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From the President

Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center melds historic printed page with today's technology

I have said many times that we are trying to build a "sticky campus"—one that attracts the best students to the area and keeps them here. New facilities form a path toward a new future for our University. The newly opened Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center combines traditional library resources with the latest in digital and multimedia production technologies, and is designed to foster collaboration, nurture creativity, and stimulate intellectual inquiry. This new facility will change the face of our campus, particularly in the way our students will look at and interact with information and knowledge. I truly believe that of all the university library-type structures built in this country in the last 20 years, this one becomes the exemplar, providing our campus with a wonderful opportunity for the convergence between the historic library, the printed page and technology.



Photo by David Calvert

Milton Glick with Steve Zink, vice president of IT and dean of libraries, and Anthony Ciorciari, executive vice president of global operations at International Game Technology.

The Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center is named in recognition of a combined \$10 million gift from Charles Mathewson and International Game Technology. Many more donors brought this facility to life as well: private donations account for more than \$22 million of the \$75 million cost of the facility. I cannot thank our donors enough. Their vision and support have provided our campus with a building with a 50- to 100-year reach, a building that will create dialogue that humans must have in order to understand the key intersections between technology, information and knowledge. The remaining funding came from bonds supported by student Capital Improvement Project fees and the state of Nevada. This is altogether fitting, as it is our students who will be challenged to do new things and learn in new ways inside of this facility.

As the pace of innovation and intellectual growth continues to flourish at the University, the Knowledge Center is uniquely positioned as one of the most technologically advanced university libraries in providing students and faculty access to diverse forms of knowledge. For the past 20 years, higher education has grappled with the problem of consolidating the university library with information technology. Almost without exception, this effort has failed. This is not the case at our University. With the opening of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, we have the physical manifestation that this important synergy has occurred on our campus, for the benefit of our students, staff, faculty, friends and community.

Together with the Joe Crowley Student Union, the Mathewson-IGT Center will be a hub of activity for the campus and our community. These new spaces will provide venues for intellectual inquiry as well as transformative lectures and performances to stretch minds.

Come pay these new buildings a visit soon, and experience for yourself the path toward a new future for our University.

Sincerely,

Milton D. Glick
President

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The cover photo, taken by photographer Jeff Ross, features this great atrium at the center of the new Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center. The new building features more than one million volumes of books and published journals; electronic journals and thousands of electronic books; close to 300 research databases; a high-tech automated book retrieval system; spacious reading rooms and quiet study-areas; computing and data works laboratories with large format printing; state-of-the-art wireless network and computer access throughout; smart classrooms and conference rooms; a 170-seat auditorium; the Book Nook—which sells used books, magazines and CDs; Special Collections & University Archives; the Center for Basque Studies; and the Life and Health Sciences Library.



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Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center

*melds new with old,
ushering in a digital age*

By Melanie Robbins '06M.A. Photos by Jeff Ross.



The new 295,000-square-foot Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center opened its doors Aug. 11, 2008 at the dawn of a new century, and ushered in a unique building fit for the “post-Gutenberg” generation.

The Knowledge Center isn’t just a new generation library; it’s not exactly a library anymore, according to Steve Zink, vice president for information technology and dean of libraries.

“Libraries are very old institutions,” Zink says. “They’ve been around a long time. They were built when information was scarce. Libraries were necessary to collect information and keep track of it, or else it would be lost.” But even 15 years ago, with the burgeoning World Wide Web and ease of creating photos, videos and documents, it was obvious that information was no longer a rare commodity. “It was more of a problem pruning out the good information from the bad.”

The Knowledge Center’s functional design was developed not by library consultants, but by the University’s information technology

and library staff, Zink says.

They were designing something that had no precedent: a place that not only featured the traditional open stacks of a library, but was geared for the production and sharing of knowledge, collaborative learning, and for a new group of students: the Net Generation.

“Studies are showing that young people are wired differently,” Zink says. “Their brains are developing differently. They can multitask more efficiently. There’s some thought that this may have to do with the fact that they are using objects rather than words. They visualize better. The graphical user interface is easier for them.”

“We,” he notes, referring to anyone not born in the past couple of decades, “were brought up with a word-based interface.” For 600 years, the printed page was the primary means of handing down information through the ages, as well as communicating it broadly. “Text was simple,” he notes. “But graphics were costly and painstakingly difficult to produce.” Today, there has been a dramatic shift toward coupling text with images and video. Students

are learning to use digital images readily.

Multimedia is becoming the norm.

“We are entering a post-Gutenberg age,” Zink states. Soon, you won’t just have a chemistry textbook telling you about a chemical reaction, you’ll be able to click on a link and see the reaction. “It’s already beginning to happen with electronic textbooks. There’s a realization that the delivery mechanism is almost inseparable from the content. Scholarly materials are moving further and further away from being printed to being interactive.”

President Milton Glick says the Knowledge Center is all about this sea change taking place in the realm of interactivity, communication and learning.

“The critical word with the Knowledge Center is convergence,” Glick notes. “What we are seeing is a convergence of the historic library and the printed page with technology. Together they create a wealth of information that we have never had before. It’s not just how information becomes available anymore—this building changes the way we will use informa-

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Alums can borrow Knowledge Center books and videos for free

The Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center offers free library borrowing privileges to all alumni and, for a \$25 annual fee, offers privileges to the public. With the library card, alumni and guests can borrow all books, videos and audio tapes that are available to students, faculty and staff. Borrower's card holders can also log in from off-campus and reserve items via the online catalog. In addition, the Knowledge Center will soon have four guest computers that allow visitors to the building access to close to 300 databases such as LexisNexis Academic, which indexes and provides full text news, business, legal, medical, and reference materials and links to congressional and statistical information; as well as Academic Search Premier (EBSCOhost), which indexes 7,800-plus scholarly journals and provides full text for 4,000 titles. See the Library Services Desk to inquire about a borrower's card.

All Knowledge Center visitors are welcome in the Special Collections Department and the Basque Studies Library, which are located in the Knowledge Center.

Tour the Knowledge Center

Guided tours of the new Knowledge Center are available to the public daily at 9 a.m., 1 p.m., and 4 p.m. Tours are limited to 15 people. Request a spot at the Information Kiosk in the Knowledge Center or online at: knowledgecenter.unr.edu/instruction/forms/kctours.aspx. Self-guided tour brochures are available at the Information Kiosk with suggested stops. An audio tour will soon be available as well.



Shirley Diaz, Alexis Hernandez, Jessica Thompson, Nazrul Mojumder and Jacqui Deal actively debate in the William F. & Nadine M. Pillsbury Reading Room in the Knowledge Center overlooking the Reno skyline.



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tion. In a very real sense, the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center is the physical manifestation of this convergence of technology and the written word.”

Carol Parkhurst, senior director of libraries, adds that “this building is a venue in which a new way of thinking about knowledge will take place.”

Zink, who has taught knowledge management, notes that knowledge is treated differently by different cultures. In the United States and Western Europe, the tradition has been to leverage knowledge for personal advancement. Thus the emphasis here on copyright, patent and intellectual property rights, and other rights that accrue to the “owners” of knowledge. In addition, in the West, the tradition is to “hoard” knowledge. In Asia, however, he says, “it’s been much more of a collective society. Asia has been more open to sharing strategic ideas with others.”

“You often hear that the Chinese, for example, don’t pay attention to intellectual property rights,” he says. “That fits with a

belief that ideas are shared. They understand the concept of intellectual property rights, but at the grass roots level, they do not necessarily think that sharing movies, videos, software, etc. is wrong.” This is one of the differences between an individualistic society and a collectivist one, he notes.

The Knowledge Center, while firmly situated in Western thinking, is leaning toward collaborative learning and communication. This isn’t a new concept even in the West, Zink notes. The “think tanks” that originated in World War II and in corporations such as Lockheed Martin, a pioneer in aeronautics, space systems and information technology systems, used collaboration as a deliberate strategy to produce the best ideas in the least amount of time. The idea was to put the brainy people together, leave them alone and let them figure things out. Think tanks stood in sharp contrast to the “lone scholar” approach in which a single person worked alone, often at a solitary study carrel in a library.

With the Net Generation’s expanding use of technology: text messaging, streaming video,

photos and Web sites, “it was obvious that students were not as interested in the passive consumption of information,” Zink says. “They were creating their own stuff; and they were doing it at a very early age and they were doing it together.”

Zink recalls seeing students huddled around one or two laptops in a booth at a Denny’s Restaurant or at a Starbucks, working together, making changes, talking, collaborating. “That’s a think tank,” he says. Thus was born the concept behind the booths in @One—a digital multimedia center on the Knowledge Center’s ground floor.

As Parkhurst, notes, the Knowledge Center, with its art collections on display, its wooden tables, chairs and shelves, its luxuriously high ceilings, quiet alcoves and study areas, is “a beautifully classic building.” But when you really dig in, the Knowledge Center is a highly sophisticated, high-tech powerhouse that is “more than a library.”

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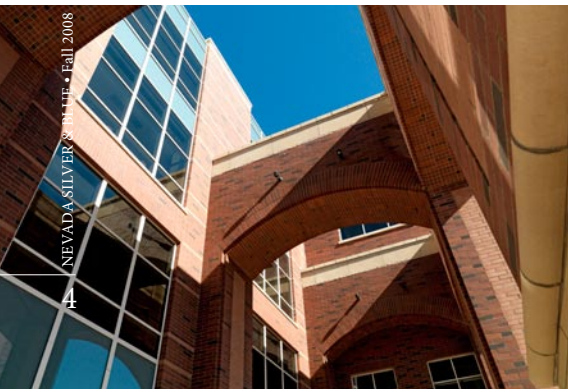
Knowledge Center: What’s inside?

The Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center boasts more than one million volumes of books and published journals; some 20,000 electronic journals and thousands of electronic books, as well as online access to hundreds of thousands of electronic books on the Web; close to 300 research databases; high-tech automated book retrieval system; spacious reading rooms and quiet study-areas; computing and data works laboratories with large format printing; state-of-the-art wireless network and computer access throughout; smart classrooms and conference rooms; outdoor seating on a covered porch; art gallery and sculpture garden; 170-seat auditorium; the Book Nook—which sells used books, magazines and CDs;—the Nevada Writers Hall of Fame; Special Collections & University Archives; Center for Basque Studies;

and the Life and Health Sciences Library. Coming soon: a full-service rotunda coffee shop.

The building is named in recognition of a combined \$10 million gift from Chuck Mathewson and International Game Technology (IGT). Private donations account for more than \$22 million of the \$75 million facility. Remaining funding came from student fees, bonds, and the state of Nevada. It is the University’s most ambitious construction project in history. The design of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center was the result of a collaboration between the architectural firms of Hershonow + Klippenstein Architects in Reno (Architect of Record) and Dekker/Perich/Sabatini in Albuquerque, New Mexico (Associate Architect). This collaboration allowed the strengths of each firm to create a unique, dynamic facility which will anchor the north campus for years to come.

—Jill Stockton



Knowledge Center stores books on **MARS**

The Knowledge Center's revolutionary automated retrieval system, Mathewson Automated Retrieval System, or MARS, as it's known by its contest-winning acronym, automatically deposits and retrieves older books, journals and other materials from on-site storage. MARS accommodates four times the volume of traditional shelving and retrieves requested materials in less than 10 minutes, making more space available for academic pursuits.

In high-density automated shelving systems like MARS, barcoded items are sorted by size and stored in bins. The technology underlying the high-density automated shelving has been used in other industries for many years. Ford and GM store new cars in such systems. The Chicago Tribune uses a similar system for assembling its Sunday papers. The Oviatt Library at California State University at Northridge was actually the first library to use this system, even surviving a 6.8 earthquake in 1995.

MARS consists of 27,216 steel bins, each 2' x 4', on a rack structure that occupies a 12,600-square-foot room three stories high. The bins are arranged on both sides of six aisles, each of which has a "mini-load crane" guided by rails at top and bottom.

Initially, books are scanned as they are placed in the bins, and a database keeps track of the location of each volume. Later, when an item is requested, a crane pulls the appropriate bin and delivers it to the designated service point.

—Ken Kempcke

What are the advantages of MARS?

- **Maximum flexibility.** By incorporating the retrieval system into the building design, the library achieves the maximum capability to house, protect and access library materials.
- **Greater holding capability.** While much of the library collection will be on open shelving, the retrieval system can accommodate an additional 2 million volumes onsite.
- **Earthquake safety.** The retrieval system exceeds standard earthquake building standards.
- **Ease of access.** Items can be retrieved from storage while off campus or from a campus office via the computer catalog and picked up at the patron's convenience.
- **Efficiency.** It frees space in the library for other activities.
- **Preservation.** The MARS area is temperature and humidity controlled. Materials are safer from theft and vandalism.
- **Cost savings.** The retrieval system eliminates the need and cost for offsite storage facilities.

