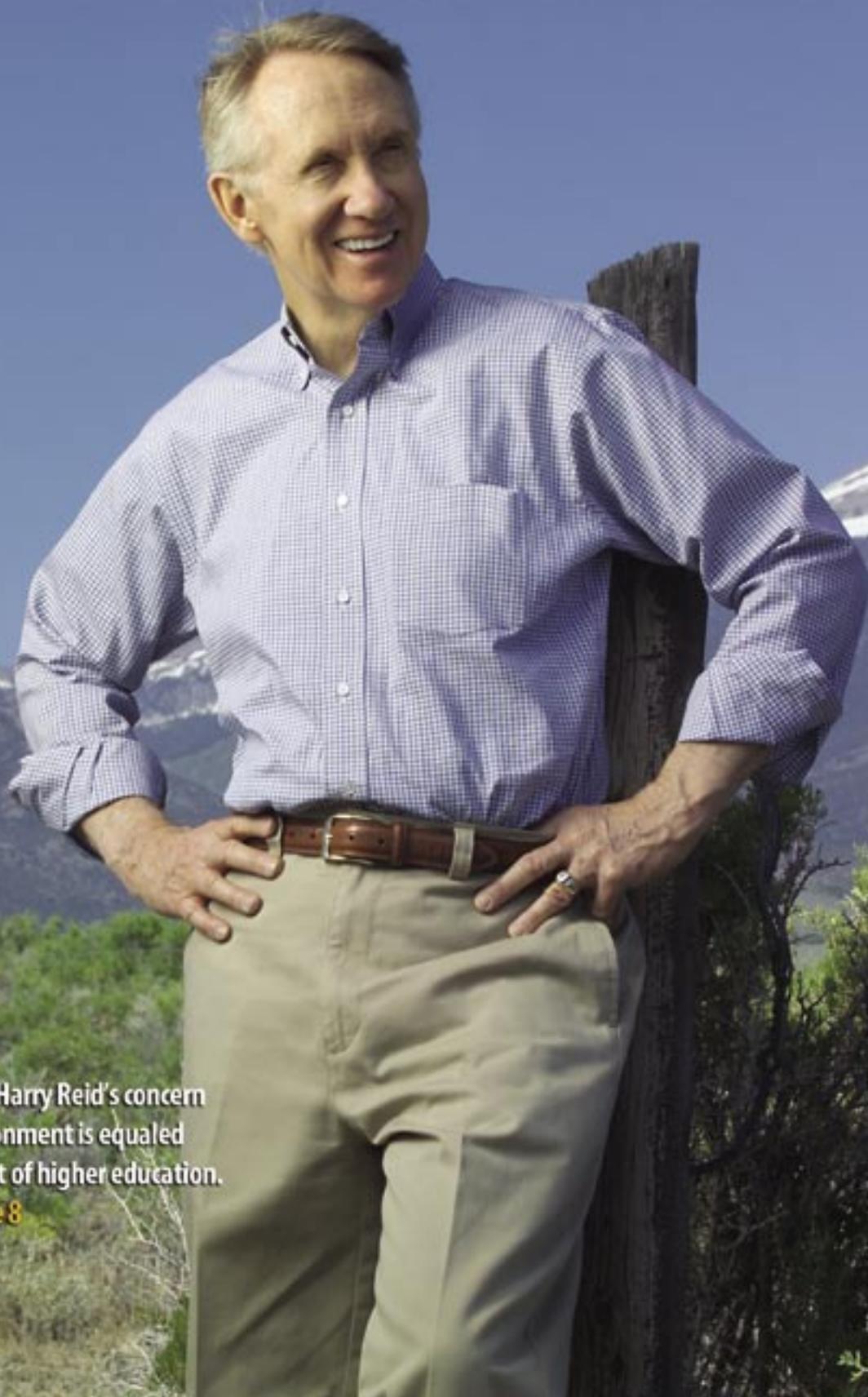


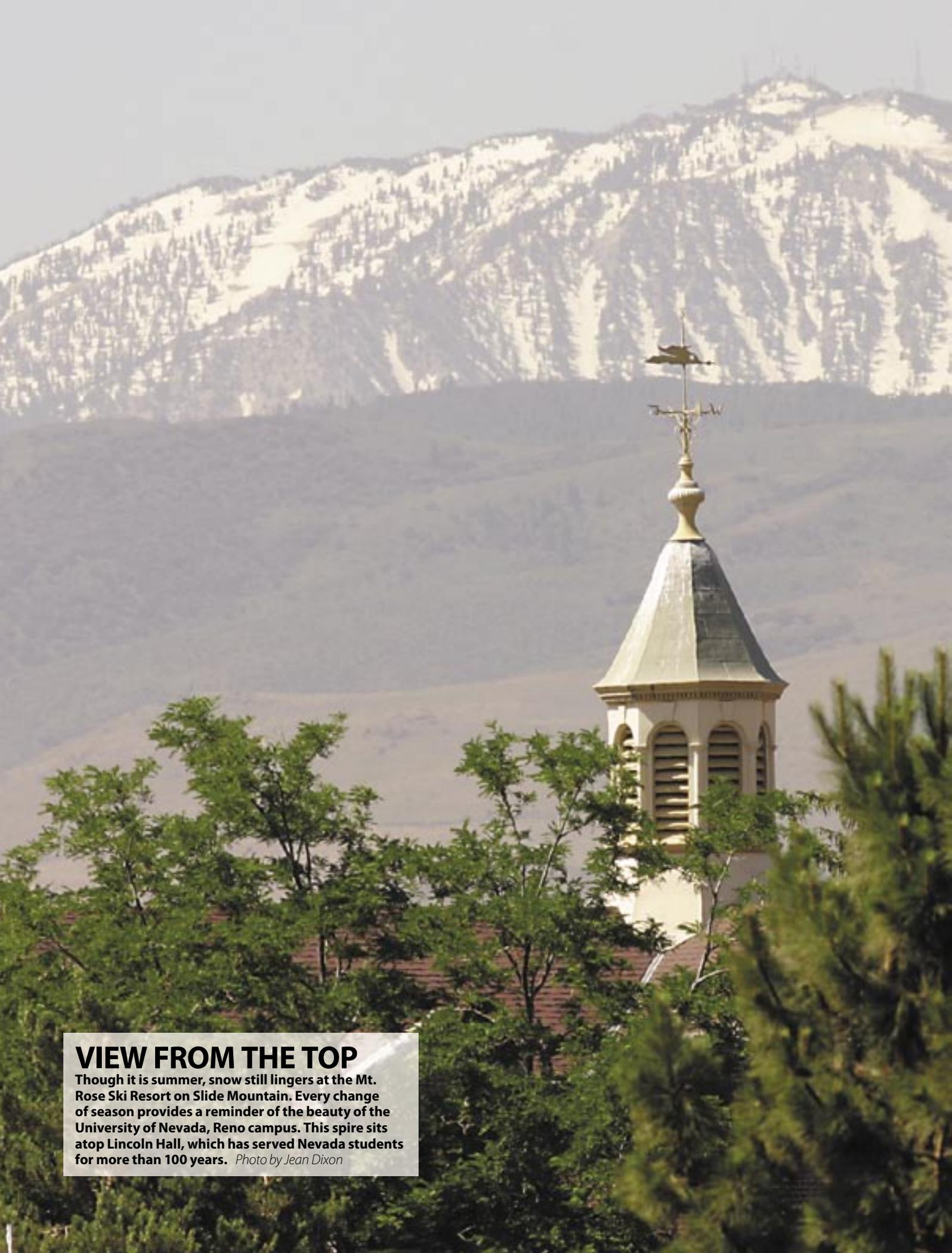
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Nevada Sen. Harry Reid's concern for the environment is equaled by his support of higher education.

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Though it is summer, snow still lingers at the Mt. Rose Ski Resort on Slide Mountain. Every change of season provides a reminder of the beauty of the University of Nevada, Reno campus. This spire sits atop Lincoln Hall, which has served Nevada students for more than 100 years. *Photo by Jean Dixon*



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Harry Reid holds a long association with, love for and support of the University of Nevada, Reno.
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From the President Watching a legacy take shape

This issue of Silver & Blue continues the tradition of recognizing support for the University, and the entire University family is blessed to have outstanding leadership from Nevada's elected officials.

The Nevada State Legislature recently concluded its biennial session. Governor Kenny Guinn's final session continued his life-long commitment to higher education. He was assisted by Sen. William Raggio's leadership of the Senate and its Finance Committee, Assemblyman Morse Arberry's committee on Ways and Means, and Speaker Richard Perkins and the Nevada Assembly.

Highlights for this University included:

- \$31.4 million toward the estimated \$50 million needed to construct a new science and math building.
- \$15.8 million for furnishings and equipment in the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center.
- \$10 million to the School of Medicine in partnership with the Nevada Cancer Institute and the Whittemore Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Center for Excellence.
- \$60 million for a new biomedical/biotechnology facility at the School of Medicine, serving medicine, biology and biotechnology.
- \$4 million for the design, engineering and construction of an academic medical center in Las Vegas.

The legislature also increased the School of Medicine's operating budget by approximately 30 percent. And, a plan to allow for continued funding of the Millennium Scholarship program will help ensure that our state's best and brightest students pursue their higher education within Nevada. The program will be renamed the Governor Guinn Scholarship, a fitting honor.

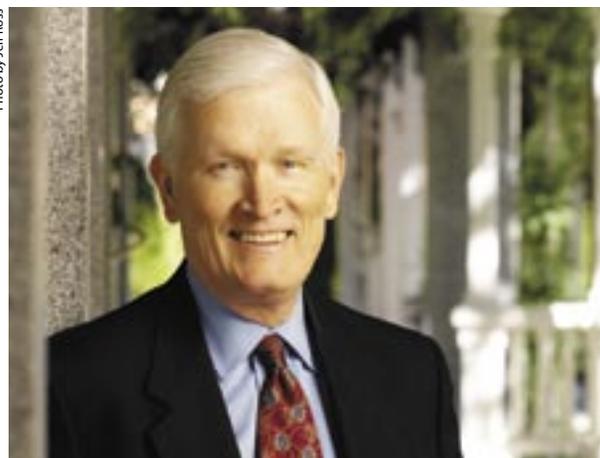
On the national front, the leadership story continues. The footprints of Sen. Harry Reid's legacy are evident throughout this state, and particularly within the Nevada System for Higher Education, our new system name.

Reid's support of federal programs has helped countless students from low-income families realize the dream of a college education. His support of environmental research and programs is particularly significant and serves to improve the educational experience for our students, to build this University's growing prominence in this area, and to provide for a lasting and international contribution to environmental solutions.

Every University of Nevada, Reno college and program has been touched in some way by the support and leadership of Harry Reid.

The University is, indeed, fortunate to have strong representation in Washington, D.C., with Sen. John Ensign, Rep. Jim Gibbons, Rep. Shelley Berkley, and Rep. Jon Porter joining Reid to comprise our Congressional delegation. In this issue's cover story, Reid shares the commitment that he, a Democrat and current Senate minority leader, and Ensign, a Republican, have forged to provide a united front on many of the most pressing issues impacting Nevada. It is a telling story that exemplifies their sense of purpose and mission.

Photo by Jeff Ross



John M. Lilley, President

Photos by Jill Heaton

Scouting out new methods for wildlife conservation



Detection dog Camis conducts a trained alert to tell her handler, Alice Whitelaw, that she has found a tortoise.

For years search and rescue dogs have been used in law enforcement, emergency response, and bomb and narcotics detection. Now, new University research shows that these dogs can also be very effective in wildlife conservation efforts.

Jill Heaton, biologist and assistant professor of geography, has demonstrated that trained dogs are expert scouts when it comes to threatened wildlife. Her research, with co-investigator Mary Cablk of the Desert Research Institute, has specifically focused on tracking the desert tortoise—a threatened species native to the Mojave Desert.

Heaton conducted her initial studies in Las Vegas at the Desert Tortoise Conservation Center and used Global Positioning System units on dogs and their handlers to record their exact locations in one-second intervals. Each time a dog identified a tortoise, the event was recorded.

The study found that dogs are better than 90 percent accurate at finding tortoises in the wild and perform well beyond human detection. Human accuracy typically ranges from 30 to 60 percent. In addition, the dogs can locate tortoises from more than 200 feet away, find tortoises as small as a half dollar and locate tortoises hidden

in burrows and behind bushes.

Heaton's research seeks to track the tortoises so that scientists can gain better insight into their ecology, specifically hatchling and juvenile tortoises that are virtually undetected in the wild

by humans. The study also seeks to work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and federal and state land and wildlife management agencies to create a formal certification program for wildlife-detection dogs.

"The information we can obtain about the species from this research is invaluable because it not only helps us learn more about the tortoise's ecology, but also may help us reverse the negative trend in population declines," said Heaton.

The success of Heaton and Cablk's research led to a grant from the U.S. Army National Training Center at Fort Irwin, near Barstow, Calif. The center is planning to expand its training grounds by about 120,000 acres and needs to relocate tortoises so they are not injured or killed during training exercises.

Heaton and Cablk's work has been assisted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, the U.S. Army Research Office and the University of Redlands in California.



Left to right: Aimee Hurt of Working Dogs for Conservation, Fin, Jill Heaton of the University of Nevada, Reno, Mary Cablk of Desert Research Institute, Alice Whitelaw of Working Dogs for Conservation and Camis.

Teams win top honors in Governor's Cup

Two teams from the University walked away with first and second places at the first Donald W. Reynolds Governor's Cup Business Plan Competition in Nevada in May. The competition is designed to encourage students to act upon their ideas and talents in order to produce tomorrow's businesses. It offers some of the largest cash prizes for such programs: \$20,000 for first place and \$10,000 for second.

The first-place team, from the College of Engineering, consisted of Benjamin Hass, 23, and Stephanie Luongo, 22, and their adviser, Mehdi Etezadi, professor of electrical engineering. The team named their company Sierra Nevada Seafood and designed a shrimp farm at the Redfield campus that would operate off of Nevada's geothermal waters.

The second-place team, from the College of Business Administration, included students Jolene Hayes, 21; Devrin Lee, 22; and J.D. Morscheck, 23; and their adviser Gary Valiere of the managerial sciences department. Their plan was for a new type of medical patch, DermaMat, administering flu and other types of medicines.

Thirty-three teams from across the state entered and six were selected as finalists, two from the University of Nevada, Reno, two from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and two from County College of Southern Nevada.

—Melanie Robbins

Photo by Jean Dixon



Digging deep data on 'Hamlet'

An immense compilation of everything ever written about Shakespeare's play, "Hamlet," is up and running on the Internet, thanks to English Professor Eric Rasmussen and a team of scholars and students who have spent a decade gathering information to include in the vast online database.

Although it's still a site in process and commentary on much of the first half of the script has yet to be uploaded, "The New Variorum 'Hamlet,'" is a four-gigabytes-strong collection of four centuries of "Hamlet"-related books, commentary, stage directions, costume designs, images, spin-offs, take-offs, movies and allusions, right down to references to Disney's *The Lion King*, Schwarzenegger's *Last Action Hero* and the '60s

musical, *Hair*.

Every bit of information about the play in the "Hamlet Works" database is searchable and also linked, line by line, to the text.

"There is no research tool like this," said Rasmussen, explaining that there's a tradition in Shakespearean scholarship of compiling variorum editions — all the commentary that has been written on a play.

"The problem was that the first time they did a variorum edition in 1773, it was 10 volumes long," he said. "In 1803, it was 21 volumes. So, editors became selective."

Working with Jeffrey Triggs, the man who developed the electronic version of "The Oxford English Dictionary," the database will have features uncommon to most search engines, Rasmussen said.

"The problem with some of the early texts is that they are written in the original spelling. If you search for a word like, 'closet,' for example, you might not find it because they spelled it 'colsett,'" he said. But Triggs' search engine will first search "The Oxford English Dictionary" for variant spellings and return results for all the spellings of a word.

The gigantic undertaking is supported by National Endowment for the Humanities' grants totaling approximately \$1 million.

Rasmussen and his database were featured in a May 10 *Chronicle of Higher Education* article and are slated to appear as an upcoming feature in the Culture section of the *New York Times*.

Visit: hamletworks.org

— Melanie Robbins

Bugs, weeds and diagnostics

The old days of specimen-filled plastic bags stacked in corners waiting for identification are, well, old and gone. Welcome to the new world of digital diagnostics where speedy identification of plants and insects is possible through microscope, digital camera and computer technology.

But the stakes may be higher than, "What's wrong with my tomatoes?"

These early detectors bring a new level of sophistication to something the University of Nevada's Cooperative Extension has been doing for years — diagnosing plant problems and identifying weeds and insect pests for homeowners, farmers and landscape professionals. This technology represents

a growing network of sentinels on the outlook for exotic pests or pathogens that could threaten U.S. agriculture, security and public safety.

"These tools are our eyes and ears," said Jeff Knight, Nevada Department of Agriculture entomologist. The NDOA is a close partner

in this project — both Knight and Dr. Shouhua Wang have trained Cooperative Extension personnel and Master Gardener volunteers and are, in fact, the rapid identification sources.

"This technology, which emanated from our strategic planning process, is a vital educational program for the public," said Dean Karen Hinton. For more information, call her (775) 784-7070.

Photo by Jean Dixon



Candy Kevan, Elko County aide, demonstrates the new digital diagnostic technology, available in the University's Cooperative Extension offices throughout Nevada.

Gehry to design Alzheimer's research center

Frank Gehry, famed designer of innovative angular metallic structures such as the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain, and the Experience Music Project in Seattle, has been commissioned to design the 35,000-square-foot Lou Ruvo Center for Alzheimer's Disease and Brain Aging, the first phase of an academic medical center planned for downtown Las Vegas.

