

## Noteworthy UNLV Dates

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UNLV student activities can  
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- February 4** GPSA Council Meeting
- February 7** Thesis & Dissertation Workshop
- February 8** National Science Foundation Workshop  
(<http://research.unlv.edu/>)
- February 15** GPSA Social: 4—7p.m. @ Jerseys Bar & Grill, 4760 W. Sahara Suite 1,853-1999
- February 22** Deadline to apply for Graduate College scholarships:  
[http://graduatecollege.unlv.edu/financing/scholarships\\_current.html](http://graduatecollege.unlv.edu/financing/scholarships_current.html)
- February 22** 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
- March 1** Deadline to register for Graduate & Professional Student Research Forum
- March 3** GPSA Council Meeting
- March 6** GPSA Conference Skill Development Workshop
- March 7** GPSA Social: 4—7p.m. @ Paradise Cantina, 4480 Paradise Road, 434-0031
- March 15** GPSA Summer grant deadline
- March 29** Graduate & Professional Student Research Forum

### GRADUATING THIS SPRING SEMESTER????



**THE GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION IS LOOKING FOR A GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL STUDENT INTERESTED IN SPEAKING AT THE 2008 SPRING COMMENCEMENT.**

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE GPSA (LIED LIBRARY ROOM 3251) OR AT

[HTTP://COMMENCEMENT.UNLV.EDU/SPEAKER.HTML](http://commencement.unlv.edu/speaker.html)

**THE DEADLINE IS MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:

**895-2261**

UNLV COMMENCEMENT  
THOMAS & MACK CENTER  
SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2008

More information available at:  
<http://commencement.unlv.edu/>



### Life on a Top Ramen Budget by Al Cademic — Haikus —

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| Ramen is tasty.                 | Stacks of papers sit.         |
| Ketchup sandwiches are too.     | The weekend has kidnapped me. |
| I miss eating out.              | Think of good excuse.         |
| I must buy a suit.              | Clean the apartment!          |
| Most receptions have free food. | Useful procrastination.       |
| Hors d'oeuvres are a meal.      | Prevents my writing.          |
| Students' eyes are glazed.      | Mentor holds my draft.        |
| I cover boring theory.          | Revisions, corrections loom.  |
| Repeat tomorrow.                | It's never-ending.            |
| Ever so lonely.                 | Doctoral hooding.             |
| No one visits me.               | Seems so far away.            |
| Useless office hours.           | I'm told be patient.          |

# The Luminary

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## Budget Rally held at UNLV

Jeremy Houska, GPSA President

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I would like to recognize everyone responsible for our successful rally against Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) budget cuts and tuition increases on Thursday, December 6th.

I would also like to thank the speakers at the Rally: Drs. Andrew Hanson, Bryan Spangelo, Kate Hausbeck, and Dina Titus. Your speeches and presence legitimated our event. Also, the students recognize your solidarity with us given the official statements and resolutions you have helped develop and ratify. We are fortunate to have nearly all campus entities contributing to the effort. I would also like to recognize Dr. John Farley. He was the only faculty member to step up to the open mic and express his thoughts.

Drs. Neal Smatresk and Rebecca Mills, we also value your support and readiness to join the roster of speakers. Drs. Ron Smith and Harriet Barlow, thank you for supporting this event all the way through. Regents Cedric Crear and Steve Sisolak, the motivation you both provided was an extra impetus to me and the other members of the Nevada Student Alliance. Thank you for promoting students first in your actions on the Board.

There were so many members of the campus community present at this event that I cannot even begin to recognize them all by name. Please pass the word to your colleagues that their presence at the event was important and appreciated, and that we acknowledge and applaud their support.

I appreciate the efforts of all the student leaders responsible for event operations. Our partner CSUN should be especially commended. Adriel Espinoza, Michael Tho-

mas, Rick Shukis, and the other Senators and leaders at the event demonstrated to the campus community that students (undergraduate, graduate, professional) are aligned and are very capable of working together toward a common goal. I hope that this spirit continues in the future, well after the current GPSA and CSUN Councils have passed their respective torches.

To Taylor Gray of the College of Southern Nevada, we were impressed by the representation you brought with you. It is a testament to your leadership and our vision as part of the Nevada Student Alliance. To Ryan Crowell and members of the Nevada State College, "The

Scroll" was a great idea and I am glad you were able to bring it with you. I truly hope that representatives from all NSHE institutions will be on hand to deliver this to our Governor at the State Capitol as one unified Nevada student body.

I am very fortunate to be surrounded by some dedicated colleagues on the GPSA Executive Board: Suzanne Becker, Jessica Lucero, and Heather Lusty. To think that at Monday's Council meeting we passed two unanimous motions to draft a resolution and plan a non-violent action...and we executed a successful event that Thursday. Thank you for making it happen! I would like to express my appreciation to both Carole Hoeffle and Becky Boulton. Without your "persistence" in the days leading up to the event, it would have never happened. Thank you for sticking with us! Council members Candace Griffith, Emerald Laija, and Sara Hill played a huge role in supervising the petitioning. Colin Robins and Rebekah Just were responsible for the motivating signs, and also helped with petitioning and event operations. All of these efforts were in the midst of teaching, completing our own course work, and everything else going on in the lives of graduate/professional students.

