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News You Can Use

Paperless Progress
UNLV is changing the way employees receive paychecks and paper payroll stubs.

Effective Jan. 1, the university will no longer deliver checks and paper payroll stubs to individual offices. Instead, the payroll office will establish a central check distribution location. Employees who are not receiving their paycheck by direct deposit with paperless advice will need to pick up their paper checks or paper stubs at that central location.

This change is part of a larger initiative to eliminate paper costs while improving efficiency and safeguarding personal information.

More info:
To sign up for direct deposit with paperless payroll advice, go to payroll.unlv.edu/forms or call the payroll office at ext. 5-3025.

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More info:
Go to www.aacu.org.

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By Shane Bevell | Marketing & PR
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The benefits of UNLV Today include:
• Daily delivery — You’ll still receive messages daily, but they will be consolidated into one e-mail.
• Web version — If employees do not want to receive the digest, they can read the daily messages on the UNLV Today webpage.
• Consistent format — With the messages organized by category, you will be able to skim messages to find the information important to you. The online submission form also encourages submitters to use informative headlines and enter complete event information.
• Easy to subscribe/unsubscribe — When the system is launched, all employees will be subscribed automatically. You can unsubscribe or resubscribe at any time.

UNLV Official messages, which are controlled by each vice president, will remain the same. Employees cannot unsubscribe from UNLV Official e-mails.

Submitting Messages
Submissions will no longer be taken through e-mail, but the process is easy with the online form. However, you must submit your notice by 5 p.m. the day before you want them posted.

For security purposes, you will need your Lotus Notes e-mail address and web password to submit messages. If you haven’t activated your Lotus Notes web account, visit newuser.unlv.edu. If you forgot or want to change your password, call the help desk at ext. 5-0777.

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What’s Your Plan?
Update Your Health Insurance by May 31
By Grace Russell | Marketing & PR
Recently married, new baby, or just not satisfied with your current health plan? You can switch plans, add family members, or decline coverage this month during open enrollment.

Open enrollment packets, complete with benefit change forms, should arrive in the mail at the beginning of this month. But before making changes, be sure to read the contents of the packet thoroughly, said Pat La Putt, UNLV benefits manager.

Which Plan Should You Choose?
The plan you choose depends on your lifestyle. “How often do you travel? Are your kids involved in sports? Do you have kids in college? How often do you go to the doctor? These are all questions you need to think about when choosing a plan,” La Putt said.

If you travel regularly outside the state, consider the PPO plan. Under the plan, if you get sick in another state and need to visit a doctor, you’re covered. The HMO plan does not cover doctor’s visits out of the state.

Do you go to the doctor often? The HMO plan may be your best option. The monthly premium is low and there is no deductible to meet. All you pay is a co-payment.

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Keeping the Campus Community Safe

With the anniversary of the Virginia Tech University tragedy passing last month, President David Ashley addresses safety at UNLV.

How has campus security changed in the wake of incidents at other institutions?

The Virginia Tech and Northern Illinois incidents emphasized how fragile a university environment can be. Under the leadership of Police Chief Jose Elique, UNLV has made ensuring security a fundamental and ongoing process — it is an endeavor that is ever finished.

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What particular challenges does UNLV face?

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Picture This: Test Your UNLV Knowledge

This is it. Your final chance to enter Inside UNLV’s Picture This: 50th Anniversary Trivia Contest. Just for submitting answers to last month’s questions, Cleta Bomba of the office of financial aid & scholarships received a gift bag filled with fun 50th anniversary items.

If you enter this month, your name will be added to the list of everyone who has submitted answers throughout the year. One name then will be selected at random from the list and will receive the contest’s grand prize. The grand prize winner will be announced in the July issue.

1. This woman is the longest-serving full-time faculty member:

a. Norma Emsberg
b. Esther Langston
c. Felicia Campbell

2. In what year did she begin her career on campus?

a. 1962
b. 1963
c. 1964

3. In which college does this faculty member teach?

a. Liberal Arts
b. Education
c. Urban Affairs

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Tech Savvy

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By Mamie Pear | O

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Choosing the Right Insurance Plan for You

**HMO Plan**

**What it is:** A health maintenance organization (HMO) is a group of doctors and hospitals that have contracted with your insurance company to provide medical services at a discounted rate. Under the plan, a primary care physician directs all of your medical care. If you get sick or need to see a specialist such as a cardiologist, you must first visit your primary care physician. Your primary care doctor will then refer you to a specialist in the HMO network.