The Alzheimer's center, which will be operated by the University of Nevada School of Medicine, is projected to be the first component of a larger academic medical center, in which the School of Medicine would be a key partner.

Gehry's sweeping, titanium-covered Guggenheim Museum transformed the small industrial town of Bilbao into an international tourist destination. Las Vegas officials hope the new center will have a similar impact. City officials view the Alzheimer's building as a gateway facility for the 61-acre Union Park development.

Photo by Jean Dixon



Adam Blitstein receives the prestigious Herz Gold Medal from President John Lilley.

Engineering student wins 2005 Herz Gold Medal

Adam Blitstein, 21, joined an elite group of scholars May 14 when he received the Herz Gold Medal, the University of Nevada, Reno's oldest and most prestigious student award. The award was established in 1910 by brothers Richard, Carl and Otto Herz when the university was only 36 years old. It honors the graduating senior with the highest grade-point average.

Blitstein, an electrical engineering major who minored in mechanical engineering, finished his undergraduate academic career with a cumulative GPA of 4.0. Blitstein is a recipient of the University's Presidential Scholarship and was a member of the campus Honors Program.

As two-year philanthropy chair of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, Blitstein organized events such as the "Iron Horse Chili Cook-off," which benefited the ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Association.

Blitstein, a graduate of Durango High School in Las Vegas, has accepted a full-time position with Sierra Nevada Corporation, a Sparks-based, national-defense electronics engineering and manufacturing firm. The company will sponsor his graduate education; he plans to return to the University to earn a master's in electrical engineering.

Keep pace with the news

Do you know...

■ Some of the world's most advanced stem-cell research for producing replacement organs is being done right here at Nevada?

■ A former University of Nevada, Reno football player — Ron Spallone — was honored with the title of the "National Chiropractor of the Year"?

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FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT

Fellows

Being elected a Fellow of a learned society is one of academe's highest honors.

Scott Casper, associate professor and chair of the history department, has been named a Fellow of the National Humanities Center for the 2005-2006 academic year.

Geoff Blewitt, research professor geology/Seismological Laboratory, has been elected a Fellow of the American Geophysical Union.

Ahmad Itani, associate professor of civil engineering and a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, was recently elevated to the level of Fellow within the society.

Kerry Lewis, professor of speech pathology and audiology in the School of Medicine, has been named a Fellow by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Awards

Howard Goldbaum, associate journalism professor, garnered the "Best of Festival" award in the Broadcasting Education Association's national faculty interactive multimedia competition for his virtual tour of Wroxton Abbey, located near Banbury in Oxfordshire, England. He also won an Award of Excellence in the solo Web site category for his site, "The Best Pizza in the World."

Candice Bauer, a lecturer in mechanical engineering, was honored with the Young Engineer of the Year Award by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Region IX.

Steve Oberg, Ben Owens, Mike Kivistik, Luis Barthel-Rosa, Matthew Free and the rest of the Environmental Health & Safety team have been selected to receive the 2005 College/University Award for the institution with the most comprehensive laboratory safety program in higher education by the American Chemical Society's Division of Chemical Health and Safety. The University will share this year's award with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Rick Anderson, director of resource acquisition for University Libraries, has been named a "Mover & Shaker" by Library Journal, the country's oldest independent library publication.

Dr. Thomas Hunt, assistant professor and chairman of the Department of Family Medicine in the School of Medicine, has been named State Family Physician of the Year by the Nevada Academy of Family Physicians.

Dr. William Zamboni, professor and chair of surgery in the School of Medicine, was named Distinguished Physician of the Year by the Nevada State Medical Association. He received the award at the association's annual meeting in April.

Appointments

Debi Dearman, student coordinator for the criminal justice department, has been appointed to a two-year term on the executive board for Alpha Phi Sigma, the only nationally recognized criminal justice honor society

Grants and Research

Benjamin King, assistant professor of chemistry, has received a five-year, \$450,000 National Science Foundation CAREER Award (Faculty Early Career Development Program).

James Faulds, research geologist with the University's Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology, is lead author of an article, "Kinematics of the northern Walker Lane: An incipient transform fault along the Pacific-North American plate boundary," published in the June issue of *Geology*.

Glenn Biasi, research assistant professor with the University's Nevada Seismological Laboratory, is a co-author of "Past and Future Earthquakes on the San Andreas Fault," published in the May 13 issue of the journal, *Science*.

One puff blows away a mystery for Brune

Jim Brune just wanted to be prepared for his class, Earthquake Source Physics. Little did he know he would make history.

"I didn't want to give another class without finding out what this was all about," said Brune of his 2002 trip to a location on the San Andreas Fault between San Bernardino and Bakersfield. Brune, a professor with the University's Nevada Seismological Laboratory, went looking for "fault gouge," the term geologists use for areas of fine-grain rock found ubiquitously near brittle faults the world over.

The pulverized rock — which is as fine as dust — can be found as far as a half a kilometer away from a fault, or right next to it, he said. Scientists

have long speculated about the origin of this dust, most coming to the conclusion that the rock must have been ground up by the force of tectonic plates grinding together during earthquakes.

"That's what they all said," noted Brune. However, for this to be true, the pulverized rock would show drag marks, or what scientists call "shearing" — striations in the minerals.

Prepared to look for stripes in the dust, Brune shoveled out a flat surface in the fault gouge and then leaned over and blew on it.

"Whether this was luck or genius, I don't know," he said. "But something led me to take that extra step." It was a magic moment.

"The dust was unsheared, completely intact. There was no distortion whatsoever. I could see quartz, feldspar. It looked like a piece of granite," he said.

Brune quickly checked out some 10 other sites along the San Andreas Fault and found them to be the same: the rock was pulverized in place, as if the atoms holding the grains together had simply disintegrated.

Brune's discovery has led to a new wave of scientific inquiry and an article he co-authored in the April 7 issue of the journal, *Nature*, titled "Particle size and energetics of gouge from earthquake rupture zones."

As yet, there is no consensus, but many theories, among scientists about what causes rock to disintegrate in place near earthquake faults. Brune's theory is that the fault may open up for a brief period during a quake with such energy that the rock explodes in place, a phenomenon replicated in his foam rubber earthquake laboratory at the University.



Brune examines pulverized rock along the San Andreas Fault.

Photo courtesy of Jim Brune

Oberding's fitness: a gold-medal show

Whether he is collecting gold medals or setting world records, 56-year-old University of Nevada employee Bill Oberding finds the drive he needs to succeed.

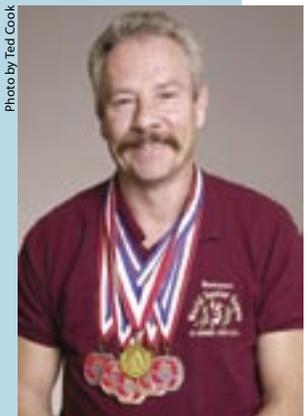
Oberding, an audio-visual technician for the campus's Teaching and Learning Technologies Department, captured 11 medals and set a national mark in the softball throw during May's Sierra Nevada Senior Games in Reno. In October 2004 he set a world record for the 55-59 age group in the standing long jump at the Huntsman World Senior Games in St. George, Utah.

A certified personal-fitness trainer who offers twice-weekly weight-training sessions at the University's Lombardi Recreation Center, Oberding needed an angioplasty and stent implant in 1998 after suffering a heart attack. His doctor encouraged him to pursue cardiovascular exercise, and Oberding took that advice seriously.

His record-setting performance last year at the World Senior Games was notable because he had to set the long jump mark twice. Oberding jumped 8-feet, 10 3/4-inches, but someone raked the pit before an event official could check the measurement. He covered the distance again minutes later.

His U.S. softball throw record this spring in Reno covered a distance of 225 feet, 9 inches. During the meet, Oberding also won the fitness competition gold and four first-place medals in basketball skills.

The keynote speaker for the local Senior Games follows a healthy diet and work-out regimen. He works in a 30-minute weight-training session at home in the early morning and follows that with 30 minutes of aerobic exercise each evening.



Oberding

Photo by Ted Cook

— Pat McDonnell

— Melanie Robbins



Mammal reproduction debate reignites

One of the most debated hypotheses in evolutionary biology has received new support, thanks to a study by Elissa Cameron, mammal ecologist in the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Science.

In the June issue of *Discover Magazine*, Cameron helped disprove critics of a scientific theory from 1973. At that time, ecologist Bob



Elissa Cameron

Trivers and mathematician Dan Willard said that healthy mammals produce more male offspring when living in good conditions, such as when there is an ample food supply. Conversely, female mammals living in less desirable conditions tend to have female offspring.

Cameron says the hypothesis demonstrated the idea that having more male offspring leads to greater evolutionary success for mammal parents, if living conditions support larger populations.

“Male zebras can father more than a hundred offspring in a lifetime, whereas female zebras are constrained to minimal reproductive rates—about one a year,” Cameron says. “Sons, therefore, offer higher breeding rates

Cameron’s reproduction research appeared in the June 2005 issue of *Discover Magazine*.

to zebra parents, while female offspring are a lower-risk investment.”

Cameron analyzed studies that examined the Trivers-Willard hypothesis and sex ratios in mammals and found that female mammals that were in better body condition around conception were more likely to have sons. Body fat and diet can affect glucose levels in a mammal’s body, and Cameron suggests that the glucose levels around the time of conception can influence the gender of the animal’s offspring.

Her finding is key to the Trivers-Willard debate. If supported in future studies, Cameron’s theory could have dramatic influence on wildlife control and animal production.

“If you can get dairy cows to have more female calves, it would have huge implications for the dairy industry,” she says.

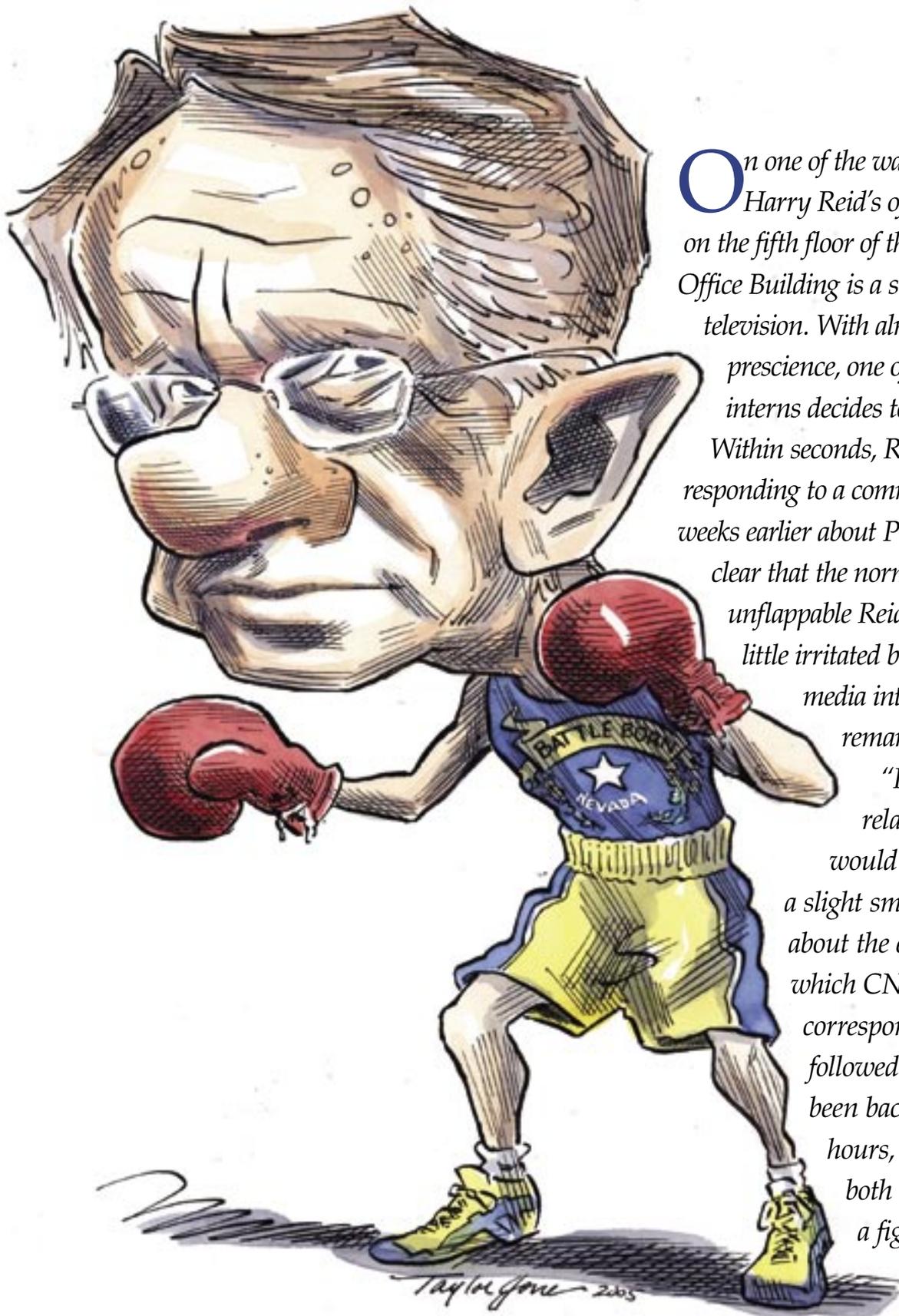
— Bob Conrad

LEADING
FROM
THE
FRONT

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Nevada's senior senator – a powerful voice for state and party.



On one of the walls of Nevada Sen. Harry Reid's office on the fifth floor of the Hart Senate Office Building is a small LED television. With almost eerie prescience, one of the senator's interns decides to turn on CNN. Within seconds, Reid is seen responding to a comment he made weeks earlier about President Bush. It's clear that the normally relaxed and unflappable Reid is becoming a little irritated by the continuing media interest in his remark.

"I wasn't quite so relaxed then," Reid would later say with a slight smile, when asked about the encounter, after which CNN congressional correspondent Ed Henry followed up with, "We've been back only a few hours, but it's clear that both sides are ready for a fight."

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As Senate minority leader, Reid is the Democratic Party's chief spokesman and senior strategist.

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This is the frequently contentious theatre of Washington politics in which Reid sits front-row center. The following day, in an interview in his minority leader's office, just down the hall from the Senate chamber and overlooking the National Mall, Reid downplays the stresses of his position.

"What everyone does in life is difficult for them, whether it is someone who is a secretary, a lawyer, an electrician, whatever," he says. "So my job's no different from other people's jobs. We just focus on different things."

While the soft-spoken, bespectacled Reid displays a quiet, studious demeanor, history shows he's no shrinking violet. A former amateur

boxer, he famously stood up to organized crime in Las Vegas while chairman of the Nevada Gaming Commission in the mid-1970s. Reid was threatened and bombs were attached to his car. Compared to dealing with characters such as Frank "Lefty" Rosenthal and "Tony the Ant" Spilotro, sparring with Ed Henry must seem like a walk in the park.

EDUCATION OPENED THE DOOR

Since winning election to the House of Representatives in 1983 and the Senate in 1986, Reid has worked diligently to obtain funding for Nevada and has been highly successful. As his power and responsibilities have increased — particularly through his seat on the Senate Appropriations Committee — he has been able to earmark monies for programs that touch almost every aspect of life in the state. Education has always been one of Reid's priorities. Its power to change lives is something he personally learned early.

"I never worried about going to a great academic institution; I didn't know the difference when I was in high school," Reid says. "I just went to school because other people were doing it and I wanted to be an athlete. That didn't work out well, and I'm glad I've had the chance to be educated. That's really important."

Reid talks often about his upbringing in the small mining town of Searchlight, about an

MAJOR PROGRAM GRANTS OBTAINED BY REID

Reid's understated, behind-the-scenes style means he often doesn't get credit for his efforts. "I think it's not well-known how much he's done for this institution," says the University's government affairs director Robert Dickens. "He's obtained in the neighborhood of \$200 million since the late '80s." Here are just a few of the major program grants Reid has brought to the University.

- **Earthquake Engineering** — \$10.25 million
- **High energy and density physics** — \$23 million
- **Nevada Biodiversity Initiative** — \$11 million
- **Fire Science Academy** — \$5 million
- **Materials and sensor science** — \$5 million

hour's drive from Las Vegas. His elementary and middle school had just two rooms, and he had to hitchhike to Henderson, 40 miles away, for his high school education, staying with relatives during the week. The young student was fortunate to be taken under the wing of a generous and powerful mentor, former Nevada Governor Mike O'Callaghan, who, at the time, was Reid's government teacher and boxing coach at the Boys & Girls Club of Henderson.

"The businesspeople in Henderson gave me a [college] scholarship," Reid says. "It was a little different then than now. I could work hard and pay for most of my education. I got scholarships every place I went, and I got help, too."

O'Callaghan later would help Reid obtain a job as a Capitol policeman while he attended George Washington Law School. Reid has never forgotten the leg up he received and has obtained money for federal programs such as TRIO and Upward Bound that help low-income and first-generation college students prepare for success in college.

FIRST MEMORIES OF THE UNIVERSITY

Although he's a southern Nevada native, Reid speaks fondly of his early memories of the University of Nevada, Reno.

"My view of UNR is probably different from a lot of people because my frame of reference growing up was UNR. UNLV did not exist," he says. "I remember the great days of UNR. I know they've had some success in basketball, but in years past they were a great football power. They had a couple of players in the football hall of fame, Marion Motley and Tommy Kalmanir, other All-Americans — Stan Heath — a lot of good ball players. I used to listen to those games

Photo by Jean Dixon



Sen. Reid and Dean Ted Batchman visit with friends of the University during the August 2003 dedication of the Harry Reid Engineering Laboratory.

on the radio so I had great affection for UNR." [Ed. Note: Kalmanir, a member of Nevada's All-Century Team and former Los Angeles Ram, is honored in the NFL Hall of Fame for his military service.]