What's with the name?

Brett Amesbury, a civil engineering student, won the grand prize for naming the automated retrieval system in the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center. His name, MARS—for Mathewson Automated Retrieval System—was selected from over 180 entries.





@One

A place to meet, create and share

The Knowledge Center is bustling with innovations from its automated retrieval system for about half of its book collection to its brand new UNR-WPA wireless network. But the place that typifies most what sets the Knowledge Center apart from any other facility in the nation is @One. Pronounced “At One”—a Digital Age coinage combining the ubiquitous “@” sign used in email addresses and the fact that the facility is located on the ground floor—@One is designed with the Net Generation in mind.

It’s a place where students who have grown up digitally can work and produce in a manner that best suits their learning styles.

“This is such a departure from the other floors of the building,” Tod Colegrove, @One service manager, says. “It strikes me as being a little scary.”

Though “scary” is the word Colegrove chooses to use, his face shows nothing but sheer excitement for what the future of this facility holds. @One features two computer labs: Sierra Pacific Dynamic Media Lab and DataWorks Analysis and Visualization Lab. These labs support 18 duo-core dual processor PCs and 18 8-core Intel Xeon Mac Pro workstations with 9 gigabytes of RAM, all loaded with top-end software. The Dynamic Media Lab boasts 30-inch high-definition monitors and software such as Final Cut Studio Pro,

DVD Studio Pro and the Adobe Creative Suite 3 Master Collection, which enables students, faculty and staff—anyone with a current NetID—to do post-production work on audio, video or DVD projects. Dynamic Media Labs’ computers are linked to a 48-terabyte storage system allocated to students, so they can save their work without resorting to portable hard drives. DataWorks’ PCs are loaded with high-end mathematical, statistical, mapping and numbering-crunching software such as ArcView 3.3, ArcInfo 9.2, ArcMap 9.2, ArcGIS 9.2, IDL, ENVI, Maple6, Mathematica 5, Mathcad, MatlabR12, SAS and SPSS.

Colegrove explains that the Knowledge Center allows students to shape the direction of learning and studying. In order to do this the students must “get their hands dirty,” he notes. @One’s resources offer students plenty of



Students congregate to create, share and learn in the new @One, a multimedia study lounge in the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center.

a piece of carpet to stay pristine until the end of time.”

A cloverleaf-shaped table provides collaborative space where students can sit around a computer screen and share a rotating keyboard. Booths, like those found in restaurants, offer cozy spots to confer, work and study. @One also boasts collaborative work screens where students can hook their laptops to a large high-definition television to share work in the comfort of easy chairs or around a large study table.

Mark Gandolfo, manager of media design and production, says, “Philosophically, @One is an attempt to bring the typical library structure into the post-Gutenberg world.” The objective, he says, is to “synthesize knowledge into a new product” by putting high-end technology into the hands of students and providing them with the help they need to use it. Johann Gutenberg, 1400-1468, of Germany, was the inventor of the printing press.

“@One allows students to experience what it is like to work with professional quality products before they begin their professional careers,” Gandolfo says.

Duncan Aldrich, the @One administrator, notes: “We are bringing together things that we were trying to do in Getchell, but that Getchell wasn’t built to do.”

Another striking feature in @One is the large video screen composed of nine smaller screens. These screens will display work composed by students and faculty. “I’m hoping this will be a canvas for the students with which they can engage,” Gandolfo says.

The information technology and library team that developed the concepts behind the functionality of @One tried their best to include every capability they thought students would use. They are anxious to see the direction that students take it. “It will be interesting to see what happens between now and when finals roll around,” Aldrich says. “I’m expecting evolution.”

—Josh Culpepper, Class of ’09 (English and French), is a Nevada Silver & Blue intern.

Photos by Jeff Ross.

opportunities to do so. In addition to the computers and software, @One loans multimedia equipment such as digital cameras, camcorders, microphones, digital projectors and laptop computers. The facility also boasts a 60-inch large-format photo/poster printer and a 42-inch wide laminator, as well as traditional printing services on legal and standard size paper.

@One is perfectly designed for sharing information, which is critical to learning.

“Knowledge is not in a book,” Colegrove says. “A book is basically a highly processed block of wood.”

Knowledge, in the opinions of library revolutionaries such as Steve Zink, vice president of information technologies and dean of libraries, is the reconstruction of the thoughts that were in the mind of the author when they wrote a particular book. Sharing information and

thoughts is the most important way to attain this knowledge.

With approximately 130 work stations and plenty of open space for group work, @One should prove to be one of the first locations students think of when it comes to group projects. The open and informal work environment beckons to late night study sessions around the melting cheese of a pizza or steaming coffee from the Joe Crowley Student Union, which is right next door.

“We want students to feel as at home in the Knowledge Center and the Joe Crowley Student Union as if they were in their own living room,” says Zink.

Colegrove notes that a student-directed learning environment won’t necessarily remain spotless: “It is more important that students take us where we are going than for



Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center Grand Opening Ceremony

The University hosted a grand opening ceremony Aug. 7 for the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, which opened to the public Aug. 11. Anthony Ciorciari, executive vice president for global operations at International Game Technology, gave a speech in which he said that the Knowledge Center was “really quite phenomenal.” The building is named in recognition of a combined \$10 million gift from Charles Mathewson and International Game Technology (IGT). “Our investment was made wisely, very wisely,” he said, adding, “President Glick, you have hit a home run!”

- (1) Anthony Ciorciari, executive vice president for global operations at International Game Technology, gives a speech.
- (2) Adam, William and Sarah, grandchildren of Frank and Joan Randall, listen to Daniel Fergus, head of the Dynamic Media Laboratory, as he shows them some of the multimedia equipment available in @One.
- (3) Mary Liz and Ron Zideck '59 (accounting) view the Popular Reading Area, near the group study room, provided by their gift to the Knowledge Center.
- (4) Peter and Turkey Stremmel '72 (art) chat with Phil and Jennifer Satre.
- (5) UNLV student body leaders were sufficiently awed by the Knowledge Center that they vowed to apply to graduate school here. From left: Dianna Feice, UNLV ASCE student chapter president; Vik Sehder, UNLV CSUN vice president; Marco Valera, UNLV CSUN chief counsel; Adam Cronis, UNLV CSUN student body president; Jason Meyer, UNLV CSUN Nevada student affairs director; and Shane Collins, UNLV Rebel Yell news editor.
- (6) Paul Bible, '62 (economics) Chair University of Nevada, Reno Foundation; Spike Wilson, former state senator from Washoe County, and his wife, Janice Pine '62 (biology); enjoy the grand opening.
- (7) Joe '78 (economics) and Liza Bradley '96 (accounting) take time to pose with President Milt Glick.
- (8) Marilyn Melton, who attended Nevada during the '50s and went on to receive an honorary doctorate of letters in 1986, chats with Librarian Betty Glass.
- (9) President Milt Glick and his wife, Peggy, take seats to listen to speakers and a presentation on the history of the libraries at the University of Nevada, Reno.



(10) Ann Carlson, '58 (business), '78M.Ed. (education), trustee of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation, visits the Clarence & Martha Jones Special Collections & University Archives department in the Knowledge Center. The new rooms were made possible by a generous donation from Ann's parents, the Joneses.

(11) Bob Whittemore '47 (economics) enjoyed a tour of the Knowledge Center, as well as the presentations.

(12) Doug and Fran Sloane, Nadine Pillsbury, and Clark and Karen Pillsbury stand in the William F. & Nadine M. Pillsbury Reading Room in the Knowledge Center. Bill Pillsbury '50 (engineering), who died in January at age 82, was a tireless volunteer leader for the University. Nadine continues to invest time in projects they both initiated in engineering and at the University.

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Sculpture Garden brings vibrant art to campus

When you think about the technologically advanced, state-of-the-art Knowledge Center, do you also think of art? If not, maybe you should. Not only are there art exhibits on the walls, but four contemporary sculptures were installed at the University of Nevada, Reno's 295,000-square-foot Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center June 9 in a project that has been in the works since September 2006.

Featured in the garden are: Melvin Schuler's Offset Forms 08, Randall Shiroma's Remembrance #3, Michael Todd's Punjab VIII and Boaz Vaadia's Ginnetoy 2nd.

A generous donation from the Carol Franc Buck Foundation and some assistance from Turkey Stremmel '72 (art), director of the Stremmel Gallery in Reno, helped complete the new sculpture garden in the heart of the University's campus.

"The Foundation and our trustees are very proud to be part of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center sculpture garden," Carol Franc Buck says. "I am quite impressed with the changes the University has made to campus over the past 10 years. To be a part of that is exciting and satisfying. The new Knowledge Center is beautiful and it is a great leap forward for the library."

Thought provoking sculptures will help students connect, explore and create new ideas.

"I know people will embrace this art," Stremmel says. "It will force people to think, question and contemplate."

"The same thing will likely take place when someone picks up a new book or accesses an electronic journal from the Knowledge Center. There is nothing else like this on campus. It will truly add to the vibrancy of the University," Stremmel says.

When asked why she got involved in the project, Stremmel says, "Reno is my home and Nevada is my University. I was thrilled to work with Carol while giving back to my community and embracing my passion for the arts. When I work on projects like this, I feel renewed and excited."

It took Buck and Stremmel nearly two years

to select the featured works. "Carol came to me with her idea to develop a sculpture garden at the Knowledge Center," Stremmel says. "I assisted her in identifying the right artists to feature in the garden. We started by considering nine artists and worked hard to select the perfect four."

to select the featured works.

"Working on the Sculpture Garden with Turkey was so much fun," Buck says. "She has impeccable taste and is so knowledgeable. All of the pieces in the garden are of the highest quality."

"I loved the space at the Knowledge Center because it is contemporary," Stremmel says. "The focus is on the art," Stremmel adds.

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—By Jill Stockton

Special Collections: a treasure trove of valuables

Whether you are in search of books with hand-written liner notes by Mark Twain, enormous leather-bound volumes written in Latin or the first folio of *The Merchant of Venice*, the Clarence & Martha Jones Special Collections & University Archives, which is now located prominently at the top of the stairs on the third floor of the Knowledge Center, is the place to go.

When Special Collections was housed in the Getchell building, not many knew of this treasure trove, as it was tucked away in the recesses of the upper level down a long corridor. Signs pointed to the door and a gold bust of William Shakespeare diligently watched the door's square window, keeping guard over the stockade of rare goods held within the small space.

Visitors to the new home of Special Collections are welcomed by replicas of Lorenzo Ghiberti's 15th century "Gates of Paradise"—large and magnificent bronze panels depicting scenes from the *Old Testament*, leading into an exhibit hall outside the reading room.



A Washo basket and a photo, circa 1920, of Maggie James with her baskets.



Photos by David Calvert

A close-up of the replica of Lorenzo Ghiberti's 15th century "Gates of Paradise"—large and magnificent bronze panels depicting scenes from the *Old Testament*, at the entrance of Special Collections & University Archives.

Donnie Curtis, head of Special Collections and the Knowledge Center's director of research collections and services, keeps watch over the many rarities held within the walls of this section. Most of the materials in Special Collections pertain to the history and cultures of Nevada and the Great Basin. University Archives preserves the history of the University in documents, photographs, books and memorabilia. Special Collections also houses a renowned collection of 20th century artists' books and hundreds of rare books.

"We have some really old, beautiful things in here," Curtis says. "To hold those old things in your hands is meaningful."

However, there is nothing antiquated about the new Special Collections section. As the Knowledge Center has blended old with new, digital with print, Special Collections is also flexing its newfound digital prowess. The end of the laborious move from the Getchell building signals a renewal of efforts to make as many of the treasures in Special Collec-

tions as possible available in digital format to researchers, history enthusiasts, and students, who will have access to local and historical content as well as the copyright-free graphic materials housed in Special Collections for their multimedia projects in the Knowledge Center's high-tech labs. Access to audio and video materials is facilitated by private media viewing areas set apart from the Special Collections reading room.

Special Collections uses humidity and temperature controls in its storage areas. A new preservation lab will allow on-site repair and salvage of damaged books and papers.

Currently, Special Collections is hosting an exhibit on the Great Basin Indians, featuring Special Collections books, photographs, videos and tools of anthropologists, along with baskets from the Department of Anthropology Research Museum.

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A brief history of the library buildings at Nevada

Compiled by Donnelly Curtis, director of library research services, from sources in the University Archives.

