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Women's center observes Domestic Violence Awareness Month

UNLV's Jean Nidetch Women's Center will observe Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October by hosting numerous events dealing with sexual assault prevention and awareness.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Oct. 1-7, the women's center will have an information table on sexual assault awareness activities set up in the lobby of the Thomas T. Beam Engineering Complex and at the Moyer Student Union.

Survivors of Violence support group meetings are scheduled for 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Oct. 2, 16, and 30 in the Student Services Complex, Room 225.

A sexual assault peer education training program will take place 2:30-4 p.m. Oct. 7 at the Moyer Student Union, Room 202, and 1-3 p.m. Oct. 14 at the Student Services Complex, room 254. The program is designed to train students to enlighten their peers, while providing a safe environment for women and men to discuss and understand the concepts and components of sexual assault awareness prevention.

Also on Oct. 7, there will be a workshop titled Sexual Assault: Street Smart & Crisis Mindset from 2:30-4:30 p.m. A second workshop is scheduled for 4-5:30 p.m. Oct. 9. Both workshops will take place in the Moyer Student Union, Room 202. The class is designed to mentally prepare women and men about street awareness and knowing their options during an attack. The workshops will be led by Stewart Rhodes, a street crime survival instructor.

The annual Take Back the Night March, candlelight vigil, and exhibitor fair also is scheduled for Oct. 7. The events begin at 5:30 p.m. on the Valerie Pida Plaza outside the Moyer Student Union. The events are intended to help heighten awareness, offer crime prevention methods, and increase safety and self-confidence when traveling at night.

On Oct. 11, Rhodes will lead a Rape Prevention, Self-Defense Physical Techniques workshop. The class, which is designed to teach the physical skills needed to prevent sexual assault, will take place 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the McDermott Physical Education Complex, Room 506.

For more information on these activities, call DelShanna Jones at the women's center at 895-4475.

UNLV to honor alumni at Homecoming

The UNLV Alumni Association will honor a number of UNLV graduates and university supporters during a special homecoming Celebration on Sept. 26.

State Sen. Ray Rawson, R-Clark, has been selected to receive the UNLV Alumni Association Alumnus of the Year Award. Rawson has served in the Legislature since 1985 and has held a variety of leadership positions. He is being recognized for his support in the Legislature of higher education.

William S. Boyd, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Boyd Gaming Corp., will receive the Silver State Award—the highest award that the association can bestow on someone who is not an alumnus. Boyd, after whom UNLV's new law school is named, is being honored in recognition of the support he and his family have provided UNLV in many areas, including the law school.

UNLV alumnus Bruce Chapman will receive the Distinguished Service Award. He is being recognized for his many charitable endeavors, including his work with the Candlelighters Children's Charity and his commitment to the Valerie Pida Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The awards will be presented at the Homecoming Celebration, which will take place Sept. 26 in the courtyard west of the Richard Tam Alumni Center on the UNLV campus. The event, which includes dinner, will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 if purchased in advance and \$20 at the door. The Homecoming Celebration comes the day before UNLV's homecoming football game against Illinois State University.

In addition to the awards, nine of UNLV's colleges will be presenting an outstanding Alumnus Award to someone who graduated from their college. Those awards will be given to:

— Tropicana Hotel President Dennis Gomes from the College of Business.

— Assemblywoman Chris Giunchigliani from the College of Education.

— Southwest Gas Corp. engineer Clark McCarrell from the Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering.

— Production/scenic designer John Iacovelli from the College of Fine Arts.

— UNLV nursing instructor Carolyn Sue Witt from the College of Health Sciences.

— UNLV hotel administration professor Thomas J. Jones from the William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration.

— Hebrew Academy Principle Phyllis Darling from the College of Liberal Arts.

— Daniel Fischer, director of the organic analysis laboratory for Lockheed-Martin, from the College of Sciences.

— Assemblywoman Barbara Buckley from the Greenspun College of Urban Affairs.

The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra to open Charles Vanda Master Series

The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Daniele Gatti will perform at 8 p.m. on Oct. 13 at Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall. This performance marks the opening of the 1997-98 Charles Vanda Master Series.

The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra was founded by Sir Thomas Beecham with the aim of creating a world-class ensemble. The orchestra has delighted audiences around the world for more than 50 years.

The evening's performance will include Franz Schubert's "Symphony No. 8 in B Minor, D 759, 'Unfinished'" and Gustav Mahler's "Symphony No. 5 in C-sharp minor." This performance will be Gatti's first tour in the United States with the Royal Philharmonic.