Although he would later attend Utah State University, majoring in business and political science, Reid had one of his earliest political experiences at the University of Nevada, Reno. He came to the University in 1956 at the end of his junior year at Basic High School in Henderson as a delegate to Boys' State, a hands-on program that teaches young men about city, county and state government.

"It was so much fun because we were based on the campus," he recalls. "I'd never traveled much before that. The thing I remember most is the water running around the campus. For young men from southern Nevada, water wasn't something we dealt with very much. I had a wonderful time there at Boys' State and made friends for life. It's a great program."



MAKING FRIENDS AND INFLUENCING PEOPLE

Reid's brother, Donald, attended the University's Mackay School of Mines and was president of a fraternity.

"He served there with many fine people, including Joe Dini," Reid says. "They are longtime friends, so when I went to the legislature, Joe Dini looked me up because he had lived with my brother. Since that time, I've gotten to know UNR quite well. I've been through three presidents."

Former Senator Richard Bryan ('59, Prelaw) entered the Nevada legislature in 1969, the same year as Reid. The two men — then nicknamed "The Gold Dust Twins" because of their blond hair — have remained close friends. Bryan says

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Photo by John Wheeler



Although their political philosophies differ greatly, Nevada's Republican Sen. John Ensign (left) and Democratic Sen. Harry Reid are friends who put Nevada's interests first.

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Reid has been “a key player for us” on the Senate Appropriations Committee.

“He has used his seniority effectively to be helpful to the University of Nevada. It has been a longtime commitment. He’s a strong believer in higher education.”

Reid says the University is “doing a pretty good job” of increasing its reputation as a major research institution.

“We have our medical school there, we have the biology department, the biodiversity program, the earthquake center,” he says. “We have very fine science and engineering departments, nanotechnology — which is really cutting edge.”

However, there is one area to which Reid would like to see all Nevada’s higher education institutions devote more attention: water.

“Nevada should be more of a leader in water research,” he says. “I have tried to get that going but it has just never worked out as well as I would like. Water is an issue that I think needs to be focused on because Nevada is an arid state and water will always be a problem for us in the north and in the south.”

EARTHQUAKES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Reid has obtained tens of millions of dollars for programs at the University during the two decades-plus he’s been in Congress. There’s almost no department that hasn’t benefited from his efforts, as College of Engineering Dean Ted Batchman illustrates.

“He’s been a big supporter and without him we would not have nearly the laboratory capabilities we have,” Batchman says. “We would not be recognized in our research areas the way we are nationally because we have been able to accomplish a lot with the support that has come through Sen. Reid’s office.”

Reid has high praise for the earthquake research program, which he cites as one of his two “favorite” programs at the University. He obtained secure major funding for the “shake-table” testing facility that realistically simulates earthquakes in order to test the stability of structures such as buildings and bridges.

“The shake tables are important for the



Reid, known for his dry sense of humor, has a portrait of Mark Twain next to his desk in the Senate minority leader's office.

world,” he says. “There are people coming from countries around the world taking a look at our shake tables. We’re going to get better there. We are developing more expertise.”

Reid’s “number one favorite” University program for which he has obtained funding is the Nevada Biodiversity Initiative.

“It’s really one of the true science programs we have in the country,” he says. “Originally, it was a joint effort between UNR and Stanford, but UNR recruited Dennis Murphy from Stanford. Nevada faculty member [Peter] Brussard and Murphy are the ones who’ve made that program so successful. The Nevada Biodiversity Initiative — I really like that program a lot.”

TEAM PLAYER

Now that Reid has national leadership responsibilities for the Democratic Party, some wonder if he’ll find it more difficult to devote as much time to Nevada’s issues — particularly garnering money for the state. He says the opposite is true.

“No, I think it makes it easier,” he says immediately. “People listen to me more than they used to.”

Although Reid’s delivery is low-key, he nevertheless commands attention and respect — even from Republicans, with whom he has often worked to craft compromise. Nowhere can that be seen more openly than his relationship with Nevada’s Republican Sen. John Ensign. Each week, Reid and Ensign, once heated rivals in a closely fought race, jointly hold a breakfast for Nevadans visiting Washington.

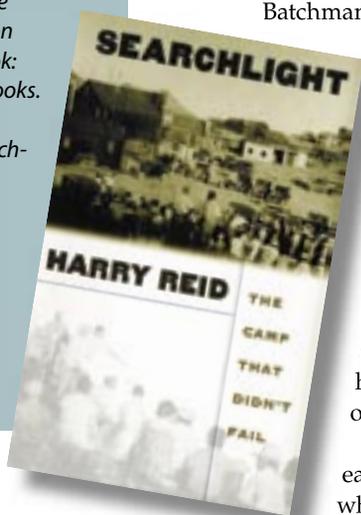
“Senator Ensign and I have become very close friends,” Reid says. “And this is not just for show,



Searchlight: The Camp That Didn't Fail

The University of Nevada Press in 1998 published Sen. Harry Reid’s history of his hometown — the tiny mining town of Searchlight, Nev. While the book is a history, not a memoir, the forward by former Nevada Governor Mike O’Callaghan includes background and interesting anecdotes about Reid.

For more information on the book: www.nvbooks.nevada.edu/s/searchlight.html, or call the University of Nevada Press at (877) 682-6657 (toll-free).



it's the truth. We work together. You would be surprised. The vast majority of votes we make back here have nothing to do with party politics. Senator Ensign and I never criticize each other — publicly or privately. That's the deal we have."

Ensign agrees, pointing to examples where the two men have worked as a team to fight legislation that would have been damaging to the state.

"We have different political philosophies — he's wrong a lot," he says, glancing at Reid with tongue in cheek "But there are ways to work together for the greater good."

So, how does Reid decide which higher education programs merit going to bat for?

"Well, some things I like better than others, he says. "And, on occasions, it's the advocacy of the university. Some of the professors work very hard in advocating their programs. Each year I'm here it gets a little easier, but, you know, we have a certain amount of money and I try to be as fair as I can to the university system."

While Reid has assumed a national prominence rarely achieved by politicians from Nevada, it's notable that press releases issued by the Senate Democratic Communications Center bear two images in the letterhead — one, the U.S. Capitol; the other, the seal of Nevada, with the prominent motto, "Battle Born."

Bryan appreciates the symbolism.

"I think it may have a dual meaning," he says. "He comes from a very modest family background and is really the epitome of the self-made man. Having ascended to the leadership of the Democratic Party — that's been a battle for him. You may not agree with Senator Reid's political philosophy, but it's pretty hard to argue against his life story." **N**

LANDA LANDS PLUM INTERNSHIP

University of Nevada, Reno junior Lauren Landa is currently serving a summer internship in Sen. Reid's office. The 20-year-old double major in journalism and political science from Elko, Nev., showed initiative in obtaining the internship.

"I applied online on the senator's Web site," she says. "I've always been really interested in politics and I'm trying to decide if that's what I want to for a career. That's part of the reason why I wanted to come out here — to see if I'd really want to live and work in the capital."



Photo by Jean Dixon



Sen. Reid visits with President Lilley before the dedication of the Harry Reid Engineering Laboratory in August 2003.

REID'S TWO "FAVORITE" PROGRAMS

1. NEVADA BIODIVERSITY INITIATIVE

The Nevada Biodiversity Initiative, established in 1993, is a consortium of organizations working to conserve the state's diverse biological resources while simultaneously providing for societal needs. At the University of Nevada, Reno, the Biological Resources Research Center works to develop and refine baseline biological data. Resource management agencies, such as the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, use the data to develop good management practices.

"Senator Reid saw good science as the path to reduce conflicts between human activities on Nevada's landscape and the protection of the state's natural heritage," says Initiative director Dennis Murphy.

"The senator has provided continuous funding — sometimes through some pretty difficult economic times," adds Peter Brussard, biology professor and director of the ecology, evolution, and conservation biology program.

Brussard says the University has received nearly \$1 million a year since the program started.

"I think it's important to mention the educational component," Brussard says. "A large number of Ph.D., master's and undergraduate students have been supported by these funds."

For more information: <http://biodiversity/nbi>.

2. CENTER FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING EARTHQUAKE RESEARCH

The facility, equipped with three shake-tables, is able to simulate the impact of earthquakes on specific structures, such as bridges. Recently, the lab, part of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, was the first in the world to shake to failure a 70-foot, 135-ton model of a concrete bridge.

"It's very difficult to start an expensive program like this, but with Senator Reid's continuing support, we've been able to build a world-class laboratory and a world-class facility," says Ian Buckle, director of the University's Center for Civil Engineering Earthquake Research.

The University's lab is "at the frontier of bridge earthquake engineering," Buckle says. No other facility in the country — including all universities and national laboratories — has three, high-performance shake-tables.

"This is unique, in the true meaning of the word," Buckle says.

For more information: <http://bric.ce.unr.edu/cceer.html>.

CHRONICLING THE CHACHAPOYA

Sean Savoy explores the mysteries of the Andes

By John Wheeler

The adventures of Sean Savoy (foreign languages, '01) take place in a land far away — the mountainous jungles of the Peruvian Andes. Son of famed explorer Gene Savoy, Sean is carrying on his father's legacy: chronicling a once-forgotten civilization known as the Chachapoya.

"They had cities, large cities with roads and buildings and aqueducts, burial ceremonies and all these things that we associate with an advanced civilization," says Savoy, who was featured

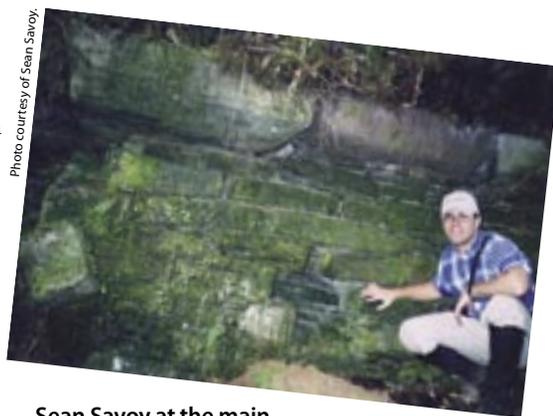
as one of "the new breed of explorers" in the May issue of *Men's Journal*. "People think of Peru and the Incas, but there is a multitude of civilizations that existed prior to them."

Last year, Savoy led an expedition to the ruins of Gran Saposoa, a site he believes was a jungle metropolis that covers more than 25 square miles. It's tough work trudging through a humid jungle at lung-busting altitude. But, it can get even tougher. Savoy, who has now been on 10 expeditions to Peru, recalls his first experience in the jungle.

"We were almost lynched by an angry mob," he says. "That was the first day of my first expedition. We had to go to a kangaroo court and say we'd never come back to that particular village."

Throw in poisonous snakes and avalanches, and one might wonder why Savoy chooses to engage in such risky pursuits when he could stay home in Reno and explore the ski resorts of the Sierra.

"I felt not only an obligation to my father to carry on his work, but also that it's in my blood," says Savoy, who has a Peruvian mother (Sylvia Ontaneda-Bernales, '93 Journalism, '97 M.A. Journalism). "There's a great discipline and great specialty that comes with true explo-



Sean Savoy at the main plaza of a citadel called, "Las Cruces" (The Crosses), which is a part of the Gran Saposoa city complex ruins in northeastern Peru, east of the Andes. Savoy theorizes the complex is one of the great lost cities of the pre-Inca Chachapoya civilization that inhabited the cloud forests of Peru.

ration. You don't get a degree for it, but it's an art and a discipline in itself."

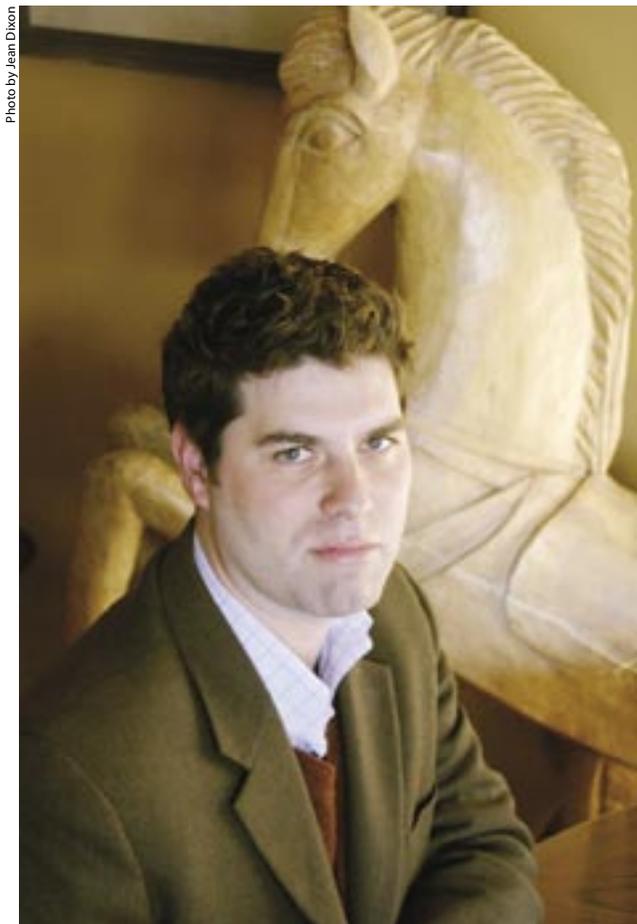
Having a clear idea of what he wanted to do with his life guided Savoy through his college years. He purposely took courses that would build skills for his chosen career.

"I took Spanish conversation, Spanish literature, Web design, physics — a little bit to get more background," he says. "All the journalism stuff — the writing, the editing — helps. I deal a lot with the press, with literary agents. I would like to be able to translate my father's books into Spanish and eventually write my own. All the skills I learned at the University help me."

Savoy will soon return to the Andean jungle for a new expedition, hoping to uncover more Chachapoyan ruins.

"Don't settle for mediocrity, that's my theme," he says. "Go for the best, not because you want to be better than other people, but because it fulfills you more."

For more information about Savoy and some of the various organizations he's involved in, visit: www.aefosc.org; www.youngexplorers.org; www.foundationorchestra.org.



The 32-year-old explorer graduated *summa cum laude* with a major in Spanish and a minor in journalism.

Barbara Thornton

THINK FIRST!

By Melanie Robbins

Barbara Thornton wants to get people thinking. Preferably, before laws are passed.

The pioneering bioethicist and School of Public Health professor emeritus, recently honored with the University's Distinguished Faculty Award, speaks calmly and with conviction borne out of a 30-year career emphasizing ethics and health policy.

"We need to reflect together before issues become radicalized," she says, using the example of the recent Terri Schiavo case, which dominated the news and led to a congressional vote to send the case to a federal court.

"The Schiavo case involved the issue of sanctity of life vs. the quality of life," she explains. "Do we keep people alive at all costs or are there circumstances under which it's OK to let a person die naturally?"

Although the Schiavo case was resolved in the courts, Thornton laments that ethical issues were not discussed first and foremost or, largely, at all.

"What shocked me most was when Congress decided to vote on the case and there was no significant discussion. They could have called medical experts and ethical experts, but they didn't," she says.

While it appeared to the outside world that a discussion of ethics was going on, the discussion, in fact, was limited mostly to issues of law, she says.

"The difference between ethics and law is tremendous. People mix it up all the time. We think that what is legal is ethical, but often what is ethical can't be translated into law."

At the University's Nevada Center for Ethics and Health Policy, of which Thornton was a founder, end-of-life issues have been a focus since a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant earmarked money for it.

Under the direction of Noel Tiano, the center has developed an advanced-care directive for Nevadans that is "said to be one of the best in the nation," according to Thornton. Indeed, the directive, which can be downloaded from the Web, asks plain questions and offers check-off options that run the gamut of possible end-of-life

scenarios. If Terri Schiavo had had an advanced-care directive, there would have been no dispute over her wishes.

The point of having dialog about ethical issues is not that it sways people toward one point of view or another, but that it helps people understand other points of view.

"Some people change their minds and some people just understand better why they make the decisions they do," Thornton says.

A University of Nevada alumna herself, Barbara Thornton and her husband, Bill, created the Thornton Peace Prize, awarded annually on campus.

Photo by Jean Dixon



Thornton believes the University's role should be to promote thinking.

"Everyone is so busy, they don't have time to stop and think," she says. "If we're going to have a good world or a good state, we need to think about the issues. There's always another paper-work project to take care of and very little time is set aside for thinking and nourishing ideas."

While planning is healthy, she says it's important "to do the thinking that is necessary to implement the plan. Change is very healthy, but it needs to be careful change and not constant change."

Center's programs promote court-media synergy

By Soumitro Sen

Over the past decade, media interest in gavel-to-gavel coverage of court cases has intensified, raising new questions and concerns for those involved. In response, the National Judicial College and the Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism have blended their expertise in journalism and the judiciary to create the Donald W. Reynolds National Center for Courts and the Media, an institute that promotes synergy between judges, court staff and the media through courses and conferences.

"The president of the National Judicial College and the dean of the School of Journalism oversee the program," said Cole Campbell, journalism dean. "The Judicial College is the lead institution

Reynolds Foundation and arranged by the Judicial College and School of Journalism to assess issues concerning the role and relationship of the media and the judiciary.

"It was a summit of all the high-profile cases that had happened in that time frame," said Gary Hengstler, director of the Donald W. Reynolds National Center for Courts and the Media and journalism faculty member. "We talked about access, about cameras in the courtroom, all of the things that concern the courts and the media."

Participants in the 1996 conference included lawyers from the O.J. Simpson trial, judges of the Mike Tyson rape case and the Susan Smith homicide case and prominent journalists from across the country.

