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The most exciting and nerve-wracking day in the life of a medical student is fast approaching. **March 17 is Match Day;** the day when all graduating medical students throughout the United States learn where a computer has assigned them to spend the next three to six years of their lives doing their specialty residency training.

Fourth-year medical students at the University of Nevada School of Medicine students will learn of their matches at precisely **9 a.m.** Seniors who are doing rotations in northern Nevada will gather in the school's new Atrium in the Savitt Medical Building and those in the southern part of the state meet in the sixth floor Auditorium of the 2040 Building on West Charleston in Las Vegas.

The "match" is a unique part of the medical education process. The successful completion of a residency program in a medical specialty is a requirement in most states before a physician can be licensed to practice medicine. Consequently, graduating medical students throughout the country seek acceptance into residency programs for their postgraduate training.

Students list their preferences and often interview at prospective institutions. The institutions score and rate applicants and final assignments are generated by a computer at the National Residency Match Program.

Match day is a festive celebration, which is shared by the faculty and staff of the medical school, as well as by the family and friends of the graduating seniors, and always involves colorful decorations and unique ways of giving the students their matches.

If you would like to do a report on Match Day, please contact Lynne Williams in Reno at 784-6003, and Lynette Hein in Las Vegas at 383-2638.