Considered by many to be the "foremost conductor of his generation," Italian conductor Daniele Gatti has galvanized the music world with his dramatic and instinctive style. Gatti has served as music director of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra since 1996. With fire and flair, Gatti has established his mastery of the orchestra and the opera stage alike, imbuing his interpretations with acute understanding and refined sensitivity. Gatti was music director of the Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia in Rome from 1992 until 1997 as well as principal guest conductor of the Royal Opera House at Covent Garden from 1994 to 1997. This fall, Gatti will take the post of music director of Teatro Comunale di Bologna.

This year celebrates the 10th anniversary of radio station KNPR's sponsorship of the Charles Vanda Master Series.

Tickets for the concert range from \$41.50 to \$101.50. They may be purchased at the UNLV Performing Arts Center Box Office or at Dillard's department stores.

Meetings for the week of Sept. 22-28

MONDAY:

UNLV Anthropological Society Meeting—WRI 303, 12:30 p.m.

Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC)—Tour/Pizza Party—Student Health Center Conference Room, 12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY:

Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society Meeting—WRI 225, 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

American Marketing Association Meeting—BEH 418, 5:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

Sociology Club Meeting—CBC B-225B, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY:

UNLV Cigar Club Meeting—Gordon Biersch Brewery, 4:30 p.m. Info: 547-0535 (Josh)

Pi Sigma Alpha Social Meeting—Crown and Anchor, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY:

Psi Chi & Psychology Club Meeting—Guest Speaker, CBC C222, 1:30 p.m. Info: 261-9202 (Randy)

SATURDAY:

Sociology Club Pot Luck Picnic—Pecos Legacy Park, 1-6 p.m. Info: 895-3322 (Kathy or Veona)

UNLV Outdoor Adventures Hualapai Mountains Horseback Riding Adventure—sign up Sept. 26. Info: 895-3575

SUNDAY:

Student Organization of Latinos Meeting—Upstairs MSU, 4 p.m.

Catholic Newman Club Mass—Interfaith Student Center, 8 p.m. Meeting to follow.

Former regent Juanita Greer White dies at 91

The Rebel Yell

Juanita Greer White, whose efforts to establish UNLV as an independent university led to a campus building being named for her, died Thursday in Boulder City. She was 91.

White was elected twice to the Nevada Board of Regents, serving between 1963 and 1971. At the beginning of her term, UNLV was merely an extension of the University of Nevada at Reno. By the time she left the Board, the campus was a full-fledged, degree-granting university that rivaled the Reno school.

She was a strong supporter of the expansion of the university's administrative autonomy, as well as expanded academic programs and facilities.

UNLV President Carol Harter said that White was "a leading figure among a group of people who saw the promise of higher education in Southern Nevada and who, through personal commitment and hard work, helped establish the University of Nevada, Las Vegas."

White also served in the Nevada Assembly in 1971 and 1972.

She moved to the Las Vegas area in 1956 with her husband, Dr. Thomas H. White, and soon became a force in Nevada's higher education system.

White was a charter member of the Nevada Southern University Land Foundation which was in charge of acquiring land for the campus. The group saw the need to secure 300 acres for UNLV, instead of the 50 acres which some people

felt was needed.

"We think we're landlocked now," stated UNLV biology professor Warren Burggren. "It would have been disastrous if she hadn't been so persistent."

White was also a strong supporter of Nevada's inclusion in the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE). The state's participation allows Nevada students to attend graduate and professional schools around the West at reduced tuition rates, if Nevada does not have a corresponding school. She also served on the WICHE executive committee.

UNLV's life sciences program benefited greatly from White's time and efforts. She established scholarships and an endowment for a lec-

ture series in the school.

In return, the university's life sciences building was named for her in 1976.

"She was always very interested in seeing our department thrive," said Burggren.

White and her husband, who was a physician, were also supporters of the University of Nevada School of Medicine.

She was born on Nov. 19, 1905, in Atlanta. During the 1920s, she wanted to obtain a doctorate in chemistry. After being turned down by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, due to her being a woman, she attended Johns Hopkins University. After earning her degree there in 1929, she taught college classes in Virginia, New York, Georgia and Connecticut.

"She was all about maximizing everyone's potential," said Anne Omelianowich, White's caregiver and companion for the past four years. "And she was sure everyone needed some education to do that."

White was also active for many years with the American Association of University Women.

She is survived by a daughter, Sally Johnson of Fredericksburg, Texas; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Boulder City.

White's family has requested that donations be made to the Juanita Greer White endowment fund for UNLV's life sciences program.