*Kudos to all of you!!!*



UNLV Budget Rally December 6, 2007



## GPSA Awareness Day

On November 26, 2007, the Graduate & Professional Student Association held the first annual GPSA Awareness Day from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Pida Plaza in front of the Student Union. GPSA representatives talked with students over a cup of coffee and



GPSA members manning the information table



UNLV Mociada Rebelde drum group

group, "Mociada Rebelde", making this a rousing success!

doughnuts, shared information on how graduate and professional students can get more involved on campus and make new acquaintances across the disciplines, get funding for research project and offered sign-ups for intramural activities. Entertainment was provided by the UNLV Brazilian drum

## Thesis/Dissertation Seminar

Presented by Dr. Harriet Barlow, Associate Dean for Graduate Student Services

**Who:** Master's and doctoral students required to complete a thesis or dissertation

**What:** Thesis & Dissertation Preparation Seminar

**When:** February 7, 2008 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Where:** Student Union room 208

**Why:** To better understand the Graduate College guidelines and submission requirements

Registration is NOT required. . .but bringing your Guide to Preparing & Submitting a Thesis or Dissertation is necessary. Please download and bring the Guide to Preparing & Submitting a Thesis or Dissertation.

Available at: [http://graduatecollege.unlv.edu/PDF\\_Docs/t&dmanual.pdf](http://graduatecollege.unlv.edu/PDF_Docs/t&dmanual.pdf)

For more information, please e-mail Dr. Harriet Barlow@harriet.barlow@unlv.edu

## GPSA Hosted Socials

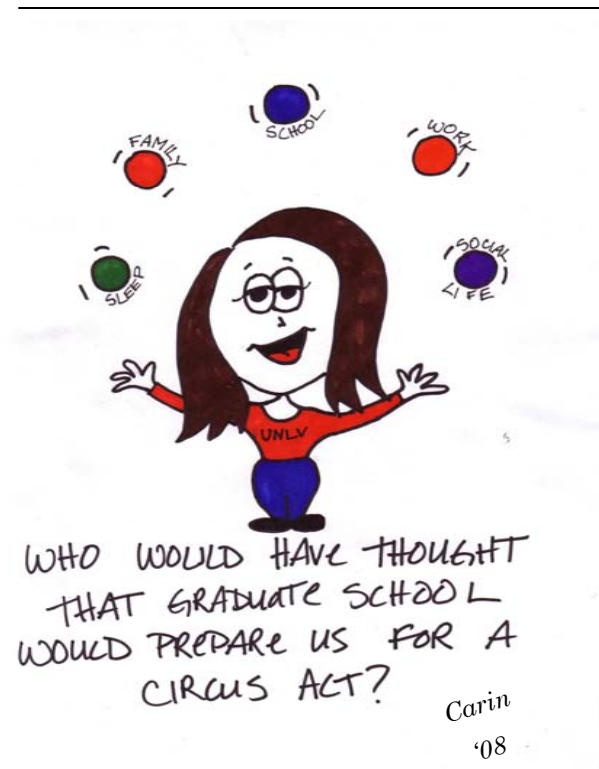
GPSA hosted socials provide an informal forum for networking and conversation among students from across the various colleges and disciplines. The socials are held once a month. Don't miss the events scheduled for the Spring Semester:

- Friday, February 15th, 4–7p.m. @ Jerseys Bar & Grill, 4760 W. Sahara Suite #1, 853-1999
- Friday, March 7th, 4–7p.m. @ Paradise Cantina, 4480 Paradise Road, 434-0031
- Friday, April 11th, 4–7p.m. @ Freakin' Frog, 4700 Maryland Parkway, 595-3237

Questions: contact [jessica.lucero@unlv.edu](mailto:jessica.lucero@unlv.edu). Stay up-to-date on upcoming activities: sign-up on the GPSA activities listserv @ <http://gpsa.unlv.edu/Activities.htm>



Sociology graduate students at the October GPSA social



## Conference Skills Development Workshop

Thursday, March 6, 2008: 1:00 – 5:00 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 listed below:

1:00 to 1:30 p.m. Dr. Anne Stevens, Department of English - "Finding & Applying to Conferences in Your Discipline"

1:30 to 2:00 p.m. Dr. Andrew Hanson, Department of Geoscience - "How to Deliver a Paper & Presentation Style"

2:00 to 2:30 p.m. Dr. Denise Tillery, Department of English - "Using Technology in Oral Presentations"

**2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Refreshment break (provided)**

3:00 to 3:30 p.m. Dr. Adam Simon, Department of Geoscience - "Writing Abstracts"

3:30 to 4:00 p.m. Dr. Javier Rodriguez, School of Life Sciences - "PowerPoint Presentation"

4:00 to 4:30 p.m. Dr. Karl Kingsley, School of Dental Medicine - "The Life Cycle of the Conference Paper"

4:30 to 5:00 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>

## Grant and Research Funding Exploration Workshops

The Library's seminar series includes special workshops designed to assist graduate & professional students explore both university and external funding for research and development in the 2008 academic year.

These workshops will explore, by discipline, practical ways to search for various types of university, community, foundational, state and private funding available for research.

- Sciences & Engineering: Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30 p.m.– Rhyolite room
- Humanities & Fine Arts Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30 p.m.– Pioche room
- Business, Education, & Social Sciences Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> @ 2:30 p.m.– Pioche room

Please call 895-2123 to sign-up for the workshops or register online @ <http://www.library.unlv.edu/inst/semsignup.html>

Seminars meet in the Collaborative Learning Center  
1st floor of Lied Library

**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 spring grant is March 15, 2008. Also available are emergency travel grants (for conference presentation only). Check the GPSA website to see if you qualify.**

**This year's Graduate & Professional Student Research Forum will be held Saturday, March 29, 2008.**

**For more information and the entry form go to:**

<http://gpsa.unlv.edu/research%20forum.htm>