn about this booming business. But in between, she took a detour into law.

Hilliard started out planning meetings and working in convention and visitors bureaus. Law school came next, but then so did something unexpected.

While she was practicing law in Atlanta, she had an opportunity to teach a hospitality law class at Georgia State University, the school from which she had earned her law degree. “I realized then that I enjoyed teaching more than anything else I was doing, so I made the move into full-time academia.”

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Hilliard went on to other academic posts, most recently at George Washington University, where she was an assistant professor and director of the International Institute of Tourism Studies. But she stayed in touch with Shock, and when the opportunity to come to Las Vegas arose, she jumped at it.

“The idea of working with her and the other faculty in a program of this caliber was an opportunity I just couldn’t pass up,” Hilliard said.

“The meetings industry is a relatively young field. My goal at UNLV is to help the industry develop, grow, and mature through teaching, service, and research.”

The move to Las Vegas was a family affair. Hilliard’s husband, Phil, also is starting a new job as manager of prospect research for the UNLV Foundation.

**LAW**

**Elaine Shoben**

A pioneer in legal education has joined the faculty of the Boyd School of Law. Elaine Shoben was the first woman to serve as editor-in-chief of the law review at Hastings College of the Law, and she was among the first significant wave of women to enter law teaching.

“There were many challenges when the great majority of the students and faculty were men who were unaccustomed to the changes brought by the dramatic growth of women in the profession,” Shoben said. “I lived through many of the growing pains as the profession changed, but I am proud to have been a part of the transformation.”

Her areas of research include employment law, remedies, and torts. Shoben said she has a special interest in experimenting with new forms of instruction and in examining the role of legal education in shaping the character of the profession.

Shoben, who is married to Ed Shoben, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, has been a professor at the University of Illinois for the past 30 years. At UNLV she is the Judge Jack and Lulu Lehman Professor of Law.

“It is truly remarkable what the law school and its dean, Dick Morgan, have accomplished in so
short a time,” she said. “I remember expressing a hovercraft. The Marines at California’s Camp Pendleton, driving a schoolchild in the U.S. Army. His last post was Fort Irwin, Calif., where he was acquisition commander for the National Training Center. He also served as the Army liaison offi-
cer to the C-17 program at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio and contracting officer for the Defense Intelligence Agency in Huntsville, Ala. At UNLV, he’s responsible for preparing com-
plex bids and requests for proposals for goods, ser-
vices, and construction projects. It’s also his job to make sure the university’s contracts comply with legal and insurance requirements and university policies, and to resolve any disputes with vendors. Nicolella said he hopes to transition to civilian and uni-
versity life has been a smooth one. But he will always cherish his two-plus decades in the Army. “I met a lot of wonderful people and got a chance to travel all around the United States and Europe,” he said. “It was definitely a great experience for my family and me. It made me who I am today.”

PUBLIC SAFETY
Bruce Taylor
While training at a California police academy, for his job with the Riverside County sheriff’s department, Bruce Taylor was struck by the assignment of a fellow trainee. He worked not for a local government, but for the University of California, Riverside. “That sounded interesting, I thought I would like the environment, and it’s not as fast-paced,” he said. Taylor spent three years with the sheriff’s department, then he and his wife started thinking about coming to Las Vegas. As luck would have it, he saw that UNLV was hiring officers. He joined the uni-
versity police in July. After just a few weeks on the job, Taylor said the campus setting suits him. “It’s a big difference. It’s more of a confined area, and that’s a little more comforting,” he said. His new assignment has been a second career for Taylor. In 2002, he capped two decades of service in the Navy, retiring as a chief petty officer. He spent his last few years in the service working alongside the Marines at California’s Camp Pendleton, driv-
ing a hovercraft.

At UNLV, Taylor said he’s looking forward to tak-
ing advantage of the grant-in-aid program, which offers low tuition rates to employees. “School is going to be a must once I get off training,” he said. “I perked up my ears at orientation when I heard about that benefit.”