**Pluses**
- Low monthly premium
- Low co-payments
- No deductible to meet

**Restrictions**
- No out-of-state coverage except for emergencies
- Primary care physician directs all of your medical care
- Must go to a primary care doctor before you visit a specialist
- Costs are not covered if you go to a physician outside the network

**PPO Plan**

**What it is:** A preferred provider organization (PPO) is a network of doctors and health care facilities that agree to provide medical services at discounted rates. Under the PPO plan, you can choose to go to any doctor, and you can go to any hospital that has contracted with your insurance company to provide medical services at discounted rates.

**Pluses**
- Your choice of doctor in the network or out of the network
- Do not need a referral to visit a specialist
- Out-of-state coverage

**Restrictions**
- Monthly premiums are higher
- Do not need a referral to visit a specialist
- Your choice of doctor in the network or out of the network
- Costs are not covered if you go to a physician outside the network

**Plan Changes and Updates**

■ This year, monthly premium rates are going up slightly for everyone. The highest increase is in the low-deductible employee plus spouse PPO plan. A person with that plan will be paying $290.09 more per month.

■ Under the PPO plan, attention-deficit disorder (ADD) and attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) medication and psychotherapy now are covered.

■ If you are on the high- or low-deductible PPO plan, completing a health assessment questionnaire will cut your deductible in half. The questionnaire asks about your health and provides feedback on how to live healthier. The assessment is now available online at www.healthtogether.net.

■ Whether you are on the PPO or HMO plan, filling out a health assessment questionnaire will also increase your yearly dental benefit to $2,000 from $1,500. Complete the questionnaire at www.healthtogether.net.

More info: To help you understand your options and complete paperwork, the benefits office and PEBP will hold a meeting at 1 p.m. May 22 in the Student Union, Room 208. Or contact a benefits counselor at ext. 5-0924.

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Invent the Future

Development Funds Available for Classified Staff

By Michelle Mostan [UNLV Foundation]

UNLV employees Cindy McMillan and Carmen Chang have new and improved job skills — thanks to the classified staff development fund.

The fund provides awards twice a year to reimage classified staff for professional or work-related professional opportunities — such things as non-credit courses, meetings, seminars, or dues for work-related professional organizations.

McMillan works in the dean’s office in the College of Liberal Arts. She helps put together the Honors Convocation for the college, which requires attention to detail and many event-planning skills. To expand her skills, McMillan attended an event planning class offered through the Division of Educational Outreach.

“After comparing the deductibles, co-payments, and coverage of each plan, I decided that the HMO plan was best for me as a single woman. The only thing I don’t like about the plan is that coverage is minimal outside of Southern Nevada.”

— Cynthia-May Gong, postdoctoral scholar, Harry Reid Center for Environmental Studies

“I chose the PPO plan because I wanted the freedom to choose my own physician. My husband and I are older, so it’s important that we maintain relationships with our doctors. Recently, my husband had a serious health problem that required several surgeries over a six-month period. We were able to go to a physician we knew and trusted and who understood his situation. I also have a daughter who is a freshman at Santa Clara University in California. Under the PPO plan, if anything happens to her, I know she’s covered.”

— Donna McAllee, interim director, reprographics/design services

“With the PPO plan, I feel like I have more control over my health care. The monthly payments are a bit higher, and I don’t go to the doctor often. But in the end, it’s worth it to know that I have the flexibility to choose my own doctors and providers.”

— Peter Reilly, professor-in-residence/director of training, Boyd School of Law

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The Brightening of Grant
The white cinder block wall in a breezeway of Archie C. Grant Hall provided the canvas for MFA student Brian Porray’s whimsical mural. The Las Vegas native wanted Grant Hall to feel more like the art building that it is. Although Porray has been encouraged to expand the mural, he has no plans to do so himself. “I believe that part of my role as an MFA student is to motivate undergraduate students and demonstrate how they can find opportunities to show their works;” he said. “I would love to see more students take on mural projects on campus.”

