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UNLV Art Professor Hickey Awarded $500,000 MacArthur Foundation Fellowship

by Jennifer Vaughan

Professor Dave Hickey was one of 23 recipients recently awarded the MacArthur Fellowship by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. As a recipient, Hickey, a professor of art theory and criticism, will receive $500,000 of “no-strings-attached” support over a five-year period to pursue any creative endeavor of his choosing.

“David Hickey is the first Nevadan to receive this prestigious award. He is not only known internationally for his art criticism, but he is also a highly respected teacher,” UNLV President Carol C. Harter said. “In the arts, the MacArthur Fellowship is among the most prestigious awards, and we are pleased to have a faculty member of such high distinction on our campus.”

“We are thrilled to have Dave Hickey as part of the fine arts faculty at UNLV,” said Jeffrey Kneep, dean of the College of Fine Arts. “His vision and leadership within the art department have helped create the fine reputation it enjoys today. We congratulate Dave on this impressive, prestigious award.”

Hickey himself said, “I am delighted with the award and it comes as a total surprise. My plans include completing several books that I have begun writing.

“As a freelance writer for most of my life,” Hickey said, “I have known what it is like to not work one day and worry if you were going to be able to pay the bills eight weeks later. This money will allow me to take a little time and write a little bit longer.”

“The announcement of the MacArthur fellows offers an opportunity to focus on the importance of the creative individual in society,” said Jonathan Fanton, president of the MacArthur Foundation.

“Whether working alone or within an organization, these are people who provide the imagination and fresh ideas that can improve people’s lives and bring about movement on important issues. Most of the MacArthur Foundation’s funding is intended to support the creative efforts of organizations and institutions,” Fanton added, “yet we also understand that individual leadership, initiative, and creativity can provide the spark that moves great enterprise forward.”

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Campus Personnel Receive $250,000 in Planning Initiative Awards

by Richard Jensen

Each year UNLV awards approximately $250,000 in Planning Initiative Awards to encourage members of the university community, as individuals or in collaboration with others, to propose projects that advance UNLV’s mission and goals as outlined in the strategic planning document. The awards are grouped into two categories: Small Awards $1,000 to $9,999 and Large Awards $10,000 to $30,000. The awards are coordinated through the University Planning Council.

The following is a brief summary of several of the awards received for 2001-02. Other awards will be discussed in future issues of Inside UNLV.

Jeffrey Shen of the department of biology received $9,999 to use the new genomics technology for the discovery of genes (called drought genes) that will improve drought resistance in plants. The research will insert “drought genes” into a commonly used species of turf grass to create lawns that can be easily grown in the arid Southwest.

Abiodun J. Elegbede of the department of chemistry received $9,999 to study the potentials of the plant compounds d-limonene and perillyl alcohol (called monoterpenes) in the treatment of human head and neck cancer cells grown in culture. These monoterpenes are found in foods of plant origin such as oranges, dill, and vegetables consumed by humans.

Ian McGaw of the department of biology received $5,500 to purchase a life-size anatomical model of the human body to be used for teaching in human anatomy and physiology teaching labs.

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by Mae Worthey-Flennory

Most of the facilities built on campus in the last decade, the annual campus holiday party, scholarship programs, the annual classified and professional employee awards, and many other items and events in the life of the university have one thing in common. They all were made possible by private gift funds, which were provided to the university through the work of the UNLV Foundation.

The foundation assists the university community in defining its needs for gift support. Once this is done, the foundation helps university leadership contact and solicit potential donors. The foundation also manages endowed and other gift funds, and represents the university to its many publics.

The foundation is a service organization, and UNLV is its client.

At UNLV, the foundation is responsible for the university's development program, and is involved in all of the activities typically found in such programs on contemporary university campuses.

"The development program helps the university articulate its goals and needs in a way that will be understood by our supporters and potential supporters," said John Gallagher, foundation executive director and UNLV's vice president for development.

"The foundation is involved in more than just fund raising, although that naturally occupies a great deal of attention. As the university's development office, the foundation helps people understand what the university needs, and why it needs those things. The members of the development staff are a first-class team. Their job is to bring a gift opportunity to the attention of a person who might be inclined to help, and to help that potential donor understand enough about the gift to make an informed decision."

PROVIDING financial support for a variety of university projects is one of the missions of the UNLV Foundation. Among the members of the foundation are Fred Conboy, assistant vice president for development; Larry Kost, director of gift planning; and Lucy Eklind, director of operations.

