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Information and dates of UNLV student activities can be found at: http://activities.unlv.edu/

Attend UNLV athletic events for free: http://www.unlvtickets.com/students/

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February 3 Men’s Basketball: UNLV vs San Diego @ the TMC 7:30 p.m.
February 6 GPSA Social—Freakin’ Frog
February 6 Final day to submit graduation application with all department approvals for spring 2009 commencement WITHOUT a late penalty fee
February 10 Men’s Basketball: UNLV vs. TCU @ the TMC 7:00 p.m.
February 16 President’s Day recess
February 17 University Forum Lecture Series: “Where Have all the Bees Gone?” Dr. Michelle M. Elekonich, UNLV School of Life Sciences (http://liberalarts.unlv.edu/calendar.html)
February 20 Final day to completely withdraw from all classes and receive a 50 percent refund. Official withdrawal form must be obtained from the Registrar’s office. No refunds after this day.
February 23 Conference Skill Development Workshop
February 27 Final day to apply for graduation w/a $20.00 late fee: Graduation fee $70.00; Thesis fee $45.00; or dissertation fee $55.00
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GPSA Research and Conference Travel Grants

Need funding for your research project or to attend a conference during the summer 2008 semester? GPSA grant information and application is available at: http://gpsa.unlv.edu/grants.htm
Deadline for the GPSA summer grant is March 15, 2009; fall grant deadline is April 15, 2009. Also available are emergency travel grants (for conference presentation only). Check the GPSA website to see if you qualify.

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So, to get to the point: the January 22, 2009 rally was a smashing success in that over 3000 concerned citizens (the majority being UNLV students) fighting for education. At this rally, we were able to get the word out regarding how important letter-writing is to our elected officials. (To find your elected officials, please go to http://mapserve.leg.state.nv.us/website/legviewer.htm.)

The next step: it’s not over, people. We still have a lot of work to do over the next 120+ days. We have to work with our legislature, which is why I am working with our University’s Government Relations Office and attending a workshop on lobbying hosted by UNLV. I will be going up to Lobby our legislature in conjunction with the other institutions of higher education of Nevada. The tentative plan is to go up to Carson City in a couple of weeks to meet with members of the Assembly Ways and Means Education and Taxation Committee as well as members of the Senate Finance, Health, and Education Committee and Higher Education Committee. I am personally interested in making our graduate and professional student presence known to the State’s educational jargon such as “PK-16.” Education, as we know, extends past four years of college after high school. However, I will not lose sight of our main mission, which is to promote the interests of graduate and professional student education: we need our University to stay open and programs with graduate and professional students to stay intact.

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Spring 2009 Commencement Student Speaker Competition

The Graduate & Professional Student Association is looking for a graduate and/or professional student interested in speaking at the 2009 Spring Commencement, May 9, 2009. Applications are available in the GPSA, Lied Library room 3251, or at http://commencement.unlv.edu/speaker.html

You need to be a graduating student. The competition deadline is Friday, March 27, 2009. For more information please call: 895-2261.

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GPSA Community Service Committee

Thank you to all who contributed to the Community Service Committee’s Holiday Drive this past December. It was an overwhelming success. The donations of food, toys, and clothing were given to Child Focus. This organization serves children living in foster care in the Las Vegas area. Upcoming “Year of the Child” Spring Community Service events are:

• “Adopt Orr Middle School”— Especially needed are male mentors, school supplies and food.

• “Spring Clean for Domestic Violence Victims”— clothing, food and toys for Shade Tree Women’s Shelter.

More information regarding these upcoming events can be found at: http://gpsa.unlv.edu/Activities.htm

GPSA Hosted Spring Social Events

GPSA hosted socials provide an informal forum for networking and conversation among graduate and professional students from across the various colleges and disciplines. The socials are held several times a month. Don’t miss the events scheduled for the Spring:

• Friday, February 6th, 5—8 p.m. @ Frekin’ Frog 4700 Maryland Parkway, 953-3237

• March Social. Date to be announced @ Blue Martini located at Town Square, 6593 Las Vegas Blvd., 948-9438

• April Social. Date to be announced @ Frankie’s Tiki Lounge—1712 W. Charleston, 385-0110 Other events planned for this semester: bowling night, karaoke and a hike at Valley of Fire.

Questions: contact michael.pius@mac.com Stay up-to-date on upcoming activities: sign-up on the GPSA activities listserv @ http://gpsa.unlv.edu/activities.htm

Get Connected with GPSA News Source

The Involvement Center has a new interactive tool for student organizations and administrators to communicate, manage organizations, and network. By creating your own portal on OrgSync you can access such features as the GPSA calendar, to-do lists, meeting information, discussion boards, polls, forms, and file uploads will help organizations function easier on our commuter based campus.