In 1886, the year that the University of Nevada moved from Elko to Reno, the state Legislature appropriated the sum of \$500 for the purchase of books. The Board of Regents' report states: "This will enable the Regents to establish a nucleus for a good reference library of standard works in English literature and the arts and sciences. The leading magazines and periodical devoted to scientific progress and discovery will be kept on file for the use of the instructors and students. All donations to the library will be welcomed and will be duly acknowledged in future University Registers."

When Morrill Hall was completed in 1886, a room was dedicated as the library, and Hannah K. Clapp was appointed as the first librarian. For the first few years, she was also listed as professor of history and the English language in the school of agriculture. By 1888, she was a full-time librarian in charge of a small collection that depended on donations from "The Friends of the University." In 1889, the library expenditures for the fiscal year were a mere \$58.65, but some years were better. By 1894 there were 4,013 bound volumes in the library and 265 students at the University. In her report for 1896, Clapp laments, "We wonder why some of the wealth taken from Nevada does not find its way back in donations to our Library, where they are so much needed, and could be such a source of culture to the sons and daughters of the State." Hanna Clapp retired in 1901 at the age of 77. At that time the



LEFT: Morrill Hall, 1932. RIGHT: University Library, ca.1918.

library held 7,300 volumes.

The library became too large for the room in Morrill Hall, and the entire basement floor was remodeled to accommodate it. That space was also soon outgrown. As early as 1900, the president asked for a new building, and the request was repeated regularly, while books had to be stored in other buildings. By 1911 there were 23,920 volumes. President Stubbs hoped to find a wealthy donor to fund a new building and increase the collection: "It is perhaps not too much to expect that some generous friend may be found who will lift the burden from the Legislature and give the sum of \$250,000 for a library and administration building." A grandiose plan had been developed, but in the end, the University built a new library building with \$10,000 appropriated by the Legislature.

By 1914, the main library had moved into its new "comfortable and commodious quarters," in what is now the Jones Visitor Center. Branch libraries were maintained in department buildings for mining, chemistry, and veterinary science. A mezzanine floor was added to the library building in 1920, and was expanded in 1924.



But the growing library quickly ran out of space again, when fortunately, William A. Clark, Jr. of Butte, Montana and Los Angeles presented the University with a gift to build a memorial library in memory of his wife, Alice McManus Clark, a former native of Virginia City. Clark chose his own architect for the project, Robert D. Farquhar, who had designed Festival Hall for the Panama Pacific Exposition in San Francisco in 1915. Clark also donated "a gift of completed furnishings." The total cost was about \$250,000. The library was built to accommodate 1,500 students and 110,000 volumes, opening for service in the fall of 1927 with 42,000 bound volumes.

The Alice McManus Clark Library was spacious and served the University well as a library for many years, with some upgrades and renovation, until the mid-1950s when there was again not enough space. In 1952, a group known as the Friends of the University of Nevada Library was organized "for the purpose of assisting in bringing to the University important library materials which are beyond the means of the usual budget."

In the early 1960s, the Nevada Legislature



LEFT: Clark Library study area, ca.1950. RIGHT: The “Bookwalk” 1962.

appropriated \$2,679,000 of state funds for a new library building. The architectural firm Robert E. Anderson and Associates designed the building in the “Chinese Modern” style. The modular floor plan was designed to be flexible, and that has paid off over the 46 years the building has been in use, as the nature of library services have changed radically during that time. The floor area was 91,000 square feet, there was shelf space for 400,000 volumes, and seating for 1,400. It was designed to have a second phase addition.

The groundbreaking was held in Jan. 1960, and the building opened for use Feb. 5, 1962. Books were moved from Clark Library to Getchell Library in a “book brigade,” with students, staff and faculty of the University carrying armloads of books. A Getchell grand opening ceremony was held on June 2, 1962. During the first semester of use, student attendance in the library more than doubled.

Inevitably, the University Library outgrew its allocated space in Getchell. The planned addition was completed in 1977, adding 76,635 square feet, to make it the largest building on campus. Funding came from the state

(\$3,075,000), from the University (\$550,000), and from a federal grant (\$117,000). The capacity for books increased to 690,000 volumes. The grand opening of the new addition was held May 12, 1977.

Branch libraries at Nevada have been developed and consolidated through the years. The “Agricultural Experiment Station Library” was moved to the original Agricultural Experiment Station Building, and later moved back to the basement of Morrill Hall, where it remained until 1958, when an agriculture library was included in the Fleischman Agriculture Building. That library grew to become the Life and Health Sciences Library, housing nursing, biology and medical materials, as well as agriculture materials. When the School of Medicine was built to the north of the campus, materials from the Life and Health Sciences Library became the basis of the Savitt Medical Library. Materials and staff from the Life and Health Sciences Library have now been incorporated into the Knowledge Center.

The Desert Research Institute library and the Savitt Medical library were part of the University Libraries at one time, but manage-

ment of those branches was transferred to their parent units. Strong branch libraries for engineering and mining were brought together in 1997 in the remodeled Mackay School of Mines Building as the DeLaMare Library. The separate Physical Sciences Library in the Leifson Building was merged in 2007 into the DeLaMare Library, which has now become the only branch library that is part of the University Libraries system.

Since the expansion of Getchell Library, the collection has increased in size to serve an expanded University. Shelf space was increased to the detriment of seating space, and the building became very crowded. Some of the collections had to be stored off-site, and branch library collections were growing, as well. The staff has also expanded to meet the information needs of today’s University. Information technology and library functions were beginning to overlap and blur as IT developed, and the concept of the Knowledge Center and compact storage evolved to provide long-term, high-tech space for library materials and 21st century information services. **N**

Gatherings

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Photo by Ted Cook

Luther Mack & Frank Hawkins

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The President's Tailgate Party

Nevada football was kicked off with the President's Tailgate party, Saturday, Aug. 30. The Wolf Pack started the season with a 49-13 victory over the Grambling State Tigers in front of 20,078 fans at Mackay Stadium.

- (1) Luther and Genie Mack, and their daughter, Janelle
- (2) Carol '59 (elementary education) and Gordon Cronenberger '57 (management)
- (3) State Senator Bill Raggio '48 (political science) and President Milt Glick
- (4) Diane and Bob Rice, Henry and Sandra Rushing, and Patricia Hardy '80 (economics)
- (5) The Wolf Pack cheerleaders and marching band fire up the crowd in the Frank and Joan Randall Rotunda.

The Silver & Blue Society

Bound by their shared commitment to the University of Nevada, Reno, members of the Silver & Blue Society assist the University in addressing a broad range of needs—including future needs that often cannot be anticipated at the time gifts are made. These contributions are designated by the University to support emerging and strategic priorities.

The Silver & Blue Society was formed to honor those who give an annual unrestricted gift of \$1,874 or more. Members of the Silver & Blue Society provide for scholarships, new academic programs and innovative learning opportunities, faculty recruitment and development, and enhancements to campus,

among a host of other areas. The Silver & Blue Society owes its name to a time when a circle of dedicated men and women helped create the University of Nevada. Established as a land grant institution in 1874, the school depended in part on the vision and support provided by advocates. Many of them knew the value of gifts beyond the government programs that were meant to create a thriving economy for a new western state.

The generosity of individuals makes all the difference in the future of Nevada. Unrestricted funding is a critical resource that supports operations and the University's most pressing needs.

"The Silver & Blue Society allows the University to turn opportunities into action."

Milton Glick
University of Nevada, Reno President

To learn more about the Silver & Blue Society contact Crystal Parrish at (775) 784-1352 or cparrish@unr.edu.

"I came to Nevada not knowing anyone. When I got homesick I would come out and study on the Quad. When the bells in the tower of Morrill Hall would ring, I'd think of my father and my family. It was comforting to know he heard the very same bells when he was studying on campus."

*- Ariana Patmas
Secondary Education Major Class of 2011*



Family traditions ring true at Nevada...

When Ariana Patmas of West Linn, Ore. made up her mind to attend the University of Nevada, Reno on her own, her father, Michael Patmas '75 (biology), '77M.S. (biology) was thrilled. Thrilled because she chose to attend his alma mater and thrilled because she would be able to earn an undergraduate degree without debt, thanks to the Children of Alumni Tuition Program.

At Nevada, alumni who have moved out-of-state can offer their children more than sound advice.

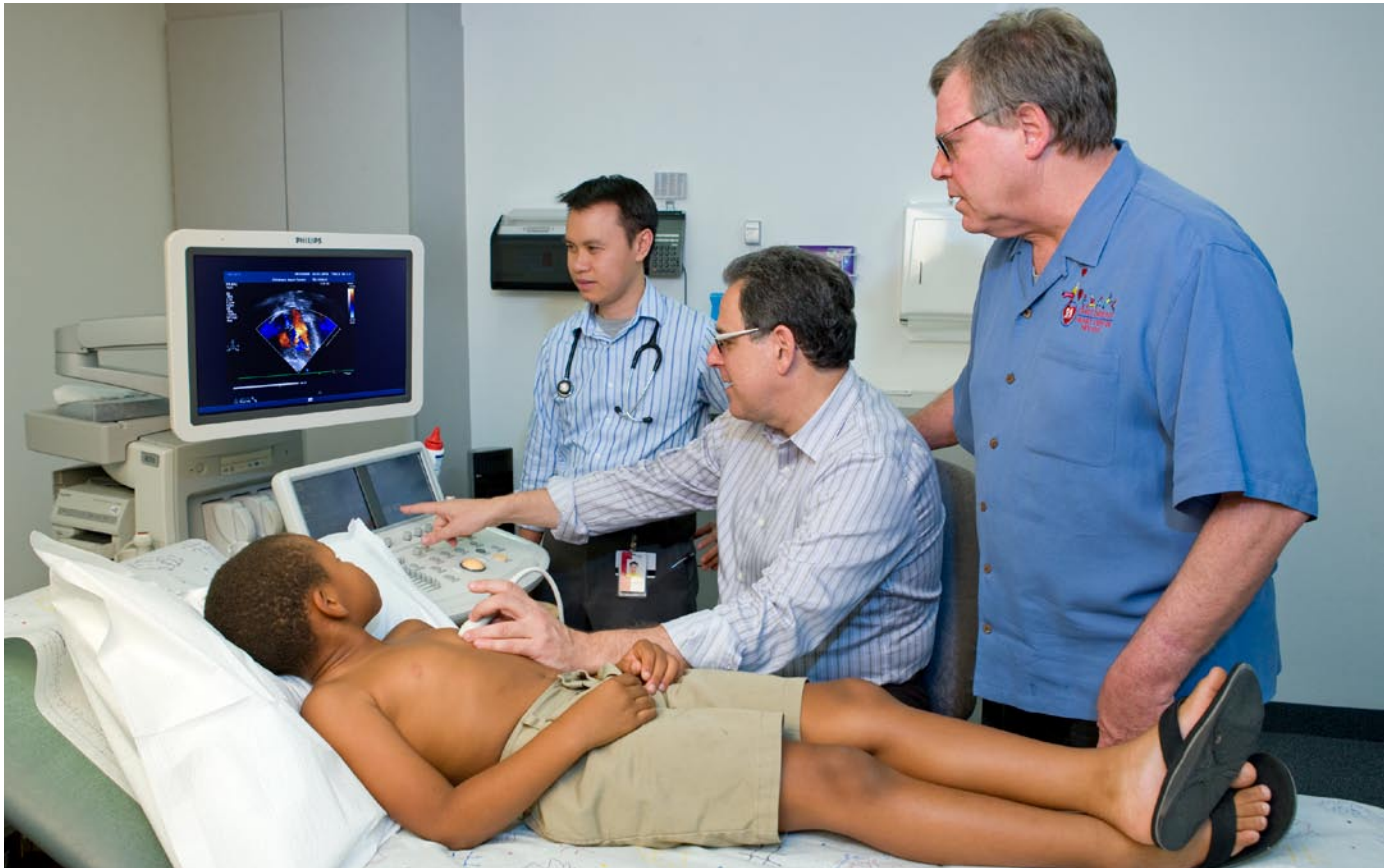
Children of University of Nevada, Reno undergraduate-degree alumni who reside outside the state of Nevada, are eligible for reduced nonresident tuition when

enrolling in undergraduate studies at the University.

The Office for Prospective Students is available to answer any questions regarding the Children of Alumni Tuition program and will assist with the application process. Located in the Fitzgerald Student Services Building on the first floor, the office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

You can contact the Office for Prospective Students toll-free at (866) 2NEVADA, or locally at (775) 784-4700 or www.ss.unr.edu/residency.