New Garage to Offer Convenience

With the opening of UNLV's new four-story parking garage, faculty and staff will now have more convenient parking within minutes of any building on campus.

As Inside UNLV went to press, the garage was expected to open in late November or early December; it was originally scheduled to open in mid-to-late January. The 1,600-space garage will contain 1,272 spaces for students, 162 for faculty and staff, 74 for visitors, 65 reserved spaces, and 26 handicap spaces. It was designed with the capacity to add two more floors to accommodate future growth. There are five entrances to the garage, two of which lead directly to the upper floors.

Students, faculty, and staff will not be charged any additional fees for parking in the garage at this time; if they choose to purchase a reserved space, they may use their current permits to park in the garage in the type of space designated on their permits.

The $12.6 million garage is located just north of Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall. The new reserved parking area will be located on the ground floor on the west side of the garage.

If the number of requests for reserved spaces exceeds the number of spaces offered, the parking services office will consider increasing the amount of reserved parking in the garage, said Tom Fuld, parking services manager.

The annual cost of a reserved space on campus is $400; however, because most of the fall semester will have elapsed, Fuld said, the amount for this year will be prorated to $300 for use through August 31, 2002.

For more information, call the parking services office at ext. 1300.
Refurbishing Effort Under Way at Concert Hall

by Jennifer Vaughan

More than 25 years ago Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall opened its doors to Southern Nevada. Over the years, elite performers have graced its stage, yet the hall itself began to suffer the effects of time. In fact, renowned New York Philharmonic conductor Kurt Masur was moved to comment on its degenerating appearance.

"The acoustics are excellent, as good as Lincoln Center," Masur said. "It is a pity that the hall is so shabby."

Two years ago, in an effort to refurbish Las Vegas' premiere performing arts venue, Ham Hall's lobby was transformed to reflect a smarter, more sophisticated look. Exquisite marble floors and walls decorated with captivating artwork were just two of the changes that patrons noticed. In addition, the Performing Arts Center offices were moved from Ham Hall to the Judy Bayley Theatre.

"I received hundreds of compliments on the lobby's new appearance," said Jeffrey Koep, dean of the College of Fine Arts. "It was very well received and appreciated by the local arts community."

Last year, the walls inside Ham Hall were painted and new carpet was laid throughout the facility. Now, Koep said, the Performing Arts Center is nearing a point where it would like to finish the seat campaign launched by President Carol C. Harper a little more than a year ago. For this campaign, single seats, as well as rows of seats, are sponsored by individuals and businesses. Support is acknowledged on an engraved plaque on the designated seat or row.

"We're truly beginning to see the fruits of our labor," Koep said. "It is important to not only the Performing Arts Center, but also to Southern Nevada, that our premiere performance venue maintains a condition befitting of its performers."

Future improvements to the concert hall include a new campus parking garage, which will make parking easier for patrons. Other improvements will include upgraded stage equipment and possibly the construction of additional restrooms.

Myron Martin, director of UNLV's Performing Arts Center, also noted that these improvements could not happen without the support of the Southern Nevada community.

"With help from our local community, we hope to preserve Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall as a primary resource for our campus, our students, and Southern Nevada," Martin said. "We take pride in being able to afford our community such a facility and are grateful to the community for sharing our mission."

"It is our main goal to present Southern Nevada with first-rate cultural events," Koep said. "We want to ensure that our performers and guests enjoy an excellent experience now and for years to come."

The Performing Arts Center 2001-02 season includes the Charles Vanda Master Series, featuring performers such as The Australian Chamber Orchestra, Vienna Chamber Orchestra, and Moscow Grigorovich Ballet; the Best of the New York Stage with performances by Diane Reeves, Mandy Patinkin, and Ailey II, among others; as well as The World Stage, featuring Bangarra Dance Theatre and SamulNori.

For more information on the 2001-02 season, please call the box office at ext. 2787.

For more information on the Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall seat campaign, please call ext. 4292.

INVITATION

All UNLV faculty, classified staff, and professional staff members are invited to the President's annual Holiday Reception.

President's Holiday Reception

Thursday, December 13
4 - 6:30 p.m.
Marjorie Barrick Museum of Natural History
From the Dean's Desk
by Frederick W. Backlund
Dean, College of Science

To begin, I am honored and privileged to be the dean of the College of Sciences for the past two years. I thank President Hatcher, Provost Alden, and especially my colleagues for their vote of confidence. I follow in the footsteps of a succession of great deans and interim deans, each of whom has moved the college forward in a significant way. I am pleased to say that I knew them all, and all remain my friends.

