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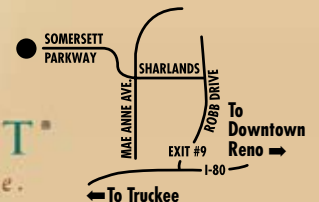


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## \$4.5 million in gifts pledged to athletics

The Nevada athletics department has been pledged a total of \$4.5 million for construction of a student athlete academic center, enhancements to Legacy Hall and the Peccole Park baseball field, and a new videoboard for Mackay Stadium.

The Marguerite Wattis Petersen Foundation committed the lead gift of \$2 million toward a \$7.5 million building and plaza area to serve the academic needs of the more than 400 Nevada student athletes as well as a gathering point for all students. Another \$500,000 has been donated by the Reno-



Link Piazza

based E.L. Cord Foundation. The facility will include a computer center, individual and group study areas, a student lounge and offices for the department's academic advising staff. It will be located west of the Robert Cashell Field House. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2007.

Link Piazza, announcer of Wolf Pack radio broadcasts in the 1940s and '50s and proprietor of The Sportsman sporting goods store in Reno, has donated \$1 million to renovate the Legacy Hall athletic ticket office and Hall of Fame Center. The gift also would upgrade the press box at Peccole Park. Piazza, 87, plans to donate a sizable collection of his Wolf Pack memorabilia for display in the Hall of Fame Center. Both the ticket office and Hall of Fame Center will be named in his honor.

The new 18-by-60-foot video scoreboard at the football stadium was paid for with a \$1 million gift from a donor who prefers to remain anonymous.

## Researchers prove GPS can detect tsunami-triggering quakes

Global Position System software can tell whether an ocean earthquake is likely to generate a devastating tsunami much faster than conventional detection systems can, according to research led by University geophysicist Geoff Blewitt.

Incorporating this new technology into existing tsunami warning systems could potentially save thousands of lives by making it possible to issue warnings much earlier.

Tsunamis — ocean waves generated by submarine quakes and other massive disturbances of the Earth's crust — race across the ocean at jet speeds, so it's important to know whether a warning needs to be issued. Some tsunamis are inconsequential, but others cause devastation. The Sumatra tsunami of Dec. 26, 2004, killed close to 300,000 people and wreaked destruction far away from the earthquake on the coasts of Thailand, Sri Lanka and India.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center underestimated the magnitude of that quake because no comprehensive tsunami warning system was installed in the Indian Ocean at that time. Officials had to rely on seismometers, which measure the energy released in waves by earthquakes. But seismometers are ill-adapted to gauge the size of earthquakes of unusually long duration, like the one that spawned the Sumatra tsunami.

The warning center initially estimated the quake as having almost no risk of producing a damaging tsunami, so

it didn't issue a warning. It took hours for the conventional technologies to determine that the quake had actually been much stronger, and days to figure out its true size.

"We'll always need seismology as the first level of alert for large earthquakes, and we'll need ocean buoys to actually sense the tsunami waves," says Blewitt, research professor in the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology. The advantage of including GPS in warning systems is that it quickly tells how much the ocean floor moved.

The new method, called GPS displacement, works by measuring the time it takes radio signals from GPS satellites to arrive at ground stations. That lets scientists calculate how far the stations have moved because of the quake. The GPS is so sensitive it can measure movement in millimeters. Movement is an indicator of a quake's magnitude, and magnitude is directly related to a quake's potential for generating tsunamis.

With GPS displacement technology, Blewitt says, a huge earthquake "can't hide," plus the data can be processed fast enough to issue warnings sooner.

Results of the GPS research study, sponsored by NASA, appeared earlier this year in the journal *Geophysical Research Letters*. Blewitt's co-authors were Corné Kreemer, William Hammond and Hans-Peter Plag of the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology; and Seth Stein and Emile Okal of the Department of Geological Sciences, Northwestern University.

## Tougher admissions standards coming sooner

The Board of Regents in June voted to tighten standards for admission to Nevada and UNLV. Starting in the fall of 2008, the minimum GPA will be 3.0 instead of 2.75.

That change had been scheduled to take effect in 2010, but the Regents decided to accelerate it. The admission

standards are being raised to ensure that incoming students are adequately prepared for college. Students who aren't prepared often require remedial coursework or drop out.

The Nevada System of Higher Education's staff plans to study what effect the

new criteria would have if applied to applicants for the 2006 and 2007 entering classes. The study is expected to be completed in time so that the new requirements could be delayed if it was found that they had a disproportionate impact on minorities.

More information about the admissions standards can be found in the Board of Regents briefing paper at <http://system.nevada.edu/Board-of-R/Meetings/Agendas/June-2006-/BOARD/Ref.-D.pdf>



Mike Reed

## Business Dean Reed has new job

Dana Edberg '80 (business administration), '89MBA, an associate professor of information systems, has been selected to serve as interim dean of the College of Business Administration.

She succeeds Mike Reed, who stepped down from his post of 13 years earlier this year to become vice chancellor of finance and administration for the Nevada System of Higher Education.

Reed, who joined the college in 1972, said he's been asked to give the vice-chancellor's position a new external focus: "to take what was essentially an internal controller position and communicate the message of the system to the people of Nevada."

As dean of the College of Business Administration, he was known for forging ties between the college and business community, and he said he plans to do the same for the system.

# Super-smart kids join student body

*The Davidson Academy of Nevada inaugural class ranges in age from 10 to 16*

About three dozen of the country's brightest preteens and teenagers — including six as young as 10 — became part of the student body August 28 when The Davidson Academy of Nevada opened in the KNPB Channel 5 building at the north end of campus.

The academy is a new free public school for profoundly gifted students who score at the highest level in college admission exams and intelligence tests. To qualify for admission, applicants also must be performing at the middle-school level or above. Members of the inaugural class range in age from 10 to 16 and come from 14 states. One is from Australia.

The academy is not a boarding school. Students go home each night. At least one parent has to be living in the Reno area or move here.

Davidson students enjoy almost all the same opportunities as other students on campus. They can pursue undergraduate and graduate degrees. They can collaborate on research projects with professors. They have access to all libraries and student services. They're even members of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada or ASUN.

They differ in that each will have an individualized learning plan at the academy based on achievement level, interests and motivation. They have the opportunity to attend small, challenging courses taught by academy teachers and by University of Nevada, Reno professors and lecturers.

As students move through their learning plan, they will take progressively more challenging University courses along with their academy classes. After

Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas



**Chemistry professor Vince Catalano works with students at the 2005 THINK Summer Institute. The three-week residential program brings intellectually gifted 12- to 15-year-olds to campus to earn college credit. It's sponsored by the Davidson Institute for Talent Development, which launched the Davidson Academy on campus in August.**

earning the Davidson Academy of Nevada high school diploma, they will have the opportunity to become fully matriculated students of the University in the Honors Program. Academy students pay tuition when they take University courses.

University officials welcomed students and Davidson Academy staff to campus in an opening ceremony Aug. 22 at Lawlor Events Center. The event also drew U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings

The Davidson Academy is the creation of former educational software entrepreneurs Bob and Jan Davidson of Incline Village, Nev., authors of the 2004 book *Genius Denied: How to Stop Wasting Our Brightest Young Minds*. In 1999 the Davidsons founded the Davidson Institute for Talent Development, a Reno-based nonprofit supporting gifted students. They said they decided

to open the academy on the Reno campus because of the quality and enthusiasm of the University's faculty as well as the campus' willingness to support a long-term partnership. Plans call for the academy to move to the more centrally located Jot Travis Student Union eventually. The couple will provide all funding for the academy in its first year and in following years will supplement state funds.

The academy aims to build on the success of another Davidson-funded program on the Reno campus, the 3-year-old THINK Summer Institute, a residential summer program that allows 12- to 15-year-olds to earn seven college credits in three weeks.

The Davidsons are also major contributors to the construction of a planned \$50 million Science and Math Complex on campus.

— Pat McDonnell

## Where are we allowed to protest?

A demonstration that featured gay students kissing in front of a military recruiter's table at a job fair in the student union last November eventually spawned a fierce debate on campus over freedom of speech.

The gay students were protesting the military's don't-ask-don't-tell policy that prevents openly gay people from serving in the military. They were joined by several student peace activists.

Later that day, another group of students demonstrated just outside the student union in support of the military's right to recruit on campus.

It turned out that all of the protests violated a University policy created in the 1960s. The policy restricts demonstrations to four "public forum" areas of campus: Manzanita Bowl, the Jot Travis Student Union lawn (not inside the JTSU, where the job fair was held), the Student Services Building lawn, and Barnes Plaza in front of Getchell Library. The policy also required groups to obtain formal permission before staging a protest in those areas.

Contrary to what many may assume, the zones were established not to limit protests on campus but to ensure that these high-traffic areas would be preserved as possible venues for demonstrations, according to former President Joe Crowley.

After many groups, including the graduate and undergraduate student senates and representatives of the American Civil Liberties Union, voiced their opinions on the policy, a new policy was agreed upon.

The new one allows demonstrations, leafleting and other forms of public group speech — activities that have been on the rise in recent years on the Reno campus — anywhere except inside buildings or where they would interfere with regularly scheduled classes, research, traffic flow, events and ceremonies. Advance permission is no longer required to stage a protest.

Under the new policy, the former public forum areas can now be reserved for demonstrations, to avoid conflicts with other groups that may want the space the same day. But reservations are not required.

## IGT gift first step toward computer gaming degree

The next big thing in computer games may come from alumni of Nevada's College of Engineering.

A \$500,000 gift from Reno-based International Game Technology is being used to hire two new full-time faculty members who will teach computer gaming and also develop a set of courses leading to a degree.

"We are one of the first universities to even think about doing this," says Sushil Louis, professor of computer science and engineering.

Although computer gaming is a \$30 billion industry worldwide, few universities in the world offer degrees in computer gaming or game development, Louis says. The new courses will be the first step toward eventually ramping up to a computer-game-engineering program, through which a minor and then a major degree would be offered. University officials say it could take about five years to reach that goal.

The University anticipates the IGT seed money will be the catalyst for obtaining additional funds from the state legislature to develop the program further.

The University and IGT have had a mutually beneficial industry-education partnership for many years. In 1994, IGT donated \$1 million to start a computer engineering program at the University. IGT currently employs more than 120 College of Engineering graduates, primarily computer scientists and engineers.

"IGT is one of the largest employers of our grads — both undergraduate and graduate," Louis says. "They have been very good to us because they see value in what we can do for them and, of course, they are helping us by giving us resources."

Computer-game engineering encompasses much more than developing the slot machines and other betting games IGT produces. The specialty also includes the design and development of hardware and software for computer games, digital entertainment and virtual-reality training.

— John Wheeler '86, '87M.A.

## Former Wolf Pack golfer to play in Masters

Casey Watabu, a senior on last year's Wolf Pack golf team, qualified for the 2007 Masters Tournament by winning the U.S. Amateur Public Links Championships July 15 in Bremerton, Wash.

The 22-year-old Hawaiian will become the second Wolf Pack golfer to play in the Masters. Kirk Triplett '85 (civil engineering) has competed in the prestigious tournament six times, finishing as high as sixth in 2001 and 2004.

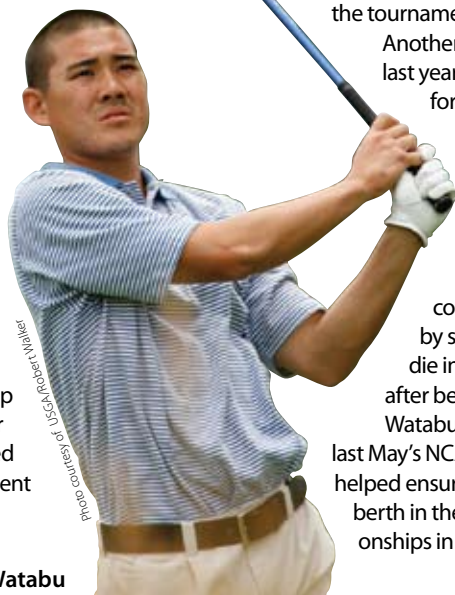
The *Reno Gazette-Journal* reported that Watabu also is being considered for a spot on the U.S. team at the September 2007 Walker Cup event in Ireland. The Walker Cup is widely acknowledged as the world's most prominent amateur tournament.

In the finals of the U.S. Amateur's match-play round, Watabu posted 10 birdies over 33 holes to defeat the tournament favorite, 2005 Big 12 Conference Player of the Year Anthony Kim of Oklahoma. A total of 152 golfers competed in the tournament.

Another Wolf Pack senior last year who qualified for the tournament, John Cassidy, from Yelm, Wash., near Bremerton, lent his knowledge of the course to Watabu by serving as his caddy in the final rounds after being eliminated.

Watabu's tie for first at last May's NCAA West Regional helped ensure Nevada's first berth in the NCAA Championships in 16 years.

— Pat McDonnell



Casey Watabu

Photo courtesy of U.S. Golf Association

Story by Ed Cohen • Photo by Jeff Ross

# Meet Milt

*The new president is tireless and wireless, gracious and tenacious, a card-carrying goal-getter, and one prize catch.*

This is what happened when a member of the search committee for Nevada's next president asked one of the candidates, Milt Glick, about item No. 4 on page 11 of his 17-page *curriculum vitae*, the academic equivalent of a resume.

Glick took one look at his interrogator and said, "Oh, are you a lawyer?" and the whole room broke into laughter.

They all knew that the questioner was, in fact, a lawyer, Reno's Doug Hill, also a Regent at the time. But Glick, then the executive vice president and provost of Arizona State University, didn't know that. Or at least everyone in the room assumed he didn't (they were right). It was either a funny tension-puncturer on the part of the candidate or a sign of perceptiveness (probably both).

Over the next hour there would be plenty more entertaining remarks from the diminutive, bald, bearded academician seated at one end of the rectangle of tables. Plenty of substance and candor and optimism too. Not to mention self-confidence.

"He told us that this was a place that was really ready to make the next step," committee member and past chair of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation board Mary-Ellen McMullen '73 (education, English) recalls, "and that he was the

person to help us get there."

They liked that answer. They liked his other answers. They liked Milt Glick so much that at the end of the interview they gave him something they hadn't given to any of the four other candidates they'd interviewed that day. A standing ovation.

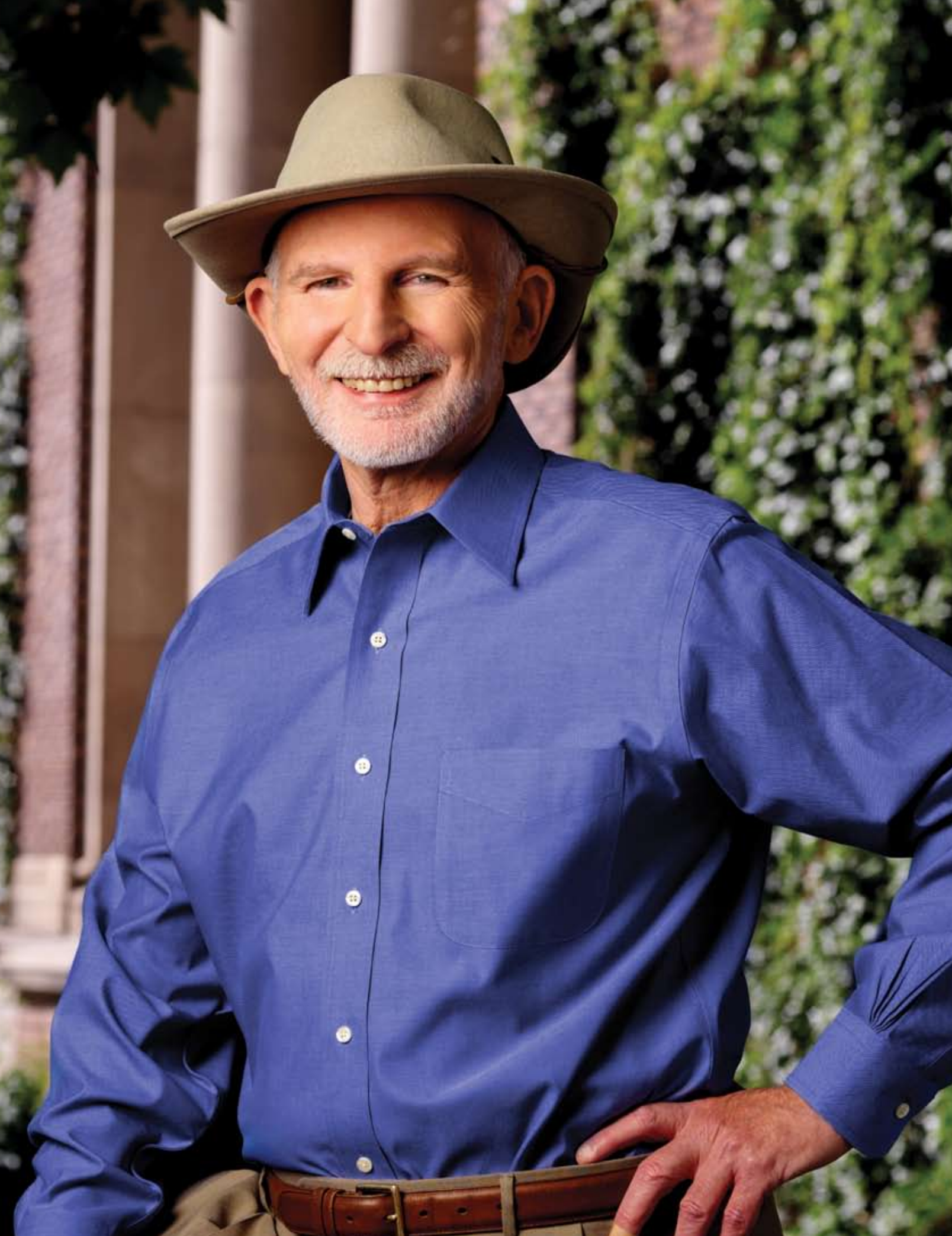
Three weeks later, he got the job.