Graduate Grad Assistant Form Due
The graduate assistant request form, which must be filled out by all departments wishing to hire graduate assistants for the 2008-09 academic year, was due May 1. Any department that missed the deadline must complete its form immediately. More info: Contact Eric Lee, director of graduate financial services, at ext. 5-2787 or at eric.lee@unlv.edu.

Business Messier Honored for Distinguished Service
William F. Messier Jr. recently received the 2008 American Accounting Association auditing section’s Distinguished Service in Auditing award.

The award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the profession and to scholarship over a period of at least 20 years. Messier, who holds the Kenneth and Tracy Knauss Endowed Chair in Accounting, has made significant contributions in research, teaching, and academic and professional service for nearly 30 years.

Before joining UNLV, he was the Deloitte & Touche LLP Professor at Georgia State University. He also holds a professorship at the department of accounting, auditing, and law at the Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration, and is a visiting professor of SDA Bocconi in Milan. He is a past editor of Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory and former president of the auditing section of the American Accounting Association.

Education Teachers Celebrate Diversity
More than 300 elementary and secondary teachers participated in the “Celebrating Diversity” conference at UNLV last month.

The two-day event was sponsored by the literacy and social studies content areas of the department of curriculum and instruction in collaboration with the Silver State Reading Association, the Southern Nevada Writing Project, the Curriculum Materials Library, and the Southern Nevada Social Studies Council.

Jesus Garcia, professor of social studies education; literacy education lecturer Sue Hendricks; and reading association coordinator Carole Hoppe organized the event.

Holocaust survivor Gerda Weissmann Klein spoke about her six-year ordeal as a victim of Nazi cruelty. Bill McBride, Herman Viola, Carlos Cortes, Jack Pilakusi, and Carol Booth Olson were also featured speakers presenting topics about gender diversity, events in history from the viewpoint of Native Americans, a one-man cultural play, early childhood literacy, and writing with diverse student populations.

Fine Arts May at the PAC
The Performing Arts Center presents a very special performance of Hal Holbrook in Mark Twain Tonight on May 3 as part of the UNLV 50th anniversary celebration.

Holbrook has received wide acclaim for his portrayal, such as this review from John L. Smith of the Las Vegas Review-Journal: “I came … to see a professional man of theatre dress up and honor Mark Twain, and instead had to settle for the crotchety, cigar-smoking genuine article. By my count, the orneriest fellow on stage was a spry 168 … I never did get to see Mr. Holbrook.”

The Nevada Conservatory Theatre at UNLV presents Doubt by John Patrick Shanley as the final production of the 2007-08 season May 2-11 in the Judy Bayley Theatre. Set in a Bronx parochial school in 1964, Shanley’s Pulitzer Prize- and Tony Award-winning play is a riveting exploration of paranoia and suspicion in the Catholic Church. More info: Contact the Performing Arts Center box office at ext. 5-2787.

Students Learn More About Potential Employers
The college’s Bob Boughner Career Services Center spent the spring semester working to connect many top hospitality companies with UNLV students.

Companies had the opportunity to participate in “Signature Week” by speaking to a variety of classes and hosting receptions, information sessions, or events. The companies used these opportunities to recruit for internships and part-time and full-time positions, as well as for their management training programs. This semester’s participating companies included Harrah’s, Las Vegas Sands, MGM Mirage, Marriott International, and Station Casinos.

Libraries Libraries Launch Nevada Test Site Oral History Project
University Libraries recently launched its digital library containing a collection of oral histories concerning the Nevada Test Site and the 40 years of atmospheric and underground testing at the site. This chronicle of Southern Nevada’s role in the Cold War is now available online in the form of more than 150 first-hand stories and observations of the men and women affiliated with and affected by the Nevada Test Site. This digital library fosters a better understanding of Nevada’s Cold War history and its local, national, and international significance.