While I am a neophyte in the dean's office, my 27 years at UNLV have given me a perspective that I believe is important for the college at this critical time in the evolution of the university. (At least, I can say, "Done it, tried it, didn't work the first time.") When I arrived in 1974, the then College of Science, Mathematics, and Engineering consisted of a motley group of 46 faculty — eight of whom still receive paychecks today — and eight classified staff. Without question, one of my first assignments was teaching. Teaching four courses per semester was common, and sometimes we taught five. (Perhaps this is the reason I am not totally sympathetic when young faculty complain about teaching loads.) Not surprisingly, we didn’t have much time for research. Publications were few, and an externally funded grant was a rarity. Even in the early days, however, there was a sense of research professionalism and responsibility, and many faculty were involved in exciting and important projects. Those early efforts were the seeds that grew into a research culture now supported by $6 to $9 million in externally funded grants per year.

As our mission expanded to include research as a fundamental responsibility, the college grew to include a faculty of more than 100 dedicated individuals, supported by more than 50 post-doctorates, technicians, and office personnel. The growth in numbers of the faculty is even more dramatic than the growth in the college's Center for Educational Research and Planning (CERP). During 2000-01, 15 college faculty members applied for and received funding averaging from $5,000 to $35,415 for 27 projects. The purpose of CERP, according to Schraw, is to coordinate and improve research at UNLV and in Clark County schools. Another purpose is to provide support in mentoring for internal and external funding.

Other support for research continues to grow as well. The college’s Center for Educational Research and Planning (CERP) recently assumed the important role of director of the college’s Center for Educational Research and Planning (CERP). This center plays a primary function in supporting graduate students and faculty, and it provides an important link to UNLV’s office of sponsored programs and to the Clark County School District. During 2000-01, 15 college faculty members applied for and received funding averaging from $5,000 to $35,415 for 27 projects. The purpose of CERP, according to Schraw, is to coordinate and improve research at UNLV and in Clark County schools. Another purpose is to provide support in mentoring for internal and external funding.

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FROM THE COLLEGES

Business College

William "Sr" Redd, E. Parry Thomas, and Stephen A. Wynn have been announced as the first inductees into the newly established Nevada Business Hall of Fame. The awards and induction ceremonies will take place Feb. 21 at the MGM Grand Hotel.

The college partnered with Andersen, a leading international professional services firm, to create the Hall of Fame to honor top Nevada business leaders who have significantly contributed to the economic prosperity of — and brought positive recognition to — the state.

"It is a great honor to recognize Sr. Redd, Parry Thomas, and Steve Wynn as the inaugural inductees into the Nevada Business Hall of Fame," said Dean Richard Flaherty. "Their hard work, success in the gaming and banking industries, and leadership have made a tremendous impact on the lives of those who live and work in Nevada.

Steve Corner, managing partner of Andersen's local office remarked, "The Las Vegas office of Andersen is honored to be founding partners with UNLV's College of Business for the Nevada Business Hall of Fame. It will provide a way for our community to honor and recognize business leaders who have contributed so much of their time, energy, and financial acumen to help make Nevada as successful as it is today."

The three were selected for induction by members of the college's Executive Advisory Board. Board members include senior Nevada business leaders from a variety of industries.

Andersen's local office will provide support for administration, and public relations, and donate more than $45,000 to the college for the Nevada Business Hall of Fame.

Dental School

The interview process to select students for the inaugural class began the first week of November. The new school currently has more than 600 applicants for an expected first-year class of 75 students. The application period extends through March 1.

All documents for accreditation eligibility status have been submitted to the Commission on Dental Accreditation, and the school continues to move forward in all phases of development. Additionally, searches have begun for a number of key positions, including chair of integrated biosciences, chair of clinical sciences, and a director of patient care services. The search for a permanent dean of the UNLV School of Dentistry will begin in the near future.

College of Education

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Engineering College

The computer science department is honored that Herbert R. J. Grosch, a pioneer in the field of computer science, will soon be joining its ranks as an adjunct professor. Grosch is a fellow, past president, and the oldest charter member of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), the professional association for computer scientists.

Having received his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1942, Grosch moved from Navy ordnance research into the new IBM Watson Research Lab at Columbia to work on some of the earliest computing systems. His associates at IBM, and later MIT, GE, Control Data, and UNIVAC include such luminaries in computer science as John von Neumann, John Backus, Seymour Cray, Gene Amdahl, Ted Codd, and both Thomas J. Watson Sr. and Jr.