PURCHASING
Anthony Nicolella
If you ask Anthony Nicolella, a college campus is somewhat like a military base. They both cater to young people, as students or recruits. They have their own versions of classrooms, dining commons, dorms, and sports fields. “Attitudes may be a little bit different, but over-
all, there are more similarities than differences between the two,” said Nicolella, new contract administrator for UNLV’s purchasing and contr-
acts department.
Nicolella recently retired with the rank of lieu-
tenant colonel after 21 years in the U.S. Army. “I met a lot of wonderful people and got a chance to travel all around the United States and Europe,” he said. “It was definitely a great experience for my family and me. It made me who I am today.”

SCIENCES
Daniel Proga
In popular culture, “black hole” has become synony-
mous with oblivion. But a handful of researchers have learned that the intense energy created at the lip of a real black hole can actu-
ally push matter away. And it’s helping them learn more about efficient forms of energy.
Daniel Proga, a new assistant professor of physics at UNLV, helped develop the black hole wind the-
tory in 2000 as a National Research Council fellow at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. The theory showed that gas gets extremely hot as it circles the drain of the black hole’s event horizon in an ever-
tightening orbit, finally disappearing in a blast of energy called accretion of materials.
“Many energetic systems known to humans are things like quasars and centers of galaxies, and they’re all powered by accretion,” Proga said. “It’s the most efficient way to produce radiation.”
Proga spent the last year as a researcher at Princeton University. UNLV’s physics program already has an excellent reputation, Proga said, and he hopes to continue building that, with the public as well as within academia. One of his goals is to start a

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Getting more students involved at KUNV is a big goal, Kittrell said, and it can have a domino effect on the membership and underwriting that is the station’s lifeline. “As involvement grows, so does listenership. As listenership grows, member-
ship grows,” she said.
Brent Mungas (Kinesiology) had a manuscript, “Will Cattelmeu Work as an Ergonomist After Graduation?”, published in Athletic Therapy Today. Another manuscript, “When You Need to Know?”, published online at Contemporary Pediatrica.

Krista Musi (Educational Psychology) received the Psychology Department’s best dissertation in Canada this year. The dissertation, “Liginsteinic Styles and Mathematics Problem Solving: Examining Reliabilities in the Context of Self-Regulated Learning,” she received the award from the Canadian Society for the Study of Education at its meeting in London, Ontario in May.

Jeffrey Welling, Linda Blair, Susan Slaughter, and Diane Winslow (Harry Reid Center) presented a paper, “A Mixed Bag: Prehistoric Research Results in Nevada and California Along the Kern River 2003 Expansion Pipeline Route,” at the 77th annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology in Salt Lake City in April.

Andrew Nazarechuk (Tourism & Convention Management) conducted a one-week executive management course in April for the Nevada Department of Tourism.” The island of Saipan, located in the northern Marianas Islands. More than 40 managers from many Saipan’s major properties participated. The program was coordi- inated by Northern Marianas Community College, whose president, Tony Guerreo, is an alumus of the UNLV Hotel College, and by Yoshimi Kodama, sales manager of Aqua Resort and also a UNLV alumnus.

Amy K. Klima-Comba, Joanne L. Henry, and Linda D. Stetzenbach (Harry Reid Center), along with Gary M. King (Durling Marine Center, University of Nevada), presented a paper, “Sampling Methodologies for Monitoring Outdoor Culturable Airborne Fungi from Five Locations on Hawai’i.” At the 105th general meeting of the American Society for Microbiology in Atlanta. In addition, Stetzenbach, Klima-Comba, and King pre- sented “Analysis of Culturable Airborne Bacteria from an Altitude Gradient on Kilauea and Mauna Loa Volcanoes (Hawai’i).”

James Claudzel (Harry Reid Center) wrote an article, “Caudal Fin Mercury as a Predictor of Fish Muscle-Mercury,” which appeared in the journal Marine Pollution Bulletin this year. He also wrote “Sources and Concentrations of Hg and Se in Compartments within the Las Vegas Wash During a Period of Rapid Change,” which appeared in Environmental Monitoring and Assessment with contributions from Northern Arizona University and the Southern Nevada Water Authority.