“Our librarians used this significant collection of oral histories to create a one-of-a-kind digital library, making the full range of perspectives on this critical aspect of our history available for the first time...
To Reign Supreme

Mary Wilson of The Supremes speaks to professor Timothy Jones’ History of Rock Music class in March. Wilson discussed the formation of the Supremes, the Motown scene, why it worked, and the relevance of past music to what is happening now. Jones also has had Ronnie Vannucci of The Killers and the Beatles for the top spot on the charts in the mid-1960s, the development of the music industry, her solo career, discussed the formation of the Supremes, the Motown scene, what it was like to be in the only group that challenged the Beatles for the top spot on the charts in the mid-1960s, the development of the music industry, her solo career, and the relevance of past music to what is happening now. Jones also has had Ronnie Vannucci of The Killers and George Grove of The Kingston Trio visit his classes.

University College, who serves as advisor to the chapter, said, “This is a prime example of the excellence we are achieving as an institution and in our community.”

Across Campus

Liberal Arts

Foreign Languages Strives to Meet Student Demands

Faculty and staff of the department of foreign languages continue to address the increasing demands for a variety of foreign languages at the lower-division, upper-division, and graduate levels.

Bachelors degrees are offered in French studies, German studies, Spanish, and for the professions, and romance languages.

Minor programs are also available in classical studies, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Italian, Spanish, and for the professions.

At the graduate level, the department offers a masters degree in Hispanic studies and a graduate certificate in Spanish translation.

Language, culture, and literature skills are also sharpened and complemented by translations studies, language skills in business and other professions, Spanish for the heritage speaker, and the opportunity for study abroad through UNLV international programs.

This summer, faculty members Marie Noelle Olivier (French studies) and Iria Gonzales-Liano (Spanish studies) will again teach for the Honors College’s Summer Advanced Gifted Education (SAGE) Academy, which offers a summer program for gifted high school students and is directed by Daniel Villanueva (German studies).

Foreign languages faculty also continue to pursue various research interests. Catherine Bellver (Spanish studies) will publish her edition of the complete works of poet Concho Mendez this year, while Giuseppe Natale (Italian studies) is in the midst of a critical translation of Herman Melville’s Moby Dick, which will appear in the Italian press U.T.E.T.

Sciences

Math Students Score in National Competition

Five UNLV students recently competed in the prestigious William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition, an annual mathematics competition for undergraduate students in the United States and Canada.

Each UNLV competitor received a positive score — a notable achievement considering that approximately half of the contestants failed to receive a single point.

The UNLV team of Francisco Diaz, David Hannach, and Nathan Rowe, finished in 83rd place. Rowe was the highest scoring of UNLV’s competitors with 36 points out of the maximum of 120 points, placing him in 141st place in the individual ranking.

He is the highest placing UNLV student to date in the competition.

The 2007 competition included 3,753 contestants from 516 institutions in the United States and Canada. The top five ranking teams (a team consists of three undergraduate students representing their institution) were Harvard, Princeton, MIT, Stanford, and Duke.

The exam has been offered annually since 1938 and is administered by the Mathematical Association of America.

University College

Black Graduate Student Association Wins National Honor

The UNLV Black Graduate Student Association took top honors as national chapter of the year at the National Black Graduate Association’s 28th annual convention in Chicago.

Professor Algerian Hart of Canada.

Law

School Receives High Marks From National Publication

The school posted a strong showing in the 2009 U.S. News & World Report’s annual rankings of the best law schools and specialty programs.

For four of the five years that it has been eligible, the school has ranked in the top 100. In addition to moving up from 100 to 88 in the overall rankings this year, the school also advanced its already impressive position in each of the following specialty rankings:

• Lawyering process program ranked 3rd in legal writing
• Saltman Center for Conflict Resolution ranked 9th in dispute resolution
• Thomas and McK Legal Clinic ranked 12th in clinical training.

“Our success in the national rankings is a reflection of what can happen when you combine strategy with passion, commitment, and a clear vision for the future,” said John Vonder Wise, dean of the law school.

“To achieve what we have in only 10 short years speaks volumes about the hard work and dedication of our faculty, staff, students, and alumni.”