The Donald W. Reynolds National Center for the Courts and the Media began operations in 2000 and now offers three courses every spring and fall semester: First Amendment and Media Issues, a three-day course for judges; Basic Skills for Disseminating Court Public Information, a three-day course for court personnel; and Basic Legal Affairs Reporting, a two-day course for journalists. The center also arranges conferences and workshops all over the country for judges and journalists.

The First Amendment and Media Issues course, held in May, was covered by CNN, which profiled one of the participating judges during his three days on campus.

"It's a bit awkward being filmed," said Ronald Bush, a judge from Pocatello, Idaho. "That's new to me, being interviewed in this context. I found them (CNN) very gracious and easy to work with. They haven't been obtrusive in any way. I am delighted that they have taken interest in the National Center for the Courts and the Media because this class is a valuable class for judges."

From the perspective of the University, the center helps bring important people from around the nation to the campus.

"The center brings greater visibility to the school," Campbell said. "It gives us access to people from around the country. By bringing important journalists and judges to campus, it gives us the opportunity to introduce our journalism students to them. So, it is an enrichment opportunity."

It was the real deal when CNN profiled the Donald W. Reynolds National Center for Courts and the Media and judge Ronald Bush, at left. Bottom: Mock interviews are also part of the program.



Photos by Heather Singer



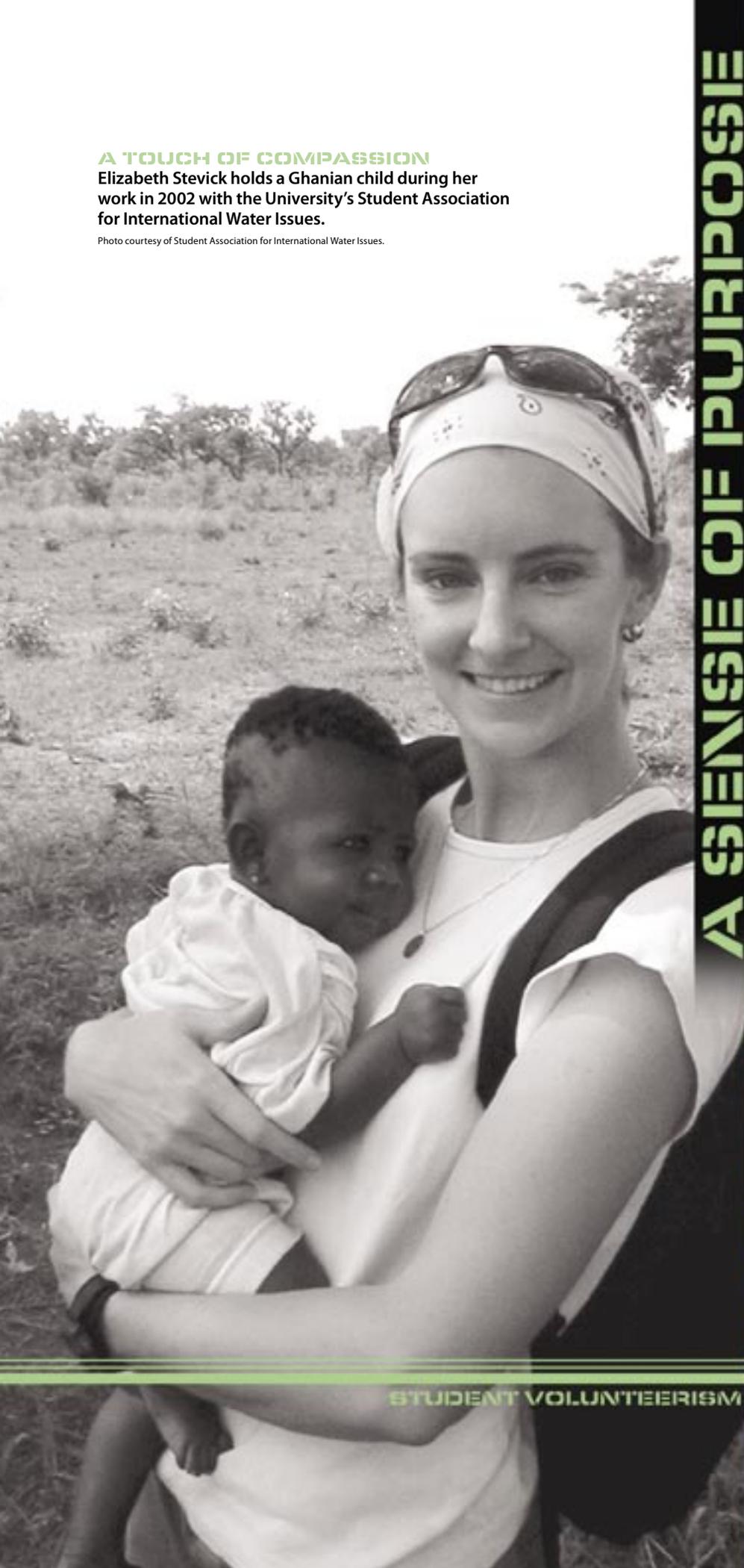
and employs the center's director. The School of Journalism is, in essence, in a consulting relationship, helping them think about the programs and identify faculty members."

The idea of having a center to improve the relationship between law-practitioners and the media germinated after a conference held in 1996 at the National Judicial College. The conference was funded by the Donald W.

A TOUCH OF COMPASSION

Elizabeth Stevick holds a Ghanaian child during her work in 2002 with the University's Student Association for International Water Issues.

Photo courtesy of Student Association for International Water Issues.



A SENSE OF PURPOSE

**ACROSS CAMPUS,
STUDENTS ARE
REACHING OUT
IN THE COMMUNITY
AND THE WORLD
TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE.**

STUDENT VOLUNTEERISM

Stories by Pat McDonnell & Soumitro Sen

Among the enduring qualities of life at the University of Nevada, Reno is a sense of mission and a desire for service that develops in individual students.

There is no hard-and-fast way to know just how many students are involved. It is, however, obvious that volunteer work and community service are becoming increasingly popular among students and University graduates. Debby Carlson, education specialist for the University's Career Development office and a leader in the campus' Volunteerism in Progress initiative, says, "All across campus, in clubs and organizations, Greek and residential life, as well as in courses, university students are reaching out more each semester into the community to make a difference."

Carlson says, for some of those who volunteer, it is a quiet statement of purpose, expressed in service that slips beneath the notice of many; for others the service takes more public forms. In both cases, Carlson says, the rewards are personal, but the benefits reach far beyond the individuals involved.

For Elizabeth Stevick, the 2003 graduate, the reward is interaction with people from a different culture. For Katie Gianoli, who has time remaining in her on-campus studies, the reward lies in stepping out of her own reality to see a bigger picture. For Stewart, the reward is a promise of discovery—of the people of sub-Saharan Africa and of himself.

Their ventures beyond themselves are good stories, with great meaning.



BIRTHDAY PARTY
A joint birthday party for 5-year-old Mackenzie Noriega (blowing out candles), a resident of Plantanilla, Panama, and Harmony Farnsworth (to Noriega's left), a Nevada student, was a highlight of the Student Association for International Water Issues' activities in Panama. Serving cake for birthdays is a rarity in Plantanilla, as the village does not yet have electricity.



GETTING STARTED
Elizabeth Stevick tests the alkalinity of water at a new well developed by members of the University's Student Association for International Water Issues with Ghanaian villagers in 2002. Stevick is working in Panama this summer.

Photo courtesy of Student Association for International Water Issues

WORKING FROM THE GROUND UP IN PANAMA

Interaction and lasting memories

Elizabeth Stevick, 27, a 2003 University graduate in hydrogeology and former co-president of the Student Association for International Water Issues, is a Peace Corps volunteer in Panama. She and her husband, Will Sicke, a fellow Nevada graduate and volunteer, are building above-ground latrines and helping impoverished communities find funding for development work.

Stevick says she is more aware of how different life in the United States is after having lived and worked in Panama's Darién Province, but, at the same time, she appreciates the resilience and adaptability of the people in her community.

"I think many people in the States would be shocked to see how we and our neighbors live, but to us, it has become normal and very much livable," Stevick says. "We can be happy without electricity, or even water 24 hours a day in the tap."

She enjoys having a direct impact in helping people.

"The experience of interacting with people from a different culture —sweating, laughing or crying with them — is something that never leaves you or them," she says.

**SERVING DURING SPRING
BREAK IN WASHINGTON D.C.**

*'Stepping out of
your own reality'
into bigger picture*

Ten students volunteered in March at Martha's Table, a 25-year-old charity organization in Washington's Shaw Boulevard district, providing help to low-income and homeless families and individuals. The students in the Alternative Spring Break program made sandwiches and bagged donuts for the needy, handed out food to the homeless, talked and played with children in the day care center, and helped in the organization's thrift store.

One of the participating students, Katie Gianoli, a senior majoring in accounting and finance, says volunteerism is about being selfless and looking for ways to reduce the struggles of people's daily lives.

"Volunteering makes you step out of your own reality and see the bigger picture in humanity," she says. "I am grateful to have a roof

Photo courtesy of Debby Carlson



DOWN TIME

Nevada students and Alternative Spring Break program leader Debby Carlson (back row in glasses) culminated their week of volunteerism with a tour stop in front of the White House in Washington, D.C.

over my head, food in my stomach, money in a bank account and a family that loves me. All of these things are probably more than the people we were helping could say."

Juliet Orzal, director of volunteers at Martha's Table, says she was impressed with the University students' enthusiasm for service, hard work and initiative during their four days of volunteering.

"This group of students was

happy, enthusiastic and performed at a high level," Orzal says. "They had very good leaders."

Carlson, who oversaw Alternative Spring Break program and its participants, knows the students valued their interactions at Martha's Table.

"They said it was gratifying, rewarding, fun and bittersweet," she says. "I think the service experience was very enriching and unforgettable."

JOINING THE PEACE CORPS

Accomplished grad moves far beyond suburbia

Twenty-two-year-old Brandon Stewart was one of hundreds of bachelor's degree candidates who participated in Spring Commencement exercises at the University of Nevada, Reno. The venue of the ceremony, the old Quad—lush with fresh elm and poplar leaves and thick grass—was a sea of smiling faces.

For achievers like Stewart, the day was a culmination of four years of constant success—scholarships, awards, distinctions. It was also a day of contemplation, especially because he had made a tough decision about the next two years of his life.

Stewart will serve with the Peace Corps in sub-Saharan Africa.

"As a kid who grew up in upper-middle class suburbia, I have no idea what it is like to live in a place where the environment is bigger than the people who live in it," Stewart says. "That's part of the reason why I want to do the Peace Corps."

Stewart also wants to serve the country.

"I thought about the military for a while, but I don't think violence is the best way to solve problems," he says. "Peace Corps is the perfect alternative. You get abroad and help others for two years, showing what Americans are really like."

Volunteer work and community service is becoming increasingly popular among students and University graduates. According to Sandi Swiderski, Peace Corps regional recruiter, the University "has a strong showing among volunteers—184 alumni have served in the Peace Corps, and there are currently 14 students in the application and selection process."



THE NEXT STEP

Brandon Stewart receives a handshake, diploma and good wishes from President John Lilley at the 2005 commencement ceremonies.

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July 16–October 2

The juried portion of the exhibit includes pieces from 47 artists working in video, photography and painting as well as printmaking, sculpture, mixed media and ceramics.

Artists juried into the exhibition include several University of Nevada, Reno artists:

DAVID ANDERSON – Former Professor of Art

ERIK BURKE – Alumnus

DEAN BURTON – Professor of Art

BETH COHEN – Alumna

PAUL FORD – Alumnus

PETE FROSLIE – Alumnus

MARY LEE FULKERSON – Alumna

JEFF GRIFFIN – BFA Candidate

DUSTY HARTMAN – Alumnus

JEANNE JO – Alumna

PHILIPPE MAZAUD – Post-Doctoral Student in Mathematics

SARA MCCOY – Art Student

CRAIG MITCHELL – Alumnus

DAVID TORCH – Alumnus

invited artist **REBEKAH BOGARD** – Assistant Professor of Ceramics

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U. & the arts

Reno's Artown bolstered by talent from "The Hill"

By Lucy Walker

Hundreds of people gather in downtown Reno to listen to music, attend an art show or applaud live theater each July.

Long known as a gambling destination, Reno has only recently been recognized for its arts and cultural life. The transition began in 1995 when a small group of business and art executives developed a plan to reinvent the city's image by showcasing the dynamic and diverse performers and artists living in the Reno/Tahoe area.

Artown was born.

More than 30,000 people attended the first Uptown Downtown Artown in 1996. Now, the month-long song, dance, art and theater extravaganza in July attracts more than 140,000 people. The National Endowment for the Arts calls Artown one of the most comprehensive arts festivals in the country.

According to two of Artown's founders, Tim Jones, associate director of the School of the Arts, and Howard Rosenberg, University Art Department faculty and Board of Regents member, the University of Nevada, Reno has been instrumental in this growing interest in and focus on the arts.

"The University's impact on the arts in Reno is tremendous," Jones says. "The emphasis on arts and culture in Reno is one reason a School of the Arts was implemented in January 2004."

Many of the artists and performers changing the city's cultural identity and revitalizing the downtown corridor hail from "The Hill." One of them is dance professor Barbara Land. Besides teaching students and directing the University's dance program, she is choreographer for the Nevada Opera and creative force behind the University's popular spring dance concert, which showcases the talents of students and faculty while introducing nationally known dance

Photo by Jean Dixon



James Winn, John Lenz and Phillip Ruder are University musicians with prominent roles in Reno's arts and cultural life.

companies to local audiences.

During its three-day Reno stay in early May, members of the Martha Graham Ensemble offered free outreach performances at the Marvin Picollo School for children with disabilities and for as many as 5,000 northern Nevada school children. The ensemble also conducted a master class at the University.

Phillip Ruder, director of orchestral career studies at Nevada, notes the music department supplies the Reno Philharmonic Orchestra, Reno Chamber Orchestra and the Nevada Opera Orchestra with many of their principal musicians. Some faculty, like Andrea Lenz on oboe, John Lenz on horn and Mary Miller on flute, play in all three of the orchestras. In addition, many of the University's students fill the subordinate positions.

Michael Fernbach, technical director for Artown and theater design and technology specialist for the University's theater department, believes the growing arts scene helps not only tourism, but also the business community.

"Businesses looking to relocate are swayed by the number of cultural activities available. There is always something to do, see or hear," he says. "The arts are just one more benefit of doing business in the state."



Laurie Anderson explored contemporary American culture in her Nevada debut of "The End of the Moon."

Photo by Matt Thielen

Art & audiences

Ever wonder what inspires an artist, poet or musician?

In a year-long project titled The Work of Art, the creative process was explored through a series of events and dialogs. Conceived by the Wiegand Foundation and the School of the Arts, the community was invited not only to attend a performance but also to examine the imagination, inspiration, discipline and craft required to create a work of art.

Among the visiting performers were Billy Collins, former U.S. poet laureate; Laurie Anderson, performance artist and NASA's first artist-in-residence; The Western Wind, a capella ensemble; musician Don Byron and the Martha Graham Dance Ensemble.

"We wanted to develop a project that symbolized a recurring theme in Mr. Wiegand's life: his belief in the work ethic," said Kristen Avansino, president and executive director of the E.L. Wiegand Foundation.

"The behind-the-scenes look at the creative process, as well as the finished product, should be fascinating."

The \$178,615 gift funded performances, a photo exhibit, audience/artist panel discussions, collaborative ventures between departments and a companion book being published by the University's Black Rock Press.

The E.L.Wiegand Foundation supports programs and projects of exemplary organizations in the fields of education, health and medical research, public affairs, civic and community affairs, and arts and cultural affairs. This is the third grant the University has received from the Reno-based foundation.

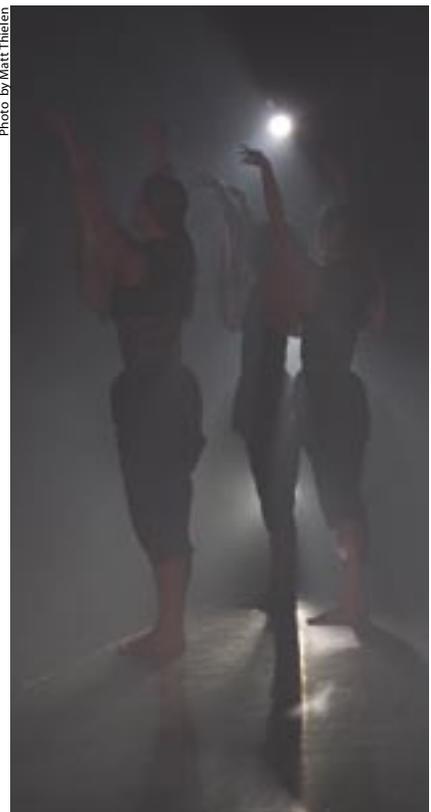
For more information visit: www.unr.edu/arts, click on The Work of Art project.

Photo by Jean Dixon



Former poet laureate Billy Collins conducts an evening poetry reading and discussion with University students.

Photo by Matt Thielen



Martha Graham Dance Ensemble



BUILDING SUPPORT

Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center reaches fund-raising goal with foundation support

When long-time arts champion Carol Franc Buck, of the Carol Franc Buck Foundation, was presented with plans for the new Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, she was understandably excited. The Knowledge Center promises to bring technological and library resources together in one state-of-the-art facility. However, it was the sculpture courtyard — which will provide a visual transition between the new campus green and the Knowledge Center — that caught Buck's eye and won the support of foundation trustees.

In late May, the Carol Franc Buck Foundation pledged \$1 million, a generous gift that pushed the university beyond its \$22 million private-sector fund-raising goal more than a month ahead of schedule.

The Carol Franc Buck Foundation is one of many foundations providing much-appreciated and needed support for the Mathewson-IGT

Knowledge Center, scheduled for groundbreaking in September.