Partnership between medical school and private specialty practice benefits Nevadans

The collaborative relationship between the University of Nevada School of Medicine and the Children’s Heart Center of Nevada illustrates the successful marriage of public and private entities working together to address Nevada’s healthcare needs.

“It is a unique relationship that is not well known,” said Dr. William Evans, the pediatric cardiologist who founded Children’s Heart Center in 1980. “We are both working together to better healthcare in Nevada.” The Center has offices in Las Vegas, Henderson, Reno and Carson City, and also conduct outreach clinics throughout the state.

Evans said his practice offers a strong belief in the academic principles of research for the advancement of scientific knowledge and the teaching of physicians and service to the community—all ideals that fit hand-in-glove with the School of Medicine’s mission as the only public medical school in the state dedicated to a best-practice approach to medicine.

For more than 10 years, the 12 cardiologists of the Children’s Heart Center have served as the Department of Pediatrics’ cardiology division and provide training to all 36 residents during their training both as a required rotation and by performing consultations on their

Pediatric resident Dr. Paul Do, Dr. Gary Mayman (seated) and Dr. William Evans of the Children’s Heart Center of Nevada review a child’s echocardiogram in their Las Vegas office.

patients while they rotate on other services such as the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and inpatient ward. The residents have the opportunity to become involved in the Heart Center’s research projects and are enthusiastically welcomed.

“Children’s Heart Center is a very integral and important part of the school’s pediatrics teaching program,” said Dr. David Gremse, chair of the school’s pediatric department in Las Vegas. “The teaching they provide contributes to the success of our residents. They are excellent role models for our residents and have high quality medical care and dedication to research.”

One former School of Medicine pediatric resident even went on to success at the Children’s Heart Center itself: Dr. Robert Rollins,

whose interest is fetal cardiology, joined the staff in 2006.

Gremse adds that the Children's Heart Center's research component, a robust part of the practice in terms of the quantity and quality of published papers and clinical trials, contributes to the medical school in terms of scholarly activities that are funded through the practice.

Children's Heart Center research activities include studies in areas of pediatric cardiovascular health such as inflammatory markers, study and control of risk factors for cardiac diseases, physical fitness, cardiac rehabilitation, fetal cardiology, and interventional cardiology.

Evans said the relationship between his practice and the School of Medicine provides subspecialty care and academic output recognition for the state and the school. "We exemplify the result of the school's search for ways to ally their academic goals by partnering with private entities in the state," Evans said.

Center treats teen obesity

Another area of collaboration between the medical school and Children's Heart Center is in the field of adolescent obesity.

"We've partnered together to address this number one preventable health issue in Nevada," said Dr. James Lau, the School of Medicine's bariatric division chief in the Department of Surgery.

Anne McMillin, APR, is a public relations specialist for health science communications for the School of Medicine.

The School of Medicine and Children's Heart Center are taking on this sensitive and sometimes controversial issue with all the rigor of true caring professionals. The new partnership centers on collaboratively finding the best methodology to treat adolescent obesity with nonsurgical means at the Children's Heart Center, while carefully evaluating eligible candidates for surgical suitability through the School of Medicine. The partnership follows the consensus criteria

for adolescent weight loss surgery at the national level led by Dr. Thomas Inge, a highly respected bariatric surgeon, who assembled a committee that developed specific guidelines for patient eligibility related to adolescent bariatric surgery.

The process for addressing obesity in adolescents is based on this national model and involves the complete psychological, emotional, spiritual and physical evaluation of the patient, as well as consideration of family dynamics, to measure the candidate's opportunity for weight-loss success. A pediatric endocrinologist, gastroenterologist, a specialist in adolescent medicine, nutritionist, psychiatrist, pediatric surgeon, a local pastor and a member of a childhood obesity prevention organization all make up this collaborative evaluation team between the center and the medical school.

Patients typically enter a 12-week medically supervised program at the Children's Heart Center to help them lose weight. Upon completion of that program, they are evaluated and screened for candidacy for bariatric surgery through Lau's division.

"Together we evaluate potential patients to see if they are physically and emotionally mature enough to benefit from bariatric surgery," said Lau, who looks for significant comorbidity conditions such as Type 2 diabetes, liver damage and hypertension in these 16- to 17-year-old patients when evaluating them for bariatric surgery.

The Children's Heart Center is providing a family instructional manual as part of the 12-week program for Project HOPE, or Healthy Options for Prevention and Education, the educational component of the School of Medicine's bariatric division. Project HOPE aims to



Dr. William Evans makes a point during a weekly cardiac catheterization conference.

help reduce childhood obesity through early outreach efforts. These prevention measures focus on educating children and their families about how to improve their daily eating and physical activity habits. By using this easy-to-read, comprehensive manual, children learn about healthful nutrition and fitness guidelines that can be used at home. Patricia Lau, program administrator for the medical school's bariatric division, plans to distribute the manual to each child at Roy Martin Middle School in Las Vegas this fall. The center also provides guidelines for purchasing pedometers that will be used in the bariatric division's walking program to encourage adolescents to increase their physical activity.

Dr. William Zamboni, chair of the School of Medicine's department of surgery, considers the Children's Heart Center as an area of excellence within the medical school. "They provide state-of-the-art care to Nevada residents and are actively involved in research and teaching, which is critical to the mission of the school. In particular, the Department of Surgery and its Division of Bariatric Surgery are excited about collaborating to develop the adolescent obesity program."

In all areas of collaboration, the School of Medicine's decade-long partnership with the Children's Heart Center combines the strength of two of the state's medical powerhouses to tackle critical healthcare issues in Nevada. [N](#)



Photo by Jill Stockton

Port of Subs + College of Business = the ultimate hands-on learning lab

The Port of Subs sandwich shop in the University's Joe Crowley Student Union, opened in January 2008, is no ordinary sub shop. It is a hands-on learning lab for College of Business students.

Alumnus John Larsen, Nevada Small Business Development Center advisory board member and chief executive officer of the Reno-based Port of Subs corporation, opened the store.

"John has been involved with the Nevada Small Business Development Center for more than 20 years," said Director Sam Males. "His involvement was a catalyst for us to work together to see this idea evolve into a high-priority initiative for the college."

Larsen is helping enhance the quality edu-

cation business students receive.

"My original idea was to involve students in managing a business," Larsen said. "I thought it would be a great idea to expose them to the multidisciplinary nature of business."

Business professors Jim Sundali and Bret Simmons offered courses to help students "learn by doing." The professors designed the Management 491 class as a way for students to engage in operations and consulting.

Simmons led the operations group. He engaged three students in training and development opportunities at the Port of Subs corporate headquarters for a paid internship.

Undergraduate Corina Loving-Mills participated in the program as franchise assistant manager and marketing coordinator.

"My experience with Bret Simmons' class has been incredible," she said. "I returned to academia six years ago and transferred to the University two years ago. I have two grown children and had unsuccessfully run two businesses. My businesses failed because I did not have the knowledge it took to sustain them. That is why I wanted to participate in the internship.

Sundali's consulting group devoted its time to working on projects designed to directly improve the operation and profitability of Port of Subs' franchises and corporation.

"These students developed the idea to reverse the flow of the line in order to increase the average customer-service time substantially," Larsen said. "This idea seems simple, but when you place your order and pay first, the slicer hears it and keeps the customer from having to repeat themselves—you end up saving 15 to 20 seconds per customer."

Additional student ideas include reaching out to moms during inclement weather and investing money in a weather-monitoring service in order to eliminate unnecessary product waste.

"Business falls off in bad weather, and moms make the dinner decisions for the family," Larsen explained.

—Jill Stockton



Photo by Jean Dixon

Stephen MacLean watches and Hawley MacLean videotapes as the MacLean family telescope is removed by crane from its Incline Lake home.

Donation of MacLean Observatory enhances 'deep space' teaching, research capabilities

A donated observatory — including a 22-inch, research-quality telescope and dome — will be installed at the University's Redfield Campus next spring.

The MacLean Observatory will support research as well as allow teaching and viewing opportunities for students of the University, area community colleges and elementary schools, as well as the general public. The telescope's 22-inch diameter allows deep-space viewing of a caliber that will enhance research and university-level teaching.

"The MacLean Observatory will be a centerpiece for outreach," said Jeff Thompson, interim dean of the College of Science. "There is an amazing diversity of physics, chemistry and biology lessons that are not of this planet. We are thrilled to have this opportunity to introduce more students at all levels to what space and the stars can teach us. The MacLean family is making an important gift to our region."

—By Jane Tors '83



Davidson Academy moves to new location on campus

LEFT: Emma Schmelzer and Rachel Ellison, third-year Davidson Academy students and student council officers, participate in an open house Aug. 19 celebrating the academy's opening classes in the Jot Travis Building. RIGHT: Prospective students and their families. BOTTOM RIGHT: Davidson Academy Governing Board member Annette Whittemore speaking with academy founders Bob and Jan Davidson.



Photos by Theresa Danna-Douglas



Photos by Jean Dixon



Unearthing Virginia City's earliest years

University archaeologists are shedding light on what life was like in Virginia City during the time when Mark Twain called the place home. A summer field school from the University's Department of Anthropology and Extended Studies excavated for about five weeks in an area known as the Barbary Coast, known for vice and crime during the

1860s and 1870s, as well as the original site of Thomas Maguire's Opera House.

"We're looking for artifacts that will help us understand this important first period of Comstock history," said State Historic Preservation Officer Ron James, whose agency is providing federal funds supporting the project. "The early 1860s, when Virginia City was first taking shape, is the least understood in the history of this national historic landmark, and we hope to fill some gaps."

The excavations yielded many artifacts. Archaeologists are now cleaning, cataloguing and analyzing the artifacts, and will visit additional sites in Virginia City next summer.

"Most of the actual discoveries are made in the lab," said project director Don Hardesty (shown in photo on left), anthropology chair at the University and an official with the Comstock Archaeological Field School. "The archaeology method depends on precise understanding of the retrieved material in its context, and it is from that process that it is possible to draw conclusions about the past based on what has been retrieved."

Hardesty has directed several Virginia City excavations, including work at Piper's Opera House and at the African-American-owned Boston Saloon.

—Natalie Savidge '04



Photo by Jean Dixon

Ronald wraps career by garnering another 'Distinguished' university award for service

From her first day on campus as a 30-year-old, "wet-behind-the-ears" assistant professor of English in 1970, Ann Ronald has always been about learning new things. Perhaps that's why she has worn so many hats and worn them all so well during her career at Nevada.

At different times over the past 38 years, she has been known as an excellent classroom teacher, an exemplary researcher (earning the University's Outstanding Researcher award in 2005), one of the state's finest writers (she was inducted into the Nevada Writers Hall of Fame in 2006), and a trailblazing administrator (serving as one of the campus' first female deans during her tenure with the College of Arts & Science from 1980-96).

Ronald, who officially retired from the University in January, capped her career in style in May, when she was named the winner of the campus' Distinguished Faculty award. Distinguished Faculty honors a faculty member in recognition for a lifetime of significant activities that have enhanced the University community, the city, state and nation.

"I think what I am proudest of is the company I keep," she said of her awards. "All (the previous award winners) are people whose work I really respect."

When she began her career at Nevada 38 years ago, Ronald was part of a much different campus. The University was the largest institution of higher education in the state, with an enrollment around 6,000 students (compared to nearly 17,000 today). She was one of only a handful of female professors on campus.

"It was a very different University," Ronald said. "I had gone to Northwestern for graduate school, and research was very much a part of what they did there. All of my training told me that research was something that an English professor should do.

"When I started at Nevada, there wasn't the same focus on research and scholarly work that there is now. By the time I had gotten tenure, enthusiasm for research was flourishing. Today, I'm very delighted to have been part of that sea of change."

Her writing has included the critically acclaimed *The New West of Edward Abbey* and a collaboration with award-winning photographer Stephen Trimble, *Earthtones: A Nevada Album*. She also wrote two compelling books about the region and its people, *GhostWest: Reflections Past and Present* and *Oh, Give Me A Home*.

At 68, Ronald has eased into retirement gracefully. She has just finished work on her latest book. A self-described "binge writer," there is a good likelihood that this most recent work, a fictional look at events occurring in 1953 at the Nevada Test Site, won't be her last.

—John Trent '85/'87, '00M.A.

Faces on the Quad

CHELSEA OTAKAN

UWIRE, a Web site and wire service devoted to coverage of work from the nation's student journalists, named Otakan one of the



country's 100 top young professionals in the rapidly changing industry. A onetime biology major who switched to journalism, Otakan, a sophomore, has led Web design and content management for the University's *The Nevada Sagebrush* newspaper. In 2008-09, she takes over the 115-year-old publication's multimedia editor position. *UWIRE* and the Association of American Publishers have contacted Otakan about taking an internship position. She is pursuing a digital media minor this fall.