The Boyd School of Law — Nevada’s only law school — has established itself as a national institution and a highly respected community resource. The school opened its doors to the charter class of 140 students in August 1998 and achieved provisioned American Bar Association accreditation in 2000, the earliest possible time. This year, the school will host a yearlong 10th anniversary celebration with a series of monthly events.

Urban Affairs

Communication Faculty Make Conference Presentations

Faculty members and graduate students in the department of communicati

Education presented their research at the annual meeting of the Western States Communication Association held in Denver.

Several team-authored papers resulted from collaborations between faculty and graduate students. Erin Sahlstein and Tara Emmers-Sommers were co-authors of “Communication, Distance, and Parent-Child Relationships: A Meta-Analysis” with graduate students Sarah Nebel, Michele Cannella, Desiree Cartmill, Jonathan Osbourne, Sarah Ewing, David Horvath, Britney Wojtaszek, and Mae-Li Amick Allison. These students were also co-authors with Emmers-Sommers on “Patient-Provider Communication about Sexual Health: The Relationship with Gender, Sex-Stereotypical Beliefs, and Perceptions of Communication Inappropriateness.”

Graduate student Horvath also presented two papers, “Two Days Before the Day After Tomorrow: Public Stupidity and the Ironic Subject in South Park,” and “Living on the Edge: Linda Hutchinson’s Approach to Irony in Rhetorical Context.”

Faculty presentations included:

• Sahlstein’s co-authored paper, “Patterns and Deployment: Army Wives’ Perspectives of Marital Turning Points Before, During and After Combat-Related Separations.”
• Donovan Conley’s “Chiasmatics: Topping the Work of Gilles Deleuze.”
• Kate Kowalski’s “Predicting Teen Abstinence Likelihood: The Families United to Prevent Teen Pregnancy Intervention Program.”

As part of the university’s celebration for the 2009 U.S. News & World Report’s Best Grad Schools Edition, the UNLV Office of Public Affairs produced a “Top Four Papers in Communication” poster to display faculty and student research. To date in the competition.

The 2007 competition included 3,753 contestants from 516 institutions in the United States and Canada. The top five ranking teams (a team consists of three undergraduate students representing their institution) were Harvard, Princeton, MIT, Stanford, and Duke. The exam has been offered annually since 1938 and is administered by the Mathematical Association of America.

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Spotlight On Accomplishments

The UNLV Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi has distributed literary-based DVDs to the more than 210 elementary schools in the Clark School District. With the help of a planning initiative award from UNLV, Phi Kappa Phi partnered with the district and Vegas PBS, Chelsea have the opportunity to read with 19 local professionals who discussed the importance of reading in their lives. Professions represented ranged from medical to the arts, journalism, and public safety. A race car driver and a clown were also included.

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The UNLV Chapter of the Denver Metropolitan Police Training Academy. He also has received certification from Northwestern University’s prestigious School of Police Staff & Command and training from the Detroit Fire Training Academy.

Aaron Tuttle (Fine Arts Advising Center) was recently praised in the Las Vegas Review-Journal for his strong direction and unique concept of Eugene O’Neill’s The Hairy Ape presented by the College of Southern Nevada. The production was a collaboration between CSN and UNLV faculty, which included Joe Aldridge (Theatre) and served as a way to bridge the gap for fine arts students planning on transferring to UNLV. Earlier this year, Tuttle’s production of Noise Off! was awarded Best Production of the Year by the Las Vegas Review-Journal.

Keala Kiko (Life Sciences) was named a classified employee of the month in the administrative category for March. As an administrative assistant III, he manages the front office. While he has been a classified employee for 16 months, he has been a part-time communications instructor for the past three years, teaching public speaking and interpersonal communication. He has earned both a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in communication studies from UNLV.

Karl Kingsley (Dental Medicine) is the lead author of the research article “Analysis of Oral Cancer Epidemiology in the U.S. Reveals State-Specific Trends: Implications for Oral Cancer Prevention,” which was recently published in the peer-reviewed journal, BMC Public Health. This article is the culmination of an interdisciplinary collaboration with Michelle Chino (Public Health), Marcia Ditmyer (Dental Medicine), and Susan O’Malley (Dental Medicine).

