

## Board of Regents name recipients of awards

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Two UNLV students and a Community College of Southern Nevada student received 1996 Outstanding Student of the Year awards at the Board of Regents meeting March 1.

Shannon Siciliano, a senior at UNLV majoring in accounting, and Kevin Thompson, a UNLV graduate student majoring in architecture, received the award and a \$5,000 scholarship.

Kim Wescott, a dental hygiene student at CCSN, also received the award, along with five other students in the University and Community College System of Nevada.

Each received a \$5,000 scholarship, increased from last year's \$500 award. The scholarship was raised in order to send a message that student achievement is a top priority of UCCSN, according to university officials.

"Nothing gives me greater pleasure than these outstanding student awards," Regent Chair Madison Graves said. "The purpose of higher education is student success and these individuals illustrate the incredible power of motivation combined with educational opportunity," Graves said.

Distinguished Nevadan awards were also given to eight people, four each from the Southern and Northern regions of the state.

From Southern Nevada, awards were given posthumously to both James Cashman, III and Grant Sawyer. William Bennett and Christina Hixson also were bestowed with the honor.

Qualifications for the award state that recipients must be current or former residents of the state that contributed significant achievements to the cultural, scientific, or social advancement of the state and its people.

## Political correctness subject of lecture to be presented tonight

UNLV's Multicultural Student Affairs office will sponsor a lecture on the myths of political correctness at 6 p.m. tonight in Room 201 of the Moyer Student Union.

"The Myth of Political Correctness: The Conservative Attack on Higher Education" will be presented by guest

speaker John K. Wilson.

Wilson is an author, and professor at the University of Chicago.

The lecture is part of the "Managing Diversity: Moving from Words to Action" 1996 Spring Lecture Series.

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False alarm brings police, firefighters and students to the front of the Moyer Student Union Thursday.

## Fire in MSU?

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Smoke drifted up from the floor and synthesized music put everyone into a techno trance.

The partyers in the Moyer Student Union Ballroom lost themselves in the delirium of rapid drum beats and an ominous high-pitched repetitive tone.

Wait, that sound, is that the fire alarm?

Cut!

Production on film studies student Danny Kim's film, *Everything But*, was interrupted Thursday night when a fire alarm set off by an unidentified person caused officials to evacuate the MSU.

Students thought smoke drifting through the building was the result of a fire, but

was actually caused by a fog machine being used by film studies students for a scene in Kim's film, requiring the machine for hazy effects.

"Somebody who saw the smoke must have pulled the alarm because fog machines do not set off smoke detectors," said Gail Robbins, a student who was working on *Everything But*, being filmed in the ballroom.

Three fire trucks, two ambulances and campus police arrived at the MSU in response to the alarm. It is not known who actually pulled the alarm.

Brian Walsh, president of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, cut his arm when he broke glass to reach a fire extinguisher on the wall next to the ballroom.

He and other members of the fraternity started evacuation of the second and third floors

of the MSU.

The organization was hosting a date auction on the second floor when smoke started to emerge from the ballroom.

Some students thought the alarm was just a drill.

"It caught us all off guard and we were upset because it interrupted the auction," said Victor Jordan, a member of Pi Kappa Alpha.

Kyle Lopez, MSU building manager, said the ballroom was completely filled with smoke. He noticed the smoke at about 7:20 p.m.

"The auction was so smokin' hot that it set off the fire detectors," said Bruce Evans, Pi Kappa Alpha's advisor.

Ironically the organization's national mascot is a fire truck.

Nora Griffith contributed to this story.

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