

Eadington: Technology will continue to change gaming

By Bill O'Driscoll, Reno Gazette-Journal

Bill Eadington has taught economics for 42 years at UNR, and along the way he's become one of the world's leading authorities on commercial gaming and gambling issues.

On Tuesday in Las Vegas, Eadington will be inducted into the American Gaming Association Hall of Fame with a Special Achievement Award for Gaming Education.

Last week, Eadington, 65, sat down with the *Reno Gazette-Journal* to discuss the uncertainties and challenges gaming and tourism face in the Reno-Sparks market and what the future may hold.

Question: You've been in Reno for more than four decades. You've seen the trends. Where is the area headed?

Answer: The tourism component of the economy is shrinking and likely will continue to contract. The local casino market will become a locals market, and that's even more dire for Lake Tahoe as consumers in general are more convenience driven. Look at the last decade with the increase of casinos in California.

Read the whole story