STACY KINION

A former University Studies Abroad Consortium student in Spain and Chile and now an enrollment

assistant with the 33-university study abroad program headquartered on campus, Kinion plans a career as a foreign service officer. She was an intern at the U.S. Embassy in Madrid in 2007 and begins a one-year contract in the capital city in October, teaching English to Spanish kindergarteners through sixth-graders. Kinion, who says she has traveled to 18 countries in her 24 years, earned a dual bachelor's degree at Nevada this past December in international affairs and Spanish. Her undergraduate thesis was on the formation of the South American trade union, Mercosur. Kinion's next goal is to master Arabic.



Photo courtesy University chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers

The University of Nevada, Reno took first place at the American Society of Civil Engineers' 21st annual National Concrete Canoe Competition.

Concrete canoe team wins nationals

The University's concrete canoe team topped thousands of engineering students from around North America by piloting its boat, Argentum, to the campus' first national title at the 21st annual Concrete Canoe Competition in Montreal, Canada.

About 40 Nevada students logged more than 2,600 hours of work during 10 months of preparation for the June 21 competition, sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers. The team's triumph against 21 other institutions ended a five-year championship streak for the University of Wisconsin-Madison. "It's just so hard to contain yourself," said Robert Coomes, team paddler and president of the University's ASCE student chapter. "We knew we'd done well, but as they did the reverse count of the top five teams at the awards dinner, we were just holding our breath until they announced second place and it still wasn't Nevada."

The University of California, Berkeley placed second to Nevada and Wisconsin was sixth in the event held in Montreal's Olympic Basin, site of the 1976 Summer Games. There were four competition categories for the student-built boats: overall appearance, technical design paper, oral presentation and paddling. The top three teams at the national competition won \$5,000, \$2,500 and \$1,500 scholarships for first, second and third place, respectively.

Argentum—Latin for silver—had zero deductions out of 100 in the design category, placed third in the oral presentations, and for the first time in Nevada history, placed above fifth in all of the races. Races include the women's and men's endurance, sprint and a co-ed race.

"I was incredibly blessed to be in Montreal to see it happen," said David Sanders, Nevada civil and environmental engineering professor and the team's adviser. "Our students were absolutely fantastic, and their sportsmanship as great ambassadors for the University was unbelievable. They (scored) high in all categories and this is a huge win, not just for the College of Engineering but for the entire University."

—Sue Putnam

2008 National Concrete Canoe Competition final standings

- 1) University of Nevada, Reno
- 2) University of California, Berkeley
- 3) École de technologie supérieure, Montreal
- 4) California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
- 5) University of Florida
- 6) University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 7) Clemson University
- 8) Michigan Technological University
- 9) University of California, Los Angeles
- 10) University of Wisconsin-Platteville



Photo by Jean Dixon

Hug High School student Mamele Wrights, left, meets her new mentor, Marsha Dupree, from the McNair Scholars Program.

ASCENT mentors shaping students' future on campus

The University's ASCENT mentorship program—partnership with the Washoe County School District—is on the move this fall, bringing mentors and mentees together, on campus, for the first time to tour the University.

ASCENT, All Students College Educated in Nevada Today, is based on a model started by the Gates Foundation in Seattle. Introduced to northern Nevada in 2007, the partnership between Reno's Hug High School and the University produced 160 pairs of mentors/mentees with similar interests. The University's Student Services division directs the ASCENT program, which connects successful members of the community with high school sophomores, to help make a positive difference in students' lives and to assist them in reaching their goal of attending Nevada.

Volunteer mentors are asked to commit up to three hours a month with their mentee specifically discussing college aspirations and offering guidance on college applications, financial goals, scholarships and career opportunities. Many of the students will be the first in their family to attend a university.

Also planned this fall is a scholarship and financial aid workshop as well as an invitation for mentees to attend a Wolf Pack basketball game. Next spring, the program is making preparations to expand and will start matching mentors with incoming freshmen.

For more information on ASCENT, contact Ellen Houston '96 (journalism) at ehouston@unr.edu or call (775) 682-8404.

—Natalie Savidge '04



Photo by Jean Dixon

University hosts 10,000 youth in summer programs

The University campus played host this summer to more than 5,000 young students, ranging from third- through 12th-graders, all attending summer camps this year. Students were advised, coached, educated and entertained from the beginning of June through the middle of August.

Including other programs offered around the state, more than 10,000 young students participated in a University-sponsored summer program.

“It is important that parents and families have healthy, safe options for kids during the summer,” University President Milton Glick said. “Through these summer camps, young students have fun while they also learn. Perhaps more important, though, they are introduced to a university campus. Our hope is that this experience contributes to these students setting a personal goal to one day attend college and earn a degree.”

In addition to the popular, seven-week KIDS University program administered through Extended Studies, other on-campus programs and camps included the Engineering Exploration Camp through the College of Engineering, Dean’s Future Scholars and Girls’ Math and Technology Camp put on through the College of Education, and the THINK Summer Institute sponsored by the Davidson Institute for Talent Development, part of the campus-based Davidson Academy of Nevada.

Nevada Wolf Pack team members and coaches instructed more than 2,600 young athletes, many of whom stayed in campus residence halls during the variety of week-long sports camps.

The University of Nevada Cooperative Extension’s 19 locations throughout the state also offer educational programs in the summer to nearly 5,500 students in the areas of agriculture, physical development, safety, literacy, community development, health and nutrition, horticulture and natural resources. The ever-popular 4-H programs teach leadership, citizenship and life skills year-round, and serve nearly 50,000 youth, ages 5 to 19, in the state.

—Natalie Savidge '04

President appoints Barone to national literacy studies post

Diane Barone, a professor of literacy studies in the College of Education, has been appointed by President George W. Bush to the advisory board of the National Institute for Literacy, a federal agency that provides leadership on literacy issues, including the improvement of reading instruction for children, youth and adults.

“It’s huge,” Barone said. “I’ve been on some great boards and large literacy panels, but this is a chance to have our voices heard in a bigger arena.”

The advisory board consists of just 10 people appointed by the president with the advice and consent of the U.S. Senate. Board members represent a variety of entities associated with adult literacy including service providers, businesses with an interest in literacy,

experts in literacy research, representatives of labor organizations and others.

Barone teaches courses in literacy and performs research on young children’s literacy development. She has completed a four-year study of children who had prenatal exposure to crack-cocaine and a seven-year study of children in at-risk schools.

“This appointment is clearly an indication of Diane’s national reputation in the area of literacy studies,” College of Education Dean William Sparkman said. “She will bring years of significant research and professional practice to the board, and more importantly, a real sense of what works in schools for struggling readers. She will be a powerful voice for sensible educational policies in all areas of literacy instruction.”

Barone has written several books, served for eight years as the editor of *Reading Research Quarterly*, and is the principal investigator of the \$26 million dollar Reading First grant in Nevada. This grant is focused on improving students’ literacy learning in the primary grades. —Sue Putnam

Tips to help parents ensure a strong start in literacy development



Photo by Jean Dixon

- Read with your child daily. Engage your child as you read. For instance, you might ask, “What do you notice here?”
- Create an alphabet book using logos from newspapers or magazines. For example, you might cut out the arches from McDonalds for the “M” page. Children recognize familiar logos and pictures and can then associate the sound/symbol attached to the beginning consonant.
- Have children write in a journal. At first the writing might be pictures, but eventually children will include letters and then letters that represent words. Ask the child about what he or she has written, do not focus on errors you might notice.



Casper looks at Mount Vernon stories on C-SPAN2

Scott Casper made his first appearance on C-SPAN2's Book TV series an important part of the American historical record.

In his newest book, *Sarah Johnson's Mount Vernon: The Forgotten History of an American Shrine*, the University professor and department chair of history chronicled the contributions of African-American families who maintained and preserved George Washington's Virginia estate first as slaves and later as paid employees. He appeared on the program May 31.

"In 1998, I set out to study how much the average American knew about the personal lives of their presidents and presidents' families in the decades before the age of radio or television," Casper said. "As my research evolved, I came upon another great story about the people responsible for carefully preserving and recreating the history of Mount Vernon."

The book examines the experiences of hundreds of African-Americans who lived on and around the large estate for more than 120 years.

"These people had a unique experience by virtue of living at a shrine and yet, in other contexts, their experience was very representative of their own time period," Casper said. "In the 1880s, tourists wanted to see Mount Vernon as a place frozen in time. The emancipated African-Americans who worked there recreated history every day for tourists."

—Pat McDonnell



Nevada reaches National Merit sponsorship status

Attracting the best and brightest students makes an important statement about a university.

Nevada has met the college sponsorship requirements of the National Merit Scholarship Program, allowing it to join the list of sponsor schools in recruitment materials sent to students across the country who are contending for the coveted scholarships.

"Really bright students lift the level of the educational experience for everyone," said University President Milt Glick. "As you achieve a critical mass of these students, teachers begin to teach differently. This—and the fact that students learn from one another—leads to a more engaging and dynamic educational environment."

When Glick joined Nevada in 2006, he issued a challenge to recruit more National Merit Scholars. Now, only two years later, the campus has seen significant progress in reaching that goal.

To be named a sponsor school, the University enrolled a minimum of six National Merit finalists for two consecutive years. Those students selected Nevada as their first choice.

This fall, the University's student body includes 17 National Merit Scholars, as well as more than 90 Presidential Scholars, a University program established in the 1980s. Both programs set a high achievement standard for grade-point average as well as performance on college entrance exams.

National Merit Scholars receive a \$15,000 annual scholarship and Presidential Scholars receive a \$5,000 annual scholarship. As a clear indication of the University's commitment to elevate the academic experience on campus, these scholarships are funded through the University's scholarship and aid budget.

Many other universities offer full-ride scholarships, but it takes more than financial commitment to recruit and enroll these students.

"We knew that if we could get these students on our campus and have them meet our faculty, we would have a very good chance of them choosing us," said Suzanne Bach, scholarship coordinator at Nevada. "They see our campus and our facilities, and they are impressed. We have them meet with professors in their area of interest and they see that our faculty members are genuinely interested in them as an individual."

For more information, visit www.nationalmerit.org or www.finaid.unr.edu.

—Jane Tors '83

"I have been very satisfied with my choice to attend Nevada," says 2008 Merit Scholar Muir Morrison. I have had great classes from great professors and made wonderful new friends. The greatest part of being here has been the opportunity to work in a lab in the physics department, a chance I would have been unlikely to get as a freshman at another school."

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Project MAGIC

First-offender teens make a commitment to change

"I was caught drinking with my friends," said 18-year-old Alvin Crisp, "and I was really upset when the judge made me go to the Project MAGIC classes. I had a very bad attitude."

But after two months of small-group, skill-building sessions facilitated by Tonopah teacher Judy Anderson, Crisp's attitude took a 180-degree turn.

"It was like a little family," said Crisp. "I realize that Judy is a good friend and kind person. I can tell her anything. The whole thing about MAGIC is their Code of Conduct—what we say in the classroom stays in the classroom. I know that Judy kept my secrets."

Crisp also changed his mind about drinking. "I realized that I was putting myself and my friends at risk by drinking. I've chosen

some new friends now, and I'm a non-drinker," he said.

Crisp is one of the 2007 Outstanding Graduates of Project MAGIC, a nationally recognized innovative and collaborative prevention program

that helps first-time juvenile offenders, ages 12 to 18, leave the criminal justice system and become productive members of society.

Since 1995, the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension program has graduated more than 3,800 youth who have not reentered the justice system, saving taxpayers an estimated \$5.4 million in incarceration costs. Probation staff estimate only 10 percent of graduates are further involved in the system, compared to 30 percent recidivism for other Nevada youth. To date, Project MAGIC has received more than \$4.5 million in outside funding.

For these accomplishments, program originator and professor Marilyn Smith will receive the prestigious 2008 National Excellence in



Photo by Amy Meier



Photo by Deborah Cobb

Project MAGIC 2007 Outstanding Graduate Alvin Crisp, of Tonopah, during his first week in the field with the Bootstraps crew. RIGHT: Crisp runs in a track meet where he qualified for Nevada state competition in the 100-meter dash.

Extension Award from the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges at their annual meeting in Chicago.

"Marilyn has demonstrated leadership in a dizzying array of programming, scholarship and community outreach," said one of her collaborators, Bill Evans, professor in the University's Department of Human Development and Family Studies. "She is always trying to improve her programs and bring the latest research knowledge to a broader audience. This is the essence of Extension."

Assessing the need

It was with grit and determination that Smith achieved a national reputation for working with high-risk youth and their families in rural Nevada.

