

# The Luminary

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## Points of interest:

- Career Planning Workshop for Graduate Students will be held on April 18th, from 1– 2:30 p.m. at Career Services, SSC 301.
- Graduate & Professional Student Research Forum, Saturday, March 31, 2007 in the Student Union 8 a.m.—2p.m.
- UNLV's Spring Commencement will be held Saturday, May 12th at the Thomas & Mack Center.
- Take your RebelCard to the Hard Rock Hotel and enjoy a 25% discount on a food check for 2 guests at Simons, AJ's, Mr. Lucky's and the Pick Taco.

As my second year as GPSA President comes to an end I wanted to take this opportunity to share my thoughts and give my thanks to all of those who have contributed to the GPSA and helped further the cause of graduate and professional students at UNLV. I first have to say that my two years as GPSA President has been one of the most gratifying and amazing experiences in my life. When I started this position in May 2005, my main goals were to make myself available to all graduate and professional students, help further support and pro-

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mote graduate research, provide a strong and active voice in advocating the rights and needs of graduate and professional students, and to improve our standing and significance throughout the entire campus community. I believe that during my time as president these goals were accomplished. However, I did not do this alone. These goals were accomplished because of a strong and united student body, continuous support from the Graduate College, the hard work of two excellent GPSA councils (2005-2006; 2006-2007), the dedication and

strong work ethic of two executive boards (2005-2006; 2006-2007) and one incredible Manager, Becky Boulton. I want to thank all of you for your tireless support of myself and the GPSA. I am deeply grateful for this opportunity of getting to work with all of you and hope that we can all look proudly back and say that we were able to make a difference. I wish everyone success in their future endeavors and I thank you for your continued support of the GPSA.

*Sincerely,*

*Frederick W. Krauss*

## Want to get more Involved on Campus??

The GPSA recognizes organized groups of currently enrolled UNLV graduate & professional students who have a commitment to academics, diversity, leadership development, service, and/or student involvement. Some of the benefits in getting your organization recognized are: access to meeting rooms in the Student Union, use of the SORCE room located in the Union, telephones and paper. To register or renew your group go to the [Connection Center at http://getinvolved.unlv.edu/connection/students/join.html](http://getinvolved.unlv.edu/connection/students/join.html) and complete the

requested information. These are some of the recognized graduate & professional student organizations on campus: Black Graduate Student Association, Health Physics Society UNLV Student Chapter, American Nuclear Society UNLV Student Chapter, Educational Leadership Association, MBA Graduate Student Association, Student Organization of Addiction Professionals (SOAP), Public Health Student Alliance, Hotel Graduate Student Association, Student National Dental Association and Maitri.

## GPSA Social Activities *by Jeremy Ashton Houska*

The GPSA Social Activities committee would like to thank all the graduate/professional students for supporting our revamped social programming efforts. Whether you have consistently attended our socials or helped spread the word, we appreciate your role in strengthening our organization. Events such as these social hours encourage interdepartmental mingling, provide networking opportunities, and offer a social outlet for graduate/professional students that has never been delivered on such a large scale in UNLV history.

Starting with our October and November socials at Paradise Cantina, our January and February socials at Play of the Day, and most recently—our March social at Paradise Cantina—we have hosted between 65 and over 80 graduate students each month to complimentary appetizers and good old-fashioned camaraderie. Moreover, these monthly socials provide an informal opportunity to meet the GPSA leadership and learn more about the opportunities and benefits afforded to

you by our organization.

If you have yet to join the GPSA-socials listserv, please send a message to: [houska@unlv.nevada.edu](mailto:houska@unlv.nevada.edu) with SUBSCRIBE SOCIALS in the subject.

