

## Noteworthy UNLV Dates

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- November 12** Veteran's Day recess  
**November 15** GPSA Spring 2008 Grant Deadline  
**November 16** Last day to take comprehensive exam or defend thesis/  
dissertation  
**November 22-25** Thanksgiving recess  
**November 30** GPSA Award Nominations Due  
**November 30** Academic Job Talk—Student Union room 211 @  
1- 3 p.m.  
**December 3** Study Week. Classes are scheduled but major written ex-  
ams not given.  
**December 5** GPSA Council meeting—Student Union room 208  
**December 8** Instruction ends  
**December 10** Final examinations begin  
**December 15** Final examinations end  
**December 14** Fall semester ends  
**December 21** Winter Commencement 9:00a @ Thomas & Mack Center



### Life on a Top Ramen Budget Al Cademic

*Yes, I have been stricken with writer's block thanks to the traumatic thesis revision process. I can hardly form coherent sentences so please bear with me this month. Here are some of my incoherent thoughts in a crossword format . . .*

*Keep it cheap, Al C.*

#### Across

2. This family owned and operated Steeler Bar on East Trop was the location of the October GPSA Social  
3. This "On Paradise" spot is known for their tapas, sangria pitchers, and mojitos  
5. When you're jonesing for a British Burger with stilton cheese and fries with HP Sauce, this pub on East Trop is the only place  
8. Promotions website with the slogan, when a napkin is all you have to write on... Not great for the guestlists, but great for posting embarrassing and incriminating morning-after photos  
9. Irish nachos at this pub on West Trop make for an inexpensive but substantial happy hour meal  
11. Site and listserv ran by journalist Xania Woodman. Locals/ladies guest lists, VIP offers, and weekly party information  
13. Great late night and billiards hang-out on Maryland near The Frog. Inexpensive lunch specials daily

#### Down

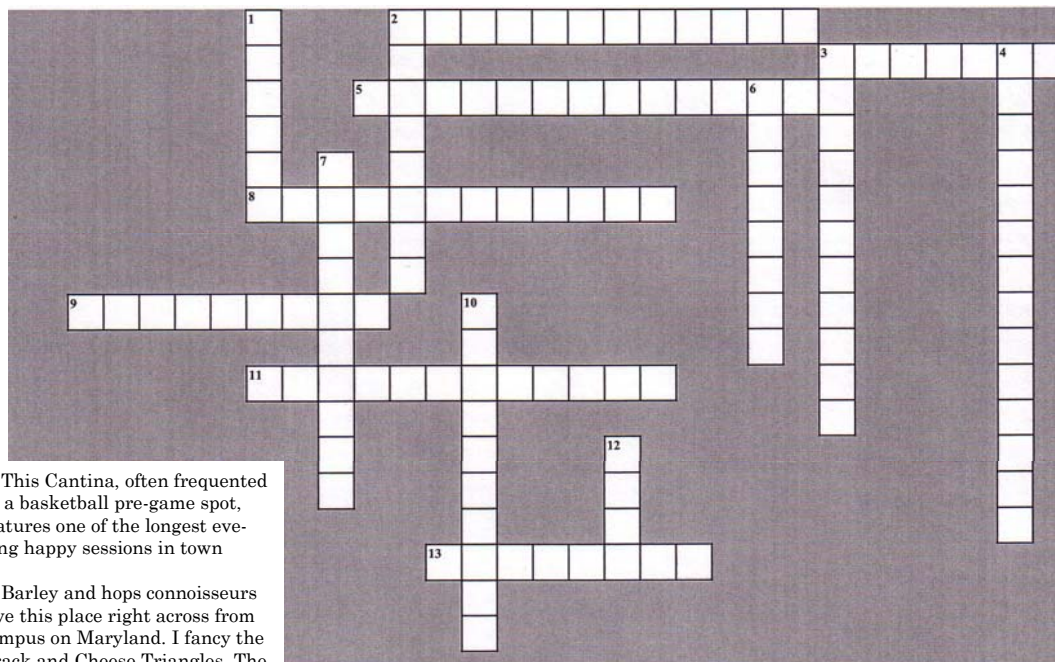
1. The only Las Vegas buffet that includes "complimentary" adult beverages. Sign up for a players' card and get a 25% locals discount at all restaurants in this casino