On Aug. 1 Milton D. Glick, 69, officially took office as Nevada's 15th president. He succeeds John Lilley — who resigned last December to become president of his alma mater, Baylor University in Waco, Texas — and Joe Crowley, who happily returned to semiretirement after adding to his record 23 years as president (1978-2001) with another eight months of interim service. The Glick inauguration is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 29, on the Quad.

For the new president, a jeweler's son who has been a college student, professor or university administrator for more than 50 years, the appointment is a capstone of his academic service. But this is more than a personal triumph.

After a famously successful 15 years as the No. 2 at Arizona State — and after that unlikely standing ovation — people not only in Nevada but all over the country are eager to see what the talented Dr. Glick will do for an encore.

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## [ The courtship ]

He says he cannot remember ever having applied for a job; they always found him. So it was with his latest.

An executive search consultant hired by the Board of Regents approached Glick last winter to see if he'd be interested in being considered for the job. To Alberto Pimentel, vice president of A.T. Kearney, an executive search firm in Los Angeles, it seemed to be a near-perfect match. But he wasn't optimistic.

For more than a decade presidential recruiters had come calling on Glick, and he'd shown no interest in leaving Arizona State.

Pimentel says Glick was a hot property because of the advances Arizona State had made during his tenure and because he was seen by many in higher education as the primary architect of those advances.

Here's a partial list of them: a 20 percent improvement in freshman retention rate, a 15 percent improvement in graduation rate, a doubling of the number of minorities enrolled. The main campus in Tempe, a suburb of Phoenix, is now the largest in the United States with about 52,500 students expected this fall.

The number of National Merit Scholars had risen from about a dozen in 1991 to more than 500 last year, the fourth-largest concentration of these scholars in any public university. Sponsored research funding has tripled.

Convinced that having a piece of ASU in close proximity will spur economic development, the City of Phoenix is underwriting a new branch campus downtown, and Scottsdale, to the northeast, is building an innovation park.

With Glick as provost, the chief academic officer of a university, ASU recruited 10 faculty with prestigious national academy memberships and one Nobel Laureate. The school's most recent fundraising campaign, announced with a goal of \$300 million, surpassed \$500 million.

Glick insists he doesn't deserve all of the credit — "It took lots of people. . . . I just got to be the conductor." Others at the school say he did most of the day-to-day heavy lifting. Whatever the correct glory

apportionment, he was enjoying his role so much that he routinely gave presidential headhunters the brush-off.

Until last winter.

About the same time John Lilley was announcing he was leaving Reno for Waco, Glick announced he would step down as provost and executive vice president the following July and start a new job. As ASU's first University Professor, he would be given free reign to teach in any part of the university. He'd also remain on hand to serve as a mentor to administrators and take on the proverbial "special projects."

Most academicians would consider this a dream job. But those who know Glick — who works 12-hour days and has called retirement "a social disease" — know that he might not have viewed it that way.

## THE PRESIDENT'S PREFERENCES

### Favorite books:

- *The Contrarian's Guide to Leadership* by Steven B. Sample (president of USC)
- *The Innovator's Dilemma* by Clayton M. Christensen
- *Leadership Jazz* by Max DePree

### Fiction: political novels and mysteries

### Favorite TV show: *The West Wing*

### Favorite movie: *Casablanca*

### Favorite sports: football and basketball

Enter search consultant Pimentel and the Nevada opening. Suddenly the departing provost had a choice: wind down into the comforts of teaching or crank up with the pressures and opportunities of a presidency. Pimentel telephoned.

"He didn't say no. He didn't say yes."

The search consultant says Glick studied up on Nevada and was intrigued but still not convinced he wanted the job. He agreed to come for an interview.

It wasn't just the standing ovation that won Glick over, Pimentel says. It was his impression of people's goals for the University. Both on campus and off, he sensed not only enthusiasm for the place but a desire for it to become much more.

This was exciting to him.

Not long after accepting the Regents' offer, he had dinner with a longtime

friend, Andy Hurwitz, former chair of the Arizona Board of Regents and now a justice of the Arizona Supreme Court. The judge says he asked his friend about the new job.

"I said, 'So tell me about this.' And two hours later he was still talking."

## [ The other courtships ]

Milton Don Glick grew up in Rock Island, Ill., part of the Quad Cities area along the Illinois-Iowa border. His father — who was born in McGill, Nev., where the family ran a café — had a jewelry store across the Mississippi River in Davenport, Iowa. Milton — whose only sibling was a brother, 10 years younger and now deceased — wanted to become a jeweler like his dad. But his parents wouldn't hear of it. They wanted him to go to college.

He enrolled at Augustana College, a private liberal arts school in Rock Island, and earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1959. He then pursued a doctorate at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in the specialized area of crystallography.

One day early in the academic year, a freshman from the Midwest, Peggy Porter, came into the office of Glick's college roommate. His roommate was the T.A. in charge of a chemistry lab she was taking. She was dropping off her lab results. Glick happened to be there. They eventually began dating.

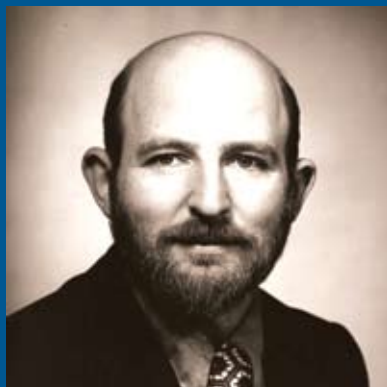
Glick taught her how to use the key-punch machines to enter data in connection with his research. In the days before direct keyboard interfaces, programmers had to feed stacks of cards into computers to tell them what to do. Each card had to be prepared individually using the machine, which punched precise holes corresponding to instructions.

A typical date for Milt, the would-be crystallographer, and his girlfriend, the math major, would find them depositing a stack of cards for the campus computer to run while they went out to a movie. They'd return afterward and get the results.

The couple married after Peggy graduated in 1965. She became a high school math teacher and later earned a master's in economics. During several stops along



Growing up in Rock Island, Ill...



a chemistry professor at Wayne State University in Detroit in 1973...



and with wife, Peggy, just before being introduced as president in May.

her husband's career route she worked as a financial analyst while also being the mother of their two sons. David Glick, 36, is now senior manager of software development for Amazon.com in Seattle. Sandy Glick, 34, works as an economic consultant in Washington, D.C., specializing in postal rate-setting.

The market for college professors was strong in the '60s. After earning his doctorate and spending a year as a post-doc at Cornell University, Milt Glick found a faculty position in the chemistry department at Wayne State University in Detroit in 1966.

Twelve years passed with the Glicks becoming active members of their new community. When all of the city's old-line synagogues followed their members out to the suburbs, they joined with a handful of other Jewish families, including that of future Michigan Sen. Carl Levin, to found a new one in downtown Detroit.

Professor Glick advanced through the academic ranks at Wayne State while making a name for himself in his research field of X-ray crystallography. Almost from the moment he arrived, he was heavily involved in faculty governance issues. He served as secretary of the faculty senate and then in the highest elective post, vice chair (the Wayne State provost automatically served as chair).

When the chairmanship of the chemistry department opened up, a committee recommended Glick for the job.

Many professors avoid such appointments because of the meetings and paperwork and politics of the job. But

Glick didn't have to be coerced. He says he'd already come to the conclusion that he was a good scientist but would never be selected for membership in the elite National Academy of Sciences.

"I wasn't creative enough, and I didn't eat sleep and drink science, and that's what you have to do to be a real top scientist." He says he realized his talents lay more in "helping people who were smarter and more creative than me be successful."

In 1983, after 17 years at Wayne State, the Glicks left Detroit for Columbia, Mo., where Milt had been hired as dean of the University of Missouri College of Arts and Science. It was the school's largest college and, as he soon found out, was out of favor with faculty and administrators from other colleges.

Glick says the previous dean had refused to implement budget cuts and got away with it by threatening to eliminate courses that students in other colleges needed to take to graduate. Faced with the need to cut the college's budget by \$1 million, Glick chose a different path. He met with the deans of the other colleges and asked them which courses were absolutely essential. He then trimmed where it would harm the overall university least.

That bitter medicine swallowed, he set out on an agenda for improvement. Among other initiatives, he pushed for the development of a writing-across-the-curriculum program to improve students' writing skills throughout the university. The program became a model

copied at other schools.

He found a way to put a networked computer on the desk of every faculty member in the college. Except for a few outliers, every college professor today has a computer in the office, but in the mid-1980s, the notion was almost unheard of. At that time, not every faculty member at Missouri had an office telephone line, Glick recalls.

The arts and science dean's forward thinking began to draw attention, and within a few years recruiters began calling to ask if he would be interested in taking the next step up the administrative ladder, to provost. He says he was reluctant to uproot his family again and for two years declined to move. Finally, in 1988, after turning down two previous offers, he accepted the provost's position at Iowa State University in Ames, which is in the center of Iowa, about 200 miles west of the Quad Cities, where he had grown up.

Michael Crow, then director of Iowa State's Institute for Physical Research and Technology, served on the search committee that chose Glick. He recalls the interview and Glick's subsequent performance as provost:

"What everybody saw, including me, was just this total dedication. He's very smart, very analytical and very tough."

#### [ Dr. No ]

Glick served three years in Ames, the last eight months as interim president, before accepting the position of senior vice president and provost at Arizona State.

## CoverStory

The provost position is regarded by many as the toughest in higher education because provosts are the ones who have to say no. No to promotions. No to curriculum changes. No to budget requests.

Early on at Arizona State, Glick was told he had to cut \$15 million from the university's budget. To demonstrate to faculty that he had nothing to hide, he broke protocol and invited skeptical leaders of the faculty senate to help design the model to achieve this.

The move signaled Glick's long-held belief in transparency. It didn't mean he was soft.

As he recalls in an article he wrote for the journal *New Directions for Higher Education*, a dean told him he'd come to the university to build, not destroy the college. He wanted to know what would happen to a dean who refused to go along with the budget cuts. Glick says he told him, "I would call you a good friend, a man of principles, and defender of the faith. However, I would no longer call you dean."

In other instances, compromise and diplomacy were the order of the day. When members of the Board of Regents suggested doing away with tenure to make faculty more accountable, Glick worked with the faculty to devise a post-tenure review system. The system met the board's concerns while preserving faculty members' sense of job security and academic freedom.

When students complained that they couldn't complete requirements for their degrees because classes they needed were full, Glick came up with this solution: Any student who was within a year of graduating and couldn't get into a needed class could telephone him directly. He would rectify the situation.

Hurwitz, the former head of the Arizona Board of Regents, says the idea worked because a lot of the stories turned out to be apocryphal. There sometimes was a section of the class open, but it met at an undesirable time, like 8 in the morning. In other instances the professor wanted to limit the class to 20. Glick would tell the instructor to accept a few more.

### [ The bowling ball ]

At just under 5 feet, 6 inches tall, Milt Glick is possibly the shortest president in Nevada history. One of the lightest, too. He says he weighs 150-155 pounds.

You'd never know it to look at him, but he says that in the '60s he weighed 200 pounds. "I used to just roll down the street." He bought a pair of size 40 slacks — and never wore them. They were for motivation. By playing a lot of squash and following the protein-rich Stillman Diet, he says, he lost 50 pounds in four months.

And he's kept it off, although while dean at Missouri, the staff grew concerned about his eating habits.

"I had an assistant who used to post signs around the building, 'Please do not feed the dean.'"

Ask people to describe Milt Glick and you continually hear terms like quick-witted, forthright, honest, trustworthy,

compassionate, insightful. Anyone who can lose one-fourth of his weight in four months, and isn't being held prisoner or battling a potentially fatal illness, obviously doesn't lack for self-discipline. He's frugal. He speaks softly. He sings.

Unpretentious would be an understatement. A week before officially taking office, he showed up for a meeting on campus looking more like the stereotypical Old West prospector than a president, in old blue jeans, a plain green T-shirt, a floppy blue hat and a scruffy gray beard.

More than anything else, though, Glick is known for being dedicated to his work — really loving it — and tireless in pursuit of goals.

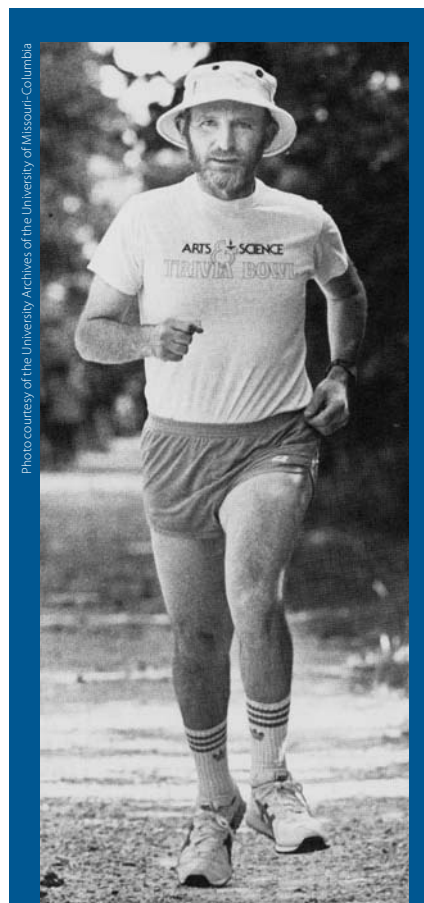
Peggy Glick says she learned early on in their marriage that her husband would always be working. One time he took her along to a national meeting of crystallographers in Gatlinburg, Tenn. It was their honeymoon.

A typical day for Glick at ASU, colleagues say, would begin at 6 a.m. and last past 6 p.m. When his sons were living at home, Glick always made it a point to be home for dinner with his family, but an hour later he'd resume working, usually on a computer.

Glick has two trademark bits of apparel: his broad-brimmed hats, which he wears to protect his face and pate from the sun, and the small electronic device he wears in a holster on his right hip. It's called a BlackBerry, and it's a brand of combination Internet connection and cell phone. He uses it mostly for email. When faced with a question he can't answer, he'll tap out a sentence or two on the calculator-size keyboard to the person he knows has the answer. At ASU, all of his senior staff members and many others were tethered this way.

Glick estimates he reads, sends or responds to 200 to 300 emails a day. During the rare vacation, he doesn't shut off his BlackBerry or go on an email fast. He'd have too much of a backlog to deal with when he went back online.

He says he purchased his original BlackBerry around 1999. At his going-away party at ASU, his staff gave it back to him, bronzed.



Running Missouri's College of Arts and Science in 1987.

### [ The sponge ]

One of the members of the presidential search committee remarked that Glick was the right person for the job because, “He’s been where we are, and he is where we have to go.” The notion was that Glick would do at Nevada what he did at Arizona State.

If that’s what the committee members thought, they may be disappointed because Glick says he has no intention of airing a rerun in Reno.

“I think it’s the kiss of death . . . to come in and say, ‘Well, here’s how we did it at the last place,’” he says, “because when you do that the faculty kind of say, ‘Well if you liked it so much there, why are you here?’”

The new president says he would be happy to see Nevada experience the degree of progress made at ASU, but it won’t be the same kind of progress. One reason: He’s in a different city and state.

The Nevada equivalent of Arizona State wouldn’t be Nevada, Reno, it would be UNLV, a younger public university based in a booming metropolis — Las Vegas, in this case, instead of Phoenix. Nevada, Reno is more like the University of Arizona, that state’s historic flagship, land-grant college with agriculture extension operations and a medical school.

Glick says his intention is to “build on the strong extant foundation” and tailor the institution to fit Reno and Nevada.

Exactly what that means is a matter for conjecture at this point because the new president isn’t offering any specifics. This would come as no surprise to his former colleagues. They say expect him to be a sponge his first six months, soaking up as much knowledge as possible. After that he’ll set a course for measurable objectives.

Here’s what *can* be said about the likely course of the Glick presidency based on his philosophies and what he’s said since accepting the job:

He will compete with UNLV but in the sense of trying to make this university as good as it can be while UNLV is doing the same. He also plans to collaborate at every opportunity. That’s the approach he took with the University of Arizona when he was at ASU, and the rivalry be-

came so cordial that Arizona’s president, two months removed from a heart attack, drove up from Tucson to attend a tribute dinner for Glick.

“Our primary competition is not UNLV,” Glick insists, “but all the good research and land-grant universities in the country.”

## ‘I think it’s the kiss of death . . . to come in and say, ‘Well, here’s how we did it at the last place.’

Regarding potential competition with UNLV for appropriations from the Nevada legislature, he says, that can’t be a zero-sum game, in which one school prospers at the expense of the other. “In the long run we have to build a bigger pie.”

Besides lobbying for public funds, the new president knows he’ll be spending a lot more time out of the office trying to raise money from private sources than he did as provost. He says that’s another reason for taking time to soak up information. He’ll need to know the University’s story before he can tell it to potential supporters.