While at IBM, he formulated Grosch’s Law (1958) that states that the total cost of a computer system, “C,” with a certain performance level, “P,” is proportional to the square root of “P.” This law is often restated as a rule of thumb: if one spends twice as much on a replacement computer, one may expect a four-fold increase in performance. The observation that computer technology is subject to law-like economics of scale was totally foreign to computer scientists of that era.

What is remarkable is that this law has held for nearly 50 years!

While at UNLV, Grosch will be completing his memoirs for the Smithsonian and National Science Foundation. The computer science department and the College of Engineering are excited to have the opportunity to work with such a renowned individual.

College of Extended Studies

Army ROTC cadets are taking their military science classes on campus at UNLV this fall, following three years during which cadets had to commute to the Community College of Southern Nevada to take those required courses.

UNLV's former ROTC detachment had closed in 1992 during Army downsizing following the Gulf War. Following that closure, ROTC was unavailable for students in Southern Nevada until 1998 when U.S. Sens. Harry Reid and Richard Bryan petitioned the Army to return. That year eight cadets enrolled in military science courses at CCSON through a partnership with the UNR ROTC detachment.

UNLV became a partner in 1999, after realizing 13 UNLV students were taking extended education ROTC classes from UNR. UNLV approved the ROTC advanced curriculum for fall semester 2000, and 14 students transferred to UNLV while continuing with their military science curriculum at CCSON. The first UNLV student to complete the Army, UNR, CCSON, UNLV partnership program involving the Army, UNR, CCSON, and UNLV earned his UNLV degree and Army commission in 1999. Three more earned degrees and commissions in 2000.

According to assistant professor of military science Maj. Ross Bryant, enrollment has grown from eight cadets in 1998 to 59 this fall with military science courses reintroduced on the UNLV campus. Five cadets are on full ROTC scholarships.

"We anticipate commissioning six UNLV graduates this spring," said Bryant, adding that cadets in the program are pursuing a variety of majors, including business marketing, education, psychology, and political science.

"We are preparing some of the best scholars and athletes in Nevada to become officers and leaders for the United States Army," said Bryant.

College of Fine Arts

Beth Meloxic and Carole Rae of the dance department recently returned from Aix-les-bains, Italy, where they were invited to...
perform with Nativa Angilly's Poetic Dance Company of San Francisco during the feast day of St. Francis. The duo performed "Saints & Sinners," a witty commentary on modern morality.

Jose Gamez, assistant professor in the School of Architecture, has been awarded the 2001 Associates Award by the Nevada American Institute of Architects for outstanding contributions to the organization and profession in Nevada by an associate member.

The Performing Arts Center welcomes Mandy Patinkin as part of its Best of the New York Stage series on Jan. 6. Patinkin won a Tony Award for his 1980 Broadway debut in Andrew Lloyd Webber's Evita and was again nominated in 1984 for his starring role in the Pulitzer Prize-winning musical Sunday in the Park with George. He also won an Emmy for his role in Chicago Hope and has appeared in countless other television shows, including "Toasted by an Angel."

The theatre department presents Endangered Species in the Black Box Theatre through Dec. 9. Based on real life events, a group of modern Native Americans attempts to reconnect with its past by going on a whale hunt in Jason D. Martin's epic adventure.

On Dec. 5, the music department presents the UNLV Symphony Orchestra Concert featuring visiting artist David Breton from Fortepiano with George Stelluto conducting.

Graduate College
Established in 1999 with funds from the U.S. Department of Education, the UNLV McNair Scholars Institute is a collaboration between the college and the Center for Academic Enrichment and Outreach. Named in honor of astronaut Ronald McNair, who died in the 1986 Challenger explosion, the institute seeks to encourage undergraduates from underrepresented populations to pursue graduate study and ultimately to enhance faculty diversity.

An important aspect of the institute is the six-week summer research internship program that partners McNair Scholars with distinguished members of the faculty and provides them with a view of academic life, research, and scholarly activity. To date, 19 McNair scholars (11 in 2000 and eight in 2001) have successfully completed the internship program. As part of that program, McNair scholars, under the supervision of mentors, conduct research in specified areas. The research is presented in abstract form in the annual UNLV McNair Scholars Institute Journal.