During the early 1990s, the largest gold deposits in North America were discovered in these communities. The influx of young families moving to Nevada's frontier to get good-paying jobs resulted in extended families left behind and overburdened agencies inadequate to meet the needs of a growing population. Shift work in the 24/7 mining industry left youth unsupervised, leading to juvenile crime, school failure, drug and alcohol abuse and the highest youth suicide rate in the nation.

Nevada had one of the highest juvenile detention rates in the country, with 407 youth per 100,000 incarcerated, nearly a 50 percent increase over the previous decade. In 1994, Cooperative Extension staff completed a statewide needs assessment of youth in state-run juvenile detention facilities. The results indicated few alternatives to detention existed, with high rates of risky behaviors among youth in the system.

The Elko County Board of Commissioners asked Smith and other University collaborators to explore options other than jail for juveniles, and so a pilot program was developed. Today, Project MAGIC is available in all Nevada's rural counties, several urban communities, the Duck Valley Indian Reservation and Nevada Youth Training Center.

In addition, 20 other states have purchased the Project MAGIC curriculum for use in their communities.

Teaching the students and parents

Smith and other program leaders rely on developmental assets—social support, appropriate boundaries and social competency—to reduce negative youth behavior and increase positive behavior. They identify and build on

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Photo by Jean Dixon

The Tonopah Skateboard Club includes Justin Hathaway, a Project MAGIC and Bootstraps graduate, who is now a mine employee and 4-H leader, Ryan Roper, Chris Brown, Robert Ashbey and Salvador Falcon. RIGHT: University of Nevada Cooperative Extension professor Marilyn Smith holds her Project MAGIC curriculum.

strengths. The students' objectives during their 20 sessions are to change behavior involving alcohol, tobacco or drug use, learn skills to manage conflict, enhance communication, learn about responsibility and decision-making, practice cooperation, set short- and long-term goals and achieve positive relationships with adults.

After their life-skills portfolios are completed, the students participate in a community leadership project, which may be visiting the elderly in hospitals, buying Christmas presents for the needy, taking care of abandoned dogs or beautifying a stream bank.

The parent component of Project MAGIC consists of educational meetings and/or self-paced lesson plans completed at home to accommodate the 24/7 work schedules in the casino and mining industries. Their activities are designed to increase communication and family management between parent and child. Materials are available in both English and Spanish.

Taking the next step

A follow-up study of 100 Project MAGIC graduates indicates increased skills among the youth in decision-making, conflict resolution, goal setting and communication. Further research reveals that most graduates are using program strategies to stay out of trouble with the law.

"Project MAGIC is a good program," said 20-year-old Justin Hathaway, who grew up in Tonopah. He was not court-ordered to at-

tend the classes, but his parents suggested he might benefit from the program.

"I never got into too much trouble," Hathaway said, "but I didn't do much work in high school either—it was boring." He was a skateboarder, and didn't fit in with the other Tonopah teens. After graduation from Project MAGIC, he entered Bootstraps, a new Cooperative Extension program that targets young adults who are not in school or employed. The program, funded by \$1 million in grants, teaches youth responsibility and hard work on public-land projects.

"That program was great," said Hathaway, "and it was good work experience and helped me develop my resumé. It gave me that extra step above to get a mine job."

Today, Hathaway hauls tons of ore in a huge truck for the Round Mountain Gold Mine, putting in 15-hour days and making good money with full benefits and stock options. He's well on his way to his dream of opening a shop for high-performance engines. But in the meantime, he signed up as a 4-H leader because he wanted to help younger kids develop a skateboard club and set up a skate facility in Tonopah. He wants to be a good role model and mentor.

"He's a cool guy," said Smith. "I like his energy. He's a kid who just didn't fit in with the community and now he's helping others." **N**

For more information about Project MAGIC, contact Marilyn Smith, (775) 738-1990, or smithm@unce.unr.edu.

Impacts of Project MAGIC:

Youth: A recent analysis of 550 participants was a rich mix of ethnicity, gender, rural-urban and Indian Reservation youth. The pre/post evaluation of program participants reveals that after completing the program, they were:

- Significantly more likely to report their grades were now better than most students in their class;
- Significantly more likely to indicate that it is wrong for someone their age to smoke cigarettes; and
- Significantly more likely to report an increase in participating in service to their community.

Youth Portfolios: Upon entry, participants' mean scores were 34 percent, "emerging level," indicating they blamed others for their situation, to the post 51 percent, "developing level," where participants assumed responsibility for delinquent behavior and proposed workable solutions to their problems.

Parents: Parents also complete pre/post surveys; results reveal that after completing the program:

- Their child missed significantly less school;
- They believed that the things youth were learning in school were significantly more important for later life;
- They were significantly more likely to agree their child's interests don't fit with using alcohol and drugs.

Teens discover their future

Some high school students are cut out for the college experience. Others prefer different career options.

But for 57 students from 11 Nevada counties, the 2008 Discover Your Future program opened their eyes and gave them a weeklong taste of life on the University of Nevada, Reno campus. Ranging in career interests from engineering to science, teens attended the annual University of Nevada Cooperative Extension 4-H program, June 15-19.

"Discover the tremendous opportunity you have," University Provost Marc Johnson told the students during the closing banquet. "You already expressed your desire by coming to Discover Your Future because you wanted to learn more than you were getting from school. You have already shown deliberate desire to build your future."

The high schoolers experienced college life at its best. "We have a balanced program that seems to be meeting their needs. They met new friends and enjoyed college life," said Steve Schaffer, state 4-H program coordinator.

Thomas Ranson '08 (journalism) was an intern with Cooperative Extension when he wrote this story.

"I liked everything from classes to the dorms," said Chance Haworth, a 14-year-old freshman at Pahrana-gat Valley High School in Alamo. "I liked the (earthquake) shake tables the most because the cement would break and explode into pieces. I could use engineering to help people if they're stuck."

Not only did they eat on campus, but students attended three two-hour class sessions (college tracks) in their major field of interest. On the last day, youth from three fields (engineering, technology, science) gave presentations to fellow participants and faculty, showing how they took advantage of



Tyler Roll, a teen in the engineering track, controls a robot during the 4-H Discover Your Future program in summer 2008, with Warren Andersen, 4-H military and technology assistant.

the instruction. Students also got a glimpse of work options at the career fair.

"We wanted to expose them to different

careers and fields of study," Warren Andersen, 4-H military and technology assistant, said. "They learned to work well together and



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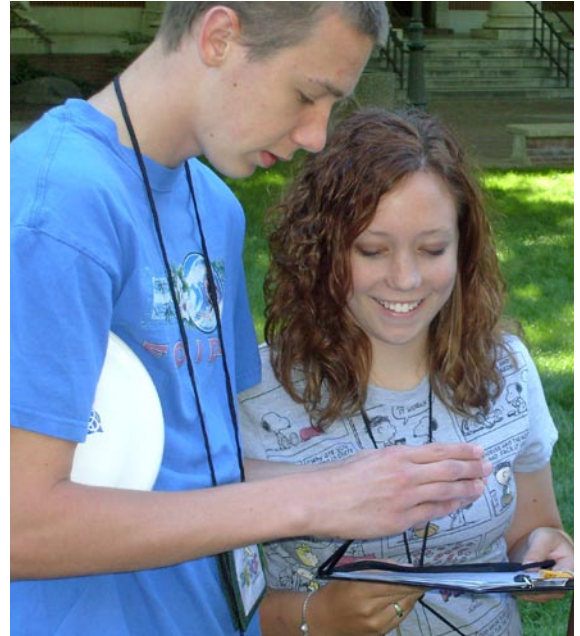


Photo by Thomas Ranson

Teens in the Discover Your Future engineering track learn about maneuvering robots. RIGHT: Phillip Farris of Nye County and Amanda VanPelt of Lyon County use GPS devices to track Frisbees for a map they will develop on the computer.

expand their horizons as they find interest in a career.”

The University knows how important it is for high school students to continue their education at the next level. Professors didn’t hesitate to help the teens gain a better perspective about classes and college life.

College of Education professor David Thomas gave the technology group its first lesson of the week. He gave a brief introduction on the history of mathematics and then segued into remote sensing.

“We have something better than sand and sticks,” Thomas said about technology and math. “We have something that’s free—GeoGebra (a program used to test axioms).” Thomas let students experiment with models that test certain scenarios, like AIDS or wildfires, over a period of time.

“What’s happening is the individuals are all getting infected,” Thomas said after generating a 50-week simulation of the AIDS model in three minutes. “How could you use this model to describe this terrible problem? You can see what is most effective in preventing spreading

of the disease. This has huge social implications.”


Geography instructor Patrick Guiberson introduced GPS navigation to the students in the technology group. They used the device to track and map Frisbees they threw across the lower quad. In the final part of the exercise, Guiberson asked the students to create maps in the computer lab. “We used the GPS equipment to mark locations outside and then take that information and put it on the computer,” Guiberson said. “Hopefully when they learn about this technology, they realize it’s not just for geography majors. Education is not only in books. You have to get your feet wet.”

In the University’s Seismology Laboratory, the teens learned about the recent swarm of earthquakes in the Truckee Meadows. In the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources, professor Dale Holcombe led the dissection of a beef heart, and assistant professor Mike Teglas conducted the dissection of an eyeball. Students in the life sciences, maneuvered robots and toured the heat and cooling plants.

Youth also experienced the other side of college life—socializing. Recreational activities at Rancho San Rafael and Lombardi Recreation Center enabled the teens to exercise and hang out with new friends.

William Mehm and Dennis Dobies from Truckee Meadows Community College delivered a magic show for a fun twist on education. They captured the banquet audience with their illusions and then explained the presentation.

“Magic has been around since the time of the Egyptians,” said Mehm, a science professor at TMCC. “Many spiritualists did magic tricks to make them seem like they had special powers. The paranormal has an enormous attraction. People are just absolutely drawn to it.”

A waiting list for next year’s 4-H program has already formed after Discover Your Future attracted the largest student numbers in its three years. For more information, contact your local Cooperative Extension office in Nevada, Steve Schafer at (775) 784-6207, or schafers@unce.unr.edu. 

Radtke joins Wolf Pack Radio

For the first time in 34 years, Nevada has a new play-by-play announcer calling its football and men's basketball games on the radio: Ryan Radtke, the new "Voice of the Wolf Pack."

Radtke came to Nevada after spending the last 10 years as part of the University of Arizona Radio Network. He has also spent the last six years as the play-by-play broadcaster and director of broadcasting for the Tucson Sidewinders, the Triple A affiliate of the Arizona Diamondbacks, and was named the play-by-play voice of Reno's Triple A team.

Radtke recently took some time out of his busy schedule to answer a few questions about himself:

Where did you grow up and were sports a part of your life? "I grew up in Concord, Calif., and sports were always a big part of my life. I played baseball, football and basketball growing up, and I loved the A's, Raiders and Warriors."

When did you realize that you wanted to be a sports broadcaster? "My mom will tell you that I always wanted to be a sports broadcaster because I used to sit in front of the TV and try and describe the play-by-play even as a little kid. I think I really knew I wanted to go that way at age 15 or 16. I got a chance to sit in the Giants' broadcast booth one night at Candlestick Park, and Hank Greenwald and Ted Robinson were so welcoming and so good to me that I really got hooked. Those guys were proof that you could be at the top of your profession and still be a great person."

Who are some of your broadcasting heroes? Did you model your style after any broadcaster? "Bill King is my all-time favorite broadcaster. For my money, Bill is the greatest sports radio broadcaster ever. I grew up listening to him call the A's, Raiders and Warriors, and he was phenomenal. His descriptions and delivery were so accurate and so perfect that it was amazing. I think I've probably taken some things from him. Other guys that I've enjoyed listening to are Vin Scully, Hank Greenwald, Lon Simmons, Marty Brennaman, Kevin Harlan and Wayne Larrivee."

How did you get your start in broadcasting? "I actually got started as a senior at De La Salle high school. I got cut from the varsity basketball team, but the head coach and athletics director wanted to



Ryan Radtke

Photo courtesy Athletics Media Services Department

put some games on the school's TV station and they let me do the play-by-play. That was my first chance to do games for real, and I loved every second of it."

Do you have a favorite sport to call?

"It's tough to name a favorite because they all have their challenges. Baseball is without a doubt the most difficult because of the length of games and the amount of dead time you have to fill. Basketball challenges you to keep up with the game and accurately depict the important moves by players on and off the ball. Football falls somewhere in between.

Because of the complexity of the sport and the fact that so few of us have played it at a high level, I think football allows the color analyst to shine."