As a career-long employee of public universities, he’s sure to insist that Nevada remain true to its mission of providing educational opportunity to all. One of the accomplishments he was most proud of at Arizona State was how the university improved the quality of its student body by adding National Merit Scholars at the top rather than culling less-accomplished students from the bottom.

His strategic plan, when he develops one, is likely to be so succinct it can fit on an index card. At ASU he would literally carry around in his shirt pocket a laminated card listing institutional objectives, mostly related to student success. He’s been known to carry two-dozen such cards. (Instead of 3 x 5s, he has them cut down to 3 x 4 for a better fit.) Not all are reminders of institutional goals, he acknowledges. Mixed in might be a few notes along the lines of, “Pick up gallon of milk.”

Whatever differences the world may notice between Milt Glick the president

and Milt Glick the provost are likely to involve risk-taking. When asked if he would criticize any element of his career as an administrator, he says he may have been too risk-averse. He always wanted to leave his organization in good financial shape, and he always did. But his eyes were opened to the potential of entrepre-

neurship and strategic risk-taking by his second boss at ASU, Michael Crow.

Yes, that Michael Crow, the one who served on the search committee at Iowa State and reported to Glick there. Glick describes Crow as one of the smartest people he has ever met and marvels at some of the accomplishments of the first four years of his presidency. Those include construction of 1 million square feet of new research space. Incidentally, this was Crow’s advice to Glick about being a president: “Go up another 20,000 feet in elevation and try to stay there. Try to stay focused on the big picture.”

Nevada’s new president says he expects it will take him five to seven years to make a major difference and institutionalize improvements so they endure over time. No one who worked with him at Arizona State has any doubts that he’ll succeed in that. And the early indications at least sound encouraging.

Glick reported to work on his first official day in office — at 7 a.m., not 6 — booted up his computer with the dual monitors, and dove into his in-box. Later on, music could be heard coming from the open door.

The selections started with folk songs by ’60s singer-songwriter Joan Baez followed by show tunes. The first Baez recording? The anthem of the civil rights movement, “We Shall Overcome.”

Out in the adjoining offices, the staff could hear a male voice singing along loud and clear.

*Ed Cohen is the University’s director of communications and publications and editor of this magazine.*

# What I've Learned

JOE CROWLEY

When you're a public figure, a decision-making figure, any significant decision you make is going to make somebody unhappy.

There were a couple of times when I thought seriously about walking away. The first was after seven years. I had taken the job at a time when the University's position with the legislature was not in good shape. We didn't have accessibility, we didn't have credibility, we didn't have influence. We developed a strategy that was a very effective one, in my opinion, and gradually we chipped away at those problems, so that by 1985 we had become a much more credible institution. This was due to the effort of all kinds of people. I don't mean to say that I was the one who was responsible, but by 1985 we had influence and brought back a wonderful budget to the campus. I felt pretty proud of myself. I remember coming back from Carson City, driving home at the end of that session, and feeling like, as I got closer to campus, that what I really should have is a chariot and banners flying in a big parade. And there was nobody waiting at the other end except people complaining about not having enough money.

I used to teach beginning American government and politics, and I really enjoyed that. It would be in large lecture sections, typically 200 students, and I could do one and feel great about the results and an hour later do the same class, the same lecture, and not connect and I'd think, "How did this happen?" It's like they say about other things, you know it when you see it. You can feel it when you have connected and also when you have been a miserable flop.

The best way to get along in Nevada if you're coming from elsewhere is not to bring your elsewhere with you.

You get your genes. You get your upbringing. You have your parents as your role models. You interrelate with your brothers and sisters. That's how you learn to be whomever you turn out to be.

As young man I had the sense that if there was a really serious issue, the answer was in Washington. I don't believe that anymore. I have worked in Washington. I've watched the sausage being made.

A university is a unique institution in that it is populated by people who, as a matter of professional obligation, are critics. That makes the president's life interesting.

I went into the academic world wanting to teach and write and just really by a crazy set of circumstances became the interim president, never having given a thought to doing such a thing.

As Calvin of Calvin and Hobbes said, "It's not so much a matter of being at the right place at the right time. It's getting to the right place and just hanging around for a while."

I remember thinking when I was younger, "My God, when I get old what's going to be the point of learning more? I'll be closer to the grave." Well, I am certainly a lot closer to the grave, but I've got a lot of learning yet to do, and so it will go on. The day I shuffle off of this mortal coil I hope to be still reading and learning.

I try not to take heavy books with me to bed anymore — I mean physically heavy books — because, for certain, and in most occasions within a couple of minutes, I'll be asleep, and they will fall, and they could do damage to me.

Interim president,  
president,  
interim again,  
NCAA president,  
husband, father,  
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political scientist,  
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From a conversation with John Wheeler '86, '87M.A. and Ed Cohen • Photo by Jean Dixon

At 73, in good hands with wife Joy



## How to invest your money right now

University of Nevada, Reno economics professor Tom Cargill is an internationally recognized expert on international monetary economics, banking and finance. Here are his takes on some of the major financial issues that affect us all.

### THE HOUSING BUBBLE

There is a general consensus that if we had a bubble in housing prices, we are not in for a hard landing. I don't see the bottom falling out. It's now a buyer's market, but there are still a lot of buyers out there. In Japan, housing prices fell 60 percent over a decade, but that is not going to happen in the United States.

### INTEREST RATES

The Federal Reserve did not increase interest rates at the most recent (Aug. 8) meeting because it considers the risk of recession more serious than the risk of inflation at this time. This does not mean interest rates will not increase in the future. First, the Federal Reserve will likely start to increase rates again because inflation appears to be gaining ground and, second, higher inflation will increase interest rates even if the Federal Reserve does nothing. So what does that mean? It means the economy is slowing and we are going to be in for a slowdown — possibly a recession, though at this point, recession has only a low probability. High energy prices have got to have an adverse effect on the economy.

### DOLLAR FIRE SALE

People want to know if there is a chance that there will be a mass exit from dollars, with the result that the dollar will collapse and interest rates will go up dramatically. I doubt that seriously. I think China, Japan and South Korea, in a sense, have the wolf by the ears and can't let go. What are they going to do with all their dollar reserves? Where are they going to invest their money? Invest in France? The United States is still the strongest, most diversified economy in the world, so in terms of long-term growth and ability to pay off that debt why wouldn't the Chinese be willing to finance our spending?

### INVESTING TOWARD RETIREMENT

If you are in your 20s or 30s, then this is just one of those down periods of uncertainty that will be offset by good times later on. But if you are in your 50s and early 60s, this might be a time to reevaluate how much of your retirement you want in equities. I think this is probably a time to shift toward more liquid assets and opt for lower expected returns with little risk. For example, money-market mutual funds are paying around 4 percent, not a bad return. I think the stock market right now is risky.

# NEVADA

## KNOW-HOW

BY JOHN WHEELER

## How to live with earwigs

Let's be honest, with their threatening moniker and nasty-looking rear-end pincers, earwigs score high on the creep scale for many people — especially if you find one climbing the wall near your bed. However, earwigs — also known as pincer bugs — might be getting a worse rap than they deserve.

First, they won't crawl into your ear and burrow through your brain. That notion comes from an ancient folk belief that led to their name, but it's a myth. You could conceivably have one visit an orifice by accident, but that could just as easily happen with an ant or any small insect.

"Generally, earwigs are a beneficial insect in the sense that they help in the decomposition process and also eat aphids and mites," says JoAnne Skelly, an educator with

Nevada Cooperative Extension.

This nocturnal insect thrives in gardens, eating organic matter, breaking it down and aerating soil surfaces. It often gets blamed for damage more likely caused by snails,



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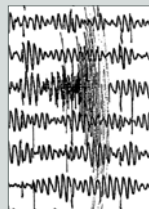
slugs, cutworms or other garden pests hiding in damp debris.

But if you want to get rid of earwigs, Skelly says, dampened rolled-up newspapers, damp rags, or pieces of hose make good traps. So does

a shallow cat food or tuna can filled with half an inch of vegetable oil. Shake trapped insects into a bucket of soapy water, which breaks down their outer skin and kills them.

Removing boards and rubbish from areas with large populations of earwigs eliminates their hiding places in areas you want to protect.

## How to know whether to buy



Nevada is the second most seismically active state in the lower 48 and experienced four earthquakes with magnitude over 7 in the 20th century. So is it smart to buy earthquake insurance?

There's no definitive answer, but here are some pertinent facts from John Anderson, professor of seismology and director of the Nevada Seismology Laboratory at the University of Nevada, Reno.

First, odds are that you will spend more on premiums for your policy than you'll ever collect.

"A single-story house built on a concrete foundation on ground level is probably go-

ing to be in pretty good shape," Anderson says. "It is cheaper for a person to get really serious about preventing the types of damage that are likely to be most expensive, especially by securing water heaters, furnaces and valuable, fragile items."

That's because earthquake insurance policies are pricey and come with deductibles as high as 10 percent of the cost to replace a damaged structure or personal property.

And what are the chances of experiencing a Big One?"

Anderson says the faults immediately around Las Vegas are less active than the faults in the Reno-Carson City area. Death Valley is the nearest likely location of a major earthquake. Within the Reno-Carson

## How to choose an interior designer

It used to be that interior designers were a resource used only by the wealthiest homeowners. Not any more.

With consumers increasingly well-informed by magazines and with TV networks such as HGTV dedicated to design and remodeling, interior designers are more and more seen as a worthwhile investment, says LuAnn Nissen, professor and coordinator of the University's interior design program.

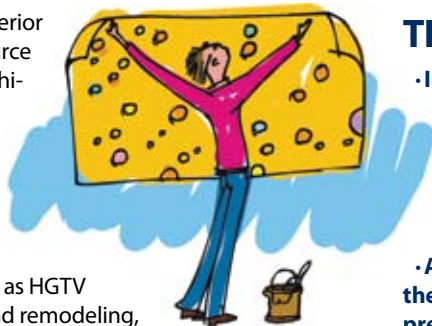
"A designer can save you time and money — particularly when you get into areas such as kitchens and bathrooms," she says. "Mistakes are costly. If it doesn't work, you are faced with having to redo."

Nissen says typical errors include installing a refrigerator whose door swings open to block a major traffic path, or cabinets whose doors bang into one another.

"A designer can make a small space accommodate a lot more than perhaps you would have ever thought possible, or they can make a large space seem very cozy," she says.

So what's the cost of hiring an interior designer? An experienced designer may be somewhat pricey, although excellent designers can be had for considerably less.

Three ways to find a designer are: phone book, ask friends; contact a professional organization (the American Society of Interior Designers offers a referral service at [www.asid.org](http://www.asid.org)).



### TIPS

- **Interview them. Get a sense of whether you can work with them on a personal level.**
- **Ask about their educational preparation. Have they passed a national qualifying exam, such as that given by the National Council for Interior Design Qualification?**
- **Ask to see a portfolio of their work**
- **Ask for names and contact information for previous clients you can call.**

## How to break mold's hold on your home

Quick, which state has the worst mold problem — Nevada or Alabama?

Amazingly, it's Nevada, which ranks in the top five, according to a hazard-ranking model based on a study of insurance claims. Alabama is in the bottom five states.

It's counterintuitive to think of a Las Vegas casino or a Reno home — both of which are in or near desert locales — as being at risk for mold, but Wayne Johnson, associate professor of resource economics and Nevada Cooperative Extension specialist, explains why there is likely to be a fungus among you.

"We try to provide a nice temperature in our homes because we want to live there. It turns out that molds like the same temperatures we do," he says. "We are a very dry environment, so we end up with molds that are dry-adapted. You wouldn't have the same molds in South Carolina or Louisiana."

Many buildings in dry climates like Nevada develop mold when moisture builds up in walls and windows that are tightly sealed off from hot conditions outside. Lack of ventilation causes the relative humidity of the air to increase. Bathroom surfaces, drywall, wallboard and wood surfaces are common places where molds — also known as mildew — accumulate. Johnson says prevention is the best strategy.

"Getting rid of moisture is one of the easiest ways in Nevada to control the number of molds in your home," he says. "Mold grows on windowsills where condensation accumulates. Make sure you've got good ventilation through your home."

Johnson says keeping your home clean is another way to cut off the mold's needed food source. Food for a mold is anything organic, such as paper or spilled food or drink. Sunlight is mold's nemesis. "Most molds cannot take direct sunlight," Johnson says.



## earthquake insurance

City area, there are at least 10 to 15 faults large enough to cause a quake that's magnitude 6.5 or greater. How strong is that? The 1994 Northridge earthquake, in the heart of Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley, was magnitude 6.7. It was the most costly in U.S. history and left 51 people dead and 9,000 seriously injured.

But before you move your bed into the street, Reno-Carson residents, consider that each of your area's faults might have an earthquake only once every 2,000

years. "Still, the accumulated effect of all the faults gives Reno a 50 percent chance of an earthquake with magnitude 6.5 or larger within 50 years and 30 miles. That's strong enough to do a lot of damage to your home's contents," Anderson says.

"Computers, cameras on shelves, china, wine racks, flat-screen televisions — getting thousands of dollars worth of damage to the contents of your house can happen a lot more easily than one might expect," he says.

**To learn more about earthquake risk and what you should do to prepare, check out the Nevada Seismology Laboratory's website: [www.seismo.unr.edu](http://www.seismo.unr.edu). It contains links to information that can help you understand earthquake hazards and carry out mitigation in your home. In addition, you can call the lab with questions at (775) 784-4975.**

# William Lynch invests in quality of life and care

In 1935 William J. Lynch found himself riding a railcar from his home in Boston to California to pick fruit for the summer. Work in the east was hard to come by and he had to earn \$90 so he could pay tuition to the University of Alabama.

After two years of picking fruit in the summer and studying mining engineering in Alabama during the school year, Bill joined the WWII military efforts.

After his tour of duty ended, he and a friend decided to pick up where they'd left off. On their way to the California orchards they made a fateful stop in Reno. Bill's friend lost all of his money gambling, and Bill's life was set in a new direction. His friend decided to settle down in Reno and start a family. He soon went to work for the Reno Fire Department and was continually encouraging Bill to become a fireman.

In 1945 the fire chief invited Bill to join him for a cup of coffee. Bill obliged and the fire chief gave him a tour of the firehouse. He told Bill he

was not allowed to leave because he had already put him on the payroll.

Thirty years later, Captain Bill Lynch retired from the Reno Fire Department, Station 8.

"I've seen a lot of changes in my life and done a lot of things. I've always appreciated nurses. Especially in the last few years, I've realized how much care and dedication they have for their patients. That's why I decided to create the W.K. Lynch Scholarship Fund for students in the Orvis School of Nursing. Now I keep finding reasons to further fund it."

Bill's passion and generosity didn't stop there. He also recently established the William J. Lynch Wellness Endowment for the Sanford Center for Aging. Wellness has always been a guiding principle for Bill, and he wants others to enjoy the same active and healthy lifestyle he has.

"I had to give up playing tennis at 86 because there was no one my age to play!" He is 93. It is his wish that the endowment will fund the Sanford Center for Aging in its endeavors of increasing

*For more information about the Orvis School of Nursing or the Sanford Center for Aging, please contact Health and Human Sciences Development Director Shari Netzel at (775) 784-6979 or [snetzel@unr.edu](mailto:snetzel@unr.edu).*

Photo by Liz Welsh



**At 93, Bill Lynch wants Nevada to help others age gracefully in good hands. At left, Bill in 1954 wearing his formal dress firefighter uniform.**

academia's and the public's awareness of the positive aspects of aging.

By the year 2030, there will be more than 70 million adults age 65 and older. Because of Bill, the University of Nevada, Reno Sanford Center for Aging will be able to address this population's needs better. And if Bill has his way, many of them will be enjoying a game of tennis now and then.

Photo courtesy of Bill Lynch



## Young Nevada alumnus promotes international affairs education

Upon graduating from Nevada, Dr. Adriano B. Lucatelli '90 (international affairs and political science) went on to obtain master's degrees from the London School of Economics and the University of Rochester, New York. He earned a doctorate from the University of Zurich and currently resides in Zurich, where he is managing director and a member of the management committee of UBS Wealth Management Switzerland.

Erik Herzik, chair of the Department of Political Science, says, "The department is proud to see Adriano be such a success in business internationally." As a student at Nevada, Lucatelli was the recipient of



**Adriano Lucatelli '90**

several scholarships, and he has remained tremendously appreciative of those awards, which allowed him, as an international student, to complete his undergraduate education. He wanted to assist those who followed, so he established two awards: the Adriano Lucatelli International Education Scholarship and the Adriano Lucatelli International Education

Internship. In addition, he is dedicated to making an annual contribution to enhance the funds he established.

The impact of the scholarship and intern-

ship will be evident through the students who have committed to upholding the excellent academic reputation and rigorous course work of study in the International Affairs Program.

"Having funds to support interns is really important and a great luxury for students in the International Affairs Program," explains department chair Herzik. "It is unique for a department like ours to support students doing an internship so that they may pursue career-related experiences. We are grateful to Dr. Lucatelli for providing students with a meaningful foundation on which to apply their education."

Last year there were more than 80 students pursuing a degree in international affairs.