In addition, scholars participate in an annual UNLV McNair Scholars Poster Presentation. The poster presentation in October allowed the UNLV community to meet the 2001 McNair scholars as they presented the results of their summer internship experiences in poster format. The eight undergraduate scholars and their mentors were Paul Edward and professor Daniel McMillian (Business), Hans Hagen and professor Biodan Elegbede (Chemistry), Chiara Irving and professors William Holcomb and Mark Guadagnoli (Kinesiology), Autumn Martinez and professor George Popper (Biology), Joan Spair and professor Willard Rollings (History), Giselle Stewart and professor Beth Serac (Communication Studies), Grendale Velasco and professor John Mercier (Kinesiology), and Adam Villarreal and professor Jeremy King (Physics).

College of Health Sciences

This month's entry highlights the continuing research activities of the Lake Mead/Mojave Research Institute that is housed in the college and is directed by Mark Rudin of the department of health physics.

The Lake Mead/Mojave Research Institute (LMMRI) recently received $750,000 in federal pass-through funding for fiscal year 2002 through the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Coastal and Marine Geology Team of Woods Hole, Mass. The mission of the LMMRI is to conduct collaborative research on environmental matters involving the ecosytems of the lower Colorado River basin, watersheds of Lake Mead and Lake Mohave.

A portion of this year's funding will be used to investigate the influence of inflows, such as the Las Vegas Wash and Colorado River, on the sedimentation processes in Lake Mead. Investigators from the UNLV departments of health physics, geoscience, and chemistry and from the USGS Woods Hole are involved in this project. Other organizations affiliated with LMMRI, such as the Southern Nevada Water Authority, National Park Service, and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, will also work collaboratively with investigators in this phase of the study.

The remaining portion of the funds will be used to perform a geophysical survey of the bottom of Lake Mohave. The project further establishes the research partnership between the colleges of Health Sciences and Sciences, the USGS Geological Survey Coastal and Marine Geology Team, and a number of local and regional governmental organizations responsible for the management of these two lakes.

Honors College

The college held its full graduation mediation ceremony on Nov. 30. Fifteen students were awarded honors medals for the December graduation ceremony.

The college is in the process of updating and continuing to build an alumni database. College staff members have been working to contact past honors students and are hoping to host an alumni reception during the spring semester. If you are an Honors College graduate or know anyone who is, please encourage that person to check out the college's Web site and register as an alumnus at www.unlv.edu/Colleges/honors/.

The Honors College search for a dean has been reopened and is currently under way. Please refer to the National Colleageal Honors Council Web site at www.north.edu/ncchc/ for the advertisement and more information regarding the position. For additional information, contact the search committee chair, Dean Jim Frey of the College of Liberal Arts.

College of Hotel Administration

Most restaurant folks don’t know how to say "no." They are generous and enjoy donating time and product to various charitable endeavors. Since the food and beverage department strives to imbue that spirit in its students, the faculty, staff, and students get involved in many philanthropic activities.

For instance, professor Andy Feinstein and his purchasing class created a lunch menu for a local homeless shelter. The students got so involved that they volunteered to buy the food, prepare, and serve the meal.

Professor Lesley Johnson is involved with a local women’s homeless shelter, helping the residents improve their nutrition. One of her annual fund raiser collections donations from spectators at a Rebel basketball game. Her motto is, "A Buck a Seat Will Help Them Eat."

Each year, Chef Jean Hertzman and some of her students participate in the Opportunity Village Snowflake Ball fund-raiser and at a related event, the Kitty Rodman "Miss Kitty Barbecue."

Another charitable endeavor involves The Chefs for Kids Foundation. Food packages, such as a dinner prepared by a celebrity chef in your home, are auctioned off. The proceeds go toward feeding children who attend local at-risk schools and toward providing nutrition information to their families. The department donated a dinner package and an opportunity to appear on the university-produced TV show "This Ain’t No Buffet" hosted by Chef Claude Lambert.

These are just a few examples. The department is directly and indirectly involved in many activities that help those in need. As it is said, "Foodservice is not a job; it’s a way of life."

Law School

Legal clinics are a key component of the academic program at the Boyd School of Law. They provide students with an extraordinary opportunity to work with real clients under the close supervision of experienced clinical faculty. The clinics also enable the school to fulfill its institutional goal of serving the needs of the Las Vegas community and the state of Nevada by helping persons who otherwise would be unable to afford legal representation.

Two of the clinics—Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice—are already in their second year of operation. The new Death Penalty Clinic, which will evaluate potentially mitigating circumstances in pending death penalty appeals, will be up and running in the 2002-03 academic year. All of the clinical faculty serve multiple roles— as clinicians, classroom teachers, staff, and full participants in law school governance. This full integration of the clinical program into the academic life of the law school is an unusual and exciting aspect of the program, and one that has enabled the school to attract clinical faculty of the highest caliber. It is hoped that success will continue in this year’s round of faculty hiring.