"The support this project has received from local foundations has been incredible," said John Carothers, executive director of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation. "I am so pleased that these organizations agreed with the importance of the Knowledge Center

to our university and our community."

For trustees of the Marshall R. Matley Foundation, named for the pioneering Matley family of Reno, it was specific features of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center that gained their interest. The proposed service center and multimedia desk will provide all students — including special-needs students, faculty and visitors — with assistance through specially trained staff members, voice-activated reading software and a variety of tools to aid the learning disabled. The Matley Foundation approved a \$500,000 gift to the project, the foundation's first gift to the University.

"[This] donation will advance the primary objective of the Matley Foundation of providing education and assistance to mentally handicapped children and adults," said Ernest J. Maupin, a trustee of the Marshall R. Matley Foundation. "The project is one for which Mr. Matley would have been



proud to provide his financial support.”

The Smallwood Foundation, established through the trust of William P. and Frances C. Smallwood, has provided assistance for medical research, education, the arts and human services for nearly 40 years. The Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center gained quick interest and a gift of \$100,000 from the foundation.

Suzy Stockdale, trustee chairman and niece of the Smallwoods, said, “The Smallwood Foundation is proud to be a part of the initial effort to fund the magnificent Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center. We hope to continue our partnership with the Center and University throughout the years.”

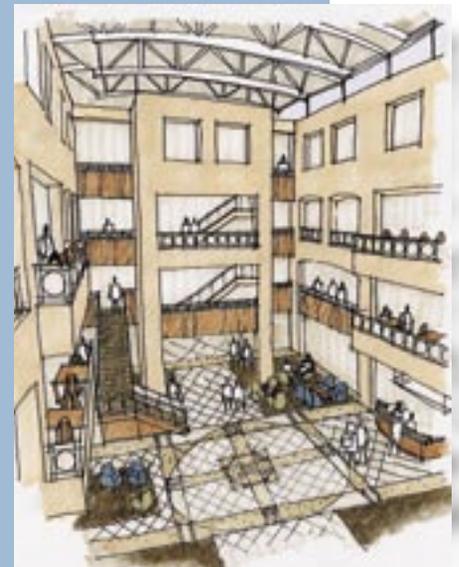
“We are indebted to these foundations, both local and national, that have contributed to the success of the Knowledge Center Campaign,” said University of Nevada, Reno President John Lilley. “Their support, along with the assistance we’ve received from many other individuals, organizations and state and student funds, has made the dream of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center a reality. I couldn’t be more excited about where our university is heading.”

Foundations at a Glance

Whether established as a non-profit corporation or a charitable trust, a foundation’s purpose is most often to make grants to unrelated organizations, institutions or individuals for scientific, educational, cultural, religious or other charitable purposes.

The following foundations have generously contributed major gifts to the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center:

- Carol Franc Buck Foundation** \$1 million
- Bretzlaff Foundation** \$100,000
- E.L. Cord Foundation** \$750,000
- Gannett Foundation** \$20,000
- Clark J. Guild Jr. Family Foundation** \$100,000
- Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation** \$100,000
- Conrad N. Hilton Foundation** \$1 million
- Robert S. & Dorothy J. Keyser Foundation** \$100,000
- Mallory Foundation** \$100,000
- Marshall R. Matley Foundation** \$500,000
- SBC Foundation** \$100,000
- Sierra Pacific Resources Foundation** \$200,000
- Frances C. & William P. Smallwood Foundation** \$100,000
- Wells Fargo Foundation** \$1 million
- Whittemore Family Foundation** \$1 million



'Living memorial' enhances Orvis School program

By Pat McDonnell

Dr. Robert Myles and his wife, Jean, have recently contributed a significant sum of appreciated stock to the University's Orvis School of Nursing Major Gifts Program, an initiative seeking to raise \$1 million in the next year.

Their gift follows the 2003 Nevada State Legislature and System of Higher Education's plan to double enrollment at Nevada's seven nursing programs, including Orvis, the first nursing school in Nevada. The plan will increase the state's ratio of 520 registered nurses per 100,000 population, nearing the national average of 782 per 100,000.

"This is an excellent program," says Jean Myles, who became acquainted with medicine during WWII. During the wartime shortage of nurses, Jean was among the many teenagers recruited to work in hospitals as nurses' aides. She met her future husband at Palo Alto Hospital, and worked as a histology technician while Myles completed his medical and residency training at Stanford, McGill and Duke University hospitals. In 1958 the family moved to Reno, where Robert Myles opened his practice in internal medicine.

"Our gift will create a living memorial, an endowment that will ensure that scholarships for nurses at Orvis will continue in perpetuity," Jean Myles says. "The Myles scholarships are open to students from Nevada and the adjacent California counties, especially

to re-entry and Native American students."

Jean Myles, past member of the College of Arts and Science Advisory Board, a 1996 University President's Medalist and an active member of "Doctors' Wives of Washoe County," and Robert Myles, a pioneer in internal medicine in Washoe County's medical

community, have advanced educational and community service projects since their arrival in Reno. He taught at Orvis and the Nevada School of Medicine, and his office employed Nevada's first nurse practitioner. At his retirement in 1990, the University Foundation established an endowed scholarship

for nurse practitioners at the school. The family has also endowed scholarships at the University's Reynolds School of Journalism, the Black Rock Press, Truckee Meadows Community College and Washoe Medical Foundation.

The Orvis Major Gifts Program has three goals: \$500,000 for student scholarships, \$300,000 for a nursing skills lab at the collaborative University of Nevada, Reno-TMCC Redfield Campus and \$200,000 for the Orvis Nursing Clinic, the state's only nurse-managed primary-care clinic for disadvantaged and at-risk individuals.

As Jean Myles notes, "The goal is to make scholarships accessible to nursing students in the nation's fastest-growing state. However, advanced education and research is vitally important. We hope that some of the nursing students will use their education to become nurse practitioners and nurse educators."

To support the gifts program, call Shari Netzel at (775) 784-6977.



Dr. Robert and Jean Myles

Parents Fund

The Parents Fund is a very special part of the Annual Giving Campaign and receives support from parents of both alumni and current students. During its initial year in 2004, the Parents Fund received gifts from nearly 300 supporters.

The Parents Fund generates money to improve the general educational experience and quality of life for the student body. Future projects for the Parents Fund might include equipment or the creation of student areas on campus.

Gifts from parents are an important vote of confidence in the quality of a University of Nevada, Reno education. "We are tremendously appreciative of the parents and friends who have chosen to support the students of the university in this important and meaningful way," says Shannon Ellis, vice president for student services. "Parents already do so much that their generosity to this fund is heartening."

For more information, contact the Annual Giving Department at 775-784-6622 or giving@unr.edu.

Global view

Thomas Friedman is known for his straight talk about tough times and global developments. The three-time Pulitzer Prize winner, columnist for *The New York Times* and best-selling author, will be the 2005 University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Banquet Speaker, presented by the Whittemore Family Foundation on Sept. 16.

Friedman's book *The World is Flat* has been on top of *The Times'* best-seller list. Friedman explains, "What I mean when I say that the world is flat is that a whole set of technologies and political events converged—including the fall of the Berlin Wall, the rise of the Internet, the diffusion of the Windows operating system, the creation of a global fiber-optic network and the creation of interoperable software applications, which made it very easy for people all over the world to work together. That leveled the playing field."

To learn more, contact University Events at 775-784-4831 or events@unr.edu.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

New approaches aimed to better serve alumni

Dear Nevada Alumni and Friends,

Although campus may seem quiet this time of year, the Nevada Alumni Association is staying busy with many chapter events throughout the summer, including an Emeriti Faculty reception, Pack Picnics on the Quad, chapter events and three KUNR Jazz Brunches sponsored by the Association at the Nevada Museum of Art. We invite you, your family and friends to take part in all of our upcoming activities. For a complete listing of events, please visit our Web site at www.unr.edu/alumni.



Not only is summer a busy time of year but this past spring also had many exciting activities in conjunction with Commencement. My last letter touched on the four priorities of the Nevada Alumni Association and student outreach has been a major focus the last several months. If we are going to be an effective organization when students graduate, the Association needs to reach out to our future alumni and engage them while they are on campus.

There are several ways we are striving to accomplish this goal. First, the Alumni Association has a new presence on campus with 20 pole banners hung around the Quad and the Student Services Building. The banners promote our organization as well as upcoming events.

When planning activities for students, such as Graduation Celebration, the Association works with student leaders and Flipside Productions, Nevada's student programming board, to create events the student body will enjoy.

Finally, we are looking for alumni to host a Dinner with a Pack of Wolves event for junior and senior students with the same major. The program connects students with alumni and community leaders in their field of study. This is an excellent way for alumni to give back and help students meet potential employers or possible mentors prior to graduation.

If you are interested in assisting with student outreach programs or participating in any of the events I have mentioned, please call the Nevada Alumni Association at (775) 784-6620 or toll free at (888) NV-ALUMS.

Sincerely,

Amy J. Carothers '01
 Director of Alumni Relations



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Coming soon

The Nevada Alumni Association announces its newly redesigned Web site at www.unr.edu/alumni coming in August 2005. It will be more interactive with up-to-date information on chapters, events and programs.

FROM THE NEVADA ALUMNI COUNCIL PRESIDENT

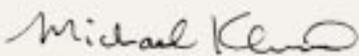
Dear Nevada Alumni,
 As Amy mentioned in her letter, the Alumni Association has many exciting activities happening this summer and fall. One series of events I would like to highlight are the Pack Picnics on the Quad. If you have not yet attended one of these, now is the perfect time to start. For five weeks beginning July 6 there will be a picnic each Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. Bring your dinner and folding chairs, and enjoy live music, free snacks and activities for the kids. My family and I hope to see you on campus for these wonderful evening events.

I would also like to invite all our alumni back to the University for Homecoming 2005. This is a special time of year when our alumni are welcomed home to their alma mater. Activities begin Tuesday, Oct. 4, and conclude Saturday, Oct. 8. For a complete schedule of events, please visit our Web site at www.unr.edu/alumni.

Finally, I would like to welcome the May 2005 graduates into our family. They join a very prestigious group of Nevada alumni who carry with them wonderful memories and hold a special place in their hearts for this great University no matter how near or far they are from campus.

If you are a recent graduate and live in northern Nevada, I encourage you to get involved with the Young Alumni Chapter. This group is one of our most active chapters and can help keep you connected to the University. There are also many other college and regional chapters available for all alumni to participate in, depending on your interests. For more information, please visit our Web site or call the Nevada Alumni Association at (775) 784-6620 or (888) NV-ALUMS.

Sincerely,



Mike Klaich '82
President, Nevada Alumni Council



WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER
March Madness in D.C.! *Top:* Alumnus Greg Stanford ('98 Political Science) says it all. *Right:* Alumnus Clint Crookshanks ('93 Mechanical Engineering) sports his finest Pack clothing.

University Club

Larry Kirk • landvk2@sbcglobal.net

The University Club has had a busy year, with monthly luncheon and dinner meetings, speakers, trips and mystery dinners. We are a unique group within the alumni organization: you do not have to be an alumnus to join. Membership consists of alumni, retired staff and faculty and friends of the university. A large portion of our membership consists of retired Washoe County School District staff and faculty.

In addition to the fellowship, our main objective is providing scholarships for students at the University. Last year, three \$500 scholarships were awarded.

Officers are President Larry Kirk, Vice President Pera Daniels, Secretary Margo Daniels, Treasurer Sue McDowell, Reservations Elaine Moser and mem-

bers-at-large Joanne Botsford, Jim Dunseath, Dorothy Good, Jack Goetz, Al Harman, Neil D. Humphrey, Jerrie Marson, Mercedes Parsons and Fritz Ryser.

Washington, D.C., Chapter

Ronda Brown • crashrb@alumni.gwu.edu

In March, area alumni gathered twice at the Crystal City Sports Pub, a.k.a. "Lawlor East," to cheer the men's basketball team as it advanced to the second round of the NCAA basketball tournament. While the loss to top-ranked Illinois was a disappointment, the Pack pride of gathered alumni was evident to all, especially the Illinois fans.

The chapter will be having its fifth annual baseball outing at RFK stadium, Saturday, Sept. 10, at 1:20 p.m. when the Washington Nationals play the Atlanta Braves. Tickets are limited, but

may be reserved by calling the Nevada Alumni Association at (888) NV ALUMS.

In late October, the Washington, D.C., chapter will co-host, with the Nevada State Society, a Nevada Day reception. Details will be announced in September. To volunteer on the planning committee, please call Ronda Brown at (703) 979-1006.

International Chapter

Susan Bender • bender@unr.edu

The International Alumni Chapter, Office of International Students and Scholars and Nevada Alumni Association hosted a special reception for graduating international students and departing international scholars on May 11. Remarks were made by University Vice Provost William Cathey, Alumni Association Vice President for Finance Joel Cryer, International Alumni

Chapter President Mui Ngu and Director of the Office of International Students and Scholars Susan Bender.

One hundred and twenty-three international students from 31 countries are expected to graduate in spring and summer 2005, and 18 percent of all Ph.D. graduates are international students. The International Alumni Chapter plans to organize a summer social event this August.

CABNR Update

Jason Geddes • jgeddes@unr.edu

In April, at our annual meeting, we recognized two members of Nevada's agricultural community, John McLain of Carson City's Resource Concepts, Inc. and former dean of the College Dale Bohmont.

The Friends of the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology



INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER
A few of the 2005 international graduates pose at reception hosted by the International Alumni Chapter, Office of International Students and Scholars, and Nevada Alumni Association on May 11. *First row:* Vincentia Owusu-Amankonah, Esther Amankonah, Ziqian Wang (child), Min Li (mother). *Second Row:* Reika Fujimoto, Pinar Cobanoglu, Fay Beebee, Frank Amankonah, Thorunn Snorradottir, Mui P. Ngu. *Third row:* Jaspreet Kaur, Haiwen Yang, Jan Carstens, Carsten Schubert, Lutz Hofmann, Susan Bender, Zaneta Janiczak.



GOLDEN REUNION
From left: Clair Earl, '55 Chemistry, shows Annette Mohr, '56 Home Economics, and Hans Mohr, '55 Electrical Engineering, a picture of his family at the Class of 1955's Golden Reunion in May.



CABNR CHAPTER
John McLain, CABNR's "Outstanding Agriculturalist," accepts his award from Jason Geddes, '90 Biochemistry, '95 Environmental Health & Safety.

and Natural Resources honored McLain as Nevada's "Outstanding Agriculturalist." Bohmont was honored with a "Lifetime Achievement" award for his long-term commitment to Nevada agriculture. Bohmont served as dean of the College of Agriculture for nearly 20 years, coming to Nevada in 1963.

New board members were formally welcomed, with Jason Geddes as president. Tom Cates, Darlene Dougherty and Gail Kosach were also sworn in.

In May, we held a baseball tailgate with the Fallon Alumni Chapter. A July 13 barbecue featured Wolf Pack Meats, from the University's meat-processing facility.

Please consider becoming a member of this very productive

chapter, which welcomes the college's alumni, friends and supporters as members.

Alumni Band Chapter

Kiara Wolf • kiara_j@hotmail.com
Dawn Miller • demiller@washoe.k12.nv.us

The John Montgomery Memorial Scholarship has reached endowment level. This is thanks to donations from band alumni and the tireless efforts of many people, especially Tracy Ruben Darue and Ross Waltz. Ross will be helping set up the guidelines for awarding this scholarship.

The Alumni Band is looking forward to participating in Homecoming 2005. This will be our ninth year. Each year there are new faces and new spaces. We hope to move our tailgate party,

which benefits the scholarship, into the main tailgating area this year. Playing for the parade from the sidewalk worked out so well last year that we plan to do this again this year. As always, our biggest challenge is staying in touch with members. Please join us this year.

If you would like more information on the alumni band, would like to be registered as an alumni band member, would like to receive the alumni band e-newsletter or need to update your information, you can contact either Kiara Wolf, (702) 399-4140, kiara_j@hotmail.com or Amy Carothers, University of Nevada, Reno Alumni Association at (888) NV-ALUMS or e-mail at acarothers@unr.edu.

ATTEND AN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EVENT!

JULY

- 17** KUNR Jazz Brunch Sponsored by the Nevada Alumni Association • 11 a.m. — Nevada Museum of Art
- 20** Pack Picnic on the Quad • 6 p.m. — University of Nevada Quad
- 23** Nevada Alumni Council Meeting • 9 a.m. — Engineering Lab Center
- 24** Fallon Alumni Chapter Mystery Bus Dinner • 3:45 p.m., \$50 per person — Round Table Pizza, Raley's Shopping Center
- 27** Pack Picnic on the Quad • 6 p.m. — University of Nevada Quad

AUGUST

- 3** Pack Picnic on the Quad • 6 p.m. — University of Nevada Quad
- 4** Wolf Pack Athletics comes to Las Vegas • 6:30 p.m. — Bahama Breeze
- 21** KUNR Jazz Brunch Sponsored by the Nevada Alumni Association • 11 a.m. — Nevada Museum of Art

SEPTEMBER

- 9** Nevada Alumni Association and AAUN Tailgate Party • 5 p.m. — Lombardi Grass Area
- Nevada Football vs. Washington State University • 7 p.m. — Mackay Stadium
- 10** Washington, D.C., Alumni Chapter Nationals Baseball Game and Tailgate Party • 1:30 p.m. — RFK Stadium
- 17** Pack Tracks Travel Departure — Journey to the South Pacific
- Nevada Alumni Association and AAUN Tailgate Party • 5 p.m. — Lombardi Grass Area
- Nevada Football vs. UNLV • 7 p.m. — Mackay Stadium
- 24** Nevada Football vs. Colorado State • TBA — Ft. Collins, Colorado

OCTOBER

- 1** Nevada Football vs. San Jose State • 1:05 p.m. — San Jose, California
- 4** Homecoming Scholarship Reception • 6 p.m. — Morrill Hall Alumni Center
- 6** Homecoming Gala • 6 p.m. Cocktails, 7 p.m. Program — Circus Circus Reno
- 7** Homecoming Office Decorating Contest • 8 a.m. — University of Nevada Campus
- Homecoming Poker Tournament • TBA — Circus Circus Reno
- Homecoming Pack the Little Wal' Event • 6 p.m. — Little Waldorf Saloon
- 8** Nevada Alumni Association and AAUN Tailgate Party • 11 a.m. — Lombardi Grass Area
- Homecoming Football Game — Nevada vs. Idaho • 1:05 p.m. — Mackay Stadium

For any updates or to participate in alumni chapters' events, please visit

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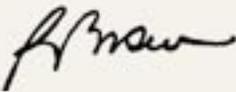
membership news

FROM THE NEVADA ALUMNI MARKETING & MEMBERSHIP TASK FORCE

Welcome to the new Alumni Association Membership News section of the *Nevada Silver and Blue* magazine. The information you will find on these pages has been designed to help keep current members informed about how they benefit from their membership, highlight new benefits and news that may be of interest to our members. If you still have not joined the Association, we hope this section will encourage you to become a member today.