How to:
1. Login to: http://getinvolved.unlv.edu
2. Click on Join an Org from the main screen of your portal.
3. Scroll down to the Organizations with the blue tab to the right of UNLV.
4. Scroll through the list and find the Graduate & Professional Student Association.
5. Click on Request and send the group a message or click on Join and use rebels as the password.
6. We will get back to you with a message that you have been added as a member.

Graduate Student Spring ’09 Programs in Learning Technologies
—open to all graduate students—

• Avoiding Plagiarism —This hands-on session will focus on methods to deter intentional and unintentional plagiarism and to verify information sources. Thu, Feb 5th, 1:30—2:30 p.m. in the LLB, Pioche room.

• RSS Feeds —An introduction to Web-based tools that streamline your Web surfing by collecting newsfeeds from the sources that interest you. Tues, Feb 10th, 2:00—3:00 p.m. in the LLB, Pioche room.

• Free Software—This workshop introduces the many free software products available that can be used in studies and teaching. Wed, Feb 11th, 11:00 a.m.—noon in the LLB, Pioche room or Thu, Apr 2nd, 11:00 a.m.—noon

Pre-register for these and more workshops at http://tlc.unlv.edu/graduate

UNLV Career Day
Thursday, February 26, 2009
10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Thomas & Mack Concourse

Employers across a variety of industries will be available to talk to you about career opportunities, available jobs, internships and career-track positions. Last year’s event enjoyed close to 200 employer organizations. Although the recent economic downturn leaves us less certain of exact outcomes, over 100 organizations are anticipated to attend this event. A list of participating employers as well as job postings and extensive career services information can be accessed form the Career Services website at http://hire.unlv.edu.

More UNLV career events on the horizon:

• Resume Review Day: Wednesday, February 11, 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

• Top 10 for Interview Success, Co-present with the Lied Library; Thursday, Feb. 19, 1:00—2:00 p.m. Eureka Room, Lied Library.

• Diversity Employer Panel & Mixer 2009: Tuesday April 14, 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. @ Blue Martini located at Town Square, 6593 Las Vegas Blvd., 948-9438

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Keep UNLV Strong
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The step after that: when I get back from Carson City, I will hold a meeting with all of you to discuss our efforts. The student leaders from CSN, NSC, and here (CSUN & GPSA) will be working to get a bus trip to Carson City for another rally in front of the capital building. We have not set the date for this yet, but end of April or beginning of May has been suggested as this time will be toward the end of the legislature. (a reminder that we take education seriously is always a good thing)

Saving the best for last, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who is currently active and engaged in getting the word out to their constituents about Nevada’s budget crisis, the town hall meetings held at UNLV, ... beyond by attending phone banks, canvassing the University, and volunteering your time at the rally. You all inspire me.

Sincerely,

Kamala Lopez will be present!

**Freebies Around Campus with Student ID**

- Free Drink at Chipotle’s
- $1 off Regal Cinemas movie ticket, call 221-2283 for info
- 10% off Pick Up Stix
- 10% off Jiffy Lube Service
- Dell’s student discount program http://ww.delluniversity.com/
- Planetarium—CSN Cheyenne Campus, 651-4759

**Conference Skills Development Workshop**

Monday, February 23, 2009: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Student Union – Room 211

Looking for tips on how to capture your audience’s attention at conferences??? The GPSA is offering a multidisciplinary workshop to assist graduate and professional students with oral and poster presentation skills. UNLV faculty members with expertise in conference skills development will share their knowledge in a wide variety of sessions. The schedule is below:

- 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. — Dr. Javier Rodriguez, School of Life Sciences: “Delivering Your PowerPoint Presentation”
- 1:30 to 2:00 p.m. — Dr. Karl Kingsley, School of Dental Medicine: “How to Prepare Your Poster Presentation”
- 2:00 to 2:30 p.m. — Moderator TBA: “Writing Abstracts”
- 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. — Heather Lusty, GPSA Vice President & Grant Committee Chair: “GPSA Grant Application Process Q & A: Question and Answer Session Regarding the Grant Application Process at UNLV”

To register go to: http://gpsa.unlv.edu/professionalDevelopment.html

**Public Land Institute Announcement**

Anyone accessing public lands for an UNLV activity, i.e. research or field trip, must obtain a permit through the public lands permit program: http://publiclands.unlv.edu/permits/