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Employees Recognized for Business Communications

The work of a number of UNLV employees was recognized earlier this semester at the 2008 American Dental Education Association’s 2008 American Dental Education Association/ClasssmithKLine Sensodyne Excellence in Teaching Award at the association’s annual meeting in Dallas. The award recognizes dental educators who demonstrate exemplary standards and commitment to excellence in dental education through scholarship and innovation.

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~ Tim Price (Student Life) was named classified employee of the month in the technical/service category for March. A locksmith for campus housing, he has worked at UNLV for five years. His primary duties involve deadlocks in the residence halls, key-keeping duties, and cutting keys.

~ John Hobbes (Replographic/Design Services) received an award of excellence for his office’s open house jewel case flip calendar.

~ Allison Miller and Georgina Corbalan (UNLV Foundation and Geri Kodey (Photo Services) won an award of excellence for the Invent the Future calendar.

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Honor Students Promote Literacy

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~ Liz Baldizian (JeantDick Women’s Center) made a presentation at the 20th anniversary session for the Association for Student-Journalism in Clearwater, Fla. Titled “Pathways in Life: Five Members of the Besieged Clan Pay It Forward.” It was co-presented with Felicia Dublon, Barbara Fieman, Linda Timp, and Diane Wayrory. She also participated with fellow authors of the book, Student Conduct Practice: The Complete Guide for Student Affairs Professionals (Stylus Publishing, 2008). She authored the chapter “Ethics and Decision Making.”

~ Cory Lampert (Libraries) received the 2008 Outstanding Library Faculty Scholarship award. She was selected because of her extensive scholarship efforts. In 2007, she co-authored a chapter in the book Library 2.0: A Guide to Academic Libraries as well as a $95,000 library services and technology grant for the creation of a digital collection of primary historical material documenting the early boom years of Southern Nevada. She also gave five refereed presentations at national library- and technology-related conferences across the United States. The award is given to librarians who make major contributions to scholarship within the library profession.

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~ William Sullivan, Keith Rogers, Abdul Tophe, Jeannine Jordan, and Jennie Johnson (CAEO) attended the 2008 policy seminar sponsored by the Council for Opportunity in Education in Washington, D.C., in March. Arrangements were made by CAEO staff for upward Bound high school students Devon Skinner (Mojave), Domenico Lacaia (Del Sol), Shayla Johnson (Las Vegas Academy), Tracy Harvey (Rancho), Oralia Gutierrez (Southeast Career Technical Academy), and Carmen White (Coronado) to meet with various members of Congress.

~ Karl Kingsley, Susan O’Malley, Tanis Stewart, and Katherine Howard (Dental Medicine) are the authors of the article, “Research Enrichment: Evaluation of Structured Research in the Curriculum for Dental Medicine Students at Parkland Vertical and Horizontal Integration of Biomedical Training and Discovery.” It was recently published in the peer-reviewed journal, BMC Medical Education.

~ Connie Dye (Educational Leadership) was named a classified employee of the month in the administrative category for March. An administrative assistant III, she has worked at UNLV for seven years. She worked for the UNLV Foundation before moving to her current office in 2003. Her primary duties revolve around the department’s graduate students. She helps them register, keeps their files updated, and makes sure they are on track to complete their degrees.

~ Joanne L. Goodwin (History, Women’s Research Institute of Nevada) received the Andrew Grant of $10,000 from the Sierra Nevada region of Soroptimists International. The grant will assist the institute in its 2008 civic engagement and leadership program. The grantor found particularly impressive WRN’s mission to assist women to better understand leadership principles and to make a commitment to public service early in their careers.

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Another Take

For this month’s Another Take, Inside UNLV spoke to three of the six faculty and staff members who will be inducted into the 25-Year Club this year. Each began work at UNLV in 1982. Additional inductees are history professor Jay Coughtry, social work professor Satish Sharma, and accounting professor Glenn Vent.