School faculty and students are pleased that the legal clinics have recently been the beneficiaries of a $2 million gift from the Thomas and Mack families. Together with funding from the Legislature, this generous gift will enhance the ability of the clinics to provide assistance where it is most needed.

College of Liberal Arts

A major initiative in the college for the next year is to enhance development—also known as fund raising. In order to meet this objective, the college has hired Cynthia Baca as director of development. One of her first tasks will be to work with Dean Jim Frey on forming a Community Advisory Board for the college. She also will be working toward putting together a College of Liberal Arts Alumni Association, which will include a board of directors. Members of both groups are now being recruited. The college will also launch a fund-raising campaign directed at friends, alumni, faculty, and others with interest in the college. Contributors will become members of the “Dean’s Associates”; the funds will be used to support the instructional and research activity of liberal arts students and faculty.

The college is also sponsoring the University Forum Lecture Series for the 15th year. This series, which is open to the public free of charge, is also supported by the Lodge Kalafats Trust and the UNLV Foundation. This semester’s series included lectures on travel safety, ecotourism, and the Civil and Vietnam wars, and on deciding where to live and work. Former U.S. Sen. Richard Bryan opened the series with an "Eveining of Public Affairs Commentary." Attendance at these lectures has ranged thus far from 75 to 250 persons. Thanks to all who support this series.

University Libraries

UNLV Libraries now offers faculty, students and staff a collection of 200 electronic books (E-books). E-books are full-text electronic versions of printed books, so many of the titles may be familiar to you; however, because they can be viewed from any PC connected to the Internet, these titles are available anywhere, anytime.

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Jennifer Thompson (Anthropology), Bernardo Arriaza (Anthropology), and Sue Fawn Chung (History) were featured in an episode of The Mummy Road Show, which aired on the National Geographic Channel in October. The episode, "Mummy in Vegas," dealt with the late 19th century Chinese mummy that was discovered in Carlin. All three professors are involved with research on the Carlin mummy.

Joe McCullough (English) is serving as president of the American Humor Studies Association. He will organize two sessions, one of which he will chair, on racial and ethnic humor at the upcoming Modern Language Association meetings in New Orleans. Also, he has been appointed as the first president of the advisory board of the newly formed Literary Society – Las Vegas, which is sponsored by Northern Trust Bank.

Elaine Rojas (Controller's Office) was selected as the UNLV Classified Employee of the Month for September. A 10-year employee of the university, she is an administrative assistant II working as the secretary to Controller Lou DeBuono. Her duties include correspondence, travel arrangements, leave for members of the controller's staff, which includes disbursements, payroll and the barrier's office; assisting the associate controller/tax specialist with international students; processing payments; and handling supplies.

John Massengale (Kinesiology) recently made two presentations at the annual Conference of the Western College Physical Education Society in Reno. The first presentation was titled "Civility, Colloquium on Literature and Film, which took place at West Florida University. The second presentation was titled "Secondary Research: The Analysis of Sample Surveys and Data in Educational Management: Global Challenges in the 21st Century" at the 2nd annual convention of the World Congress on Disabilities (WCD) held in Atlanta in September. The conference was sponsored by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and was attended by more than 2,600 people.

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Anthony J. Ferris (Communication), Cheryl Bowles (Nursing), and Susan Michael (Nursing) authored an article, "Auditing the Oncology Consultation: An Intervention to Increase Patient Satisfaction," which appeared in the September-October issue of Oncology Lines.

Ronetta Yates (UNLV Foundation) was selected as the UNLV Classified Employee of the Month for August. She has worked at the UNLV Foundation since 1997. An administrative assistant, her duties include staff training, writing reports, and data entry. She previously worked in the university's Disability Resource Center.

James J. Jackson (Psychology) has been asked to present a series of research papers to 65 high-potential mid-career U.S. Air Force and Navy officers on tours of duty at the Pentagon. In September, he presented "National Security Council Strategy-Losing and Strategies-Making Processes: A Reanalysis of the Cuban Missile Crisis." The paper was published in "Pearls Harbor, Normandy, Mann Gelch, Cuban Missiles, Intelligence Collecting, Terrorism, Three Mile Island, Hollin, Challenger, Black Hawks, and the West Nile Virus," and "A Craft Course on Ferris, Business, and Networks: How to Think Like the New Economy."