What are the best and hardest parts about your job? "The best part of broadcasting to me is the people. I love talking with players and coaches and trying to get inside their heads to see the game the way they see it and bring that to the broadcast. Preparation isn't hard, but it's the most time consuming and, at times, it's tedious. However, it's the key to every broadcast. Travel is probably the hardest part of the job and yet enjoyable because you get to see so many places in this beautiful country."

You often have to fill hours and hours of airtime and memorize information about hundreds of players. How do you prepare to call games? "Preparation is huge. I spend a lot of time reading and making notes on both teams. I try to talk with players and coaches on both sides to get their feelings heading into a particular game and I love going to practice. The practice field is where you can learn a lot just by observing what's going on."

What drew you to the University of Nevada, Reno? "Several things made Nevada an attractive job. First and foremost, in football and men's basketball, you have two programs that are consistently good. That doesn't happen at a lot of places. Second, the chance to move a little closer to home was very appealing to me."

What do you do when you are not calling games? "When I'm not calling games, I'm probably at home watching a game or going to the movies with my wife. I'm also always on the lookout for a pickup basketball game!"

—Rhonda Lundin is the director of the Athletics Media Services Department



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Trisha Gibbons

(baseball) treasurer. Elections for the 2008-09 school year will be held in the fall.

Advisory committee gives student-athletes a voice

Student-athletes are directly affected by countless NCAA rules, regulations and issues, and through the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, they are given a voice at the campus, conference and national level.

The campus and conference sections of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee are the two most important resources student-athletes have to solve problems. The advisory committee allows student-athletes to give input on policies and lets their voices be heard.

There are three levels of the committee: campus, conference and national. At the campus level, the University of Nevada's advisory committee is made up of representatives from each sport. There are generally two to three representatives for the smaller sports, and at least three representatives for larger sports such as football and track and field. On the campus level, soccer player Trisha Gibbons served as the president last year, Kevin Porter (football) vice president, Bobbi Lee Reese (swimming) secretary and Dan Eastman

“Trisha has been an extraordinary addition to our Student-Athlete Advisory Committee,” said Lori Friel, Nevada’s director of academic services. “She is also a member of the national advisory committee and that experience allows her to bring many good ideas and information to the table here at Nevada. Her commitment to the success and welfare of the student-athlete, along with her diligent work with our athletic administration has increased participation and inspired contribution from Wolf Pack student-athletes.”

At the campus level, fall meetings focus on legislation, which is handed down from the national level to the conference, and then to the schools. Other duties include community service events and events for student-athletes. Starting this fall, the meetings will be held in the new Marguerite Wattis Petersen Athletic Academic Center.

“The legislation we get deals with topics like recruiting, text messaging, practice sessions, amateurism and things that relate to the student-athlete’s well-being,” Gibbons said.

Nevada’s advisory committee puts on two community services events per year, one in fall and one in spring. Last year, the advisory committee held a blood drive and organized reading at elementary schools. They also organize other events such as “Teacher Appreciation Day” in which student-athletes take a

teacher to a tailgate and a game. This past spring, student-athletes and teachers attended a baseball game.

“The idea behind the Teacher Appreciation Day was to let teachers know that we appreciate them and we appreciate them working with our schedules when we are in season and traveling,” Gibbons said.

“In addition to the community service we do, we are looking at doing other events like a barbecue for the seniors or something like the ESPYs [Excellence in Sports Performance Yearly Awards],” Gibbons said. Other schools do things like a field day and formal dances, so we may try something like that.”

Gibbons has been a member of the advisory committee since her sophomore season in 2005. She said student-athletes usually get involved by talking with a senior on their team who explains to them what the advisory committee is and what it does. Gibbons’ former teammate and advisory committee representative Annie Baxter asked her if she wanted to join the committee. Gibbons said she immediately enjoyed it and liked what she saw.

“I enjoy doing legislation and since I’m on the national committee, I can see what kind of effect we as student-athletes have,” Gibbons said. “At national advisory committee meetings, athletic directors have come up to me and said ‘I never thought about that issue in that way until I heard you talk about it.’ The advisory committee gives student-athletes a voice.”

At the national level, Gibbons took part in the National Leadership Conference in 2007. Gibbons is the Western Athletic Conference’s national Student-Athletes Advisory Committee representative, a position she applied for along with three other applicants from the WAC.

Gibbons is a psychology and nutritional sciences major with a minor in Spanish. After graduation, she plans to go to graduate school to earn a doctorate.

—Kristin Saibini '06 (journalism) is the assistant director of Athletics Media Services.

Reno Orthopaedic Clinic helps build 'ROC-Solid' Nevada athletes

For nearly 20 years, University of Nevada, Reno athletes have benefited from the expertise, innovation and commitment of Reno Orthopaedic Clinic. This year, ROC is celebrating 50 years of providing excellent patient care to northern Nevada. As part of their legacy, whether on campus or on the sidelines, ROC has a proven track record as a rock-solid community partner for Nevada Athletics.

In the early 1990s, Chris Ault, then athletic director and football coach, had a vision to take University athletics into Division I of the National College Athletic Association.

"I knew where we wanted to take our programs, but also knew that we would need the proper facilities to help us get there," Ault says. "From the very first day we talked to ROC the relationship was positive, for them and for us."

With only a tiny weight room and training space in a few doublewide trailers, Ault knew something had to be done to help the University and its athletes get to the next level. Fortunately, he also knew the right people to talk to.

After a short time and several discussions, the University and ROC identified a creative solution to their facilities challenges. The University would donate land on campus for ROC to build a training facility that would house orthopedics, physical therapy, strength training and conditioning. At the time, the concept of a private business investing funds to build a large-scale sports clinic on a college campus was not only innovative and creative, it was risky.

"This project was very unique thinking for the time," says Dr. James Greenwald, one of the original ROC physicians to get the project



Members of ROC's medical staff, including (from left to right) Renny Uppal, M.D., Jennifer Puentas, M.A., Tony Alvarado, '97 (history) P.A., John Ramos, O.T., Ryan Dobbs, '00M.D. and Sharon Adams, M.A., are proud to celebrate 20 years of presence at the University and 50 years in northern Nevada.

rolling. "Nothing like this had ever been done in the country. We knew this was a rare opportunity to create something very special, and we also knew it would be important to build a unique team of professionals to run a university campus sports clinic."

In 1992, upon the project being approved by the Board of Regents, Ault identified land on campus which is now better known as Reno Orthopaedic Sports Complex Facility. Near Cashell Field, it was the perfect location adjacent to Mackay Stadium and in close proximity to the Lawlor Events Center and training fields.

The ROC Sports Complex Facility was complete within 18 months. At the beginning of the project, eight physicians from ROC took a leap of faith, trusting that the decision to build a private orthopedic facility on campus would succeed. In addition to Greenwald, physicians blazing the trail included Drs. Richard Blakey, Tim Bray, James Christensen, Pat Herz, Robert Parlasca and Lex Simpson.

Despite the risks, the project was an immediate success, both functionally and financially. Not only did the new facility meet the training and recovery needs of Nevada athletes, ROC's reach extended to patients throughout northern Nevada.

"It was the right group of physicians at the right time," Greenwald adds. "We were really rolling by the second and third year, and knew that we had a winner of a project on our hands."

From the beginning, the sports complex was an asset to the University's current athletes, as well as a recruitment tool for future athletes. Universities across the country were contacting Ault to learn more.

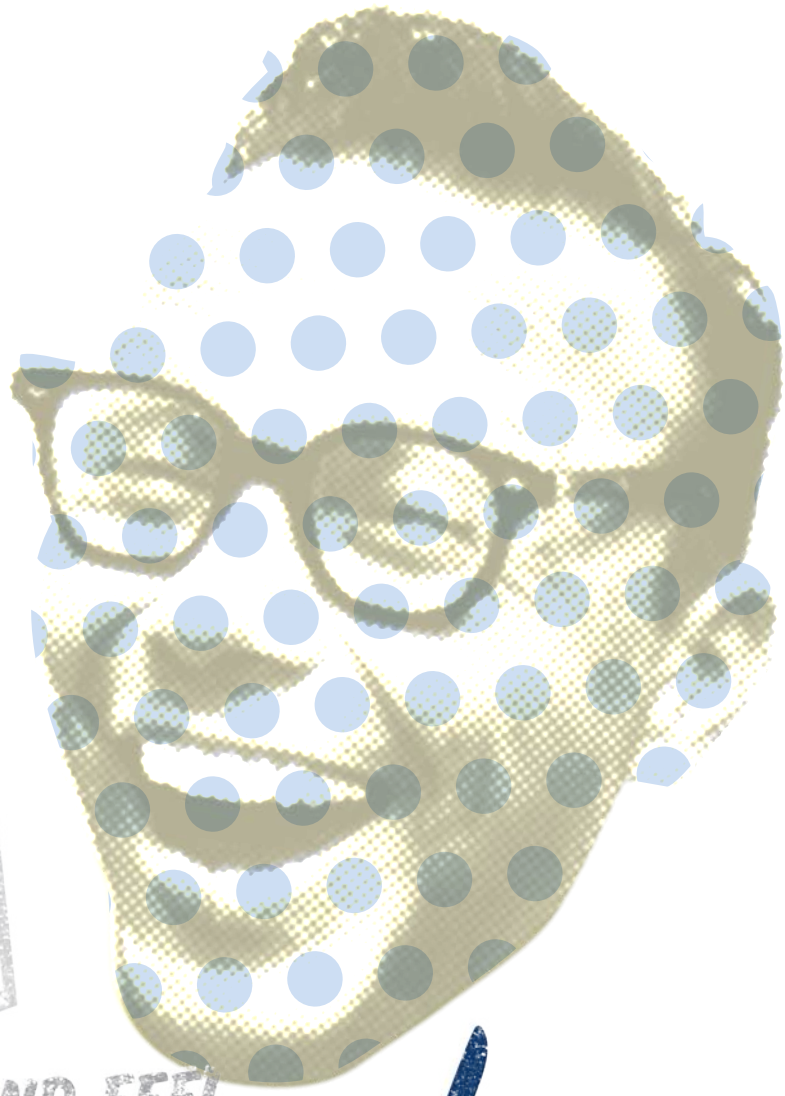
"Having 12 orthopedic surgeons and a state-of-the-art facility aided our recruitment and set the tone for where intercollegiate athletics had to go in order to compete at this level," Ault says. "The kudos really goes to the docs because they gave us the foundation that helped build our program."

The ROC Sports Complex at Nevada was expanded in 2003 to include a larger area for physical therapy, strength and conditioning, as well as three training pools.

"This relationship has been a win-win since the beginning. This is a true partnership," Greenwald says. "If you're not committed to athletics and the well-being of the teams you work with, you don't belong here. We've invested a huge time commitment and in return have experienced some of the most fun you can possibly have."

ROC is celebrating 50 years serving Northern Nevada. During this time, ROC has been committed to providing excellent orthopaedic patient care in northern Nevada. ROC's legacy and leadership is reflected in their cutting-edge procedures, innovative treatment and dedication to community outreach.

—Leann Pinguelo, Reno Orthopaedic Clinic
Director of Marketing and Public Relations



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Donations spur growth at School of Medicine

Major gifts from Las Vegas businesswoman Jean Tobman and the John Ben Snow Memorial Trust are targeted for student scholarships and the construction of a new Health Sciences Education Building on the University of Nevada, Reno campus. By supporting scientists and health care providers at the School of Medicine, these gifts help to advance the frontiers of medical discovery, improve the quality of life, and educate tomorrow's medical leaders.

The John Ben Snow Memorial Trust

The John Ben Snow Memorial Trust has pledged \$150,000 to support the Health Sciences Education Building. The new facility presents a unique opportunity to expand the medical and nursing schools while incorporating innovative approaches to medical education and preserving quality and individual attention.

John Ben Snow, born in Pulaski, N.Y., in 1883, enjoyed a long and colorful life. During his 89 years, Snow amassed fortunes on two continents: in Europe, as a competitive and innovative executive with F.W. Woolworth, and in his native America as the dynamic publisher of the Speidel Newspapers.

In 1975, two years after his death, the John Ben Snow Memorial Trust was established in New York. The individuals named as trustees and their successors were empowered to grant funds for educational, scientific and humanitarian purposes to qualified organizations.

The 50,579-square-foot Health Sciences Education Building will have an impact far greater than the incremental addition of basic classroom space. The northern medical campus will achieve the critical mass necessary to shape it into the complete medical school that it must become, with the completion of the Center for Molecular Medicine, Family Medicine clinic, Pennington Building and soon the Health Sciences Education Building.