Stay connected with your friends. Your memories. Your place. Through the Nevada Alumni Association.

Sincerely,



Randy Brown, CPA, '89 Accounting
 Chair, Marketing and Membership Task Force



Current Membership

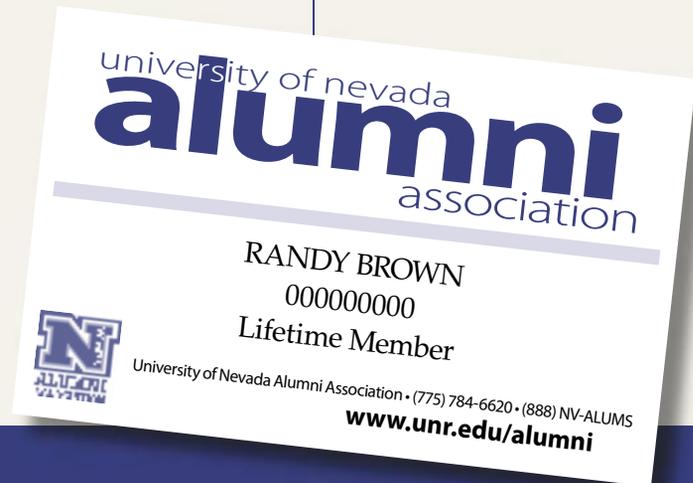
Lifetime Members: 113

Annual Members: 746

Online Community

Online Community Users: 1,829

Class with the most users: 1998



How Do I Become a Member?

Visit the Nevada Alumni Association's Web site at www.unr.edu/alumni or call (888) NV-ALUMS.

Become a Chapter Member Today!

Don't forget you can become a member of Nevada Alumni Association chapters also! Joining a chapter will automatically add you to its e-mail distribution and mailing lists.

Chapters without Annual Membership Dues

- Alumni Band
- Alumni College
- Black Chapter
- Fallon Chapter
- International Chapter
- Sacramento Chapter
- Seattle/Tacoma Chapter
- Southern Nevada Chapter
- University Studies Abroad Consortium Chapter
- Washington, D.C. Chapter
- Young Alumni Chapter (Truckee Meadows Area)

Chapters with Annual Membership Dues \$15/per chapter

- Alumni and Friends of the College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Biotechnology
- College of Business Administration Alumni Association
- Alumni & Friends of the Reynolds School of Journalism
- University Club (\$15 single, \$20 couple)
- Southern California Chapter (\$10 membership)

Where do my Membership Fees Go?

Your membership fees help support the events, programs and services the Nevada Alumni Association provides for alumni and friends of the University.

Annual Membership

One year free to new graduates (within the past 12 months)

- \$35 annual member
- \$50 joint annual members
- \$25 annual senior member*
- \$40 joint annual senior member*
- \$40 associate/friend member
- \$50 associate/friend joint annual members

Lifetime Membership and Payment Plans

- ▶ **Individual Lifetime**
\$600 in-full payment or \$220/year for three years
- ▶ **Joint Lifetime**
\$750 in-full payment or \$275/year for three years
- ▶ **Senior Lifetime**
\$500 in-full payment or \$175/year for three years*
- ▶ **Joint Senior Lifetime**
\$600 in-full payment or \$220/year for three years*
- ▶ **Associate/Friend Lifetime**
\$600 in-full payment or \$220/year for three years
- ▶ **Associate/Friend Joint Lifetime**
\$750 in-full payment or \$275/year for three years

*Senior member defined as 65 years of age and older

stay connected
 to your friends,
 your place,
 your memories.

Meet your Nevada Alumni Council



The Nevada Alumni Council is a 28-member volunteer board made up of alumni from diverse backgrounds, majors and regions. Members of the Council focus on engaging alumni, students and friends of the university through marketing and membership initiatives, student outreach, volunteer involvement and community outreach. The full board meets quarterly and executive officers meet monthly. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the Nevada Alumni Association at (775) 784-6620 or (888) NV-ALUMS or visit www.unr.edu/alumni and to fill out a nomination form online. ■ (From left) Back row: Caroline McIntosh-Hilton, Roger Diedrichsen, James Conkey, George Hardaway, Leonard Woheltz, Carlos Ledon, Julie Ardito, Patrick Martinez, Jack Goetz. Middle row: Wendy Damonte, Scott Barnes, Doug Byington (parliamentarian), Paul Nannini, Joel Cryer, Mike Klaich. Bottom row: Marilyn Ryder, Lisa Lyons, Jo Ann Elston, Dawn Etcheverry-Miller, Roberta Bibbee, Cindy Buchanan, Mary Harmon. Not pictured: Kelly Bland, Randy Brown, Todd Cabral, Jeff Champagne, Steve Trunday, Chris Vargas, Charlie Walsh and Kiara Wolf.



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New Member Benefit Partner!

Sierra Pacific Federal Credit Union

The Alumni Association is excited to welcome Sierra Pacific Federal Credit Union (SPFCU) as a new business partner. Members of the Association are encouraged to join SPFCU and take advantage of the excellent customer service and programs they offer.

Visit www.unr.edu/alumni for more information on this new partner.



BENEFITS FOR CARD-CARRYING MEMBERS

Please remember we are always adding new business partners so visit our Web site at www.unr.edu/alumni for the most up-to-date list of benefits.

- Discounted admission to select Alumni Association events
- Discounted Wolf Pack Athletics season tickets.
- 10% discount on apparel at the ASUN Bookstore
- Free services from the Career Development Office
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car discounts
- \$75 Kaplan Test Prep courses for members and immediate family
- 10% discount at J.J.'s Pie Co
- Discounted tickets to Wild Island Family Adventure Park
- Free glass of the "featured Wine of the Month" with entrée at the Cactus Creek Bar and Grille in the Bonanza Casino
- 10% discount on parts and accessories at Bicycle Warehouse
- 10% Discount at Eclipse Running
- \$49 New membership enrollment at Double Diamond Athletic Club
- 10% off mechanical work and whole price tires at Reno Vulcanizing
- Discounted admission to the National Automobile Museum, The Harrah Collection
- 10% Discount at Whitehall Lane Wineries
- Buy one beer at regular price and get one free or buy a large pizza at the regular price and get a pitcher of Pabst Blue Ribbon for free at Pub 'N Sub
- 10% Discount at Blue Oyster Pearls
- \$12.99 plus tax for a lube, oil and filter at Firestone — 5890 South Virginia St.
- Discounted relocation services from Valley North American Transportation Services
- 10% off regular price bottles and 15% off regular-priced cases at Whispering Vine Company
- Sierra Pacific Federal Credit Union membership
- 15% discount at Great Earth Vitamins
- 10% discount at La Quinta Inn and La Quinta Inn Suites

the pack at work

Alumni making a difference



Washoe County

University of Nevada school spirit is prevalent throughout Washoe County with nearly 10% of the workforce being graduates of the university. The graduates range from the late 1950s to the present. Graduates shown in the picture include:

Listed from the bottom to the top: Bryan Tyre, Jeff Baring, Jim Lopey, Anna Heenan, Joanne Morrison, John Keesee, Chris Benedict, Meredith Mayeroff, Cory Sobrio, Chris Matthews, Mimi Fujii-Strickler, Dick Gammick, Katie O'Dea, Jennifer Budge, Phil Ulibarri, Karen Mullen, Dennis Baalam, Pat Dolan, Vahid Behmaram, Wendy Bennett, Kimberly Pottle, Ruth Atwell, Mike Wolterbeek, Stephanie Perry, Kelley McGowan, Lisa Oakden Winans, Jennifer Howell, Jeanne Ruefer, Debbie Lambeth, Paul Orphan, Corey Solferino, Angela Dottie, Nancy Kerns Cummins, Mary Ann Repogle, Mayla Walcuff Kent, Jori Trimbell, Mary Crawley June, Vallin Barry, Randy VanHoozer, Melony Elam, Tom Troutman, Stephen Shipman, Connie Campbell, Janet Ford, Steve Kutz, Mark Johnson, George Gaynor, Shannon Fisher, Arleen Henton, Tracey Hilton, Chris Schaupp, Debby Dahlstrom, Grace Fujii, Parporn Metharom, Linda O'Brien, Lori Piccinini, Marilyn Matylinsky, Cecily Small, Sheri Mendez, Darlene Hale Frazer, Kathy Garcia, Lisa Gianoli, Ginny Sutherland, Emily Lee, Sharon Campbell, Kiersten Beck, Carol Buonanoma, Jean Ely, Nancy Sbragia, Chad Giesinger, Susan Hansen, John Faulkner, Pam Fine, Joanne Ray, Jeanne Harris, Julie Faulkner, Mike Murray, Eric Broten, Kathy Carter, Julie Paholke, Roger Pelham, Craig Petersen, Suzanne Dugger, Meg Price, Steve Clement, Marsha Cardinal, Holly Mcgee. *Not Pictured:* Katy Singlaub, Michelle Kling, Kelli Seals, Sue Burkhamer, Jim Jeppson, Maryann Ryan, Enid Coulston, Greg Belancio, Tony McMillen.

ROOM AT THE TOP

Mary Mentaberry heads a national organization...from campus

By John Wheeler

In the history of the University, Mary Mentaberry may have traveled the shortest distance to head a national organization. From her third-floor office, across from Juniper Hall, looking out across Virginia Street, she has a clear view of Frandsen Humanities, where she was an English major more than three decades ago. Last October, Mentaberry was named executive director of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, an organization for which she has worked since its relocation to Reno in 1969.

"I was a student at the University looking for a summer job," she says. "My roommate was working at the National Judicial College and heard about this organization starting up here."

Mentaberry signed on as a student worker, becoming just the second employee at the council's new Reno headquarters, following its relocation from Chicago. Now, she heads an organization that has 117 employees in three cities and an annual budget of about \$22 million. She has done what most only dream of: taking a student job and parlaying it into a CEO position.

"I've had the great fortune of having wonderful colleagues in the organization and many great mentors," she says. "I've also had opportunities come my way that I've not shied away from because those opportunities also extended challenges. I was never one to walk away and say, 'I don't want to do that.' I always look for a way to get things done."

Mentaberry took four years off from the council while raising her children. Together with her husband, Mike, she ran the Red and White Deli on Main Street in Quincy, Calif.

"It was a big switch," she says. "So, I've had business training in that sense – very entrepreneurial in nature."

Mike graduated from the University's school of journalism. Three of their four children have attended the University, with the third a 2005 graduate.

Mentaberry has fond memories of life on campus in the 1960s, when basketball games were played in the "old gym" and football was played in the area where the Reynolds School of Journalism is now located.

Photo by Jean Dixon



Thirty-six years after joining the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges as a student worker, Mary Mentaberry is now its executive director.

"That bowl was a football stadium," she recalls. "It was an old Coliseum-style structure with pillars and white seats all around. It was really something."

The journey to executive director has not been without challenges. Mentaberry recalls "a lot of hard years," filled with work and travel. Being a woman didn't make things any easier.

"I've had to work twice as hard," she says. "I think men have been given more opportunities, although that is changing. My first business trip, I was the only female on the plane. It was not unusual to go into a meeting and be the only woman. Today, it's a complete sea change from what it was. I think my daughters will see the benefits of what we have grown. The world has evolved over the last 30 years."

Mentaberry says she's especially excited to have the ability to make significant changes at the council based on opportunities and potential she's observed while moving up the ladder.

"Now, with the support of the senior managers and the board, we are able to put some of those things in place," she says. "People are motivated to make positive change, so it's wonderful."

To learn more about the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, visit www.ncjfcj.org.



Jane Tors
(’82 Journalism)



Kevin Brunson
(’87 Business Administration)



Kim Tulman
(’89 Journalism)



Rayona Sharpnack
(’73 Physical Education)

Class Chat

60s

Theodoore H. Moore (’60 Business) placed fourth in the 2004 USA Track and Field Pacific Megawalk 10k. Moore, vice president and an investment officer at Wachovia Securities, is one of the nation’s elite racewalkers and has placed in the top 10 in 12 of his last 14 races.

70s

Geno Martini (’72 Physical Education) was sworn in Feb. 22 as the mayor of Sparks. The Sparks native was appointed to the Sparks City Council representing Ward 3 in July 1999. He was re-elected in June 2001 and again in November 2004. He was elected Mayor Pro Tem by the City Council in July 2003 and served in that capacity until February.

Rayona Sharpnack (’73 Physical Education) has been appointed to the Women’s Leadership Board at the Kennedy School at Harvard University. As founder and CEO of the Institute for Women’s Leadership headquartered in Redwood City, Calif., Rayona has been training women leaders throughout the United States, Canada and Australia for the past 15 years. With this appointment to the WLB, she will be able to make an even larger global impact in advancing women leaders across business, government, education and the not-for-profit sector.

Lynn Orphan (’78 Civil Engineering) was inaugurated as president of the Water Environment Federation in October 2004. She is only the third woman to serve as president of the organization, a national and international not-for-profit technical and educational organization based in Alexandria, Va.

Steven Siegel (’79 Renewable Natural Resources) joined Kleinfelder, Inc. at its Reno office as environmental planning leader for the Nevada region. Siegel spent 26 years at Sierra Pacific Power Company, first in a generalized range of environmental disciplines and eventually specializing in biological issues, permit acquisition and compliance. Siegel is a frequent author and presenter of articles and papers in utility, educational, scientific and wildlife publications and workshops. He also attends many training courses and seminars ranging from scientific specialties to interpersonal skills and management.

80s

Jane Tors (’82 Journalism) has been named executive director of public relations for the University of Nevada, Reno. She was previously public relations director for Estipona Vialpando Partners, an advertising and public relations agency in Reno.

Robin Joyce’s (’83 Journalism) advertising firm, Joyce & Associates, recently celebrated its 30th anniversary. Joyce & Associates has managed accounts ranging from hotel/casinos and retail to hospitals and political campaigns.

Kevin Brunson (’87 Business Administration) was recently appointed an affiliate associate of Professional Insurance Associates, Inc.

Kim Tulman (’89 Journalism) recently joined Estipona Vialpando Partners as public relations director. With 13 years in the local healthcare industry, she most recently served as marketing specialist at Washoe Medical Center.

90s

Heather Tryon (’91 Accounting) was named senior analyst at Meridian Business Advisors (MBA), a northern Nevada firm specializing in business valuation, litigation support, forensic accounting, economic analysis and gaming analysis. Tryon has more than 15 years of experience as a certified public accountant, specializing in financial reporting and consulting, business valuations, forensic accounting, litigation and expert-witness testimony.

Ingrid (Yocum) Reisman (’94 Journalism) and her husband Marc announce the birth of their second child, Lucas HaryIn, born March 26.

Lucas joins his 2 1/2-year-old sister, Lily Hannelore. The family resides in Las Vegas where Ingrid is the communications director for the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada and Marc is an owner of Nevada Window Tinting 2.

Cheryl (Bauer) Kondra (’95 Accounting) was recently promoted to vice president internal audit for the central division of Harrah’s Entertainment. In her new role, she will continue to lead internal audit activities at Memphis Corporate and at Harrah’s properties in Mississippi, Louisiana and Indiana. Cheryl and her family, Jeff Kondra (’95 Criminal Justice) and 2-year-old son Tyler, will remain in Memphis.

David Akers (’95 Journalism) was awarded a master of fine arts degree in script and screenwriting in May from Regent University in Virginia Beach, Va. David, his wife Richelle and two children will be moving to Burbank, Calif.

Kay Ko (’97 Biochemistry) was hired by the certified public accounting firm of Kafoury, Armstrong & Co as a staff accountant. In her position, Ko will assist with audits and tax preparation for governmental and nonprofit entities. Prior to joining Kafoury, Ko worked as a joint-venture accountant for International Game Technology in Reno.

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Wolf Pack banks on Zive to know the score

By John Wheeler

Bankruptcy. It's one of those words – like “cancer” – that people generally don't want to hear.

“Most people, including lawyers, roll their eyes to the back of their heads,” says Gregg Zive ('67 Journalism), Chief U.S. bankruptcy judge for the District of Nevada.

But Zive is not only fascinated by bankruptcy, he's also good at adjudicating it. In March, he was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, an honor that came as a com-

plete surprise to him.

“It's peer recognition that's very flattering,” he says. “It's totally confidential. It's not something you apply for. There are about 630 members of the college.”

Zive serves in one of the busiest bankruptcy districts in the country and has presided over some huge cases. He recalls one particular day when he was adjudicating Chapter 11 reorganizations for both the Pegasus Mining Corporation and the Stratosphere Hotel & Casino. During the lunch hour, he settled a case for an individual debtor for \$50 a month for a year.

