

## Noteworthy UNLV Dates

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

More UNLV events at: [http://  
domino3.nevada.edu/  
calendar](http://domino3.nevada.edu/calendar)

8/28	Instruction Begins
9/4	Labor Day Recess
9/8	Last day to apply for graduation w/o a late fee. Graduation fee—\$50; \$45/thesis fee; \$55/dissertation fee
9/29	Final day to apply for graduation with a \$20 late fee
9/30	UNLV Rebels Football v UNR Sam Boyd Silver Bowl, 7:00p
10/2	GPSA Social Hour
<b>10/20</b>	<b>MID-SEMESTER</b>
10/27	Nevada Day recess
11/3—11/6	Homecoming
11/10	Veteran's Day recess
11/17	Last day to take comprehensive exam or defend thesis/dissertation
11/23-11/26	Thanksgiving recess
11/27	Last day to submit thesis/dissertation and final examination results
<b>12/9</b>	<b>INSTRUCTION ENDS</b>
12/16	Winter 2006 Commencement, Thomas & Mack Center, 9:00a

## GPSA — What we are all about . . .

The Graduate & Professional Student Association is the recognized governing body serving the enrolled graduate and professional student population. Forty-nine representatives, one appointed from each department and

Treasurer. The Council meets each month in the new Student Union, room 208AB, in an open forum to discuss current issues, activities, and address concerns that may impact graduate and professional students.

The GPSA office, located in the Lied Library, room 3251, maintains a computer lab and study area equipped with a copier, fax, flatbed scanners, color laser printer, Scantron machine, typewriters, office supplies, printers, group study areas, and a small kitchen with a microwave and refrigerator.

### GPSA Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 9:45 p.m.  
Friday 8:00 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.  
Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.

professional school, serve on the GPSA Council. The Executive Board, also members of the Council, are elected positions consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and

The GPSA hosts regular social hours and community service events, and sponsors an Annual Research Forum held in the spring, in an effort to enhance the quality of the educational and social experience that benefit UNLV graduate and professional students.

### GPSA Grants

One of the most important services which the GPSA offers UNLV graduate & professional students is the allocation of funds for graduate & professional research and conference travel. These grants support projects which directly affect a student's degree program as well as make a contribution to a scholar's field. The next grant cycle is for the Spring 2007 semester. The deadline is November 15th. Applications are available on the GPSA website at: <http://gpsa.unlv.edu/>

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### Points of interest:

- Student Counseling and Psychological (CAPS) services provides free one-on-one and group counseling for a variety of needs: thesis & dissertation support, stress management, difficulties in classes, and relationship problems. For additional information call: 895-3627.
- While you were in class did you accidentally lock your keys in your car, forget where you parked, or did your battery go dead and you need a jump? Call Public Safety they will be happy to assist at 895-3668.
- A free parking shuttle service is available Monday-Thursday from sunrise to midnight. Signs on the campus identify the seven shuttle stops or checkout the schedule at: <http://parking.unlv.edu/shuttle.htm>.
- If you have lost an item on campus, please call the UNLV Police Property Unit at 895-5795 and follow the directions on the recording.

## The 2006—07 GPSA Executive Board

I first want to welcome all the new and returning graduate and professional students at UNLV. As you take a look around the campus you can see that this is an exciting time for our university. Just like the city of Las Vegas, UNLV is experiencing unprecedented growth and we as graduate and professional students play an integral part in helping to shape the university.



Fred Krauss  
GPSA President

Our role in the campus community is an important one, because for most of us at different points in our advanced academic careers we gain both the perspective of student and instructor. Our unique perspective allows us to see the university function in its entirety, from learning to teaching and teaching to learning; as a result we know what makes this university thrive and we also see what it needs to improve. I believe this perspective of being both a student and instructor is highly significant because we

have the ability to directly change things for the better through our research and our involvement in the classroom. That is why we need one unified voice. The Graduate & Professional Student Association is here to provide the voice of graduate and professional students—all 6,000 of us strong.

To give a brief overview, the GPSA, established in 1980, is the recognized student government for graduate and professional students currently enrolled at UNLV. The

GPSA consists of a general council that is comprised of a representative from each graduate and professional department and/or school, and also an elected executive board. Our council provides a platform for representatives to discuss and address graduate and professional students' needs and concerns through a variety of campus committees, and works closely with the Graduate College and the Graduate Council.



Joseph Thomson began his Vice President tenure in the spring of 2005. Previously he served as the GPSA History Department's representative for three years. During that time he has also served on the grants committee and is now the current chairperson.



GPSA Secretary, Carin Wallace, is a master's student in the Department of Anthropology and Ethnic Studies. She has worked in the GPSA study facility for the past 3 years. Her thesis research centers on Hispanic ideologies of diabetes.



Suzanne Becker is a PhD student in Sociology. She is looking forward to her first year as Treasurer on

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## UNLV Library Services

Your UNLV RebelCard allows you to:

- Use the library's computers
- Borrow laptops for use in the campus libraries
- Request materials not owned by UNLV from other libraries and place your request for materials online from the UNLV libraries catalog. Some requests can be delivered very quickly, best to plan on a 1- 4 week turn around.

### Other available services

- Attend one of the free tours, workshops, or clinics offered by

the Libraries' Instruction Department. For a schedule see <http://www.library.unlv.edu/inst/events.html>

- Take the lab or class that you teach to the library, let library staff help you help your students develop good research and information management skills. Call 895-2126 at least a week before you wish to schedule a session for your students.
- View your library account online and renew items you have checked out a <http://webpac.nevada.edu/patroninfo>

- Set up an appointment for in-depth research help with your subject librarian or stop by one of the Research and Information desks for assistance.
- Use the self check-out station on the third floor near the GPSA study facility.