*To learn more about the International Affairs Program in the College of Liberal Arts, contact Development Director Robyn Powers at (775) 784-6873 or [rpowers@unr.edu](mailto:rpowers@unr.edu).*

# Program for aging fuses academic, clinical experience

**R**eno's Promenade on the River has been recognized as one of the country's best independent senior living communities.

Promenade's mission is to keep its residents active, healthy and enjoying life. To support this mission, owner and operator Phil Shapiro has partnered with the College of Health and Human Sciences on an "immersion" program to acquaint future health care professionals with geriatrics research, gerontology education and the experience of aging healthfully.

Although this is the fourth year of the program, this is the first year Promenade is working with the College of Health and Human Sciences. The first three years students from the School of Medicine participated.

The partnership provides for a designated Ph.D. candidate to reside at Promenade for the academic year. This arrangement encourages the student to develop personal relationships with residents while working closely with a faculty adviser to implement research projects regarding healthy aging.

"We are an aging population nationally," says Shapiro, who has a master's degree in hospital administration and 18

Photo by Kevin Clifford



**Jaimie Anstee, a doctoral candidate in the interdisciplinary doctorate program in social psychology, with Phil Shapiro, owner and operator of Reno's Promenade on the River, a senior living community.**

years of health care experience.

"The true success is that I know these young professionals will have a profound understanding of what

seniors go through and their needs. This experience will enrich their social and emotional interactions with seniors for the rest of their careers."

*For more information about this program, please contact Health and Human Sciences Development Director Shari Netzel at (775) 784-6979 or [snetzel@unr.edu](mailto:snetzel@unr.edu).*

## Student newspaper Sagebrush spurs scholarship assistance

**S**teve Martarano worked on school newspapers since junior high school. While pursuing his undergraduate degree at Nevada he worked on the school newspaper, the *Sagebrush*, for four years and was the editor during the 1978-79 school year.

During his days at Nevada he was a member of Sigma Nu and was an ASUN senator. After receiving his B.A. in journalism in 1979, he went to work at the *Sacramento Union* newspaper, where

he worked for 10 years with assignments including sports and daytime police and crime reporting. When the *Union* was sold in 1989, Steve free-lanced and then joined the California Board of Equalization in 1990 and, later, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services as an information officer.

He is currently the supervising information officer and head of public affairs for the California Department of Fish & Game, where he has worked since 1997. Steve's role as editor of the *Sagebrush* shaped his

personal ambitions and career path. It is because of his experience as *Sagebrush* editor that he recently funded an endowed scholarship that will annually help support the student chosen to fill this same role.

The *Sagebrush* is the newspaper of the student body of the University of Nevada, Reno and it has been in continuous publication since 1893. The first Steve Martarano Sagebrush Editor Scholarship will be awarded this academic year.

*To find out more about supporting scholarships, please contact Associate Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Bruce Mack at (775) 784-6620 or [bmack@unr.edu](mailto:bmack@unr.edu).*

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# Eighty-Six Homecomings

*The first one made a jackass out of the sophomore class*

By Pat McDonnell

**T**ickets to the University's first homecoming football game, November 6, 1920, against the Utah State Aggies, cost \$1. This year, reserved seats for the Wolf Pack's homecoming game, 4 p.m. Oct. 21 against San Jose State, will run you \$22.

The cost of admission isn't the only aspect of homecoming that has changed since the event debuted on campus 86 years ago.

The main non-football event of that first homecoming weekend was a "monster dance in the Gymnasium," as the *Sagebrush* described it. The dance was sponsored by a group of Lincoln Hall residents. All "old-timers" were to be welcomed "most heartily." There couldn't have been many really old alumni, considering that the University had graduated its first students only 29 years before.

The 1920 homecoming game itself was no contest. The Wolf Pack won 21-0. The real entertainment came at halftime, when leaders of the freshman class led Sleeping Sickness, a jackass, out onto Mackay Field. The animal wore the number 23, a jibe at the sophomore class, scheduled to graduate in 1923. A near-riot ensued, and only the referee's whistle kept things from getting out of control, according to the student newspaper's account.

The concept of a homecoming game is believed to have originated at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, which held its first in 1910. Other schools — Harvard, Yale and Michigan — had previously held football games involving alumni players, some dating to the 1870s. But Illinois asserts that it was the first to have a well-planned, school-sponsored, annual alumni event centering on an intercollegiate game.

At Nevada, homecoming's popularity peaked during the '20s and '30s with a revival in the '50s and early '60s. Accord-

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**The 1926 homecoming game on Mackay Field.  
Inset: Students snake-dancing downtown in 1961.**

ing to the 1928 *Artemisia* yearbook, classes were dismissed on Friday that year, and the alumni banquet was held in the Golden Hotel downtown at Second and Center streets.

Over the years homecoming weekend grew to include events like the Wolves Frolic (a night of skits with a vaudeville flavor), large bonfires and pep rallies, dances with a homecoming queen, and parades through downtown. For many years a cross-country race from Sparks to Reno was part of homecoming weekend. The parades eventually morphed into students in pajamas dancing in long snake lines through the streets and under the Reno Arch.

Interest in homecoming waned in the 1940s, when the campus was depleted of many of its male students because of World War II. Returning G.I.s deemed many of the old campus traditions to be "kid stuff."

The '60s saw new traditions added, including an international dinner. In 1961 the homecoming parade was still going strong. A float that year featured a Wolf Pack mascot character atop a large globe. The float was labeled, "Around Pomona in Eighty Plays," a reference to Cal Poly-

Pomona, the Wolf Pack's victim that year by a score of 28-20.

The frivolity of homecoming, however, was about to be pushed aside by different student concerns, especially the Vietnam War. Many students agitated for elimination of the two years of ROTC training that was compulsory for nearly all male students. They eventually succeeded.

In later years the student body's demographics changed with more people enrolling later in life than the traditional 18-to-22 range and with a higher percentage of students living and working off campus. The homecoming parade would be repeatedly downsized. (See the ad on page 2 for details on this year's parade.)

True to its origins, however, the homecoming game is still one of the best-attended of the season. And as the listings on page 33 indicate, there are still plenty of activities for alumni to enjoy when they come home to their alma mater for a weekend in the fall.

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# How GOOD will this year's Wolf Pack football team be?

## PIGSKIN PAT PREDICTS

By Pat McDonnell

**M**any Wolf Pack football fans have enjoyed an off-season of blissful reverie. The overtime win over Central Florida in the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl, the 8-3 regular season, the first-ever Western Athletic Conference title — they made for a sweet season, especially after five years of struggling against the likes of Fresno State, Louisiana Tech and WAC superpower Boise State.

But that was last year. For all of the success in 2005, and the fact that the Pack was the only WAC team to win in the post-season, the sports media predict Nevada to finish third this year behind Boise State and Fresno State.

I have to concur.

Here's why:

1. *The rough early schedule*

Each of the first four opponents — at Fresno State, at Arizona State and home against Colorado State and Northwestern — played in a bowl last season. The upside is, if the team can go .500 during this stretch, the going gets much easier. The opponents in October and November — San Jose State, New Mexico State, Idaho

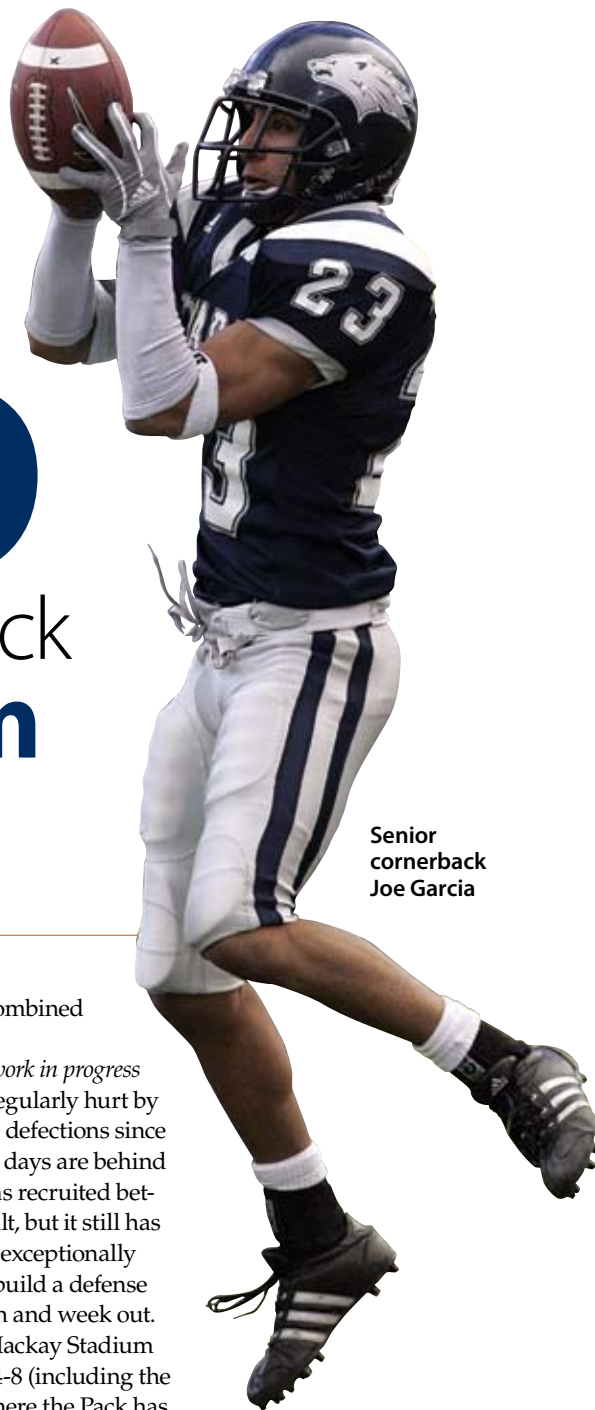
and Utah State — were a combined 8-37 last year.

2. *A defense that's still a work in progress*

The defense has been regularly hurt by injuries, inexperience and defections since at least 2001. Maybe those days are behind the team. The program has recruited better under Coach Chris Ault, but it still has difficulty getting the fast, exceptionally strong players needed to build a defense that can dominate week in and week out. The Wolf Pack is 10-2 at Mackay Stadium the past two seasons but 4-8 (including the bowl win) on the road, where the Pack has struggled to contain top offenses.

Three all-conference junior college transfers on the defensive line -- Mundrae Clifton, Sam Stewart and Jay Dixon — will be keys. Fans can only hope they're as productive as cornerback Joe Garcia, a juco transfer who led the still pass-happy WAC in interceptions in 2005.

Reno-area fans are especially interested in seeing how sophomore linebacker Joshua Mauga from Fallon develops. He earned honorable mention freshman All-America honors last year from *The Sporting News*. So did placekicker Brett Jaekle.



Senior cornerback Joe Garcia

**2006 schedule**

- Sept. 1 at Fresno St. 5 p.m.
- Sept. 9 at Arizona St. 7 p.m.
- Sept. 16 vs Colorado St. 6 p.m.
- Sept. 22 vs Northwestern 5 p.m.
- Sept. 30 at UNLV 7 p.m.
- Oct. 7 at Hawai'i 9:05 p.m.
- Oct. 21 vs San Jose St.\* 4 p.m.
- Oct. 28 vs New Mexico St. 1 p.m.
- Nov. 4 at Idaho 2 p.m.
- Nov. 11 vs Utah St. 1 p.m.
- Nov. 18 at Louisiana Tech noon
- Nov. 25 vs Boise State TBA

\*Homecoming. All times Pacific

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### 3. Boise is still the bully of the WAC

Four-time defending conference champion Boise State, with highly regarded quarterback Jared Zabransky and WAC preseason Defensive Player of the Year Korey Hall, gets to play Fresno State and Hawai'i on its blue home turf. But the Broncos have a new coach in Chris Petersen, lost some depth on their offensive line, and they have to play Nevada in Reno. The defense had better be ready. Nevada hasn't allowed fewer than 30 points to a Boise State offense in eight years.

As Fresno State Head Coach Pat Hill has said, "The championship belongs to Boise State until someone takes it away."

Hill's team lost the WAC crown despite defeating Boise State handily. The Bulldogs' athleticism is an edge in just about every WAC game, though they break in a new quarterback this year.

### 4. An offense with new legs

In the new pistol offensive formation (in which the quarterback lines up just short of the shotgun position, about 3 to 4 yards from the center), All-WAC second-team quarterback Jeff Rowe passed for 2,925 yards and 21 touchdowns with just 10 interceptions in his junior season. He has a chance to set most of Nevada's

passing records this season. All-conference wide receiver Caleb Spencer and tight end Anthony Pudewell look to take advantage of the extra time Rowe has in the pistol, as well as the quarterback's elusiveness.

But will he get that extra time? The line returns starters Barrett Reznick at guard, center Jimmy Wadhams and tackles Dominic Green and Charles Manu. But losing tackle Tony Moll, who played all 942 offensive snaps, to the Green Bay Packers is tough. This group, along with senior running back Robert Hubbard, will need to keep improving if the Pack is to replace the 1,400 yards and 13 touchdowns of senior running back B.J. Mitchell, the 2005 WAC Offensive Player of the Year.

Bottom line: 7-5.

Look for a big conference win on the road against Hawai'i and a 4-2 home record (losing to Northwestern and Boise State — the latter keeping the Broncos atop the WAC). The Pack should hold onto the Fremont Cannon with another win versus UNLV. The Hawai'i victory could ensure another bowl appearance.

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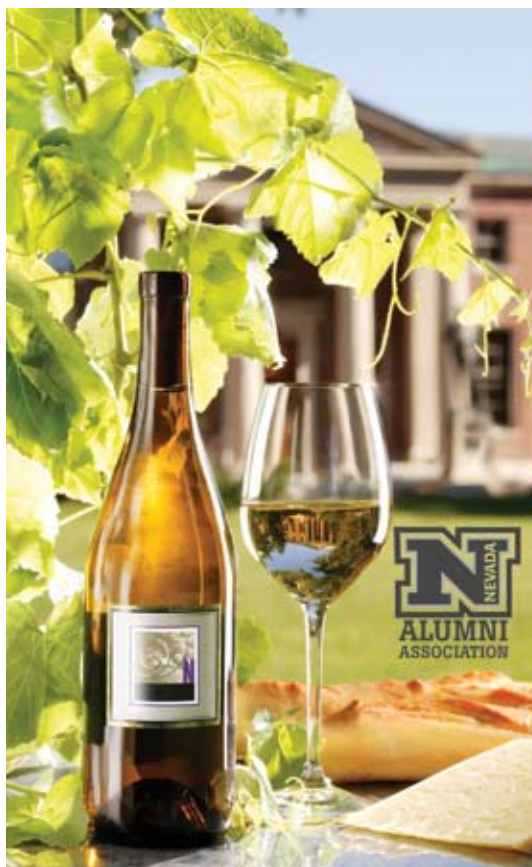
## PACK SECOND OVERALL IN 2006

In 2005-06 the Wolf Pack tallied its most successful season in six years of competing for the Western Athletic Conference's all-sports Commissioner's Cup.

Nevada finished second in the nine-team conference, less than three points behind Boise State.

The Pack took WAC titles in football and men's basketball and won the conference softball tournament. The swimming and diving program was second in the conference.

Nevada's previous best finish in Commissioner's Cup competition was fourth in 2002-03.



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# Nevada's first fraternity

The mysterious T.H.P.O. was born in a barn

By Michael Fischer, D.D.S., '71 (pre dentistry)

The year is 1891 and the University of Nevada, then known as Nevada State University, is about to graduate its first class, three students.

This is fitting, given that the entire campus consists of three major buildings: Morrill Hall, Stewart Hall and the Agricultural Experiment Station, later known as the Hatch Building. A hole in the ground represents what will become the fourth, the mining building. There's also an old wooden barn behind Morrill where "day" students — those commuting from homes in the Reno area — tie up their horses.

Less than 10 years after relocating to Reno from Elko, Nevada State has many needs and not only the need to enroll more students (there were 189 in 1890-91). Among the more pressing physical deficiencies is a shop for general campus repairs and a building where the mechanical arts can be taught.

Lacking the budget to build one, the regents direct the college's newly hired instructor of mechanical arts,

Richard Brown, to build it himself. That is, Brown is told to hire some students to help him move the old barn behind Morrill to an area northeast of the soon-to-be mining building and then outfit the first floor for a woodworking and machine shop. The second floor will become a *de facto* dormitory for the barn movers and other students, mainly country boys from Nevada and eastern California for whom a commute to classes by horse would take too long.

The space also will become the home of the University's first fraternity.

From its founding soon after the completion of the mechanical arts building until being absorbed into the national fraternity Sigma Alpha Epsilon in 1917, T.H.P.O., the name of the secretive organization founded by the out-of-towners, dominated the leadership of the student body not unlike the famous and mysterious Skull and Bones Society at Yale. And like Skull and Bones, whose members include George W. Bush and

John Kerry, the brotherhood begun by the boys in the barn spawned many prominent public figures.

No one knows for certain how the initials T.H.P.O. were chosen and what they stood for. One story is that all the members' names were placed in a hat and four were drawn. They then used the initial letters to create the name with periods included. Another is that T.H.P.O. stood for Truth, Honor, Purity and Obedience. A Sigma Alpha Epsilon and T.H.P.O. historian, Denver Dickerson (grandson of a Nevada governor of the same name), speculates that this was mere puffery inserted into the group's application to become part of SAE in hopes of impressing the evaluators.