“So I did a \$600 settlement in between two cases that added up to \$1 billion between them,” he says. “I enjoy that variety.”

Despite mind-boggling amounts of paperwork – he recalls a huge construction company bankruptcy case that had more than 17,000 claims – Zive, who graduated magna cum laude from the University of Notre Dame Law School, gets the job done with the help of just two part-time law clerks and a judicial assistant. How does he do it?

“I read a lot,” he says, pointing to a large stack of papers on his desk. “That's what I do.”

It's not all he does. Over the years, Zive has been enthusiastically involved in the University. He's a past chairman of the University Foundation, past president of the Alumni Association and past president of the University Club. He has received both the President's Medal and the Alumni Association Service Award for his efforts.

“It's been rewarding and fun,” he says. “I've met wonderful people and you feel as though you're making some sort of contribution.”

As a federal judge, he's no longer allowed to be involved in fundraising, but that's not an issue with respect to his longest-standing University role: scorekeeper for the Wolf Pack basketball team.

“In 1976, there was an opening to keep the scorebook and I've been doing it ever since,” he says.

Zive works the games alongside several other well-known University folks, including Brian Whalen, assistant vice president, emeritus, Facilities Management, who runs the scoreboard, and Jim Gardner of Gardner Engineering, who runs the clock.

“Most of us have been doing it around 30 years,” Zive says. “It's fascinating. You can hear the coaches. You feel like you're involved in the game. It's a great diversion from the reality of this job.”

Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Gregg Zive, Wolf Pack basketball's official scorer for nearly 30 years, has attended about 800 Pack men's and women's basketball games.



Photo by Jean Dixon



Heather Tryon
(’91 Accounting)



Kay Ko
(’97 Biochemistry)

Juan A. Varela (’98 Chemical Engineering) graduated from General Electric’s Edison Engineering Program. He is currently a senior engineer for the chemistry services department in GE Energy’s nuclear business at the GE Vallecitos Nuclear Center in Sunol, Calif.

Jon Walker (’98 Geography) recently started US Geomatics, in Reno. The company specializes in the development and implementation of geographic information systems, land surveys, maps and Web-related technology strategies.

Craig Daily (’99 Business Administration) and his wife Joanna (Kingsley) Daily (’01 Gen-

eral Studies) announce the birth of their second child, Clair Elizabeth Daily, on Sept. 1, 2004.

Erica (Zideck) Crumley (’99 Elementary Education) and her husband, Newton Hunt Crumley III, announce the birth of their first child, Newton Hunt Crumley IV. He was born Sept. 17, 2004, and is a sixth-generation Nevadan. The family resides in Reno.

Marcelo Pimentel (’99 Philosophy) was chosen as Orange County’s top community college teacher of 2006. The Orange County superintendent and members of the local media surprised Pimentel with the news in the middle of one of his philosophy classes.

00s

Armando Gonzales (’00 Education) was promoted to production line supervisor at International Game Technology.

Mike Kopicko (’00 Marketing) has been named associate manager, new technology marketing at Oncology Therapeutic Network in South San Francisco. In his five years with OTN, Mike has held positions in the sales and service departments.

Jason Sterrett (’02 Recreation) has been appointed president of Sparks-based Molten USA, an international manufacturer of inflatable athletic balls. Sterrett served as an

assistant coach for the women’s volleyball program from 1997 to 1998 before joining Molten USA.

Wayne Klomp (’01 Geology) joined Jones Vargas of Reno as a summer law clerk. His responsibilities include conducting legal research, drafting documents and correspondence and assisting with routine legal and administrative duties.

Klomp recently completed his second year at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Boyd School of Law. His law school activities include contributing to the Law Journal, working as a teaching assistant for research and writing courses and serving as president of the Environmental Law Society.

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Last October, Maureen Mullarkey joined another University graduate, Dr. Susan Desmond-Hellmann, on *Fortune* magazine's list of the 15 highest-paid women in business.

Change of direction

CAREER SHIFT PAYS OFF FOR IGT FINANCIAL CHIEF

By John Wheeler

Fresh out of the University of Texas, armed with a degree in geology, Maureen Mullarkey's career path seemed set in 1981. But, while working as an analyst in the oil industry in Denver, she made the decision to "retool" herself.

"I decided to change careers and go into business," she recalls. "The price of oil was below \$20 for a very long time, so it was hard. I found myself underutilized professionally."

In 1987, she enrolled in the MBA program in the University's College of Business Administration.

"I was changing careers, and they gave me the right tools to pursue what has turned out to be a very successful career in finance," she says.

Raised in an Irish-Catholic family in the Chicago suburbs, Mullarkey and her two brothers learned early to deal with adversity.

"We lost our mom as kids, so we all had to go into survival mode, which I think builds character," she says. "It defines people, especially when it happens at an early age."

While attending the University, Mullarkey drove by International Game Technology each day on her way to classes. It made an impression.

"I thought, 'I want to work for that company,'" she says. "I started keeping track of IGT news and

could tell that it was up and coming."

Signing on at the fledgling gaming-machine company proved a smart move for Mullarkey, who, last year, was included in *Fortune* magazine's list of the 15 highest paid women in business.

"We were growing from a small company into a large one," she says. "That environment was one where they needed all hands on deck, if you will, and a lot of opportunities came my way. I also benefited from the mentorship of Tom Baker, who is our outgoing chairman. He and I have worked closely over the years and that's been great."

Now executive vice president, chief financial officer and treasurer for IGT, Mullarkey's staff of six includes three University graduates – Eric Vetter, Sandy Schulze and Rayleen Cudworth.

"It's a terrific team of people," she says.

Although Mullarkey works long hours as part of IGT's executive team, she makes time for community service, including the boards of the Nevada Museum of Art and the Reno Philharmonic as well as the 2006 chair for the American Heart Association's Go Red Luncheon. She also enjoys the outdoors and music.

"My brothers used to say, 'Do you want the ball, or do you want to be on the sidelines?'" she says. "I want the ball."

Remembering Friends

Evelyn Hazel (Gault) Capurro ('30 Mathematics) died Friday, Oct. 1, 2004, at Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center after a brief illness. She was 94.

Capurro was born in Reno on Feb. 21, 1910, and most recently lived in a home built with her late husband John on a portion of the Gault family ranch in Sparks. A third-generation Nevadan, she lived in northern Nevada her entire life. After graduating from Reno High School in 1926, she attended the University of Nevada, graduating with honors in 1930 with a degree in mathematics and a teaching credential. She taught one year at Dayton High School and spent several years at Northside and Billingshurst junior high schools.

Evelyn and John met at a Valentine's dance in 1935 and were married in June 1936. They lived in Reno while John worked at Reno Motor Supply and Southern Pacific Railroad before starting a small dairy on the family ranch on Wedekind Road in north Sparks. The dairy would later become Wildcreek Golf Course. Evelyn and John had five sons.

Capurro enjoyed literature, writing, travel and classical music, but her real love was family. She was a 50-year member of the Emmanuel First Baptist Church in Sparks, where she attended weekly Elderberry Sunday School and church services. She

was active in many civic organizations, including the Rebekah Lodge of the Adah Chapter of the Eastern Star, Daughters of the American Revolution, Sparks Heritage Foundation, Nevada Genealogical Society, Sparks Republican Women, Truckee Meadows Community Concerts Association, Reno High School Alumni and University of Nevada, Reno Alumni Association.

Frances Ella Crumley, ('34 Journalism) born Aug. 11, 1913, in San Francisco, Calif., died May 8, 2005. She was 91.

When she was young, her parents, Frank Charles and Elsie Mary Smith, moved the family to Nevada. They lived in various Nevada mining towns but ultimately settled in Lovelock where she graduated from Pershing County High School. After college, she worked for the Elko Independent and it was in Elko where she met her future husband, Newton Hunt Crumley. They were married in Reno in 1937.

During their years in Elko, Crumley supported Newton in his hotel, ranching and gun-club operations and through his World War II duty with the U.S. Army Air Corps. She was a national champion in trap shooting. In 1957, the family moved to Reno when Newton bought the Holiday Hotel. In 1962, following

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Newton's death, she briefly assumed management of the hotel, handling its sale.

She was the first female to serve on the boards of directors of Harrah's and Sierra Pacific Power Company. She was a devoted wife, wonderful and supportive mother and grandmother, sportswoman, bridge player and patron of the arts. She served on the University of Nevada School of Medicine Advisory Board from 1972 to 1976. In 1975, she received the Distinguished Nevadan Award from the University of Nevada. She was one of the first honorees in the Nevada Women's Fund Hall of Fame and was a long-time supporter of the annual Sigma Nu Crumley Dinner, founded by Newton's parents 76 years ago.

Myrtle (Cox) Sheehan ('37 French and Spanish) died in May 2002 after a brief illness. She was 86.

Born into an Irish immigrant family that settled in eastern central Nevada in the 1800s, she grew up on a ranch near Eureka, Nev., and was the first person in her family to attend college.

She spoke with gratitude of her undergraduate education at the University and how it opened to her the worlds of literature and knowledge. In addition to majors in Spanish and French, she minored in English and history.

After college she began a distinguished teaching career that, with only a gap for the birth of a son, stretched over 40 years. After moving to La Mesa, Calif., in the 1950s, she received a master's degree in education from San Diego State University and taught seventh grade until her retirement. That university also sent countless student teachers to her classroom for mentoring.

In retirement, she fulfilled a dream of traveling to many of the places around the world that she first learned about years before as a college student in Reno.

Lowell Collins Bernard ('48 Business Administration) died March 14, 2005.

Bernard was born in Yerington and graduated from Carson City High School before attending Stanford University, the University of Washington Naval Reserve Officers' Training program, Willamette University and the University of Nevada, Reno where he received his bachelor of science degree in accounting. He went on to become a certified public accountant. Bernard and his wife Billie raised two children.

Bernard's 80 years were marked by remarkable accomplishments. He was pivotal in developing gerontology and geriatric research, education and outreach at the University of Nevada, Reno, leading to the establishment of the Sanford Center for Aging. On Feb. 11, 2004, Bernard received the first Sanford Center for Aging "Living the Legacy" Award. Governor Kenny Guinn proclaimed Feb. 11, 2004, as a day honoring Bernard.

Timothy Paul Sullivan ('50 Electrical Engineering) died in Schenectady, N.Y., on Jan. 21, 2005.

Sullivan was born in Virginia City in 1919, but grew up in Reno. He learned to ski in the Sierra Nevada and served in an Army ski troop unit during World War II on Kiska in the Aleutians, in the Signal Corps on Okinawa and in Korea and Japan. He worked for General Electric until retirement in 1987. Subsequently, he traveled the world as a consultant to electric motorized-wheel-repair shops, and was respected for his skill, integrity and good humor.

Between his graduation from Reno High School in 1937 and WWII, Sullivan worked as a locomotive fireman on the Southern Pacific, and during his university years served as a reserve captain in the Nevada National Guard.

Sullivan was co-founder with his wife of the Cystic Fibrosis Association of Erie County, Penn. In New York, he repaired tape players for the blind with GE Retiree Volunteers, volunteered as an instructor in the Handicapped Ski Program at Windham, N.Y., visited heart surgery patients with Mended Hearts and cooked for and served meals to the homeless with Welcome Table at his church.

Arleen Otto, professor emeritus, died April 24, 2005, in Tempe, Ariz. She was 85.

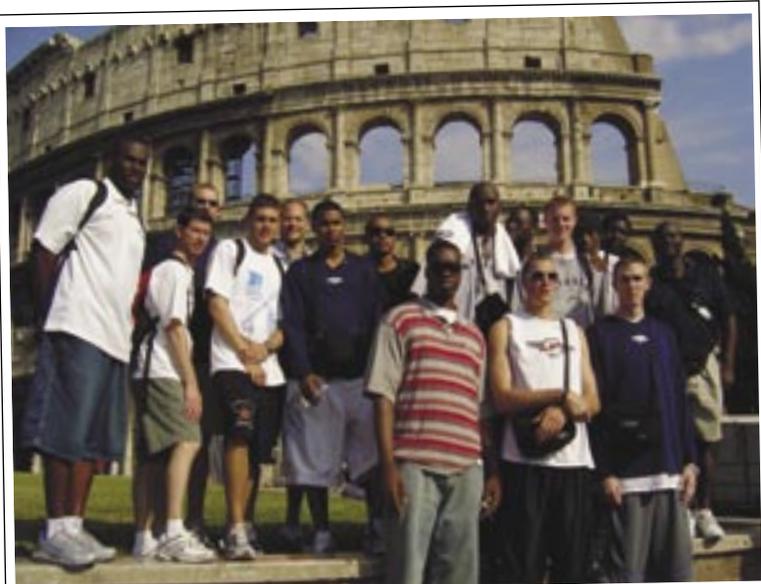
Otto served as a professor of home economics from 1969 to 1985. Her career was highlighted by the publication of her book "New Design in Homemaking Programs in Junior High School." The book served as a valuable resource in the 1960s for junior high school curriculum development across the nation.

In her 16 years at the University she developed statewide programs for the physically handicapped and pioneered the use of the UNITE system for updating home economics teachers. She was also one of the faculty members who brought the interdisciplinary program of environmental studies into existence and taught in the program for several years. She directly supervised 138 vocational teachers in Nevada.

Otto held many leadership roles throughout her career, including serving as president of the Nevada Home Economics Association from 1980 to 1982, a member of the National Future Homemakers of America Teacher Education Task Force and president of the National Alumni Chapters of Omicon Nu, a home economics honor society. Upon retirement, Otto returned to Whidbey Island, Wash. where she established West Highland White Terrier Kennel.



Otto



The Wolf Pack Goes to Italy

By Jason Houston

For 10 days in May, the Wolf Pack men's basketball team enjoyed a tour of Italy which served as both a cultural learning experience and an introduction to international basketball competition.

The tour began after a 15-hour journey from the Reno-Tahoe International Airport to the Malpensa Airport, outside the city of Milan. The team, which included 11 players, coaches, support staff and spouses, toured Milan for a couple of hours before spending the first evening at Lake Como.

The following morning the team, along with a group of loyal Wolf Pack supporters who also made the trip, took a boat tour of Lake Como. The three-hour excursion included an hour stop in the village of Bellagio for sightseeing and shopping.

Upon returning to port, the team headed for the pre-game meal in preparation for that evening's game in the town of Codogno, which is an hour-and-a-half bus ride from Lake Como.

Verona, the next stop on the trip, was



Above: Gondola riding in Venice are coach Josh Newman and his wife Amy with coach David Carter and team trainer Shelly Germann. **Top Right:** Coach Carter leads the team in a huddle during a game. **Right:** Jermaine Washington enjoys a ferry ride on Lake Como. **Bottom Right:** Nick Fazekas signs autographs after a game.



Nevada players were able to visit historic landmarks all over Italy. *At left:* Lyndale Burselson and Kyle Shiloh pose in Venice. *Top:* Coach David Carter and a small group spend some time outside the Coliseum in

Rome. *Top Right:* Mo Charlo, Marcellus Kemp, Kyle Shiloh and Seth Taylor at the leaning tower of Pisa. *Right:* Head coach Mark Fox and his wife Cindy at an outdoor market.



the setting for Shakespeare's tragedy *Romeo and Juliet*. The brief tour of the city included a stop at Juliet's balcony, the most famous site in the city.

The team spent the evening in the town of Udine after playing its second game in as many nights. The next stop on the team's Italian tour was the historic city of Venice. In Venice, the group took in a glass-blowing demonstration at the Murano Glass Factory and spent the next day and a half taking gondola cruises along the Grand Canal and dining on pasta at outdoor cafes.

The city of Florence was next on the itinerary and it did not disappoint, especially in the shopping and art categories. Florence, a city founded in 59 B.C., was the birthplace of the Renaissance movement and home to some of the most famous works of art in the world. The group enjoyed a city tour that ended at the Galleria dell'Accademia, home of Michelangelo's statue of David.

Pisa, home to the world-famous leaning tower, was a favorite stop of the players. The trip to Pisa was brief, but the players found plenty of time to take pictures of each other holding up the tower.

After a four-hour bus trip, the team arrived in Rome, the final stop on the tour. The group spent the last two days in Italy taking in as many sights and shops as possible. The team took a guided tour

through Vatican City, which included stops in the Sistene Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica and St. Peter's Square. The Colosseum and the Roman Forum were other highlights for the group.

The group arrived in Reno on the evening of May 29, more than 20 hours after leaving Rome. It was a trip that the Wolf Pack players, coaches and supporters will not soon forget.

The Pack's trip, which former head coach Trent Johnson started planning shortly after being hired at Nevada, covered five major cities and several small destinations along the way. The trip would not have been possible without contributions from several people, most notably the late George Basta, who was one of the major contributors.

"We are most grateful to those individuals who helped make this trip possible by their generosity," says head coach Mark Fox. "This was a tremendous opportunity for our team to not only play basketball, but also to learn about the history and culture of another country."



How They Played

On its 10-day trip of Italy, the University of Nevada men's basketball team traveled from nearly one end of the country to the other. The Wolf Pack returned home 4-1 against its international competition.

After dropping its first game, 87-79 against Casal Pusterlengo, the Pack ended the trip with four wins. One day after its opening loss, Nevada beat Gorizia 84-79 and followed with wins over the Lauderner Giants 89-71, Gloria Montecatini Terme 76-66 and Prima Veroli, 122-108.

Picking up where he left off in the 2004-05 season, Nick Fazekas led the team posting at least 20 points in each game. Fazekas averaged just over 24 points and 12 rebounds. Marcellus Kemp, who saw his first game action on the tour since tearing his ACL last August, reached double figures in four of the five games.

