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Match Day

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The most exciting - and nerve wracking -- day in the life of a medical student is less than a week away; "Match Day." On Wednesday, March 20, 1996, students at University of Nevada School of Medicine -- and in every medical school in the nation -- learn where they will spend the next three to five years of their lives completing postgraduate training in the medical specialty of their choice. Festivities begin in both Reno and Las Vegas, at 8:30 a.m.

Each year, the students receive their matches at precisely the same moment all across the country (9 a.m. for Nevada). "It's in the Bag" for students who are doing fourth-year medical rotations in the Reno area. Their matches will be inserted into small gift bags and suspended from balloons, in the Atrium in the Savitt Medical Building. For students in Las Vegas, the festivities will have a Mexican theme and take place in the 2040 Building, sixth floor South Auditorium. Their matches will be placed in a Pinata, students will be blindfolded, and must break the Pinata to get their matches -- and a few goodies.

Each year, Nevada students have become more successful in their matches, the majority getting their first or second choice. Some of the credit for this success can

be given to their predecessors, who have established themselves in residency programs throughout the country as able, well-trained and caring physicians.

Media representatives in the Reno/Sparks area who would like to be part of the celebration should contact Lynne Williams, 784-8059. Those in Las Vegas can contact either Arlee Fisher or Bonnie Stuenkel at 383-2638.

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