2. This Cantina, often frequented as a basketball pre-game spot, features one of the longest evening happy sessions in town  
3. Barley and hops connoisseurs love this place right across from campus on Maryland. I fancy the Crack and Cheese Triangles. The Aug. and Nov. GPSA Socials were held here  
4. Haven't memorized each night's events? You shouldn't. Remember we are grad/prof students. The "Club Grid" is contained in this ubiquitous "Weekly" periodical

6. A tourist-infested hipster casino near campus. However, your RebelCard will net you a deal at their lively Circle Bar  
7. The nightlife promotions website with the event slogan "different venue, different

- complimentary cocktail." Quick service tip: never forget the gratuity  
10. Know this Jack? Great reading on the scene for our tourist friends

12. This Maryland Parkway taco joint not only has a tremendous and magical 5 for 5 special but also lets you tag on their walls. You'll see my graffiti on the south wall



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## GPSA Grant Funding at Work

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### The GPSA Community Service Committee presents:

"Make a Donation" for the month of November. They are collecting the following items for the Shade Tree: Noah's Animal House.

- Kong brand toys/treats
- Bath towels
- Tearless dog & cat shampoos
- Stainless Steel bowls
- Dry dog and cat food: Iams, Purina One, Science Diet

Donations boxes are located in the GPSA, Lied Library room 3251. If you would like your department to have a donation box contact us @ 895-2261.

To check your answers click here!

### Dave Sanchez Burr, Art Masters Student:

My GPSA grant assisted with an opportunity this summer to work with German Artist Jens Lues- traeten on a series of work that culminated in an exhibition of photog- raphy and video. "Four Easy Pieces" was an exhibition at the Donna Beam Gallery, a gallery located in the Fine Arts School at UNLV.



The exhibit focused on the continu- ous state of contradiction we ex- perience living in the arid region of the southwestern United States. From the overwhelming growth of the local economy to the most subtle and not so subtle changes in cli- mate and natural environments, the changing landscape in the de- sert region is tangible evidence that a viable life in the desert is at risk. Presenting a thematic work of art that can provoke or incite conversa- tion and challenge people towards a better future is an extremely diffi- cult and arguably impossible task. With a vision towards what is really important to our lives in Las

Vegas I thought it became evident that working with a foreign artist al- ready intervening in our environment and my work which is inspired locally we could develop an effective method of exhibiting work about Las Vegas.

The work was exhibited from July 10th through July 30th, reviewed in- ternationally in Photography Now and covered locally in the Las Vegas Sun, City Life and Las Vegas Weekly.

### Sara Hill, Anthropology Masters Student:

Thanks to the GPSA grant I was able to travel to the Paleo Research In- stitute, Golden, Colorado to learn the latest Labora- tory techniques available to archae- ologists. In addition, I was able to learn a few techniques that are stan- dards for palaeobotanists.



The most exciting part of the trip was testing the methodologies using what archaeologist call "experimental ar- chaeology." I dug a traditional roast- ing pit using native Southwestern- Great Basin archaeological examples

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## Graduate & Professional Student Mentoring and Support Organization—Call for Volunteers

**Who:** Candace Griffith, PhD student and GPSA Sociology representative, and Jessica Lucero, PhD English Department student and GPSA Executive Board member, are forming a Graduate Mentoring and Support Organization to facilitate the needs of first-year graduate and professional students and will also be open to serve all graduate and professional students.

**Why:** This organization will have an integral part in the Graduate Student Orientation and will host three meetings a semester that will focus around various themes such as dealing with learning to navigate your graduate student career, difficult academic situations, making the most of your graduate school experience, and surviving the mandatory coursework and exams.

**What:** If you are an established graduate/professional student who is in good academic standing and willing to commit to graduate/professional mentoring, i.e. someone who is established includes: first year doctoral students who have received their masters from UNLV, second year (and above) graduates at the masters or doctoral level, please contact either Candace Griffith (griffi93@unlv.nevada.edu) or Jessica Lucero (jessica.lucero@unlv.edu) and include your name, email address and school/department.