The most popular, and interesting, theory is that the group was founded in the best traditions of mob warfare — for mutual protection.

**Residents of Lincoln Hall, circa 1900. The secret T.H.P.O. fraternity reformed in the dormitory after the group's original home, a converted barn, burned down in 1895. Standing at left with hands on the railing is Richard Brown, professor of practical mechanics and the group's informal adviser.**



The story goes that the students who had come from afar to study at “the college on the hill” found themselves the target of hazing by the downtowners.

“In order to hold their own,” a student from the early 1900s, Silas Ross '09 recalled many years later, “they got together and formed a little association, and they called it ‘the hill protective organization’” or T.H.P.O. for short.

The animosity between townies and the out-of-townners is evident in an article that appeared in the November 15, 1897, issue of a campus publication, *The Student Record*. The reporter tells of an incident in which Reno public school students began hissing when University students gave the college yell at a local theater. The confrontation was considered dramatic enough that the story was picked up by *The News* of Carson City and the *Nevada State Herald* of Wells.

A year earlier, an article in *The Student Record* — whose editor was a T.H.P.O. member — noted how T.H.P.O.s “held together and aided one another as one man, for in unity is strength.” And the 1900 *Artemisia* yearbook describes T.H.P.O. as a group of men who “band together for purposes of mutual friendship and aid.”

The truth about the group’s origins may never be known because the old mechanical-arts building was destroyed by a fire along with all the fraternity’s early records on November 2, 1895. The residents of the building were moved to temporary quarters and a year later to the newly opened Lincoln Hall.

T.H.P.O. was reorganized within Lincoln. Meetings normally convened in room 6, often at the stroke of midnight, and with secrecy strictly maintained. Initiation ceremonies took place around the campus reservoir (now Manzanita Lake) and the Catholic cemetery (site of Nye and Argenta Halls).

An intriguing, if honorary, member of T.H.P.O. was Clarence Hungerford Mackay, University benefactor and son of the famous Comstock silver baron John Mackay. The story has it that while on campus for the dedication of the original Mackay football field in 1909, he was surreptitiously taken from a reception at the president’s home to a room in



T.H.P.O. members’ photos made into stamps for a scrapbook, circa 1898

Lincoln Hall. There he was disguised as a senior in a flannel shirt and corduroy pants and spent the night on the town with T.H.P.O. members. The group’s 1909 petition for membership in the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity proudly lists Mackay atop a roster of T.H.P.O. alumni.

Around 1900, T.H.P.O. evolved from a protective organization into more of a social organization. The group especially coveted leadership positions in the military and athletic programs, academic support societies and the student government. T.H.P.O.s often ascended to such positions as cadet major of the military, president of the student body, class president, and editor or business manager of the student paper. Athletics posts were also prized, especially team captain in track, football and baseball.

Two T.H.P.O. members in the 1910s became Rhodes Scholars: Floyd S. Bryant '13 and Walter C. Jepson, who started at Nevada in 1912. A third passed the examinations and was eligible for appointment but died prior to being able to attend the prestigious program at England’s University of Oxford.

T.H.P.O. social events were highlights of the academic year on campus. The most important was a social and dance held in the gymnasium on the eve of Washington’s Birthday. The rafters of the gym would be decorated in black and white, the colors of the fraternity.

Another was a hay ride and dance at Huffaker’s Hall, in the south Truckee Meadows. Wagons loaded with hay and drawn by horses would pull up to Manzanita Hall. T.H.P.O. members, dates and chaperones would travel through the night singing along the way. Dancing to live music was the main entertainment with a meal served at midnight. Return was by the same conveyance by the light of the moon.

## NOTABLE ALUMNI OF T.H.P.O.

- ▶ **George W. Malone '17** became a U.S. senator.
- ▶ **George W. Springmeyer '02** became U.S. attorney for Nevada.
- ▶ **Nathaniel Estes Wilson**, one of the group’s informal faculty advisers and a professor of chemistry, became mayor of Reno.
- ▶ **Royce A. Hardy '10**, prominent mining engineer for Reno banker and mine manager George Wingfield. Hardy owned the Joseph Giraud House/Hardy House on Flint Street in Reno, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- ▶ **Joseph F. McDonald '15** became a prominent Reno newspaperman.
- ▶ **Albert Wallace Cahlan '96** became an inspector with the Nevada State Police and the state’s first identification expert.

Life for the T.H.P.O. men continued much the same until they were accepted into the realm of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. No less than the immortal Billy Levere, an influential early leader and two-time national president of the fraternity, conducted the ceremony on March 9, 1917.

All in all it was a remarkable journey for a bunch of country kids who just wanted to protect themselves and uphold the honor of the University.

*Dr. Michael Fischer, a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, is a dentist in Gardnerville. He acknowledges that nothing in history writing is as dangerous as calling something “the first,” so he is bracing for letters challenging his assertion that T.H.P.O. was the first fraternity organized on campus. He would like to hear from anyone with further T.H.P.O. history or memorabilia and can be reached at (775) 265-3699.*

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The chaotic annual cane rush pitted freshmen against sophomores in the University's early years. Above, the rush of 1916 on Mackay Field; on page 25, the rush of 1902.

# Rumbles on the Campus

*Early campus traditions included a brutal battle over the wearing of a beanie*

By Ed Cohen

**T**he players stood on opposite goal lines of the field, more than a dozen freshmen men at one end, an equal number from the sophomore class at the other. One of the sophomores clutched what appeared to be a sawed-off shovel handle. Spectators lined the sides of the field, eager for the contest to begin. And at the sound of a pistol firing, it did.

The two lines of young men, none of whom was wearing any protective gear, rushed forward and came together in violent collisions.

In 20 minutes, probably sooner, the match would be over and many ribs and noses broken, but a vital campus issue would be decided. And that was, who

would have to wear little blue beanies on their heads for the rest of the school year.

By the early decades of the 20th century, the University of Nevada had football and football rivalries with other schools, but probably nothing surpassed the intensity of the rivalry between the freshman and sophomore classes. A number of unusual and, in many cases, brutal competitions were devised to prove which class was best — including the one described above, the annual cane rush.

The interclass rivalries grew out a strict caste system that pervaded the Reno campus in its early days, no doubt adopted from the snobbish traditions at schools back East. Archived issues of

the *Sagebrush* student newspaper and remembrances of early alumni collected by the University's Oral History Program offer insights into those traditions, sporting and otherwise.

A committee of upperclassmen established the rules for conduct and dress on campus and saw to it that the traditions were upheld. For many years only seniors were allowed to sit on campus benches, and no student was allowed to cut across a lawn or quadrangle. Freshmen males were forbidden to talk to female students. Most humiliating of all, male freshmen had to wear a small blue beanie on the back of their heads with a white button on top. The skull cap was called a "dink."

As with other rules infractions, the

penalty for being caught without one's dink was to be thrown, fully clothed, into Manzanita Lake. Repeat offenders were subject to paddling or "tubbing," which consisted of being tossed in a tub of cold water and having one's head held under while stout upperclassmen pounded on the offender's stomach.

Like gladiators in the Roman Coliseum, freshmen had the opportunity to win their freedom from the dink. If the freshman team triumphed in the cane rush, the dinks could be discarded.

Neither of the standard histories of the University specifies how and when the cane rush came into existence. James W. Hulse's *The University of Nevada, A Centennial History* states that the event flourished from the 1890s until the early 1920s.

In his Oral History remembrance, Silas Ross, a student from 1905 to 1909, says upperclassmen devised the competition to build unity within the entering classes from the outset of their academic careers. Ross later became an undertaker and, later still, chair of the state Board of Regents (Ross Hall is named after him).

Cane rushes always took place within the first couple of weeks of fall term. The "cane" may have been exactly that in the beginning, but in subsequent years a stick or shortened shovel handle served the purpose. It was the job of the sophomores to carry the stick down the field and across the opponent's goal line.

The rules appear to have changed over the years, but as of 1910 it was illegal to throw the cane or even hand it forward. Players could not hide the cane in their clothes, although holding it behind one's back was a common tactic to confuse the defense. The 1910 rules set the official length of the cane at 27 inches.

The freshmen had the easier job. All they had to do was prevent the cane from being carried over their goal line within the allotted time, which in 1910 was 20 minutes. The freshmen typically tried to tackle the cane carrier and then pile onto the unlucky sophomore. Immobilization was an effective way to run time off the clock. The freshmen

could also win the match immediately by wrestling the cane away and holding it above their heads for a few seconds while no sophomore had a hand on it.

If the freshmen won the cane rush they were freed from wearing the dink, but a sophomore victory merely preserved the second-year students' wardrobe choices.

"They could wear coats and vests and



*'When we met at midfield there was a clash. The fellow that had the cane was thrown to the ground and everybody piled on top of him.'*

nice hats on the campus," recalled John Cahlan, a student from 1920-1926 who later became a newspaperman in Las Vegas, "and if they lost the [the rush], they lost that privilege."

Cane rushes appear to have been more rumble than rugby, but there were rules, at least in the later years. The ones agreed upon for 1910, for instance, stipulated that any contestant discovered "choking, kicking, biting or slugging" would be thrown out of the game.

Andrew D. Crofut competed in the cane rush in 1911 as a new student fresh off his family's ranch in Eureka County. He described the start of the contest this way:

"When we met at midfield there was a clash. The fellow that had the cane was thrown to the ground and everybody piled on top of him. Others tried

to drag us off, and it was quite a melee — a writhing mass of humanity six or eight deep. When I emerged from it, all I had on was my overalls and shoes. My shirt was torn off my back."

According to the *Sagebrush* account of the 1910 rush, the sophomores began by arranging themselves in the dreaded "flying wedge." This was an arrowhead-shaped formation designed to smash through a defensive line. The maneuver became popular in the early years of football but resulted in so many serious injuries and even deaths that it had to be outlawed.

In 1910 the freshmen managed to tackle the carrier before the cane had been advanced 20 yards, according to the *Sagebrush*. The first-year students then began piling on and "stuck there like leeches." But the sophomores weren't finished. A youth named Booby Hilton emerged from the pile with the cane and handed it to a classmate who raced downfield for the victory. It was only the second time in school history that the sophomore class had won.

The match was also exceptional in that nobody had gotten hurt. As with crashes in auto racing, it appears that the likelihood of witnessing serious injuries only added to the appeal of a cane rush. In fact in 1912, when the sophomores won the rush on the football equivalent of a return of the opening kickoff for a touchdown, the *Sagebrush* reporter lamented, "It was over so quickly that no one had time to get hurt. From the standpoint of a rush, it was a failure."

The casualty count was more gratifying for fans in the 1912 "dummy rush." In a dummy rush, the freshmen or sophomores would hang an effigy of the opposite class somewhere on campus, usually from a tree. This was a dare for the other class to try to take it down. (There were also "poster rushes" in which the sophomore class taunted the freshmen by putting up signs all over campus degrading the younger students.)

In a dummy rush, when the offended group tried to cut down the effigy, and if the dummy was being guarded, a

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fight would ensue. In the rush of 1912, one student suffered a dislocated shoulder, another a sprained ankle and one was diagnosed with two broken ribs, the campus newspaper reported.

Opponents taken prisoner during a dummy rush were subject to tubbing or being thrown into a ditch or, more appropriately, tied up. For some time, the winner of the dummy rush was determined by which team had tied up the greater number of its opponents.

In some years the dummy rush was contested on a towering flagpole erected in front of Stewart Hall. Now gone, Stewart was located on the south side of what is now called the Jones Center, which borders the Quad. 1915 freshman Earl Wooster remembered the Stewart pole as being 60 feet tall and said that in an earlier life it had been the main mast of a sailing ship.

"It was the most amazing thing that



The victorious sophomore team after the 1910 cane rush.

nobody got killed," said Wooster, who later served as Washoe County's first school superintendent; Wooster High School is named for him. "They got up on that pole battling and kicking each other in the face and everything else."

The rushes were curtailed in the decades that followed by administrators concerned that someone might actually be killed. They also lost popularity as different types of students began to

enroll, recalled Procter "Bunny" Hug, a star athlete at the University in the 1920s who later became a coach and a school superintendent; Reno's Hug High School is named for him.

Hug said students returning from World War I, because they were older and had been away from school for a few years, regarded the traditions and rules as juvenile and refused to go along with them. It's also possible that some of the men had started families and no longer had time for roughhousing.

With administration opposition and without enough participants to sustain them, the traditions gradually faded into oblivion.

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Specifically, the association is excited to partner with athletics once again for tailgate parties prior to all home football games. Join us on the northwest side of Mackay Stadium (outside the gates) two hours prior to kickoff for fun and great food provided by the Brew House.

We are also looking forward to traveling with the Pack for three road games where we've planned tailgate parties. You can find us at Gordon Biersch in Tempe, Ariz., prior to the ASU game, at Sam Boyd Stadium before we beat UNLV and inside Aloha

Stadium before the Nevada vs. Hawai'i game. All events start 2 1/2 hours prior to kickoff, and, don't forget, dues-paying association members receive a free giveaway and/or discounted admission at all three events. So stop by for your complimentary alumni gift!

Of course the highlight of our fall lineup is Homecoming 2006 scheduled for Oct. 17-21. Once again the Homecoming Committee, led by Roberta Bibee, has worked hard to produce activities for all alumni to enjoy. The complete schedule is listed on page 33, but the signature event is our Annual Gala recognizing the 2006 Nevada Alumni Association award winners. You will meet them all on the pages that follow. Congratulations to all our outstanding honorees!

There are many other events and programs this fall, including trick-or-treating, Dinner with a Pack of Wolves, Senior Scholar and chapter activities. Let us know if you'd like to participate in any or all of these programs. For more information, please visit our website at [www.unr.edu/alumni](http://www.unr.edu/alumni) or call 888-NV ALUMS.

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The College of Business Administration Alumni Association (COBAAA) has elected new officers for '06-'07. The officers include: President Caesar Ibarra '00 (accounting); President Elect Romeo Lazzarone '03 (marketing); VP Communications Dan Oster '98 (management); VP Development Mike Schilling '01 (management); Treasurer Dan Flowers '97 (accounting).

Plans are moving forward to remodel the College of Business Administration's second-floor student lounge. Please watch for future updates. If you or your business would like information on how you can partner with the college to help fund the remodel, please contact Jane Bessette, director of career services and alumni relations for COBA, at (775) 784-4916, ext. 408.

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

[www.unr.edu/alumni](http://www.unr.edu/alumni)

**Orvis School of Nursing**

Linda Clift '74  
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Although new to the world of alumni chapters, the Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association is quickly gaining momentum! More than 80 alumni have joined with more on the way from Hawaii. (Thanks to *Silver & Blue*, communication about us has crossed the ocean!) Our second chapter event will be a Homecoming tailgate party on October 21. To keep connected about this and other Orvis alumni news, please visit our chapter page at [www.unr.edu/alumni](http://www.unr.edu/alumni). All Orvis alumni are welcome. We would love to see you at our next chapter event.

**USAC Alumni Club**

Marika Dimitriadis '02, '05  
[marika@unr.edu](mailto:marika@unr.edu)

In April, members of the University Studies Abroad Alumni Club attended their third-annual excursion to a San Francisco Giants baseball game. The excursion proved to be fun and successful as alumni turnout was high and the game full of excitement. After nine innings, USAC baseball fans went for pizza before heading home.

USAC Alumni Club members and friends had a blast at the Welcome Back Barbeque in mid-August. Look for more club events as activities are an excellent opportunity to connect with people on an international level.



USAC Alumni members and friends gather at North Beach Pizza in San Francisco. Front row, from left: Marika Dimitriadis '02 (Spanish/international affairs), '05 (political science), Kevin Ladd, Jessica Hallford, Jessica Shane, Cristina Santana '06 (English), Rebecca Wallstrum and Tomo Hata '06 (psychology). Back row, from left: Stacy Kinion, Amelia Christian, Jon Farber '06 (art/Spanish), Pam Sinclair, Kristen Christiansen, David Ward '06 (psychology).

Nevada alumni gather for the first Family Picnic in Washington, D.C. Front row, from left: Dave O'Mara '99 (political science), Ashley Carrigan '99 (international affairs), Peggy Gage-Shelton '81 (nursing), Charles Keeler '37 (civil engineering), Chul Yim '04 (computer science). Back row, from left: Alexis Bayer '03 (international affairs), Ryan McGinness '99 (political science), Ronda Bybee '95 (political science), Ryan Nash '00 (history).



## Wolf Pack Chat Club

Brad Platt '00  
[bplatt@ampresources.com](mailto:bplatt@ampresources.com)

Wolf Pack Chat (WPC) is the fastest-growing online community of Wolf Pack fans and supporters. Alumni and fans from all over country use WPC as a means to keep up on current events at the University and interact with classmates and fellow Pack fans all year long.

On Sept. 1 we hosted a bus trip to Fresno for the football season opener against the Bulldogs. Over 40 alumni grabbed a spot on the bus and joined us in cheering on the Pack.

Our second chili cook-off – which includes adult tricycle races – will be held Nov. 11 prior to the Nevada vs. Utah State football game. All are welcome to compete with their best chili.

Bus trips for basketball are currently being planned to the Bay Area for the Pete Newell Classic against Cal and the Santa Clara game. We are also discussing a charter plane to Seattle for the Battle in

Seattle against Gonzaga. Details, as they become available, can be found at [www.wolfpackchat.com](http://www.wolfpackchat.com). Come join us. Once you visit, you'll never leave!