Alan N. Miller (Management) presented his paper, "It's a School for HIV/AIDS Education," at the 2001 National HIV Prevention Conference that took place in Atlanta during August. The conference was sponsored by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and was attended by more than 2,600 people.

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Gary Larson and graduate assistant Lisa Menegato, serve as the news and production crew for Studio 70, a news program focused on UNLV and the Las Vegas Valley. Studio 70 airs Fridays at 6:30 p.m. on EUD-TV, Cox Cable channel 70, with repeat showings on Saturdays at 6:30 a.m. Recent stories featured on the program include the local impact of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

This semester, according to Larson, Studio 70 is emphasizing local news stories and incorporating the school's CNN NewsSource network membership and cross-promotions with UNLV's student-run newspaper, the Rebel Yell. For more information about Studio 70, contact Larson at ext. 3274, or by sending an e-mail to glarson@unlv.nevada.edu.
New Campus Housing Master Plan Being Developed

by Betty Blodgett

When the 433-bed addition to Tonopah Hall was dedicated in July, Karen Strong, interim associate vice president for student life and director of campus housing, breathed a huge sigh of relief because for the first time in four years she was able to accommodate nearly all requests for housing in the university’s residence halls.

“The decision to expand Tonopah Hall was the direct result of increased student demand for on-campus housing,” Strong said. “For four years I had a waiting list of students wanting campus housing whom I wasn’t able to accommodate.”

But no sooner was the ribbon cut on the new addition than Strong found herself back at the planning table to help begin work on a new 10-year Student Housing Master Plan.

The housing master plan, which is being prepared by the Washington D.C.-based firm Brasfield & Dunlavey, will address the future continued student demand for on-campus housing.

“We currently have 1,500 students living on campus and, based on enrollment projections, we predict doubling the occupancy in the next 10 years,” Strong said. “Given that we’ve filled 100 percent this fall semester and still had a waiting list, we’re back at the table almost immediately to begin planning for the construction of the next residence hall.”

Strong said Brasfield & Dunlavey will help provide recommendations for a 10-year build-out, while keeping in mind that the 335-acre, land-locked campus has a limited amount of property that is allocated for on-campus housing.

“The parameters we gave them are that we only have about seven to 10 acres and that in that space allotment we need to be able to accommodate about 3,500 students,” Strong said.

In addition, the housing master plan will address the accompanying student services that also will need to be expanded, such as parking, dining commons, and community centers—most of which are now already at, or near, capacity.

“The firm, which is expected to have a final report of its recommendations ready to present to the campus administration by the end of the fall semester, has been busy identifying what the university’s needs are, conducting research on the student population, and analyzing trends in order to create a comprehensive housing master plan.

“Once Brasfield & Dunlavey submits its report, we will have to decide how best to proceed based on the research findings,” Strong said.

Karen Strong, interim associate vice president for student life and director of campus housing, during her recent State of the University address, talked about the importance of student life housing to the university community.

“The newly completed expansion of Tonopah Hall makes it possible for 433 more students to live on campus—as more students live on campus there will be a dramatic change in our campus culture,” Harter said in her speech. “In fact, Vice President Mills reports that a major increase in student life activities has already occurred as a direct result of an expanded residential community. We are therefore planning to start another dormitory as soon as possible. That facility, in conjunction with a potential expansion of the student union and facilities in McDermott Physical Education Center, will enhance our campus community and begin to develop the critical mass for a true community of scholars.”

For more information about the Student Housing Master Plan, please contact the office of campus housing at ext. 3489.

Computer Help Desk Staff Ready to Answer Questions

by Betty Blodgett

Most of us have a love/hate relationship with our computer. That is, when our computer is working properly and doing what we need, we love it. But when something goes wrong with our computer, as it inevitably will, that love can quickly turn to hate.

Thanks to the office of information technology, however, the campus community has a source of assistance for those times when help is needed. The new Computing Resource Center Help Desk, which opened in September, offers a single point of contact for computing-related support for UNLV faculty and staff.

Lori Temple, associate provost for information technology, said that the opening of the “one-stop shop” Help Desk represents the culmination of several years of gathering resources, planning, and implementation.

“Th e Help Desk provides, directly or by appropriate referral, the help functions formerly provided by campus computing services, systems and applications, and system computing services,” Temple said.

The Help Desk is located in the Classroom Building Complex, Room B-113. The center’s hours of operation are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

“We believe that the Help Desk represents a significant improvement in the services we provide to the campus community,” said Michele Kraus, the center’s managing director. “We designed it to be a beneficial and easy-to-use resource for computer assistance.”