**Financial Aid and Scholarship**  
Information on grants, loans, scholarships, and work-study opportunities at: <http://financialaid.unlv.edu/> or call 702-895-3424

## Keep in touch with UNLV News

Do you wish you could receive information via email vital to your education?

**SUBSCRIBE TO GRADLINK.** This serves as a valuable Graduate College resource to stay updated and informed about policies and procedures, deadlines, activities, events, and other pertinent news via email.

To subscribe to GradLink, you must be an enrolled UNLV graduate student (Masters, Doctoral, Graduate Certificate, or Non-degree seeking)

with an active UNLV email address. Go to:[http://www.unlv.edu/Colleges/Graduate/info\\_students/info\\_service.htm](http://www.unlv.edu/Colleges/Graduate/info_students/info_service.htm) to open your account today!

**REBELMAIL.** All UNLV students receive a Rebelmail account after they've been admitted to the university. So, don't wait, activate your account now ([http://rebelmail.unlv.edu/activate\\_account.html](http://rebelmail.unlv.edu/activate_account.html)) and receive official university communication: important deadlines, major campus events, and announcements.

**Come join the Graduate & Professional Student Association for a !! Social Hour!!**  
\*\*\*w/free munchies\*\*\*  
**Limited supply of FREE hors d'oeuvres.**



**Moose's Beach House**  
4770 S. MARYLAND PKWY  
Monday, September 11  
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

## Technology Services available for graduate & professional students

UNLV Dial-up is a free internet dial-up account for UNLV graduate, law or dental students. Features include:

- Free Rebelmail e-mail account
- No monthly charges
- No limit of hours

More benefits with your student computing account are:

- Use any public computer lab oper-

ated by the Student Computing Resources

- Receive 100 MB of storage space, commonly referred to as a Home Directory, on the network server. You may access any files saved to your Home Directory off campus through the internet.
- Students can create a personal website utilizing their home directory.

- Need to share files with group members? Create a group account where designated users can access and modify files.
- Through agreements with Apple, Dell, and Gateway, UNLV students can purchase computers at discounted prices.

Additional information available at: <http://ccs.unlv.edu/scr/support/>

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The GPSA provides a wide range of services for graduate and professional



GPSA Study Facility

students, including grants for research. We also have a computer lab, with a variety of services provided, located in

room 3251 of the Lied Library. I want to wish everyone the best in all their endeavors here at UNLV. These are truly the most rewarding times in our lives in our attempts to earn advanced degrees. I hope that your time at UNLV becomes as special and important as it has for me.

Best of luck!  
Fred Krauss

*Fred Krauss is beginning his second year as President of the GPSA. He is in his fourth year of his PhD in Sociology. He earned his MA in Communication Studies at UNLV and has BA in English and Politi-*

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the GPSA Executive Board and to greater involvement on campus committees that affect UNLV's graduate and professional students' community. She currently works in the GPSA study facility, and additionally, is involved with a variety of university affiliated oral history projects which highlight the unique, social, historical, and cultural aspects of Las Vegas' history.



## Student Health Center

At the UNLV Student Health Center, registered students can receive medical care even if they do not have the student health insurance. Appointments are free and available on a walk-in basis during the scheduled hours of the center. A variety of services are offered: a pharmacy, immunizations, check-ups, and ambulatory health care.

The student health program fee paid at the beginning of every semester helps fund the center. Parking is located in the eastern portion

of the Thomas & Mack Center. Have the make, model and license plate number of your vehicle ready and fill out the bottom portion of the sign-in form to ensure you will not receive a parking ticket. You will need your Rebel Card. The Health Center may be contacted at 702-895-3370.

Interested in Student Health Insurance? You may sign up for the Student Health Insurance by picking up an enrollment packet at the Student Health Center or Bursar's Of-

fice prior to the beginning of Fall, Spring, and Summer sessions or by accessing the web at: [www.associatedinsuranceplans.com/UNLV.htm](http://www.associatedinsuranceplans.com/UNLV.htm)

The GPSA is a member of the National Association of Graduate & Professional Students which provides an alternate insurance plan and other benefits: <http://www.student-resources.net/plans/nagps/nagps.index.htm>

## 3 Easy Steps for Student Access into UNLV Athletic Events



1. Pick up your Rebel ID Card from Rebel Card Services on the 1st floor of the UNLV Student Union.

2. Swipe your Rebel Card at Gate M of Sam Boyd Stadium to gain entrance to Rebel Football games. Present your Rebel Card at the Student Box Office at the Cox Pavilion for a ticket to Men's Basketball games.

3. Enjoy the action for FREE all year long!

Part-time students can purchase their half price ticket at the box office.

\*Full-time students can purchase one additional game ticket for half price at the box office.

For more information regarding Rebel Athletics and how you can use your Rebel Card please call 895-0310.

\*Full time status for graduate and professional students is 9 credits.

Are you a graduate or professional student graduating this semester and interested in speaking at commencement? Get information how to apply at: <http://commencement.unlv.edu/speaker.html>



Winter 2006 Commencement is December 16th at the Thomas & Mack Center. More information can be found at: <http://commencement.unlv.edu/> or call the Graduation Hotline at: (702) 895-3229