## Washington D.C. Chapter

Ronda Bybee '95  
[crashrb@alumni.gwu.edu](mailto:crashrb@alumni.gwu.edu)

On May 20 alumni joined current and former Nevadans at Rock Creek Park in Washington, D.C., for the first Family Picnic, hosted by the Washington, D.C., Alumni Chapter and the Nevada State Society. A football was tossed, shoes were pitched, and there was even an attempt at kite flying during what is hoped to be the first of many family picnics hosted by the two organizations. Area alumni interested in planning the spring 2007 Family Picnic should contact Ronda Bybee.

## Young Alumni Chapter

Ro Lazzarone '03  
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The Young Alumni Chapter had an eventful summer. In July, the chapter was invited and attended the University Club's summer picnic. It was a great opportunity for our young alumni to mingle and get to know the experienced alumni on a personal basis. Also in July, YAC sponsored a Pack Picnic on the Quad. Entertainment featured Guitar Woody and the Boilers. A great time was had by all as YAC volunteers popped popcorn, gave out lemonade and cookies, and socialized with future Nevada young alumni (ages 12 and younger).

YAC is having a membership drive to have a paid membership base of at least 100 young alumni by the end of the calendar year. Annual dues are only \$5; this provides discounts to most future events, and it's a great way to stay involved with the University. Please visit YAC at [www.unr.edu/alumni](http://www.unr.edu/alumni).

2006 ALUMNA OF THE YEAR

# JENNIFER SATRE

*From her former career as an elementary school teacher to her current position as chair of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation, Jennifer Satre '80M.A. (education) has spent much of her life working to help others reap the benefits of education.*

A quietly spoken woman who prefers to stay out of the limelight, she is nonetheless a recognized leader in community service in Nevada. She has served as a director of many nonprofit organizations, including the Nevada Women's Fund and the Community Foundation of Western Nevada. She chaired the Nevada Cancer Institute's 2004 fundraiser, "Rock for the Cure."

"Jennifer's leadership and philanthropic generosity to our institution has elevated the University in countless ways," says Julie Ardito '89 (journalism), 2006 president of the Alumni Council. "She gives so much of her time.... Additionally, she and her husband, Phil, support a variety of programs on campus such as the Dean's Future Scholars, fine arts and athletics."

In recognition of her community involvement and significant personal and philanthropic support of the University, Jennifer Satre was elected by a committee of her fellow alumni as the 2006 University of Nevada Alumni Association Alumna of the Year.

## MEET THE HONOREE

**HOME:** In west Reno, near Caughlin Ranch.

**AGE:** 57

**BIRTHPLACE:** Madera, Calif. (18 miles north of Fresno.)

**FAMILY:** Married since 1973 to Phil Satre, former top executive for Harrah's Entertainment. Four children: Malena, 29, Allison, 27, Jessica, 21, Peter, 19.

**EDUCATION:** Stanford University, 1971, B.A. in psychology; University of California, Berkeley, 1972, elementary teaching program, California credential; University of Nevada, Reno, 1980, M.A. in education.

**A SUBJECT SHE LIKES TEACHING:** "I worked as a reading specialist, working with first- through sixth-graders. It was really a preventive program because teachers can recognize right away students that don't learn quickly. If we caught them early enough, we could bring them along so they never went through that period of feeling 'I can't read. I'm a failure.'"

**A SUBJECT SHE DOESN'T THINK SHE TEACHES WELL:** "Math. I really enjoy math and find it easy, so it's hard for me to understand why students don't get it."

**FAMOUS PEOPLE SHE HAS MET:** "Although I met many celebrities during

the time my husband was at Harrah's, President Clinton is probably the most famous person I have ever met. We sat at his table at a fund-raiser in Las Vegas in 1998 and I found him as impressive as you would expect and easy to talk with."

**...ALSO, SUPERMAN:** "Harrah's has a casino in Metropolis, Ill., which is on the border of Illinois and Kentucky. It's a town of only about 300 people, but because it is near some bigger cities and on a river they have a riverboat casino. It's the home of Superman. They have his statue in the town square."

**ON SHARING WEALTH:** "With the new residents in northern Nevada, I think we are seeing an increase in people with wealth in the community. So one of the challenges is to engage those people, encourage them to share their philanthropy with northern Nevada. Another one of our challenges is to help the public understand why we need their help, because so many people think, 'I pay my taxes and it goes to education. What do you need money for?'"

**FOCUSED GIVING:** "I think a lot of people like Warren Buffett like the idea of using their money in a strategic way rather than as an open-ended gift. They demand certain things and ask for new ideas in solving problems."



Photo by Jean Dixon

# ALUMNI AWARDS

# 2006

## ALUMNA OF THE YEAR



**Jennifer Satre**  
(80M.A. education)

## OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNUS AWARD



**Elizabeth Peacock**  
(04Ph.D. ecology, evolution and conservation biology)

Elizabeth works in the Canadian Arctic as the polar bear biologist for Nunavut — a region that is home to two-thirds of the world's polar bears. While a Ph.D. candidate at the University, she studied the black bears of Alaska. Because of her education, she feels well-prepared to work in the politics of the science and conservation of polar bears.



**Pat Martinez**  
(95 elementary education)

Pat is a real estate broker with the Martinez/Trexler Group of Prudential Nevada Realty. He has held several leadership positions with Nevada Alumni organizations, including five years on the board of directors for the Young Alumni Chapter. He is also currently a member of the Nevada Alumni Council.



**Ramiro Javier Ramirez**  
(05 international business)

As Carson City's citizen outreach coordinator, Javier's main focus is helping the city better meet the needs of various underserved populations. Javier enjoys assisting others and is very involved in the Latino community. He also volunteers for an alternative sentencing program and is a scoutmaster, mentor, teacher and translator.

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE AWARD



**Paul A. Bible**  
(62 economics)

Paul specializes in Nevada gaming law. He is a former chairman of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation and the Truckee Meadows Community College Foundation. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation and the Great Basin National Park Foundation Board.



**Jack Goetz**  
(43 electrical engineering)

Jack spent 45 years in the electronics industry, including 30 years with the IBM Corp. engineering organization. Jack served on the Nevada Alumni Council from 2000-05 and has participated in the University Club. He also has served on the College of Engineering Alumni Executive Committee.



**Christian Kolberg**  
(85 speech/theatre)

Christian is a full-time auctioneer for his own company, Kolberg Auctions. Previously, he was the director of communications for the Donald Reynolds Foundation. He has long been a University supporter, having served on various committees over the years.

## PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



**Chuck Chincock**  
(71 mathematics)

After graduation, Chuck taught management and property appraisal for the State of Nevada. He then took a position with the Nevada Air National Guard and worked as an instructor pilot, squadron commander and wing commander. His military career spanned 37 years. Chuck returned to state service in 2001 as deputy executive director and then executive director of the Nevada Department of Taxation.



**Rosemarie Garland-Thomson**  
(68 English)

Rosemarie is associate professor of women's studies at Emory University in Atlanta. Her scholarly and professional activities are devoted to developing the field of disability studies in the humanities and in women's studies. She is currently writing a book on the dynamics of staring and one on the cultural logic of euthanasia.



**Stephanie Kruse**  
(91MBA business administration)

Stephanie is the owner of her own marketing, advertising and public relations firm, KPS3, celebrating 15 successful years. The company boasts clients and brands in the state and beyond. She is also an active community leader, serving on numerous nonprofit boards.



**Michael Melarkey**  
(72 political science)

Mike, a partner with the Reno law firm Avansino, Melarkey, Knobel & Mulligan, has been an attorney for more than a quarter-century, practicing primarily in the field of estate and business planning. Mike served as the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation's legal counsel for 20 years and has been a foundation trustee since 2005.



**J. Stephen Peek**  
(68 political science)

Steve is a shareholder in the law firm of Hale Lane Peek Dennison and Howard, practicing primarily in the areas of commercial and business litigation. Over the past 30-plus years with Hale Lane, Steve has earned a reputation as one of Nevada's premier trial lawyers. He has represented clients in more than 30 jury trials in his career.

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SERVICE AWARD



**Stephanie Clemo Hanna**  
(96 journalism)

Stephanie works as an area sales manager for New Century Mortgage. She has been extensively involved in the Young Alumni Chapter (including terms as BeerFest chairperson and president), increasing scholarship fundraising and programming initiatives. Stephanie enjoys working with several nonprofit organizations.



**Steve Trounday**  
(81 managerial sciences)

Steve is the vice president of marketing at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino in Reno and has been involved in most of Reno's special events over the last decade. Steve is a former Nevada Alumni Association Alumni Council member and was instrumental in revamping Homecoming activities while serving as committee chair for several years.

# Homecoming 2006

## SCHEDULE

### Oct. 13

► **Vintage Nevada, 5-8 p.m.** • Reno Events Center

### Oct. 16

► **Office Decorating Contest, 1-5 p.m.** • University campus

### Oct. 17

► **Scholarship Reception, 6 p.m.** • Morrill Hall Alumni Center

### Oct. 19

► **Homecoming Gala, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner and program** • Circus Circus Reno Mandalay Ballroom

### Oct. 20

► **Reynolds School of Journalism Homecoming, 11:30 a.m. lunch** • Scripps Plaza

► **James G. Scrugham Medal Awards Banquet, 5:30 p.m. cocktails, 6:30 p.m. dinner** • Peppermill Hotel and Casino

► **Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner** • Silver and Blue Room of Lawlor Events Center

► **Meet at Red's Little Waldorf Saloon for live music on the patio, drink specials and more at 8 p.m.**

► **Parents and Family Weekend Activities, Oct 20-21** • For more information visit <http://www.unr.edu/stsv/saos/parents/weekend/>



### Oct. 21

► **Phi Delta Theta 2nd Annual Family Weekend Open House & BBQ, 12:30-4 p.m.** • Phi Delta Theta House

► **Nevada vs. San Jose State Pre-Game Party, 2 Hrs. prior to Kickoff** • Northwest of Mackay Stadium (outside the gates)

► **Orvis School of Nursing Chapter Tailgate Party / Young Alumni Chapter Tailgate Party** • Join these chapters at the Nevada Alumni Association Tailgate!

► **Nevada vs. San Jose State Football Game, 4 p.m.** • Mackay Stadium

► **Sigma Alpha Epsilon Annual Alumni Cocktail Party – Immediately following the football game** • Sigma Alpha Epsilon House

**For more information on Homecoming activities, visit our web site [www.unr.edu/alumni](http://www.unr.edu/alumni) or call 888-NV ALUMS**

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# 2006 Homecoming Gala

Please join us in honoring this year's Alumni Association Award recipients



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2006. CIRCUS CIRCUS RENO  
6 P.M. RECEPTION. 7 P.M. DINNER AND PROGRAM  
Tickets start at \$70 per person. Tables are available.

Call (888) NV ALUMS or (775) 784-6620 or email [nvalumni@unr.edu](mailto:nvalumni@unr.edu) to reserve space.

## Meet the Kornmayers.

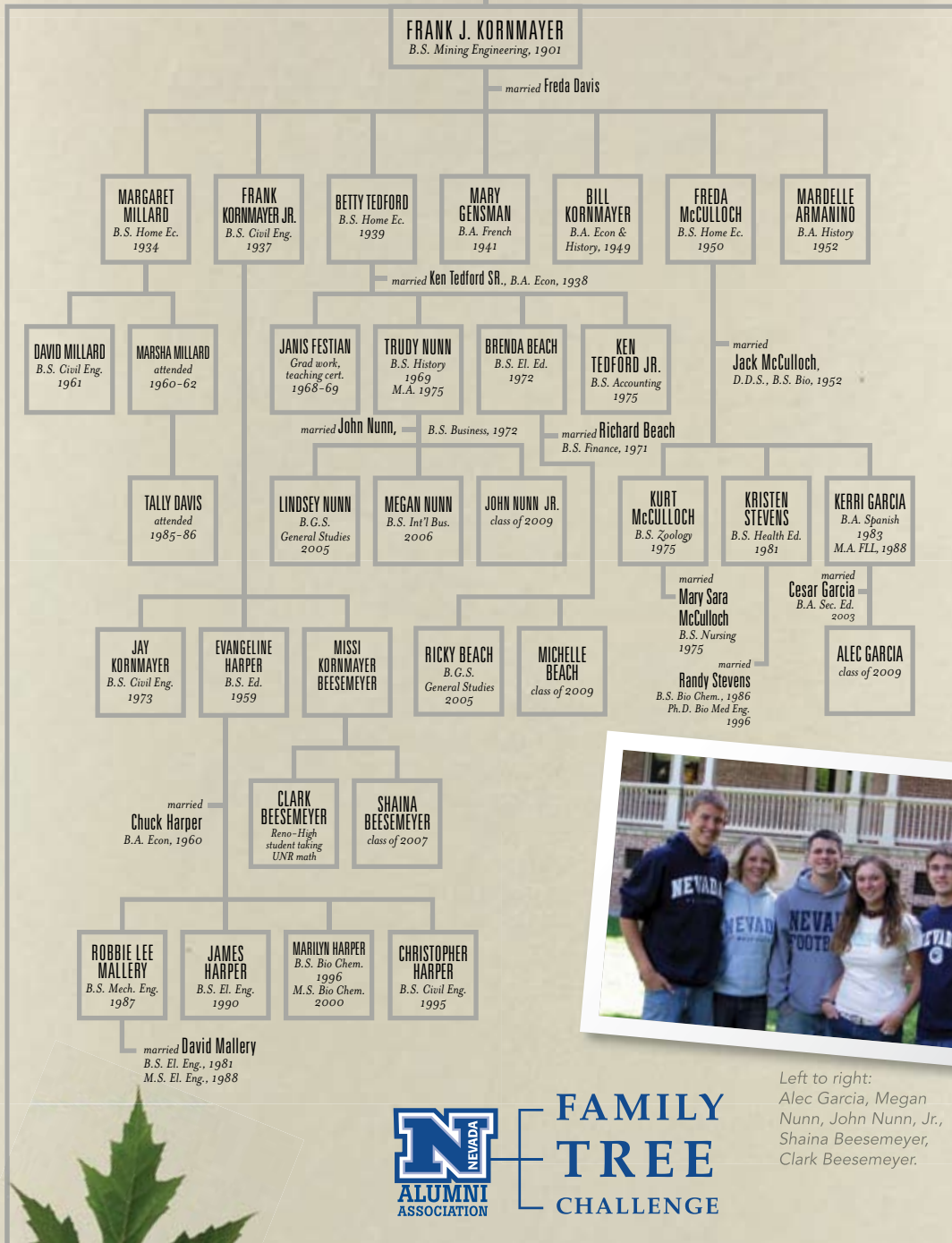
Our Fall 2006 Family Tree Challenge "Featured Family" is one rooted in Nevada tradition.

The Kornmayers have over 32 University of Nevada, Reno graduates in their family, dating back to 1901 when Frank J. "Swampy" Kornmayer started the tradition with a B.S. in Mining Engineering. Today, his Nevada legacy lives on as the Kornmayer Family Tree continues to grow.



Top picture: F.J. Kornmayer, Class of 1901. Left to right: Bill Kornmayer, Mardelle and Freda Kornmayer, Betty Kornmayer, Mackay Statue, Mackay School of Mines

FAMILY TREE



Left to right:  
Alec Garcia, Megan Nunn, John Nunn, Jr., Shaina Beesemeyer, Clark Beesemeyer.