We also encourage you *Graduate students at a recent social hour* to take a few minutes of your time to complete the GPSA Socials Survey online at: <http://faculty.unlv.edu/houska/SocialQ.html>

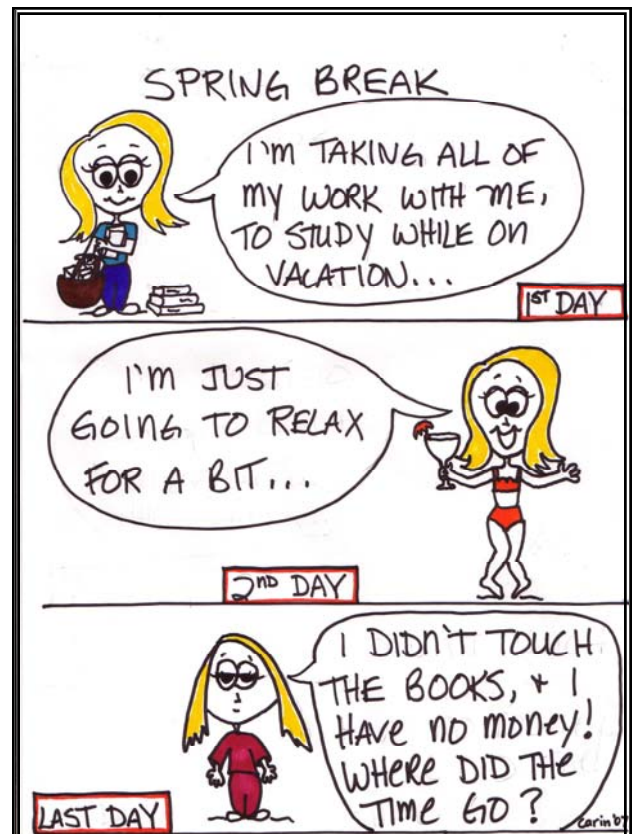


Mark your calendars, our remaining Spring socials will take place on April 6<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup>! More details to come...



### Spring Break: Stuck in Las Vegas, Now What? ? ?

- Campus Recreation has a great spring break planned for March 10<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>. Visit 5 national parks! Check it out at <http://studentlife.unlv.edu/recreation/oatrips.htm>
- Go to Red Rock Canyon and hike or bike one of over 20 trails. <http://www.redrockcanyonlv.org/>
- Read, relax or get ahead by visiting the Graduate Study Area between M-Th 8a–8p, F 8a–6p
- If you have \$200 to \$300 why not indulge in a spa treatment at either Green Valley Ranch or Red Rock Casino <http://www.greenvalleyranchresort.com/?section=spa> or <http://www.redrocklasvegas.com/index.php>
- Or better yet! Go to Rock Spa at the Hard Rock and use your RebelCard to get an extra 25% off! Go to <http://alumni.unlv.edu/hardRock.html> for more details.
- Grand Canyon and Mount Zion are only a couple of hours away



## Parking—A Campus Enigma by Jessica Lucero

Parking at UNLV has become a nightmare (as if you didn't already know). Students both graduate and undergraduate alike have moaned bitterly over the construction and parking situation. There are even rumblings from the faculty who have to find parking far away from their departmental offices.

I try to see the silver lining. For instance, *walking is great. Exercise is good for me.* However, when the reality sinks in (usually to the tune of a ten-pound bag of books, a purse, a lunch bag and walking in heels) my positivism turns abruptly sour. I have even found myself glaring at the EPA building for reserving/renting so many parking spots; there are rows of unused spaces students and staff could occupy.

There doesn't seem to be an answer to this problem anywhere in the immediate future, so, I suggest utilizing UNLV's shuttle system:

- Shuttles run Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. and Fridays from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every 8-10 minutes.
- The shuttle picks up passengers from all parking lots on the west side of campus, i.e. Thomas and Mack lots (white, black, and red), as well as the free lot by the softball field and all the parking on Harmon. The two stops that get you anywhere near campus are 1) the Lied Library and 2) between CBC

and Student Services. (In other words, if you want to go from CBC to the library, prepare yourself for a long ride—or you could just walk). The purpose of “The Ride” is to get you from your remote parking spot to campus. Once on campus (CBC or Lied), it's back to walking. Say it with me now: *Walking is great. Exercise is good for me.*



Parking lot at TMC

- However, what do you do if your class gets out after 10:30 p.m., or the class is in FDH? There isn't a shuttle from FDH to the parking lots.
- Nor is there any shuttle that goes to the parking garage.
- In this case, Parking Services offers students a security escort. Their number is 895-3669. Someone will come and walk you to your car. (There is a cart, but sometimes it isn't available).

