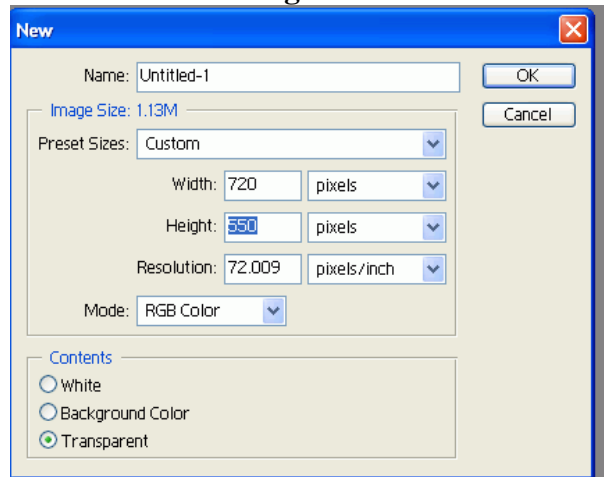# Creating Banners, Buttons, and Navigation Bars
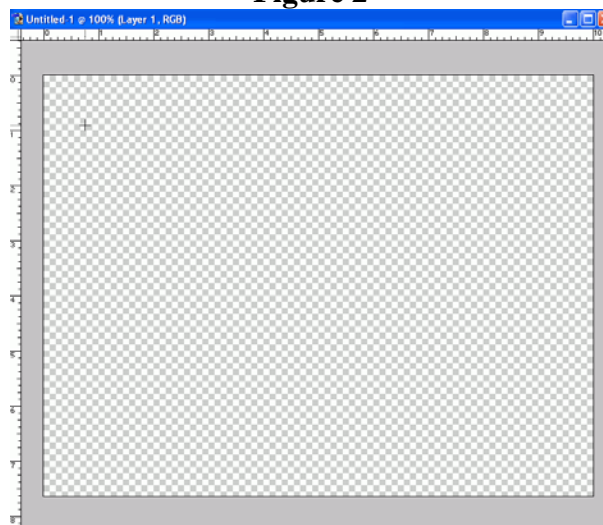# Using Photoshop Elements 2.0

1. Open *Photoshop Elements 2.0*
2. Create a New file by selecting **NEW**
3. Size it as shown in Figure 1: 720W x 550H pixels with a transparent background and name it "banner1".

Figure 1

4. Suggestion: Enlarge the window by dragging the side until a border is seen all the way around the new file. View Figure 2.   Comment: Opening it will prevent unnecessary recovery work later.

Figure 2

Note: If this is the first time that you are using Photoshop Elements 2.0, take some time to become familiar with the Tools and Menus.

5. Select a color and draw a rectangle with the rectangle tool. "Voila" you have a beginning as shown in Figure 3.
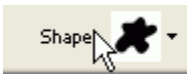
Figure 3

6. ***Logo Creation in Header*** from photo or image you already have or create one by using custom shapes tool: **(a or b)**

    a. Add a photo or image you would like to use

        1. Open a photo or image in Photoshop Elements.

        2. If it appears too large, resize it by selecting **Image, Resize.**

        3. **Select, ALL.**

        4. Select **Edit, Copy.**

        5. Create a new file by selecting **File, New**

        6. Paste the image into the New File. **Edit, Paste** (This gives us an unlocked layer and access to all colors if needed.)

        7. If you want to remove colors around the photo or image, select the **Magic Wand Tool** and click in the space of the color that needs to be removed.

        8. Press the delete key.

        9. Select the **Move Tool** and position the photo or image by dragging it on the header

        10. Close the resized photo and the new file without saving them since you will not need these.   View Figure 4.

Figure 4

    b. Create an image with the Shape Tool

        1. Select **Layer Styles** by selecting this button

        2. Choose one or more of the many selections. Have *fun!*

7. **Add Text Box** by selecting the **T** tool and click to be able to begin typing in a location on the header.
   a. Change font type, color, style, and/or size on the font menu bar. View Figures 5 a & b.
   b. Use **Layer Styles** to apply different effects to the text.
   c. Use can also use the **Move Tool** to make adjustments to location and size.

Figure 5a

Figure 5b

8. **Creating buttons (Note if your prefer you could just use the text tool and add text in a text box…this is simpler a choice)**
   a. Select **Rounded rectangle tool**.
   b. Select a **color** for the button.
   c. Draw Button.
   d. Select **Layer Styles**
   e. Choose **Bevels** from the drop down menu
   f. Choose **Simple Inner**
   g. When satisfied you can duplicate the button selecting **duplicate layer** under the **Layer Menu.**
   h. Use the **Move Tool** to align it and repeat process for all the buttons
      a. Figure 6 is an example.
   i. Use the **Text Tool** and add text inside the buttons.

Figure 6

Note: If you plan to add a navigation bar (side bar), skip to section 10.

9. Web images need to load quickly! To permit this, divide the header into separate images. Here is how:
   a. Select the **Marquee Tool** draw the "marquee line" around each element in the header. See Figure 7.
   b. **Edit, Copy Merged** (Copies all visible layers)
   c. **File, New**
   d. Auto fills the size so click ok
   e. **Edit, Paste**
   f. **File, Save for Web**
   g. Make gif image type
   h. Save in the image folder
   i. Close (do not have to save the smaller image that we used to save to Web)
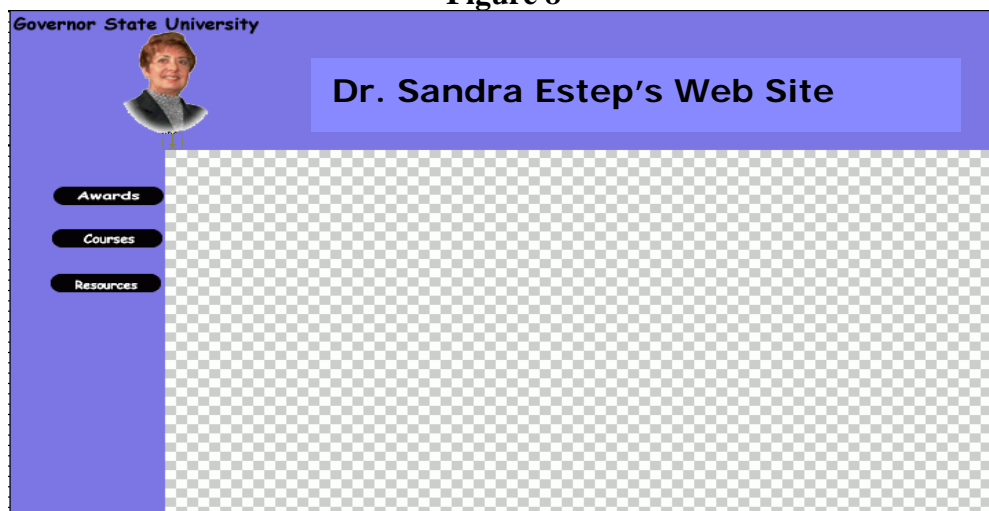   j. Repeat steps 9(a-i) for each element until all sections of the header have been completed.

Figure 7

10. **Navigation Bar**
   a. Select the **Rectangle Tool.**
   b. Draw the navigation bar on the left hand side connecting it to the header
   c. Refer to *Section 8* to create buttons or you can use text without creating buttons. View Figure 8.
   d. Go back to *Section 9* to divide the header and navigation bar into smaller images.

Figure 8

Reminder: Always check to see which layer *you are working in. Keeping track of layer positions will make this process simpler. Then you can get as* fancy *as you want!*