Erika Engstrom (Communication Studies) and David Hassenzahl (Environmental Science) were invited authors with Danielle Jackson (M.A. Communication Studies, ‘05) of “Effects of Seats and Seating Arrangement on a Leader,” which appeared in Perceptual and Motor Skills. The article is based on Jackson’s UNLV Undergraduate Research Award winning paper, “The Effect of an Architecturally Designed Chair on Teacher Instruction.”

Tom Pierce (Education) in conjunction with the Clark County School District and Mandalay Bay Inc. received the Outstanding College or University Award from the National Institute for Urban School Improvement. The award presentation took place in Washington, D.C., in May.

Gillian Silver (Alumni Relations) and graduate student Larr Johnson presented a program at the conference of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators in Atlanta. The program, “Continuum to Affinity: A Student Engagement Case Study,” empha- sized strategic outreach programming to help extend and bring the student transition into the community.

Patrick Carlson (Educational Leadership) moderated a panel, “The Power of Oral History as a Curriculum Enhancement,” at a joint annual conference of the Society for Applied Anthropology and the Southwest Oral History Associ- ation in April; he also presented a paper, “Utilizing Oral History in the Rural Elementary Level Graduate Course,” with James R. Crawford (Educational Leadership). Last semester Carlson completed a year as co- president of the Southwest Oral History Association and assumed the office of past-president for 2005-06.

Joshua Delvalle (Public Safety) has been promoted to the rank of detective. He now is in charge of background inves- tigations, crime-scene analysis, and follow-up investigations. He first joined the department as an officer in 1996 after a stint as a member of the department’s student security unit. He also has worked as a state trooper for the Nevada Highway Patrol and received formal police train- ing from the Southern Nevada Law Enforcement Academy.

Venicia Considine (University College) has been admitted to UNLV’s Boyd School of Law. She will attend even- tually and work full time as an academic adviser.

John Massengale (Kinesiology) and James Frey (Emeritus, Sociology) will be featured in an upcoming television docu- mentary called “The Andy Martorell Story”, which will be aired on national educa- tional television channels.

Schedule announced The system is being developed with passengers to accommodate the vary- ing hours of the student body and to drop riders within a short walk of their offices or classes. Initial passenger shuttles will run 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays. Starting Sept. 19, the system will be extended Monday–Thursday to 5:30 p.m.

The system is being staffed by four full-time drivers, a full-time shuttle supervisor, and a part-time driver. All drivers must obtain commer- cial licenses, a five-week process that includes a written exam and driving test. They must also have a physical exam and pass a pre-employment drug and alcohol screening.

The system will operate year-round, with abbreviated schedules during downtimes. “We expect ridership to fluctuate dramatically between the semesters,” notes McDowell, who previously oversaw a shuttle sys- tem at the University of Nebraska. During peak times, three buses will run the entire campus route, while one bus will circle the Thomas & Mack Center and Mandalay Bay Inc. The fifth bus will be kept in reserve for servic- ing. Main campus shuttles reach stops at the stops. “In developing our operations plan, we expect to make some adjustments to our service and times in the next few months,” he said. “We will rely heavily on rider feedback to further develop the service.”

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spaces available last fall, will be off- set by unused parking, primarily in the Thomas & Mack lots. “During peak times, three buses will run the entire campus route, while one bus will circle the Thomas & Mack Center and Mandalay Bay Inc. The fifth bus will be kept in reserve for servicing. Main campus shuttles reach stops at the stops. “In developing our operations plan, we expect to make some adjustments to our service and times in the next few months,” he said. “We will rely heavily on rider feedback to further develop the service.”

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Anne Heim (Advising), Adam Sikuia (Urban Affairs), and Stan Miloykov (History) wrote an article, “Emergency Response Education: A Critical Initiative Award for ‘Integrated College Advising Center Database System.’ They were honored at a reception in May.