While parking *is* a nightmare, there are services the school provides, and if we use them more, then perhaps Parking/Transportation Services will offer expand shuttle rides to include FDH, the Student Union, and the parking garage.

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## Dental School Offering Free Screening Examinations



Senior students at University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Dental Medicine are seeking patients for their dental licensing examination. The students will need individuals with very small cavities on specific teeth. The school will be offering a free screening examination Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00pm. This screening examination will include x-rays and a brief assessment of the patient's overall oral health status. The screening will take approximately 45 minutes.

Individuals who meet the criteria for the licensing examination will be asked to sit for a half-day or more during the licensure examination which will take place on May 4-6, 2007. Individuals who meet the criteria will receive the dental treatment during the licensing examination at no cost. These fees are covered by the dental student when they register for the licensing exam.

Due to the anticipated demand and the need to schedule screening appointment sessions, you must email or call Regina Cardona at [Regina.Cardona@sdm.unlv.edu](mailto:Regina.Cardona@sdm.unlv.edu) or (702) 774-2412 to participate in a screening session. The scheduled appointment times available on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> are: 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

When you email Ms. Cardona, please indicate the appointment time you desire, your full name, contact phone number(s), date of birth, and address. You will receive a response email confirming the time selected or offering an alternate appointment time. The school's clinics are at 1700 West Charleston Ave in Building A (the building located behind the construction).

*The School of Dental Medicine appreciates your anticipated participation in this screening process.*

# Noteworthy UNLV Dates

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Visit the GPSA at:  
<http://gpsa.unlv.edu/>

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

More UNLV events at:  
<http://domino3.nevada.edu/calendar>

- March 10 Midsemester
- March 12 Spring Break Begins
- March 15 GPSA Summer Grant Deadline
- March 18 Spring Break Ends
- March 30 Final day to drop or withdraw from classes w/o refund
- March 31 Graduate & Professional Student Research Forum
- April 2 GPSA Council Meeting
- April 2—6 GPSA Elections
- April 15 GPSA Fall Grant Deadline
- April 30 Study Week Begins
- May 5 Instruction Ends & Study Week Ends
- May 7 GPSA Council Meeting
- May 7 Final Exams Begin
- May 12 Spring Semester Ends & Final Exams End**
- May 12 UNLV Commencement 9 a.m. & 2 p.m.
- May 15 Final grades due in web grading system by 4:00 p.m.

## GPSA — What we are all about . . .

The Graduate & Professional Student Association is the recognized governing body serving the enrolled UNLV graduate and professional student population. Forty-nine representatives, one appointed from each department and 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 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 impacts graduate and professional students. The following are the Spring Council dates: Monday, March 5, 2007 Monday, April 2, 2007 Monday, May 7, 2007.

The GPSA office, located in the Lied Library, room 3251, maintains a com-

puter lab and study area equipped with a copier, fax, flatbed scanners, color laser printer, Scantron machine,

### **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.

typewriters, office supplies, printers, group study areas, and a small kitchen with a microwave and refrigerator.

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 makes a contribution to a scholar's field. Funding for re-

search/conference projects during the Summer 2007 semester, the deadline is March 15, 2007. Fall semester 2007 deadline is April 15, 2007. Applications are available on the GPSA website at: <http://gpsa.unlv.edu/>

### **Spring Commencement 2007: Speaking Opportunity**

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>. Spring 2007 Commencement is May 12th at the Thomas & Mack Center. More information can be found at: <http://commencement.unlv.edu/> or call the Graduation Hotline at: (702) 895-3229.