Game summaries are online at nevadawolfpack.collegesports.com

Football opener to be played on ESPN's stage

The Nevada Wolf Pack kicks off the 2005 football schedule this fall with a national television date on ESPN against a Pacific 10 opponent.

The Pack, 5-7 last season, will face the Washington State Cougars in a game scheduled at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, at Mackay Stadium. It is Nevada's first home game against the Pac 10 since a 1999 match-up with the Oregon State Beavers.

With no other games on its schedule that evening, ESPN will spotlight an attractive contest in the Wolf Pack-Cougars game. Linebacker Will Derting, a second-team *Sporting News* preseason

All-American, draws the bulk of attention directed to Washington State, a 5-6 team last year. Nevada sophomore Jeremy Engstrom, a second-team All-Western Athletic Conference linebacker and third-team *Sporting News* All-American as a freshman, is a solid performer for the Wolf Pack defense.

"He's still very, very young," Wolf Pack head coach Chris Ault says of Engstrom. "But with 12 games under his belt, we're expecting great things from him. Jeremy is physically and mentally tough."

Engstrom, who maintained a perfect 4.0 grade-point average at Golden West High School in Visalia, Calif., led the Wolf Pack in tackles in 2004 with 97. "He's the type of player you like to be representing your university," Ault says.

An exciting game awaits the Wolf Pack in the second week of the season, as UNLV travels to Reno for the annual battle for the Fremont Cannon on Sept. 17 to air on ESPNU. Additional home games include a Homecoming contest with new WAC member Idaho Oct. 8, a contest versus Louisiana Tech Oct. 15 and league match-ups with Hawaii and Fresno State Nov. 5 and Nov. 26.

Nevada will have another performance on the big screen when it travels to San Jose State on October 1. The game has been picked up by ABC and will air regionally in the states of California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Hawai'i and parts of Idaho. In total, counting local broadcast on the WB KREN 27, Nevada will make eight television appearances in 2005.

Nevada did make a few appearances on ABC and CBS as a I-AA school but this will be the first time that it will appear on a major, over-the-air network since becoming I-A in 1992.



Engstrom



Mackay Stadium will be the host of its second consecutive nationally televised game when the Pack opens with Washington State on Friday, Sept. 9.

Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglass

NEWSMAKERS

Swimming coach to lead coach 2005 World Championship team

University of Nevada head swimming and diving coach Mike Shrader was named to the staff for the 2005 World Championship team taking place in Montreal, this summer. Shrader will coach the open-water swim team and will be working with the team from July 9-24. The team trained in in Lake



Shrader

Placid, N.Y., prior to leaving for the competition in Montreal.

Shrader just completed his sixth season at Nevada and led the 2004-05 squad to a 14-1 dual record and a third-place finish at the 2005 Western Athletic Conference Championships. His overall dual record at Nevada is 59-11 and each of the last four years the Wolf Pack has won 10 or more duals in a season. In the summer of 2002, Shrader attained the highest possible certification from The American Swimming Coaches Association, earning level five status.

Ryan Tanoue wins the air rifle World Cup Championship

Ryan Tanoue, who completed his eligibility at the University of Nevada this spring, won the air rifle International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) World Cup Championship in Germany by a tenth of a point for the United States.

The win secures the United States a quota slot at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Tanoue, 22, will still have to qualify as an individual in the spring of 2008 for the U.S. Olympic team. He graduates in December with a degree in Psychology.

Soccer recruits ranked in top 20

The University of Nevada's 2005 soccer recruiting class was recently ranked in the top 20 in the west region by *Soccer Buzz Magazine*, a publication covering NCAA soccer.

The Wolf Pack, under the direction of second-year head coach Terri Patraw, was ranked 19th in the highly regarded west region. Nevada was the top-ranked team from the Western Athletic Conference and one of three conference teams to make the list. The Pack was ranked ahead of fellow conference members Fresno State (23rd) and Hawai'i (26th).

"The recognition is great for the program and it is another step toward our goals of winning conference championships and playing in NCAA Tournaments," Patraw says.

Patraw inked eight high school

student-athletes and received one other commitment during the spring signing period. It was Patraw's first recruiting class for the University of Nevada. Last season's recruiting class was already in place when Patraw took over the program.

"This is a tremendously talented class that will really elevate the Nevada soccer program," said Patraw.

The following players signed national letters of intent to play for Nevada next season:

Ashlie Brown, 5'3" midfielder from Sparks, Nev.; Anne Edwards, 5'9" goalkeeper from Woddiville, Wash.; Patrice Godwin, 5'5" defender from Reseda, Calif.; Caitlin Holmes, 5'8" goalkeeper from Las Flores, Calif.; Loran Logie, 5'4" defender from Laguna Niguel, Calif.; Samantha Miller, 5'1" forward from Riverside, Calif.; Rande Robinson, a 5'6" midfielder/defender from Port Orchard, Wash.; and Jessica Thompson, a 5'6" midfielder/defender from Ogden, Utah.

The Wolf Pack begins the 2005 season with an exhibition match at home versus Chico State on Aug. 19 and opens the regular season at Mackay Stadium Aug. 26 against UC Riverside.



Patraw

Sylvain Malroux named coach for Wolf Pack women's tennis

The University of Nevada has hired Sylvain Malroux to be the women's tennis head coach beginning with the 2005-06 season. Malroux is finishing the fourth year of his collegiate coaching career as an assistant at Clemson University. A native of France, Malroux claims the city of Narbonne located in the southern region of Languedoc-Roussillon as his home.



Malroux

"When I came to Reno for my visit at the University of Nevada, I knew only one thing, that the region and the city were magnificent," Malroux said. "After one day, I was very impressed by the athletics facilities, the splendid campus, but even more by the administration. I am very thankful to be given this opportunity and to be part of this team; we all have a common goal to be the best we can be and to drive the school to the top."

Clemson was knocked out of the 2005 NCAA championships by Stanford but not before making its second appearance in the Final Four. In the last three seasons, Malroux helped the Tigers improve from a final national ranking of 34th in 2002 to fifth in 2004 — the highest final national ranking

in program history. Malroux was named the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Southeast Region Assistant Coach of the Year in 2004 for the second consecutive season.

Clemson reached the championships as a team all four years of Malroux's tenure at Clemson, advancing to the second round of the tournament in both 2002 and 2003 before reaching the national semi-finals in 2004 and 2005.

"Sylvain is truly one of the finest assistant coaches I have worked with during my tenure as a head coach," Clemson head coach Nancy Harris said.

During his collegiate years, he earned top honors at Anderson College in Anderson, S.C., leading his team at the number one singles and doubles positions for two consecutive years. Anderson College won two regional championships and advanced to the final 16 teams for NCAA Division II. Voted most valuable player, first team all-conference and most outstanding player in the conference, Malroux finished his career nationally ranked in the top 40 in singles and top 20 in doubles.

Myriam Bouchlaka will return for her senior season in 2005 when Malroux takes over the program.



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GOLF TIPS

with Jody Dansie

Jody Dansie is an authority on golf. The University women's golf coach has been playing the game since she was eight. She competed with the Arizona State golf team and professionally on the LPGA tour. Putting, Dansie says, is rather simple. "If you're just starting out, just get out there and do it," says Dansie. "Putting is feel-oriented. It's all about memorization for the body and building muscle memory."

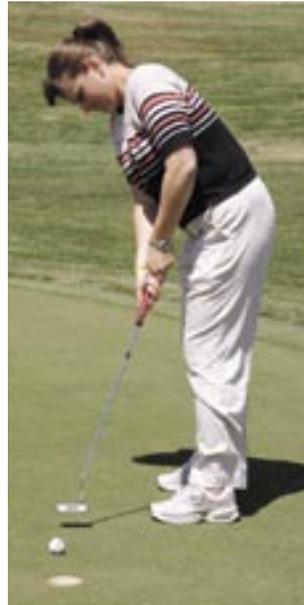
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1 Club Choice

Dansie says the most important thing is to choose a good club. She recommends a putter that is around 34 inches in length for a person of average height. Personal preference will determine if the golfer wants heavy or light clubs.

2 Grip and Stance

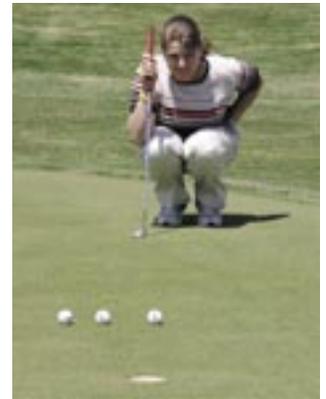
Hold the putter in a way that allows for the most feel in your hands. Dansie recommends a ten-finger, or baseball-grip for beginners. As with any golf stance, feet should be shoulder-width apart and behind the ball.



3 Practice, Practice, Practice

Go to the putting green. Use three to five balls and begin practice by getting a putter's length away from the hole. Putt

all practice balls and then begin to move farther away from the hole, repeating the process. When putting, look at the line of the putt. Look where the ball is lined up. Dansie suggests looking at it from behind the ball, although from the side or in front can be helpful as well.



4 Finally, make the putt

"See it, trust it, hit it," sums up Dansie.

Memorial golf tournament a success for women's basketball

The Nevada women's basketball program hosted the first-ever Mike Gervasoni Memorial Golf Tournament on Thursday, June 2, at the Somerset golf course.

The event was sold out and saw 148 golfers turn out for the tournament which began with a naming ceremony at 11:30 a.m.

The tournament will be an annual event to raise money for women's basketball scholarships at both Nevada and Bishop O'Dowd High School, the school Gervasoni attended in the Bay Area.

Head coach Kim Gervasoni organized and hosted the tournament at Somerset, a recently opened golf course in Northwest Reno. The Tom Kite-designed course is a part of an upscale housing community where the Gervasonis built their house upon moving to the area almost three years ago.

An assistant coach at Nevada, and Kim's husband, Mike Gervasoni was killed in a car accident Thursday, Oct. 21, 2004. The memorial planned as a golf tournament was to reflect Mike's intense passion for the game.



MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

A dream come true

Almost every college baseball player dreams of his chance to play in the major leagues; That moment when a lifetime of practice, dedication and hard work results in the opportunity to play the game he loves at the highest level. That moment when he steps out onto the same fields he dreamed about as a child and feels the frenetic energy of thousands of eager fans.

Lyle Overbay – Playing first base for the Milwaukee Brewers and hitting .282. In late June, Overbay was ninth in the National League in on-base percentage at .400 and had a slugging percentage of .474. His first major league home run was a memorable one as he came off the bench on April 7, 2003, in his third year for the Arizona Diamondbacks and took Andy Ashby deep for a game-winning pinch-homer in the 12th inning of a 6-4 win at Dodger Stadium, spoiling Los Angeles' home opener.

Ryan Church – Playing right field for the Washington Nationals and hitting .325. He debuted in the major leagues in 2004 after a break-out season with Edmonton of the Triple-A Pacific Coast League.

Chad Qualls – Pitching for the Houston Astros with a record of 2-3 and a 4.45 ERA as of late June. The right-hander pitched three scoreless innings for the Astros in game six of last year's National League Championship Series versus St. Louis.

Corky Miller – Played catcher for the Minnesota Twins this season until being recalled to the Rochester Red Wings. He made his major-league debut in 2001 with the Cincinnati Reds and was later claimed off waivers by the Twins. In a 2003 poll of International League managers, Miller was named the league's best defensive catcher.

Andy Dominique – Played this spring for the Toronto Blue Jays but was



recently sent back to Class AAA Syracuse. After eight years in the minors, Dominique made his major-league debut with the Boston Red Sox. In May 2004, the Big West Conference record holder stepped up to the plate with the Fenway Park crowd chanting, "Andy, Andy."

Chris Singleton – Designated for assignment by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays despite hitting .271. Singleton made his major league debut with the White Sox in 1999.

Chris Prieto – Called up by the Los Angeles Angels in his 13th minor league season. The Angels selected Prieto to play leftfield and fill pitcher Kelvim Escobar's spot on the roster after Escobar was placed on the 15-day disabled list.

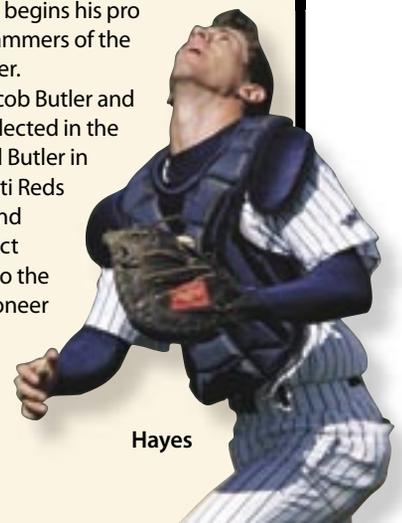
Hayes leads Pack's MLB draftees

Nevada catcher Brett Hayes is ready to take the next step in his baseball career after the Florida Marlins selected him with the 79th overall pick June 7 in Major League Baseball's first-year player draft.

Draft commentators for MLB.com said Hayes, a three-time All-Western Athletic Conference catcher, may even be "future managerial material" after his career as a player. The 21-year-old junior from Calabasas, Calif., was a member of the gold-medal Team USA squad at the World University Baseball Championship last summer. Hayes begins his pro career with the Jamestown, N.Y., Jammers of the New York-Penn League this summer.

All-WAC Wolf Pack outfielder Jacob Butler and infielder Ben Mummy also were selected in the draft. The Toronto Blue Jays picked Butler in the eighth round and the Cincinnati Reds chose Mummy with their 20th round selection. Mummy signed a contract with Cincinnati and was assigned to the Billings, Mont., Mustangs of the Pioneer League.

— Pat McDonnell



Hayes

The Way We Were

Photo courtesy of University Archives



Cadets in formation on the Quad, 1911. All physically fit males under 27 years of age were required by University policy to train during all four undergraduate years and wear their uniforms regularly on campus.

The Drill on the Hill

By Lucy Walker

The Civil War was still fresh on the mind of President LeRoy D. Brown when he established the cadet program at the University 117 years ago. A Civil War veteran, Brown knew from first-hand experience the value of physically fit and military-trained cadets. Samuel B. Doten writes in *The History of the University of Nevada* that Brown realized the importance of “military training upon whom the Nation could call for service as officers in the training of a citizen army.” The need for the establishment of a military training program was also bolstered by provisions in the Morrill Act of 1862 and the Nevada Constitution of 1864 which required courses in military sciences be offered at the University.

Brown enlisted the help of Nevada Sen. William M. Stewart, who persuaded the Secretary of War, William C. Endicott, to assign an army officer to “instruct the boys in drill and military tactics.” In the fall of 1888, Lieutenant Arthur C. Ducat of the 24th Infantry arrived from the University of California to “organize and drill the first group of cadets.” The arrival of Ducat was quite a coup for Nevada, as he was the only army officer “detailed for cadet service” on the West Coast.

Described by Doten as “dignified, tall and fine-looking,” Ducat was an accomplished singer and linguist and a “man of great social tact and charm.” In addition to his military training duties, Ducat taught modern languages, drawing and the first physical education class for girls.

Although there was no federal requirement on the length of training, all physically fit males under 27 years of age were required by University policy to train during all four undergraduate years and wear their uniforms regularly on campus.

For the first 28 years of the program, military training did not lead to commissions for the cadets. It wasn’t until World War I and the establishment of the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) that trained cadets were eligible for military commissions. Today, the ROTC program offers two- and four-year coed programs with an emphasis in leadership training.



Philip Satre with wife Jennifer (MA Education '80) in their Reno home.

Photo by Jean Dixon

Gaming chair honors profound impact

Philip Satre has had such an influence on the gaming landscape in Nevada and across the nation, that his peers — both competitors and colleagues — have pledged \$2.5 million toward an endowed chair at the University of Nevada, Reno in his name.

“I am amazed and honored,” says Satre, recently retired chairman and CEO of Harrah’s Entertainment. “It is a great compliment to the University of Nevada, Reno and a distinct honor for me.”

“During his 25-year career with Harrah’s, Phil has had a profound and enduring impact on this company and our industry,” says Gary Loveman, Harrah’s president and chief executive officer. Over those years, the company went from being a two-casino operation — one in Reno and one at Lake Tahoe — to owning 25 casinos in 14 states.

The Harrah’s Foundation pledged the seed \$1 million toward the endowment of the Philip G. Satre Chair in Gaming Studies.

The Satre Chair will be held by William Eadington, professor of economics and director of the University’s Institute for the Study of Gambling and Commercial Gaming.

“Bill is known as the expert worldwide on the economics of gaming,” says Satre, of his long-time friend and business associate; “It’s appropriate that he hold this chair.”



To make a contribution to the Satre Chair, contact Stefanie Scoppettone at (775) 784-4912, or scops@unr.edu.

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CINDY BUCHANAN

Cindy Buchanan, '95 Finance, chose to attend the University of Nevada, Reno because she wanted to earn a degree from an excellent business program that had a casual and friendly learning environment.

While in school, she was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority and the Financial Management Association and worked part time

at a bank. Buchanan continued her career in banking after graduating, and today is vice president, relationship manager at Nevada State Bank in the Corporate Lending Department.

Along the way, Buchanan has continued her involvement with the University as an active member of the Young Alumni Chapter and the College of Business Administration Alumni

Association (COBAAA). She assists with the Aaron Arnolds Memorial Golf Tournament, serves as a council member for the Nevada Alumni Council and volunteers for several Alumni Association committees.

Buchanan continues to make contacts by staying involved, and she enjoys the camaraderie that comes with her on-going affiliation with the University. Becoming a lifetime member of the Association was an easy decision for her. "I wanted to support the institution that gave so much to me both professionally and personally," she said.

The Nevada Alumni Association is proud of Buchanan and appreciates her commitment and support. By becoming a lifetime member, Buchanan is helping to support activities and programming and provide alumni a continued connection.

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