

Noteworthy UNLV Dates

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November 12 Klai Juba Lecture Series: John Norquist, President and CEO for Urbanism, Chicago held @ 7:00 p.m. at the UNLV Downtown Design Center

November 12 Veteran's Day recess

November 13 Football: UNLV vs. Wyoming 6:00 p.m. at the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl

November 15 GPSA Spring 2009 Grant Deadline

November 20 GPSA Social: Karaoke Night @ Paradise Lounge

November 21 Last day to take comprehensive exam or defend thesis/

November 27—30 Thanksgiving recess

December 1 GPSA Award Nominations Due

December 1—6 Study Week. Classes are scheduled but major written exams not given.

December 1 GPSA Council meeting—Student Union room 208

December 3 Black Mountain Lecture Series: "The Role of Race and Gender in the 2008 Election" at 7:00 p.m. at the UNLV Beam Music Center (Doc Rando) Recital Hall.

December 6 Instruction ends

December 5—14 Oscar Wilde's: *The Importance of Being Earnest*. Nevada Conservatory Theatre—Judy Baley Theatre

December 8—13 Final examinations

December 13 Fall semester ends

December 16 Winter Commencement 4:00 p.m. @ Thomas & Mack Center

December 17 Basketball: UNLV vs. Santa Clara 7:30 p.m. at the Thomas & Mack Center

Tailgating at the UNLV vs.
Reno Game—September 27,



GPSA Awareness Day
October 6, 2008



Take a hike! And that is
what GPSA members did
in October venturing the
Pine Creek trail in Red
Rock Canyon.

Tombstones
erected on campus
October 2008



GPSA Fall 2008
Activities

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Get involved TODAY and join the
GPSA in response to the state budget crisis!

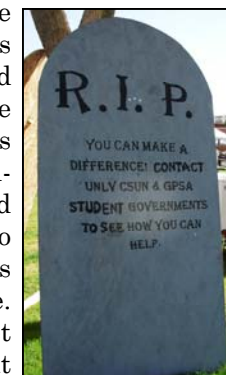
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Points of Interest

- UNLV's total enrollment is more than 28,000 students.
- There are 6,000 graduate & professional students enrolled in approximately 120 graduate degree programs, including 36 doctoral and professional degree programs.
- More than 1,000 graduate assistants are employed through the Graduate College.
- In the last five years UNLV has reduced the turf on campus by 200,584 sq. ft. with an estimated water savings of over 9,000,000 gallons and over \$20,000 annually.

The Graduate & Professional Student Association in conjunction with Consolidated Student of the University Nevada Las Vegas (CSUN), College of Southern Nevada (CSN) and Nevada State College (NSC) recently erected 8 foot "R.I.P." tombstones on each of their respective campuses. Each tombstone carried a message of what Nevada students have to lose if these budgets cuts are carried through. The hope is that this action gets students active and involved. Talk to your cohorts about this issue. E-mail them. Let them know that the budget cuts are looming and they will be disastrous for the Nevada System of Higher Education.



Tombstones were located
throughout campus

Your voice matters! What can you do:

- Stay up-to-date with the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) <http://visitor.constantcontact.com/email.jsp?m=1100950573924> and via e-mail receive weekly press releases from Chancellor Jim Rogers and others, as well as the Board of Regents meeting agendas.
- The Nevada Legislature is asking for your input: <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/75th2009/ConstitBudgetReductionSuggestions/> on budget re-

ductions and savings.

- UNLV has a new website on the state budget and the projected impacts for the campus @ <http://www.unlv.edu/budget/>
- View NV Legislative meetings as they happen online @ <http://leg.state.nv.us/audio/AudioVideo.cfm>
- Send a letter to your legislator giving a **personal account** how these budget cuts will affect the quality of your academic career. If e-mailing, you should include your name, address and phone number. The best received are short messages responding to any Internet or news coverage regarding this issue. We encourage you to correspond with your legislator. Their contact information is provided below.
- Find out who your representatives are by going to: <http://mapserve.leg.state.nv.us/website/lcb/viewer.htm> Once you find out who your representatives are go these links for their contact information. Let your voice be heard! State assembly website: <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/73rd/Legislators/Assembly/alist.cfm> and for the State senators go to: <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/74th/Legislators/Senators/slist.cfm>

Save the date: Thursday, January 22, 2009, **Save Nevada Education Rally**.
E-mail President, Jessica Lucero (jessica.lucero@unlv.edu) for more information.