An-Pyng Sun (Social Work) wrote a paper, “Program Factors Related to Length of Stay, Retention and Other Outcomes: A Review and Case Study.” He also wrote a paper for publication in the Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment. She also presented a paper in the Fall to Female Substance Abuse Treatment Retention and Other Outcomes at the Council on Social Work Education Annual meeting in New York and “Relapse Prevention for Substance-Abusing Women” at the annual meeting of the Society for Prevention Research in Washington, D.C.

David M. Hassenzahl (Environmental Studies) was invited by the Society of Toxicology to serve as a guest panel- ist on “Probabilistic Risk Assessment” at its July conference in Washington, D.C. He is one of 24 experts invited to advise the society as it develops standards and prac- tices for probabilistic risk assessment.

Patricia Cruz, Linda D. Stetzenbach, Amy K. Klima-Comba, Linda L. Stevens (Harry Reid Center), along with Victoria A. Castro and Craig H. Paine (University Laboratory, Nevada Environmental Factors Office, NASA, Johnson Space Center) presented a paper, “Enhanced Detection of Fungi in the Spacecraft Environment,” at the 10th general meeting of the American Society for Microbiology in Atlanta.

Darrell Pepper (Mechanical Engineering) co-author Xiuling Wang presented a paper on emergency response at the International Convention on Energy, Water, and Environmental Protection in Dubrovnik, Croatia. He also presented a paper (co-authored by Wang) on model- ing and Simulation in the Center for Security Engineering Conference held at the University of Rome.

Xin Hu (Engineering), and Kevin Houzer and Dale Tillier (University of Nevada, Reno, Geology, and Environmental Sciences) at the 10th Perceptual Models used at other institutions,” he said. “UNLV has been able to draw from the contributions of many state trooper for the Nevada Highway Patrol and received formal police train- ing from the Southern Nevada Law Enforcement Academy.

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Campus Scenes

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Summer on Campus

Summer at UNLV is anything but dull. In addition to the usual classes, there are a variety of special events. Two of these summer events were for high school students, the Las Vegas Music Festival (above and right) and the Summer Advanced Gifted Education (SAGE) Academy (bottom photos). The music festival drew 120 students from around the world to the UNLV campus for two weeks in August. Professional musicians from the Julliard School, the Eastman School of Music, and the New York Philharmonic worked with the lucky teens. SAGE, sponsored by the Honors College and the Division of Educational Outreach, brought 31 of Clark County’s most gifted high school students to campus for three weeks. The students participated in three courses, creative writing, international relations, and Shakespeare’s stage.

State-of-the-art facility for the faculty and students who are part of the college, she said.

Student Services Addition

Another project that UNLV officials were thrilled to receive funding for was the addition to the Student Service Building, Turner said. That project, which had been on the capital improvement funding request list for nearly a decade, received $9 million. UNLV has committed to providing another $1 million toward the $10 million project, Bomotti said.

Grant funding — Changes will allow UNLV to keep more of the indirect cost recovery funds associated with federal grants. Before the Legislature acted, UNLV was allowed to keep only 75 percent of those funds. Beginning in fiscal year 2006, universities will be allowed to keep about 94 percent. That number drops to 92 percent in fiscal year 2007. However, Bomotti said, the expectation is that it will increase to 100 percent in fiscal year 2008 and then remain at that level.

Dental School — Lawmakers allocated more than $3.6 million, which, when combined with tuition and fee revenues, will fund the addition of the fourth year of students to the dental program, bringing it to its full enrollment of 300 students.

Nursing programs — More than $175,200 will help fund the cost of summer classes for nursing students at UNLV. “This is tied into the state’s continuing efforts to ease the nursing shortage here in Nevada,” Turner said. The Legislature also allocated $771,497 to fund a Ph.D. nursing program. Currently, it is difficult to find enough qualified professors to teach nursing students, she said, explaining that this program is intended to help rectify that situation.

Although the 2007 Legislature will not convene for another 17 months, Turner said it’s not too soon for her and other system lobbyists to begin preparing. “I am really looking forward to continuing work with our UNLV and NSHE legislative teams and with Nevada’s lawmakers between now and the next session,” she said. “And, as quickly as things move, February 2007 will be here in the blink of an eye.”