**Winter Break Hours:** All University Libraries will be closed for Winter Break, Saturday, December 22, 2007 through Tuesday, January 1, 2008. All locations will reopen Wednesday, January 2, 2008 for intersession hours of operation. Remote access to the University Libraries website, journal databases, online e-books web-based catalog and user account information will all be available 24/7 during the break.

## 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 the second Friday of each month. Don't miss the next event scheduled for the Freakin' Frog, Friday, November 9th, located @ 4700 S. Maryland Parkway (across the street from UNLV). Free appetizers are provided until funds are exhausted. ***Come wearing a hat or t-shirt from your alma mater!***



The Department of Physical Therapy graduate students gather at last month's GPSA social, held at the Play of the Day.

## GPSA Awards

Each year, the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) recognizes a variety of individuals from across disciplines and classification at the university for their contributions to the development and continuing growth of the GPSA at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. The different awards are:

- GPSA Outstanding Mentor Award
- GPSA Merit Award
- GPSA Distinguished Contribution Award
- GPSA Service Award

All awards are for faculty, students and staff at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Other Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) institutions' members are ineligible. To get a full award description and nomination procedure for each award go to the GPSA website @ <http://gpsa.unlv.edu/awards.html>. Deadline for nomination packets is **November 30, 2007**. Please submit to the GPSA, Lied Library room 3251. Questions call 895-2261.

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as a model. We roasted various botanical and meat items using the ethnographic record as an example. We then tested the soil and implements used to process and roast the items to see if the FTIR analysis would detect their presence. This was a success, suggesting that this method would be highly useful in analyses of archaeological samples.

After a wonderful experience at the Paleoresearch Institute, I passed through Utah in order to evaluate the vegetation around the archaeological site where my thesis research is based. Overall this experience has been beneficial for my research and future studies. This includes, but is certainly not limited to, my thesis. Thanks GPSA!

### Juan Martinez, MFA Student:

Earlier this year, I presented at the Oceanic Popular Culture Association conference hosted by Honolulu's Chaminade University. I could not have done so without the generous help of GPSA. The presentation explored why the Russian-American writer, Vladimir Nabokov, appears in so many strange places, such as the TV shows *Lost* and *The X-Files* and the novels of Stephen King and Anne Rice.



Juan Martinez on his return trip home after his conference

**Need funding for your research project or to attend a conference during the spring semester? GPSA grant information and application is available at: <http://gpsa.unlv.edu/grants.htm> Deadline for the GPSA spring grant is November 15, 2007. Also available are emergency travel grants (for conference presentation only). Check the GPSA website to see if you qualify.**

**Next year's Graduate & Professional Student Research Forum will be held March 29, 2008. For more information go to:**

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

The GPSA, Graduate College, and Career

## Services presents: Preparing for the Academic Job Search

**Graduate students who will be seeking an academic job cannot afford to miss this seminar!** On Friday, November 30th, 2007, the GPSA, Graduate College & Career Services will present a seminar for graduate students: "Preparing for the Academic Job Search." We will meet in Student Union room 219 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Kate Hausbeck, Senior Associate Dean of the Graduate College and Professor of Sociology, will moderate the seminar.

### Participants:

Dr. Christie Batson, Department of Sociology  
Dr. David Copeland, Department of Psychology  
Dr. Christopher Decker, Department of English  
Dr. Nicholas LoLordo, Department of English  
Dr. Adam Simon, Department of Geoscience  
Dr. Julie Staggers, Department of English  
Dr. Denise Tillery, Department of English

The Q & A style seminar will prepare soon-to-be graduates to begin the job search process and prepare for the interview with confidence. UNLV faculty hired within the last 5 years will share their experience and suggestions on how to approach the current market. We will discuss the most important essentials involved in the academic job search.

Topics to be covered include but are not limited to:

- Identifying positions and institutions to match your interests and qualifications
- Overview of preparing the academic vita
- Assembling a results-oriented application
- Using a Dossier Service for the job application process
- Interview tips & cautions

Please register by filling out an entry form available on the GPSA website at <http://gpsa.unlv.edu/professionalDevelopment.html> or hard copies are available in the GPSA, Lied Library room 3251.