10 Top Tips to Reduce Your Spending

10. Turn your thermometer down—go study at school and use their heat!
9. Pay your monthly bills online—save on both postage and envelopes.
8. Cancel any catalogs that you don't use.
7. Use the Student Recreational Center for free instead of paying costly fees for athletic clubs.
6. There are many activities on campus for free, to fulfill your entertainment needs—lectures, basketball and football games, concerts, clubs, organizations, intramural sports, workshops and many more.
5. Use your student discounts at various areas on campus and the surrounding areas: Chipolte, Subway, UNLV Dining Commons, and graduate assistants receive a 10% discount at the UNLV Bookstore.
4. Utilize the library for free books, music, movies and magazines.
3. Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). This can qualify you for need-based financial aid or make you eligible for low-cost federal student loans with fixed interest rates.
2. Need to add to your wardrobe or make room in your closet shop or resale your gently used clothing at Savers or Goodwill (located across the street from Campus) .

Remember the 3 r's: reduce, reuse and recycle. **AND THE NUMBER 1 SAVINGS . . .**

Go to the GPSA Socials and eat for free (while supply lasts)!

Winter Intersession Hours

Winter Break Hours: All University Libraries will be closed for Winter Break, Saturday, December 22, 2008 through Tuesday, January 1, 2009. All locations will reopen Wednesday, January 2, 2009 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 socials provide an informal forum for networking and conversation among graduate and professional students from across the various colleges and disciplines. Don't miss the next event: **Karaoke Night, scheduled for 5:00 p.m. Thursday, November 20th @ Paradise Lounge located @ 530 Martin Luther King Drive. Singing is encouraged though not required.** Free appetizers are provided until funds are exhausted.

Thursday, December 4th, a formal social is scheduled at the Downtown Cocktail Room located @ 111 South Las Vegas Boulevard. The time is TBA.

Questions: Contact Emy Laija, Committee chairperson, laijae@unlv.nevada.edu



Graduate students play Pictionary at PT Pubs at the GPSA Welcome Back Fall 2008 Social

GPSA Awards

Every year, the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) recognizes a variety of individuals from across disciplines and personnel classification at the university for their contributions to the development and continuing growth of the GPSA at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. These 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 **December 1, 2008**. Please submit to the GPSA, Lied Library room 3251. Questions call 895-2261.

Prematriculation Immunization Clinics

11/4/08—1/22/09



To assist students registering for spring 2009 classes, the UNLV Student Health Center will be offering pre-matriculation immunization clinics for current and prospective students.

- The clinics will be held 11/4/08-1/22/09 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8:00—9:30am.
- Tetanus and MMR immunizations will be offered.
- The cost for the immunizations will be:
 - Td (tetanus/diphtheria): \$32
 - MMR (measles, mumps, rubella): \$62
- Cash, credit and debit payment will be accepted
- **Flu shots** will also be available for \$15 each (**free** to eligible currently enrolled UNLV students)
- Students under age 18 must have a parent's or guardian's signature on the form or bring the parent or guardian with them.
- Immunizations available while supplies last.

The UNLV Student Health Center is located in the Student Recreation and Wellness Center (SRWC).

Funding for Research

Need funding for your research project or to attend a conference during the spring semester? GPSA grant information and application are available at: <http://gpsa.unlv.edu/grants.htm>. Deadline for the GPSA spring 2009 grant is November 15, 2008. 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, Saturday, March 28, 2009. For more information go to:

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

Holiday Drive for Kids

The GPSA community service committee continues their "Year of the Child" theme with an outreach event beginning November 3rd and continuing through December 5th. The Committee is collecting items for children of all ages to make the holiday season enjoyable for those in our community.

- Toys and books
- New and gently used clothing
- Nonperishable food items, i.e. canned goods



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 or if you have items to be picked up contact Chair, Candace Griffith, @ griffi93@unlv.nevada.edu

Last month's Safe Halloween Community candy drive brought in over 60 lbs. of candy. Thank you to all who supported this event!!

Labyrinth Workshop



Have you heard about labyrinths? Are you wondering what they are? What they do? Why they are so popular? Well here's your chance to walk one, and find out for yourself what they are all about.

Whether you are experienced or this is your first time, there is something for everyone in this workshop.

Tuesday, November 25, from 4:30—7:30 p.m. in the Student Union room 208A. Workshop facilitator: Gael Hancock.

Free!!! Recommended to bring: journal, pen, socks and a pillow.