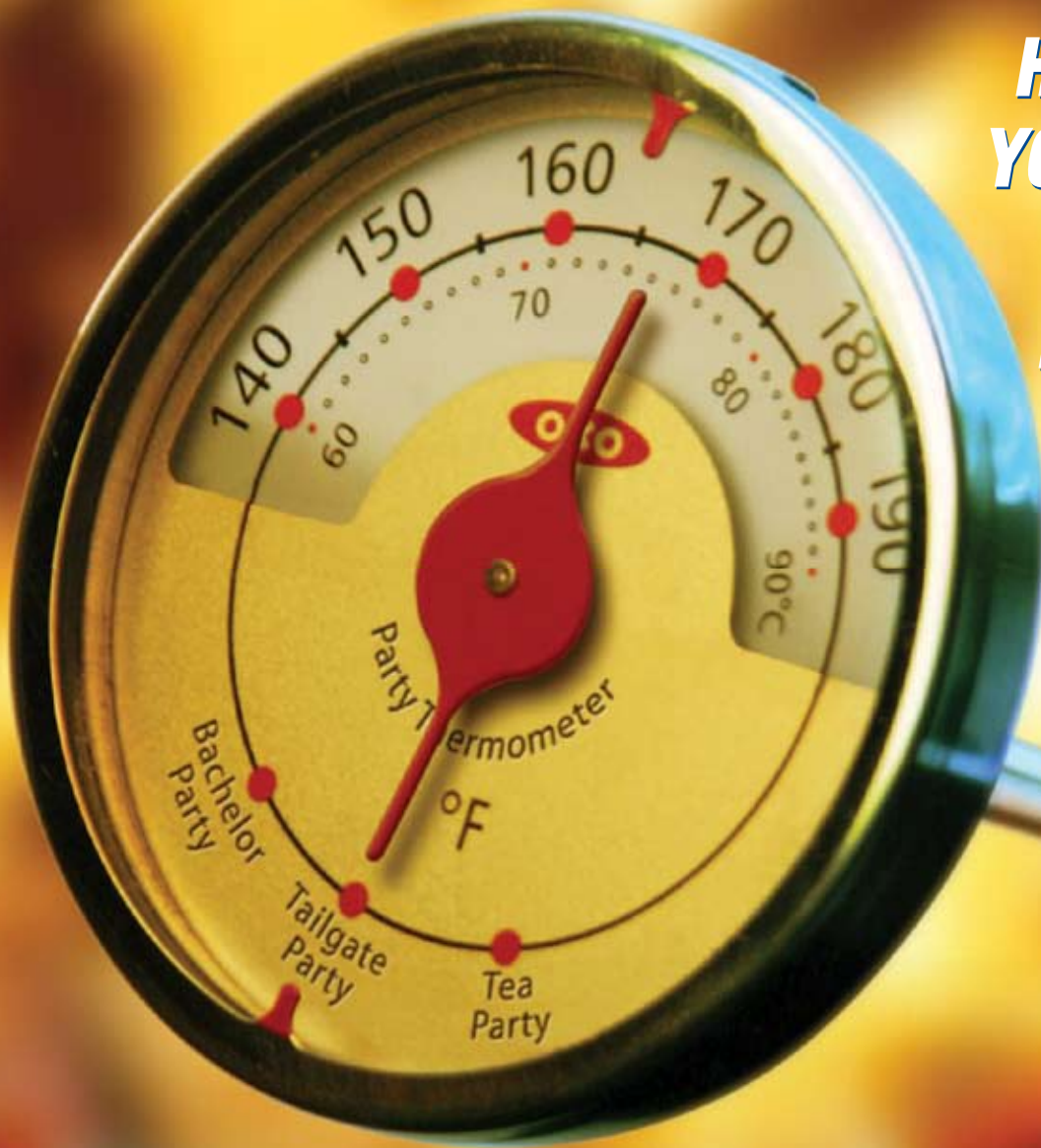


FAMILY TREE CHALLENGE



How many University of Nevada, Reno alumni make up your family tree? Let us know, and you could all be featured in the next issue of the Silver & Blue. For details, visit <http://www.unr.edu/alumni> or call (888) NV-ALUMS.

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YOU LIKE  
YOUR  
PARTY?**



# TAILGATE PARTIES

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## HOME GAMES

SEPTEMBER 16  
NEVADA VS. COLORADO ST

SEPTEMBER 22  
NEVADA VS. NORTHWESTERN

OCTOBER 21  
NEVADA VS. SAN JOSE ST  
(HOMECOMING)

OCTOBER 28  
NEVADA VS. NEW MEXICO ST

NOVEMBER 11  
NEVADA VS. UTAH STATE

NOVEMBER 25  
NEVADA VS. BOISE STATE

LIFETIME MEMBERS: **FREE**

ANNUAL MEMBERS: **\$5**  
Per Person

NON-MEMBERS: **\$10**  
Per Person

### HOME TAILGATE PARTIES

All home tailgate parties begin **TWO HOURS** prior to kickoff. Space is limited, so stop by early.

Located outside the Northwest Gate of Mackay Stadium next to Community Corner.

## AWAY GAMES

SEPTEMBER 9  
NEVADA VS ARIZONA ST  
TEMPE, AZ

KICK-OFF  
7:05 PM (PT)  
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM (PT)  
GORDON BIERSCHE BREWERY

SEPTEMBER 30  
NEVADA VS UNLV  
LAS VEGAS, NV

KICK-OFF  
7:05 PM (PT)  
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM (PT)  
SAM BOYD STADIUM

OCTOBER 7  
NEVADA VS HAWAII  
HONOLULU, HI

KICK-OFF  
6:05 PM (HT)  
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM (HT)  
ALOHA STADIUM

LIFETIME ALUMNI  
ASSOCIATION MEMBERS: **\$15**  
Per Person + An Alumni  
Association Giveaway

ANNUAL ALUMNI  
ASSOCIATION MEMBERS: **\$25**  
Per Person + An Alumni  
Association Giveaway

NON-MEMBERS: **\$25**  
Per Person

### AWAY TAILGATE PARTIES

For more information - including hotel, game, ticket, party and travel information - or to register for any of these tailgate parties, contact the Nevada Alumni Association.

## ATTEND AN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EVENT!

### SEPTEMBER

**9** Nevada vs. ASU Pre Game Party – 4:30 p.m. - Gordon Biersch, Tempe, AZ

**16** Nevada vs Colorado State Pre Game Party – 2 Hours Prior to Kick Off – Northwest Side of Mackay Stadium (outside the gates)

**16** Washington, D.C. Chapter Baseball Outing – 4 p.m. – RFK Stadium

**22** Nevada vs. Northwestern Pre Game Party 2 Hours Prior to Kick Off – Northwest Side of Mackay Stadium (outside the gates)

**30** Nevada vs. UNLV Pre Game Party – 4:30 p.m. – Sam Boyd Stadium, Las Vegas, NV

### OCTOBER

**6-8** Rugby Alumni Weekend – Location TBD

**7** Nevada vs. Hawaii Pre Game Party – 3:30 p.m. – Aloha Stadium, Honolulu, HI

**13** Vintage Nevada - 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. – Reno Events Center

**16** Office Decorating Contest – 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. – University Campus

**17** Scholarship Reception – 6 p.m. – Morrill Hall Alumni Center

**19** Homecoming Gala – 6 p.m. Cocktails, 7 p.m. Dinner and Program – Circus Circus Reno Mandalay Ballroom

**20** Alumni Council meeting – 12:30 p.m. – Morrill Hall Alumni Center

**21** Nevada vs. San Jose State Pre Game Party – 2 Hours Prior to Kick Off – Northwest Side of Mackay Stadium (outside the gates)

**21** Homecoming Events – See page 33 for a complete listing

### NOVEMBER

**11** Nevada vs. Utah State Pre Game Party – 2 Hours Prior to Kick Off – Northwest Side of Mackay Stadium (outside the gates)

**25** Nevada vs. Boise State Pre Game Party – 2 Hours Prior to Kick Off – Northwest Side of Mackay Stadium (outside the gates)

### DECEMBER

**8** Senior Scholar Program – 6 p.m. – Alumni Lounge, JTSU

## Class Chat '40s

**Vaughn Marker '47** (civil engineering) has been named to the Asphalt Institute's Roll of Honor. Vaughn's professional career began with the California Division of Highways. In 1955, he joined the Asphalt Institute as a district engineer. He was promoted to division paving engineer, managing engineer and, finally, chief engineer. He is considered by many of his peers to be an expert in the compaction of asphalt mixtures.

## '50s

**Rufus Ogilvie '52** (electrical engineering) and his wife, Jane, have been living in Green Valley, Ariz., since Rufus' retirement in 1988 from the City of Santa Clara, Calif. According to Rufus, "We are thankful for each day our Lord gives us."

**Fred Lee '53** (metallurgical engineering) is currently serving his fifth year as president of F.R. Lee & Co., Inc., which operates out of Huntsville, Ala. Fred's early start in working with people was as a bartender at the old Little Wal in 1952 and 1953. He credits his success to the years he spent at the University of Nevada, Reno.

**Don Thompson '53** (psychology) has been awarded an honorary lifetime membership in the North America Snowsport Journalists Association after retiring from 41 years of ski reporting. Don's coverage included the Olympics



From left, Vaughn Marker '47 (civil engineering), Barbara Marker and Asphalt Institute President Pete Grass.

in Japan, Yugoslavia, Canada and the United States. Don is presently a regional editor for *Golf Today* magazine and hopes to spend the next 41 years in golf reporting. Don just returned from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, after covering the World Amateur Inter-team Competition.

Retired casino executive and former state gaming official **Roger Trounday '56** (English), '67MBA was recently honored with the University of Nevada's Jake Lawlor Award. The prestigious award is given to an individual who has demonstrated substantial and exemplary support of Nevada's intercollegiate athletics program. A Reno native, Roger played on the Wolf Pack baseball and basketball teams, lettering four years in baseball and three in basketball. He has been married to **Gail (Altenburg) Trounday '56** (education) for 50 years. The couple has

three children – **Steven '81** (managerial sciences), Susan and Catherine – and four grandchildren.

## '60s

**Dan Miles '65** (accounting) retired in July 2003 from his position as vice chancellor for finance and administration in the Nevada System of Higher Education.

**Bruce Pozzi '65** (journalism) has received the Public Relations Society of America's Silver Anvil Award of Excellence. Bruce Pozzi Public Relations, Inc. received the 2006 Silver Anvil Award of Excellence for its "Improving the Image of Construction Work in Alaska" campaign for the Associated General Contractors of Alaska/Construction Industry Progress Fund.

Upon retiring from Pharmacia Corp (now Pfizer) in 2003 as senior director of Global Research Site Operations,



Drs. Clark Smith '67 (chemistry), left, and Robert Henrikson, right, are congratulated by Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm.

Dr. **Clark W. Smith, Jr.** '67 (chemistry) and Dr. Robert L. Henrikson founded Proteos, Inc. in Kalamazoo, Mich. Proteos is a protein and peptide research services company, now providing protein and peptide reagents and services worldwide.



**Roger Trounday '56** (English), '67MBA

**David Bianchi '68** (finance) just completed a year as district governor for Rotary International. Professionally, Dave has been a financial representative for Northwestern Mutual Financial Network for 34 years. He served as a trustee of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, the only Nevadan ever elected to that position. Dave's wife, **Lois (Taylor) Bianchi '65** (elementary education) is a retired schoolteacher. Dave and Lois have three children and two grandchildren.



**Bruce Pozzi '65** (journalism)

**Robert Meriweather '68** (finance) lives in Scottsdale, Ariz., with his wife, Cheryl. They have two daughters, 32 and 36 years old, who reside in Atlanta. Robert is a principal in Home Capital, Inc., a mortgage banking firm. Prior to moving to Arizona in 1999, Robert lived in Chicago for 25 years, where he founded and later sold Fidelity Mortgage.



**David Bianchi '68** (finance)

## '70s

According to the Department of the Interior, President Bush intends to nominate **Robert Johnson '73** (agriculture), '77 (agricultural economics), currently regional director for the Lower Colorado Region, as the next commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation. Bob has been a Reclamation bureau employee since 1975. Bob has received numerous awards, including the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executive Service.

**James Moren, M.D.** '73 (medicine) has operated a family practice since 1979 with five partners. James is also a headache consultant. James has been married to **Karen (Isbell) Moran '67** (nursing) for 32 years. Karen teaches health to high school students. James and Karen biked Camino de Santiago in 2004 for their 30th anniversary.

**Rayona Sharpnack '73** (physical education) has accepted appointment to the executive committee of the Women's Leadership Board at the JFK School of Government at Harvard University. Rayona will be accountable for designing a world-class mentoring program that could be adopted throughout the university community.

**Lenoar "Len" Foster '74** (history), '87 (educational administration/higher education) has been named associate dean for research and graduate studies in the College of Education at

Washington State University. Len also serves as professor of educational leadership and higher education in the Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling Psychology of the College of Education at Washington State.

**Lynda (Bidart) Walton '74** (special education), '83 (special education) has been teaching physical education at the elementary-school level for the past 14 years. Lynda recently finished her 31st year of teaching in Nevada, a career that includes 12 years in White Pine County and 19 years in Humboldt County. Lynda's husband, Don, is a teacher at Lowry High School. Her daughter, Jessica, is currently a secondary education (English) student at the University of Nevada, Reno. Son Davey is a junior at Lowry High School and son Jamie is a freshman at Lowry High.

**James Pollock, M.D.** '75 (premedical), '79 (two-year nondegree) practices emergency medicine in the Washington, D.C., area. James' wife, Shelley, works for the Frederick County Public School System. James has two sons, Justin, age 20, and Colin, age 16. Justin will attend medical school at the Thomas Jefferson School of Medicine in Philadelphia in 2008. Colin is in high school.

**Harlene (Letourneau) Frohnen '76** (art) is the grandmother of two boys (ages 8 and 13) and was recently part of

a four-woman art show at Arts of Snohomish. Harlene resides in Snohomish, Wash.

**Ward Gulley, M.D. '76** (medicine) currently resides in Newport Beach, Calif. In 2005, Ward took welding classes at Orange College in Costa Mesa, Calif.

## '80s

**Allen Biaggi '80** (engineering design tech), '82 (renewable natural resources) is a newly appointed member of the governing board of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency. In September 2005, Biaggi was appointed director of the Nevada Department of Conservation by Governor Guinn.

**Thomas McKechnie, M.D. '80** (medicine) has been married to Karen for 32 years, and the couple has three sons. Thomas continues to practice in Louisville at Sts. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital in the Department of Emergency Medicine. He is also assistant clinical professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Louisville.

**Denise (York) Young '81** (mathematics), '82 (animal science) was recently named executive director of institutional effectiveness at North Georgia College and State University. In her new position, Denise is responsible for universitywide planning, assessment, institutional research and accreditation.

**Scott T. Barnes, P.E. '82** (engineering design technology), '91 (civil engineering) has joined Centex Homes of Nevada as vice president of land development and forward planning. Scott is also the 2005-06 charter president of the Sparks Centennial Sunrise Rotary Club and serves on the Sparks Planning Commission. Scott resides in the Reno-Sparks area with his children, Clarissa and Austin.

**Jennifer (Duxbury) Cunningham '83** (managerial sciences), director of sales and marketing for Circus Circus Reno, was recently named Marketer of the Year by the Reno-Tahoe American Marketing Association. Jennifer is co-owner of Washoe restaurant in Reno with her husband, **Craig Cunningham '85** (marketing). They have two children, Sage and Evelyn.

**Tim Krump '83** (managerial sciences), president and CEO of Krump Construction Inc., will speak at the 2007 American Resort Development Association's annual convention and exposition. Tim will participate in a panel on the topic of Going Up - Vacation Ownership High Rise Development. Krump Construction has gained national recognition with such projects as the Hyatt High Sierra Lodge in Lake Tahoe, Hyatt Grand Champions in Indian Wells, Calif., and the Park Hyatt Highlands Inn in Carmel, Calif.

**Jack Prescott '83** (agriculture and resource

economics) is pleased to announce that his oldest daughter will begin attending the University of Nevada, Reno in the fall of 2006. Jack has been recently appointed market president for U.S. Bank in northern Nevada. Prior to his banking career, Jack was a commercial pilot.

In April 2006, Gov. Guinn appointed **Bridget (Robb) Peck '84** (English) as District Court judge in Department Seven of the Second Judicial Court of the State of Nevada.

**Ivar S. Chhina '85** (political science) has recently been elected to the board of the nation's largest consumer cooperative, REI (Recreational Equipment, Inc.). Ivar is also currently the chairman, chief executive officer and president of InterDent, Inc. Ivar serves on the board of trustees for historic Fort Mason Center on San Francisco Bay and the Board of International Advisors for the Middlebury College Monterey Institute of International Studies. Ivar and his wife, **Joanne (Delaney) Chhina '89** (finance), live in the San Francisco Bay area with their three children.

**Colette Rausch '86** (journalism) was recently named deputy director of the rule of law program of the United States Institute of Peace in Washington, D.C. She also recently co-authored an article, "A Tool Box to Tackle Law Reform Challenges in Post Conflict Countries: The Model Codes for Post Conflict Criminal Justice." She and her husband,

**Harold "Hal" Newman '60** (metallurgical engineering) has earned the rank of Eagle Scout at age 75. During World War II, Hal's family lived in Parker, Ariz., where Hal completed most of the work toward his Eagle Scout badge. He obtained all his merit badges and had 30 more days to complete necessary paperwork, but the family moved to Berlin, Nev., ending Hal's trek toward becoming an Eagle Scout. Two of Hal's sons, John and William, have earned their Eagle Scout awards through Troop 442 in Fallon, Nev., where Hal served the Pony Express District as scoutmaster, assistant scoutmaster, chartered organization representative and district chairman. Through prodding from his sons and fellow scout organizers, Newman sought the Eagle Scout badge by petitioning the Boy Scouts national office. Because of Hal's preparation and service as a scout, he was awarded his Eagle Scout Award, Class of 1945. He was recently honored by Fallon, Boy Scout Troop 442 for his achievement. Hal is the proud father of 10.



**Rayona Sharpnack '73** (physical education)

Patrick, and 2½ -year-old son, Calvin, live in Maryland.

**Seenu Garimella '87** (mechanical engineering) has returned to the West Coast after having lived in the Midwest since 1989. He is currently working as program manager for a high-tech company in Livermore, Calif. Seenu credits the past 17 years of gainful employment to his degree from the University of Nevada, Reno.

The Canadian Public Relations Society has elected **Colleen Killingsworth '87** (journalism) president for a second term. Colleen is a senior public relations consultant with National Public Relations in Calgary. She is also the past president of the Sierra Nevada chapter



**Scott T. Barnes, P.E. '82** (eng. design technology), '91 (civil eng.)

of the Public Relations Society of America, as well as a past president of CPRS Calgary.

**Todd Blonsley '89** (criminal justice), '92 (business administration) has passed his Series 22 and 63 securities exams to become a registered representative for Welton Street Investments. In 2005, Todd handled the sale of the former Harrah's parking garage and headquarters. During his senior year at the University of Nevada, Reno, Todd parked in the garage while working as a dealer on the weekend graveyard shift. To go from part-time dealer to a real estate



**Tim Krump '83** (managerial sciences)



**Todd Blonsley '89** (criminal justice), '92 (business administration)





**Jennifer (Duxbury) Cunningham '83**  
(managerial sciences)

broker in a \$17.5 million deal is truly a "full-circle" story.