Kraus advises faculty and staff that the peak call times for the center are between 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. “During peak times our call volumes are greater and callers may encounter a delay before reaching a Help Desk analyst, so we ask for your patience and understanding as we iron out any remaining wrinkles in our technology and procedures,” she said.

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E-mailed to crchelp@ccmail.nevada.edu, or faxed to ext. 3850.

Technical staff are available to assist telephone and walk-in customers directly and to take help requests when someone must be dispatched to work on a problem. The Help Desk can assist with problems related to campus-supported computer operating systems and applications and to computer hardware. For example, the Help Desk supports both Macintosh and Microsoft Windows operating systems and a variety of software programs.

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For more information about the Computing Resource Center’s services, as well as other helpful information, also can be found on the center’s Web site: http://crc.unlv.edu.

Clicking on to this site, computer users will find self-help guides, computer virus assistance, and a support forum where answers to commonly asked questions are posted.

“This self-help option is important because it is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week,” Kraus said. “Our objective is not only to assist the campus community individually with computer issues, but also to promote self-help through our Web site under online resources and support options. For example, if you are having a specific problem with any of your computer equipment, software applications, or network access and would like to try to resolve the problem yourself, then you would click on ‘Knowledge Base’ and browse for answers under the ‘Help Yourself’ topics.”

Kraus said that the Help Desk is just one component of the newly formed Computing Resource Center, which provides the campus software support, hardware support, campus E-mail support, computer delivery and inventory, and training.

“We are here to help serve the computing needs of the campus community, and we appreciate your feedback, so please feel free to let us know how we are doing by sending an E-mail to campcomp@ccmail.nevada.edu,” Kraus said.
MacArthur Foundation has recognized what so many of us here have known all along – Las Vegas is indeed rich in art and culture, and people like David Hickey demonstrate this so wonderfully on an international level," Harter said. "We are pleased that UNLV can contribute at a significant level to the cultural enrichment of our community."

The MacArthur Foundation describes Hickey as an art critic and analyst of Western culture who reveals entirely original perspectives on contemporary art in essays that engage academic and general audiences equally. "He conveys his interpretations and analyses, based on an encyclopedic knowledge of art history, through commonly shared experiences and metaphors," a MacArthur Foundation spokesperson said. "The accessibility of his writing in no way diminishes his intellectual influence. His free-spirited and occasionally irreverent musings reflect his passion for the wonders of artistic expression and his disdain for those who obscure it."

According to the MacArthur Foundation's Web site, Hickey spurs ideological agendas and champions what some consider to be outmoded notions of beauty, artistic vision, and the virtues of the marketplace. In an essay on Norman Rockwell, for example, Hickey celebrates the artist's work and compares his composition skills favorably with those of artists such as Jean-Honoré Fragonard and Jacques-Louis David. He convincingly argues that Rockwell remains alive in the American public's imagination and continues to be a deeply influential artist.

Writings with grace, precision, and humor, and absent of any pretension, Hickey invites his readers to experience art on its own terms. Representatives for the MacArthur Foundation said that Hickey continues to surprise and educate his audience with his piercing insights and probing commentary.

His wisdom and unusual viewpoints provide fresh and provocative counternotes to the traditional world of art criticism.

Commenting on the contributions the university and its faculty make to the state, Harter said, "UNLV is deeply committed to bettering the lives of the citizens of Nevada. Professors like David Hickey and our Nobel Laureate Wole Soyinka are helping to enrich our culture, our community, and UNLV's academic reputation, and we are honored to count them among our most distinguished faculty."

Classified Staff Task Force Identified

A number of classified staff members have been serving on the Classified Staff Reward and Recognition Task Force, a committee formed to explore new and better ways to recognize the contributions of classified staff personnel to the university.

Those classified staff members contributing their expertise to this objective are Dave Anderson, custodial supervisor IV; Anthony Calleja, accounting clerk III; Robbie Childers, reprographics supervisor; Gloria Cooper, administrative assistant I; Maxine Franks, computer network technician I; Cheryl Giordano, administrative assistant III; Robert Kountz, faculty supervisor IV; Nora Langendorf, administrative aide; Donna Morrissey, administrative assistant III; Ostra O'Neal, administrative assistant I; Maria Panagia, administrative assistant I; and Patty Rice, administrative assistant III.

Chaired the committee are Larry Hamilton of human resources and Sandie Gajkowski of the office of the vice president for administration.

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