Daniel McAllister
Professor of Management, College of Business

After 25 years, what keeps you coming back? The students. Many of my students are non-traditional and the vast majority work full- or part-time. They have life experience, so my classes are more meaningful to them. Once, a student came to me and said, “I am having trouble with my marriage.” She took my management 301 course and a few years later I received a letter from her thanking me for helping her save her marriage. She had applied what she learned in my class to her life.

Best year, the 1st, 5th, 10th, or 25th?: That’s like asking which one of my children do I love the most — I have enjoyed them all.

Advice on longevity: If you don’t love what you are doing, make changes now. About three years after I became a professor, I was burned out. Instead of continuing to burn out, I analyzed the situation and realized that I hated repetition. I was teaching the same classes over and over again. So I decided to stop teaching classes and started teaching people. Now, each semester is a unique and valuable opportunity.

What has made you successful?: All of them. The first year, I got married and became the head athletic trainer. The fifth year my second son was born, and the UNLV men’s basketball team went to the Final Four. And today, after 25 years, I’m still here.

Barry Barto
Assistant Events Manager, Sam Boyd Stadium

After 25 years, what keeps you coming back?: I love the campus environment and the people. It’s been a tremendous learning experience. Here there is always new information and technology presented to help keep me current. It also is great to be around younger people. In a sense, they keep me young.

Best year, the 1st, 5th, 10th, or 25th?: This year — I never look back. I’m always thinking about what I can accomplish today and the next day.

Advice for longevity: Listen to others. On this campus there are great thinkers, movers, shakers, and problem solvers. Listen to them and try to learn something from everyone you meet including students. I know I have.

What has made you successful?: When I was the men’s soccer coach from 1982 to 2005, I shared with my student-athletes that, in order to achieve any level of success, you need to show up — and don’t forget to bring a positive attitude. I still look forward to getting up and going to work every day.

Still play soccer?: No, not anymore. My daughter plays tennis, and I take her to practice regularly. So, I’m more into tennis now.

The biggest change you’ve noticed on the campus: I am amazed at our enrollment growth. When I came in 1982 there were only 7,000 students and now there are over 28,000. Our students and our community are more diverse as well.

Jerry Koloskie
Senior Associate Athletics Director, Athletics Department

After 25 years, what keeps you coming back?: UNLV is my home. I enjoy being here and I’ve had a great career. Over the years, I have worked with a lot of great coaches and student-athletes. As an athletic trainer at UNLV, I was a part of three Final Fours and was the athletic trainer for the 1990 national championship basketball team. I also witnessed three individual NCAA champions and our men’s golf team win the national championship in 1998.

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Advice for longevity: An old football coach once told me, “Young fella’, either you adapt or die.”

What has made you successful?: I’ve always been able listen to others. I guess it comes from being an athletic trainer for 16 years. Students knew they could talk with me about their sicknesses, injuries, academics, or about being homesick.

Biggest change you’ve noticed on the campus: The growth of the campus. When I first arrived, UNLV was known as a commuter school with very little campus life. Today, there is so much more to offer students. We now have more dorms, a recreation center, the student union, and we’re still building.

Couldn’t have made it this far without: My voice, good health, good students, and a great family.

See you in another 25?: I don’t know if I’ll be able to keep up with the demands of athletics. It’s not your typical 40-hours-a-week job. There is a lot of personal and family sacrifice involved. I would like to retire, but athletics will always be a part of my life.

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Straighten Up and Bite Right

UNLV’s orthodontics program — part of the School of Dental Medicine — is getting a new home. The new 44,226-square-foot, two-story Dental Education Building, which houses dental and orthodontics clinics, classrooms, offices, and a business office, recently opened for business. Sletten Construction was the project contractor.

A grand opening celebration is set for 3-5 p.m. May 5. Tours of all the buildings at the Shadow Lane campus will be available. Refreshments will be served.

(Above) Orthodontics resident Dr. Talayeh Afkhami works on a patient. In addition to its dental education curriculum, the school provides low cost dental services to Southern Nevada citizens.

(Above) Professor-in-residence Dr. Bob Martin, left, watches orthodontics resident Dr. Jason VanLue work on a patient. (Below) Dental assistant Mimi Hishe works in the dispensary at the School of Dental Medicine.