## '90s

**Starley (Talbot) Anderson '90** (home economics) married Beauford Thompson on May 27, 2006. Starley also published a collection of nonfiction stories, *Lasso the World*.



**Tim Nelson '92**  
(accounting/computer information systems)

Former Assemblyman **Jason Geddes '90** (biochemistry), '95 (environmental chemistry) has been appointed to the Nevada Board of Regents by Gov. Guinn. Jason is currently the manager of government affairs for the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada.

**Michael Micone '91** (speech communications), owner of the Las

Vegas Accountants Inc. franchise, has recently been named the Small Business Person of the Year for Nevada by the Small Business Administration (SBA). His Accountants Inc. operation was named Franchise of the Year by the Accountants Inc. corporate office. It was the seventh year in a row that Micone's franchise led the corporation in growth. He now has 17 employees and has placed more than 7,000 permanent and temporary accountants in the Las Vegas Valley.

**Laurie Wellner '91** (music education) has recently been promoted to director of special education for the Colton Joint Unified School District in Colton, Calif. Laurie has also completed an M.A. in special education at

CSU, Sacramento and a second M.A. in educational administration at CSU, San Bernardino. She is in the second year of completing her Ed.D. at the University of La Verne.

In May 2006 the Associated Students of the University of Nevada named **Alison Gauden '92** (journalism) Outstanding Adviser of the Year for her role advising PRSSA students through difficult challenges. A member of the PRSSA Sierra Nevada chapter, Alison provided experience and insight to aid the chapter as it prepared to attend the National PRSSA Conference in Miami, Fla., last October.

**Kellie (Creekmore) Guild '92** (business education) is the 2006-07 president of the Junior

League of Las Vegas. She has been an active member in the league since 1998. At her current school, the Advanced Technologies Academy, Kellie has coordinated student volunteers to assist local nonprofits with their events. She was nominated by her students into *Who's Who Among American High School Teachers*. Kellie is married to Dave and has a 3-year-old son, Matthew.

**Tim Nelson '92** (accounting/computer information systems) has been hired as a manager for Kafoury, Armstrong & Co. Prior to joining Kafoury, Armstrong & Co, he was the president of A and H Insurance, Inc. Since graduating from the University of Nevada, Tim has earned his CPA and CVA licenses.



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**Robyn Campbell-Ouchida '93** (journalism) was recently named copy editor for *Nevada Lawyer Magazine*, the official publication of the Nevada State Bar. She and her husband, Kurt, are the owners of All Write Business Communications in Henderson.

After receiving her *juris doctor* from William S. Boyd School of Law, **Heather Proctor '93** (management), '96 (business administration) clerked for one year with the Hon. David Huff in Churchill and Lyon counties. For nearly two years, Heather has worked at the attorney general's office in Carson City.

**Scott Rawlins '93** (civil engineering) has been appointed assistant director for engineering for the Nevada Department of Transportation. Scott, an NDOT veteran of 12 years, has been responsible for developing projects from planning through construction. During his time at the University of Nevada, Reno, Scott played baseball for the Wolf Pack.

**Lisa (Friede) Rebagliati '93** (speech communications) recently completed her master's in organizational development and training at Oregon State University. Lisa is a senior training consultant for Discover Financial Services.

**Christopher Waizmann '93** (marketing) recently beat out an impressive field of competitors to win the Northern Nevada Retail Broker of the Year award at the first Summit

Awards. In 2005, Chris was named one of Trammell Crow Company's Top 50 Brokers and was the top Trammell Crow broker in all of Nevada.

**Mike Dillon '94** (political science) is pleased to announce his engagement to Siobhan McAndrew, a columnist for the *Reno Gazette-Journal*. Mike owns Dillon Insurance Services, is community relations director for the Builders Association of Northern Nevada, and serves on the Alumni Council for the Nevada Alumni Association.

**Gerald "Jerry" Wyness '94** (speech communications) is currently a football coach at San Jose City College. On August 2, 2003, Jerry married Deirdre Siebert. The couple enjoyed a splendid sunny afternoon for their nuptials at Guglielmo Winery – Morgan Hill, Calif. Jerry and Deidre welcomed the birth of their son, Cooper Bruce, on March 27, 2005.



**Brian Baker '95** (mechanical engineering) and **Kristy (Barainca) Baker '94** (social work) are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Olivia Christine, who was born on July 22, 2006. Kristy and Brian have been married since 1995.

**Major Darren LoRe' '95** (general studies), Army ROTC Commission May 1995, is currently stationed in Guam with his wife, **Cammy (Elquist) LoRe' '95** (anthropology), '95 (journalism). Darren just returned from a six-month training tour in Yemen.

In 2005, **Michael Steinmann '95** (business administration), '96 (public administration and policy) completed his doctorate in public administration from USC. Michael's dissertation is being considered for publication by the University of Alberta Press. In addition, Michael has been considered for a teaching position in North Carolina, which includes running a new MPA program.

**Chris Vargas '95** (finance) has recently formed a financial advisory business, Legacy Wealth Planning, along with four other advisers. As managing partner, Chris works with individuals, business owners and nonprofit organizations in investment and wealth planning while assisting in managing the business. Chris serves on the Nevada Alumni Association's Alumni Council and the Football Alumni Association Board. Chris and his wife, **Katie (Haggard) Vargas '94** (human development & family studies), have two boys, Nick, 3, and Drew, 1.

**Eric J. Fox '96** (psychology), '00 (psychology) has started a position as an assistant professor in the psychology department at Western Michigan



**Darren LoRe' '95** (general studies), kneeling, and his mobile training team pose for their family Christmas cards from an assignment in Yemen.

University. He recently completed his Ph.D. in learning and instructional technology from Arizona State University and is adjusting to the cold winters in the oddly named town of Kalamazoo.

**Dana (LoPrestri) Stoeckel '97** (English) and her husband celebrated the birth of their second daughter, Ryland Elizabeth, in late November 2005.



**Diane (Walters) Wentworth '97** (health science) and her husband, Kevin, are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Tyler Paul Wentworth. Tyler was born on August 4, 2005.



**Chris Vargas '95** (finance)



**Robyn Campbell-Ouchida '93** (journalism) and husband, Kurt.

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**Jerri Williams-Conrad '01** (journalism)



**Tim Garcia-Jay '98** (environmental policy analysis) and Joelle (Grupe) Jay '92 (education) are pleased to announce the birth of Morgan Adam Jay on October 9, 2005.

**Mike Pettigrew '98** (accounting) is the proud owner of a custom closet design company. Mike loves designing space-saving closets and is proud to be in the closet business.



**Rajan Zed '01** (business administration)

**Alan Kelton, M.D. '99** (medicine) is currently the medical director of Community Hospitalist Medical Group in Fresno, Calif. Alan is also part of a primary care practice, Community Medical Providers, in Fresno. Alan and his wife, Susan, just celebrated their 19th anniversary. They have two sons, Devan, 8, and Andrew, 5.

**Paul D. Marsala '99** (teaching English as a second language), director of adult basic education for Truckee Meadows Community College's Workforce Development and Continuing Education Division, has been named a 2006 International Exemplary Leader by The Chair Academy. Marsala,

who was nominated by colleagues, received the award based on his leadership practices and commitment to TMCC. Marsala has been the director of adult basic education for the past five years. Under his leadership the department enrollment has grown from 171 to more than 2,000.

**Leslie (Whittle) Nady '99** (human resources management), '04MBA and Creighton Jake Nady '97 (management) are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Carlin Jake Nady, on April 24, 2006. The Nadys also have a 3-year-old son, Creighton Jack.

## '00s

**Erin Audrain '00** (health science) and **Amanda (Foster) Audrain '98** (journalism) announce the birth of their daughter, Elena Katharine Audrain, on October 18, 2005. The three live in Minneapolis, where Erin works as a physician assistant for an orthopedic practice. Amanda previously worked in marketing for the national distribution unit of Minnesota Public Radio.

**Justin Costa '00** (mining engineering) and **Jenny Siegfried '01** (general studies) were married June 28, 2003, in Sparks. On April 30, 2006, they welcomed their first child, Eric Adamo Costa.

## Remembering Friends

**William Henry Ebert '49** (mining engineering) passed away July 6, 2006, in San Jose, Calif., at age 85. Born in Sutton, Neb., Bill was a member of the Sainte Claire Club, a Mason 32nd Degree Member of F. & A.M., and a member of the San Jose Scottish Rite. Bill was also an



**Ebert**

avid hunter and rancher. He owned the Ruby Dome Ranch in Lamoille, Nev., along with the Steve Dorsa family and the Paul Fiddes family and was a member of the Simple 10 Duck Club. Bill graduated from Sutton High School in 1939. Thereafter, he enlisted in the Army, serving in WWII in the Aleutian Islands. While at the University of Nevada, Bill was president of his fraternity, Phi Sigma Kappa. He began P & E Construction with Ernie Pestana, Spartan Construction with partners Paul Fiddes and Frank Barber, and, finally, WH Ebert Construction. Bill retired in 1993 after a career as a

general engineering contractor, specializing in pipeline construction. Bill was a member of EUCA. Bill was married for 55 years to Rachel McNeil Ebert. The couple had three children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Tom Massey, '53**, professor emeritus of Chapman University, Orange, Calif., died at the age of 76 on April 29, 2006, in San Diego. Tom received both his B.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Nevada. While at the University, Tom played football and was a member of Alpha Tau Omega and the boxing team. He is still considered one of the toughest boxers the Wolf Pack ever had. In addition, Tom taught and coached at Reno High School for several years. Tom is survived by his wife of 14 years, Theresa Horan. He had five children, two step-children and five grandchildren.

**Maurica Ellen (Griffith) Osborne '63** (history) passed away on June 3, 2006. Maurica lived in Los Angeles and White Deer Ranch (Dunlap, Calif.) before moving to Reno in 1955. Following undergraduate work at the University of Nevada, she

obtained a post-graduate degree from the University of California, Berkeley. Maurica is a University of Nevada emeritus faculty member, having worked in the University library as librarian department head from 1964-1975. She was also involved in the Sierra Club, Beta Phi Mu (honorary) and Phi Alpha Theta (honorary). Maurica was preceded in death by her husband, Major William Osborne. She is survived by three children and four grandchildren.

**June (Mulvihill) Rigsby '69** (zoology), '98 (counseling & educational psychology) died on April 28, 2006, at her residence in Carson City. June moved to Nevada in 1966, where she resided until the time of her death. She also spent many beautiful spring and fall evenings at her cottage in Roscommon, Ireland. June was microbiologist for the State of Nevada for 11 years, a research analyst and strategic planner for Sierra Pacific Power Company for eight years, and an attache' and the director of administrative services for the Nevada Assembly. June was married to Robert Rigsby for 37 years. The couple has one son, Thomas.

**Jayson Culbert '00** (English) and **Lindsay (Lannom) Culbert '00** (speech pathology) are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Paul, on May 9, 2006.

**Colin Beck '01** (journalism) and his family recently returned from their first vacation to Disneyland. Colin works in development and alumni relations at the University of Nevada, Reno, where he was recently promoted to manager of annual giving.

**Josh Kenzer '01** (journalism) was recently promoted to director of marketing and business development for Reno-based Twelve Horses, a full-service relationship marketing and messaging company specializing in designing interactive communication solutions.

**Mike Soumbeniotis '01** (logistics management) graduated from DePaul University in March 2006 with an MBA in financial analysis. Mike is now working as a bond-options trader apprentice at the Chicago Board of Trade.

**Jerri Williams-Conrad '01** (journalism) has joined Olsen & Associates Public Relations Inc. as director of client services. Prior to joining Olsen & Associates, Jerri worked at R&R Partners for six years as an account executive. A journalism graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno, Jerri also holds a master's in business administration from the University of Phoenix.

**Rajan Zed '01** (business administration) has been selected a director of the Nevada World Trade Council, Nevada's international trade organization. Rajan, who serves on the governing board of directors of Northern Nevada International Center, is also a fellow of the Institute of Professional Managers and Administrators of Britain. He volunteers as a chaplain at Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center and other hospitals in northern Nevada. Rajan is also running for the office of general improvement district trustee of Verdi TV District in the November elections. Rajan lives in Reno with: his wife, Shipa, a community volunteer; son Naveet, former president of the University of Nevada, Reno International Club; and daughter Palkin, a youth activist and accomplished author of two published books.

**Nathan Mason '02** (chemistry) graduated from the collaborative Ben-Gurion University-Columbia University Medical School for International Health, the only medical school in the world with the mission of training future physicians in global health. He graduated in May 2006 and was one of 19 graduates. Nathan has also assisted with the construction of a learning center in Brazil and has taught English in Gaza City.

**Candee Ramos '02** (journalism) has been hired as the marketing director by Lake Tahoe Mortgage Corporation to execute all marketing



**Michael Rifer '03** (geography) shows his Nevada pride among residents in a small Sudanese village called Tima.

for the corporation in its three offices. Candee also sits on the board of the Advertising Association of Northern Nevada as the special events director, and is the president of Ad 2 Reno, an advertising organization for young advertising professionals. Candee sits on the National Ad 2 Board of Directors as the West Coast membership co-chairperson.

**Justina Alyce Caviglia '03** (Spanish/environmental policy analysis) graduated with a *juris doctor* degree from the William S. Boyd School of Law and was the recipient of the Dean's Award. She will be working as a judicial law clerk for Judge David Gamble at the Ninth Judicial District Court in Minden, Nev. She plans to practice environmental law, land use, administrative law and water law.

**Michael Rifer '03** (geography) was recently in Sudan's Nuba Mountains conducting public opinion research

for his organization, the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs.

**Romeo "Ro" Lazzarone '03** (marketing) has been named a member of the 2006 executive council of New York Life Insurance Company. Ro is currently president of the University of Nevada, Reno's Young Alumni Chapter and president-elect of the College of Business Administration Alumni Association.

**Stacy Demitropoulos '04** (nursing) has been going back to school for her master's in nursing education. Stacy plans to graduate in 2007.

**Kamila Funaki '04** (nursing) has been working at Washoe Medical Center as a registered nurse since 2004. This fall she plans to do some traveling nursing.



**Romeo "Ro" Lazzarone '03** (marketing)



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**Cindy Vance '04**  
(accounting)

**Cindy Vance '04** (accounting) has passed the CPA exam for Nevada. Cindy, a staff accountant, joined Kafoury, Armstrong & Co. in May 2005.

**Nicholas Brunson '05** (environmental and natural resources science) is working in Ely, Nev., his hometown, for the Bureau of Land Management. Nicholas is a wildland firefighter and serves as an engine captain. Nicholas plans to soon become a range manager for the Bureau of Land Management or U.S. Forest Service.

**Krista Byers '05** (accounting) has been hired as a staff accountant for Kafoury, Armstrong & Co. Prior to joining the

firm, Krista worked as a general ledger intern for International Game Technology. She volunteers annually at the heart and asthma walks.

**Jennifer Durnan '05** (journalism) recently accepted a position as the coordinator/editor of ScienceNetwork WA. Jennifer has been living in Perth, Western Australia, since January 2006.

**Joni Miller '05** (educational leadership) is currently assistant principal of Fernley, Nev., High School.

After a brief move to Las Vegas, **Michael Simpson '05** (journalism) has accepted a job with the University of Nevada, Reno as the campus coordinator for Prevention Programs Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws. Michael was also made chair of a local subcommittee that works with bars and clubs to deter underage drinking in their establishments.

**Dan Carter '06** (master of accountancy) has recently become a licensed CPA in Nevada. A senior accountant with Kafoury, Armstrong & Co., Dan is a member of

the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Nevada Government Finance Officers Association, and Western Industrial Nevada.

**David Ward '06** (psychology) is working for the National Council for International Visitors, a nonprofit promoting citizen diplomacy in Washington, D.C. David studied in Luneburg, Germany, in spring 2004 through the University Studies Abroad Consortium and says the experience gave him a strong advantage in obtaining his job with the visitors council.



**Dan Carter '06** (master of accountancy)

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## Bequest from Nevada alumnus creates lasting legacy

The depth of Ned R. Morehouse's commitment to his alma mater could not have been imagined when he graduated with a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Nevada in 1935. Ned remembered the University in his estate plans with a charitable bequest, and upon his recent passing the College of Engineering received a significant gift to establish the scholarship that bears his name.



Yearbook  
picture from  
1934.

Ned's celebrated career began modestly in the midst of the Depression. He found work in a photography studio and then with a printer. In 1938 he landed a job with General Electric Company and put his engineering skills to work testing electrical equipment and writing instructions for equipment sold to the Navy.

World War II called Ned to service in 1941. He served as company commander for four signal-photography companies until January of 1946. Ned and his company of combat photographers helped document what is now the basis of the history of the war. He retired from active reserves as a lieutenant colonel in 1962.

His civilian career continued as a business owner with his wife, Dorothy, and then as an investment broker in San Francisco until his retirement in the mid-1990s.

According to Ned's niece Beth Gould, "During my uncle's life he never forgot the importance of his education, the university which provided it, or the ongoing struggle



Ned Morehouse '35 (electrical engineering) was one of four brothers, all of whom studied in the engineering department on campus.

students at Nevada face in financing their own studies."

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