Photo by Theresa Dama-Douglas

Reka Danko, '07M.D. has chosen to do a residency in internal medicine at the University of Nevada School of Medicine. "Scholarships provided crucial tuition relief," she says. Approximately 80 percent of School of Medicine students are eligible for and receive federal financial aid.

The Tobman legacy

Mrs. Jean Tobman recently provided two major gifts to the University of Nevada School of Medicine to enhance scholarship support for students and to name the student lounge in the new Health Sciences Education Building.

Jean Tobman and her husband, Herb, first established a medical scholarship in the School of Medicine in 1997. The name of the scholarship was recently changed to the "Jean and Herb Tobman Scholarship in Memory of Alan Tobman and Alan Joseph Martin" to honor Jean's son and grandson.

The medical student lounge in the new Health Sciences Education Building will be named "The Herb and Jean Tobman Student Lounge in memory of Alan Tobman and Alan Joseph Martin." Mrs. Tobman's granddaughter, Dr. Addie Moran, is a 2000 graduate of the School of Medicine and currently practices anesthesiology in Los Angeles.

Jean and Herb established and helped build several businesses in Las Vegas. They also raised a family, but were never too busy to help others in need. Even though Herb Tobman was very well known (he served on many Las Vegas boards and ran for governor in 1986), the family was interested in philanthropy, not publicity. "It was just like Herb to write a check for a good cause and not tell anyone about it," Jean says.

A beloved entrepreneur and civic leader, Herb passed away in 2006. Jean is carrying on and extending Herb's philanthropy

through her recent, most generous gifts to the University of Nevada School of Medicine. Her contributions have provided for a substantial endowment for scholarships that are available to medical students from Clark County.

Mrs. Tobman reflected seriously on the current state of health care in Nevada while thinking about these significant gifts and discussing them with her family. As a businesswoman, Jean understands growth and knows that growth has brought an urgent need for improved health care to Nevada, especially among the needy. She wanted to do what she could to help. "I would like to see deserving young people get educated here in Nevada and stay in Nevada, and my whole family feels this way."

The University is grateful to Jean Tobman and the John Ben Snow Memorial Trust for their investments in medical students and the Health Sciences Education Center, which will help double the number of medical students, significantly expand the Orvis School of Nursing and multiply the impact of the School of Medicine's leadership role in the improvement of Nevada's health.

For more information on supporting the School of Medicine, please contact Stefanie Scopettone, director of development for the School of Medicine, at (775) 682-9143 or scops@unr.edu.

—Ken Kempcke

Author Isabel Allende to speak at Latino Research Center event

Internationally acclaimed author Isabel Allende is coming to campus this fall. The Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation and E.L. Cord Foundation have provided major gifts to the Latino Research Center to sponsor "Stories and Dreams: An Evening with Isabel Allende." This public lecture and fundraising event to support the Center will take place at 7 p.m., Oct. 9 in the Joe Crowley Student Union Grand Ballroom.

"We want to share the beauty of our Latin American heritage," says Emma Sepúlveda, Foundation Professor of foreign languages and literatures and director of the Latino Research Center. "Mrs. Allende, with her wonderful books and her insights, is an inspiration to many others who have come to this country and called it home."

The event will correspond with Hispanic

Heritage Month and help support cultural events, University and community programs and the educational mission of the Latino Research Center. The Thomas P. and Thelma B. Hart Foundation and E.L. Cord Foundation are strong supporters of the center and a long-time friend of the University, investing in numerous campus projects in athletics, science, medicine, and liberal arts.

Allende is considered one of the first successful women novelists in Latin America. When the English translation of her widely acclaimed first novel, *The House of the Spirits*, appeared in 1985, she became an international success. Since then, she has published several more novels and a book of short stories, many of which have been best-sellers.

"This is a great opportunity for everyone to get closer to one of the most respected authors of our times and enjoy an unforgettable evening full of stories and personal experiences that will touch everyone," Sepúlveda says.

Ticket prices range from \$35 to \$150. A special \$1,000 sponsorship ticket includes



a private meeting with the author. All ticket proceeds go toward funding for research at the Latino Research Center and for scholarships for University students.

The University of Nevada Latino Research Center serves as a focal point for research, advocacy, educational efforts and outreach on issues related to the Latino community

within the state of Nevada and the nation. Since its inception, the center has helped to enhance community research projects and to provide important learning opportunities for University students, faculty and staff of all ethnicities. Its multidisciplinary research makes an important contribution to the land grant mission of the University of Nevada.

—Ken Kempcke

For more information about the Latino Research Center and Isabel Allende's visit, please contact the center at (775) 784-4010, latinocenter@unr.edu, or visit www.unr.edu/latinocenter.

Scholarship created to honor climatologist John James

Mark James, former Nevada state senator and former Las Vegas County Commissioner, and his wife, Lori, have established a scholarship endowment to support students in the atmospheric sciences and geography, and to honor Mark's father, John W. James.

John James worked at the University of Nevada, Reno for 28 years as a geography and meteorology professor. He was a respected authority on alpine environment and climate, particularly the Sierra Nevada Range and the Lake Tahoe Basin, and a pioneer in the field of weather modification.

James was also appointed by the governor of Nevada as the state's climatologist and served in that position for 23 years.

"Of all his pursuits, my father most enjoyed teaching," said Mark James. "He was an inspiration to his students, but he never took himself too seriously. My dad loved humor, and he used it in his teaching, interviews with the media, speeches and everyday conversation. I think people loved that about him."

James spent part of his childhood in Henderson, but moved away to attend high school in Roseville, Calif. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Oregon. After teaching in Colorado and California, he moved to Nevada in 1969 to help found Sierra Nevada College in Incline Village.

It was while serving as a military cartographer in Korea during the Korean War that James first became interested in weather. As state climatologist, he maintained weather

records taken by about 100 observers in backyard weather stations throughout Nevada. His fascination with Nevada's weather, especially severe weather, was unparalleled. As climatologist, he frequently expressed concern about the long-term availability of water in the state.

The John W. James Scholarship Endowment is a fitting tribute to James' lifetime commitment to research, his students, the state of Nevada, and the University of Nevada. The generous contribution from his family to establish the endowment ensures that his legacy will continue on the Reno campus in perpetuity.

For information about how to contribute to the John W. James Scholarship or the College of Science, please contact Char Sutton, director of development for the College of Science, at (775) 682-8791 or csutton@unr.edu.

—Ken Kempcke



Davidson Math and Science Center Groundbreaking

The first natural science building to be constructed at the University of Nevada, Reno in four decades took the initial step toward becoming reality with a groundbreaking ceremony for the \$50 million Davidson Mathematics and Science Center early in the summer. University President Milton Glick said when the state-of-the-art building opens in August 2010, it will provide crucial instruction for the more than 16,500 students who will need a thorough knowledge of math and science to compete nationally and internationally. "It is especially significant that in this time of limited resources for the state, this building is a statement that we will continue on our trajectory as the best University that Nevada can have, and to take our place among the other great universities in the country." With the Davidsons' lead gift of \$11 million and additional gifts from other donors, Nevada was able to raise the \$18 million required to obtain a \$32 million match from the state Legislature during its 2007 session.

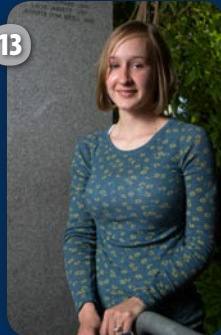
- (1) Paul Bible, chair of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation inspects a medical hand model. Many of the groundbreaking's decorations were learning tools that will be found inside the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center upon its completion.
- (2) Kambiz Raffie, associate dean for the College of Business, director of MBA Program, and Foundation Professor of Economics, with his daughter, Misha, and wife, Sima. Misha attends the Davidson Academy on the University of Nevada, Reno campus, which is a free public day school for profoundly gifted learners.
- (3) State Senator William Raggio '48 (political science) looks to the crowd as Jan and Bob Davidson are presented with Galileo thermometers to mark the day, and as a token of gratitude for their continuous support of higher education at Nevada. Their gift served as crucial funding toward building this much needed facility.
- (4) Jack Hayes, associate dean for the College of Science, with Bill and Sharon Scott and Jeff Thompson, interim dean of the College of Science.
- (5) Shirley Westfall and her husband, David, emeritus professor and chair of pharmacology, emeritus vice president of academic affairs, and the first dean of the College of Science, were thrilled to be part of a day that saw years of hard work come to fruition.
- (6) The Department of Mathematics and Statistics faculty were on hand to proudly display the accomplishments of the department and its students. The department consists of 23 full-time faculty.



Honor Court Celebration

President Milton Glick and the University Foundation Board of Trustees were pleased to host an event June 19, after their annual summer meeting, to acknowledge the legacies created by faculty, staff and students and the generosity of friends and alumni, thanking them all for their support and dedication.

- (7)** Char Sutton, director of development for the College of Science, sits with Sandy Eisinger, whose name was engraved in the Honor Court for her investment in student scholarships through the Eagle-Picher Minerals/V. John Eisinger Memorial Scholarship Endowment, which was created in memory of her late husband.
- (8)** Inducted as Distinguished Faculty for 2008, Ann Ronald observes the jovial crowd with Regent Howard Rosenberg. Ann served first as an English professor in 1970, later as dean of the College of Arts and Science, and now as an English professor again.
- (9)** The Honor Court event is a time for many supporters of Nevada to gather and return to campus. William Sparkman, dean of the College of Education, and Mary-ellen McMullen '73 (English), Foundation trustee, catch up with friends and supporters.
- (10)** President Milton Glick addresses a crowd of more than 250 friends, faculty, alumni and students who attended the annual summer event.
- (11)** Steve Wesnousky, 2008 Foundation Professor, is director of the Center for Neotectonic Studies at the University. He says that opportunities at Nevada have afforded him academic rigor and bright students, who make teaching and research a pleasure. His name was also engraved on an Honor Court pillar as the 2008 Tibbitts Distinguished Teacher of the Year.
- (12)** John '72 (physics) and Derwent Bowen represented the Bowen family, whose name was engraved in the granite pillars of Honor Court. The Bowsens' honored John's mother, True, and his father, Grant, who graduated from the University in 1930, by commemorating a reading room in the new Knowledge Center.
- (13)** 2007 Herz Gold Medalist Layne Jarrett poses next to her name engraved in the South Gazebo. This fall Layne is attending graduate school at Colorado State University, where she will work toward a doctorate in veterinary medicine.



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Glotfelty edits the first anthology of Nevada's best writing about Nevada

Nevada literature has been an ephemeral thing—writing and storytelling have long existed, but, other than several well-known authors such as Mark Twain, Sarah Winnemucca, Walter Van Tilburg Clark and Robert Laxalt, the words seem to have vanished, as if into the high desert air. In the early 1990s, Cheryll Glotfelty, associate professor of English, saw that Nevada's literary heritage was "virtually *incognita*." Motivated to change its status, she began working on the first-of-its-kind anthology, *Literary Nevada: Writings from the Silver State*, published this year by the University of Nevada Press.

"Nevada is in a literary renaissance," Glotfelty says. "This anthology will help a new generation of writers feel like they are writing out of a tradition instead of feeling as if they are starting from scratch."

The book, a hefty tome running 896 pages and featuring close to 200 writers, is in Glotfelty's words, "a sampler... a nice buffet of imaginative writings and non-fiction." This is, however, a soup-to-nuts buffet. Beginning with

transcriptions of traditional Native American oral stories, the anthology moves chronologically through our state's history of exploration, emigration, settlement—north and south—and ends with contemporary writings from a paved, malled, casinoed and Starbucked Nevada.

"It's Nevada's best all between two covers," Glotfelty says.

Reading through the brief essays that preface each of the 13 chapters provides the story of the emergence and unfolding of Nevada's literature. The chapters also move thematically through the Native American, emigrant, and rural experience, as well as geographically throughout the state with essays about Reno, Las Vegas, the Nevada Test Site and Nevada wilderness. Also included are chapters of travel writings, cowboy poetry and contemporary poetry and fiction.

"I felt like an old-time prospector finding these nuggets," she says.

While Glotfelty has attempted to include Nevada writers in the anthology as much as

Cheryll Glotfelty poses in the Nevada Writers' Hall of Fame in the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center.

possible, she has also drawn from the works of writers not usually associated with the state, such as Jack London, of whom she writes, "his reminiscence of conning a Reno homemaker into a free dinner explores vintage Nevada themes of deception, gullibility, opportunity and luck, and recalls the hobo experience of Reno in the early 1900s, when it was known as a railroad town. 'Confessions,' therefore, made the cut." Other nonresident authors include John Muir, Arthur Miller, Hunter S. Thompson, Joan Didion and Gary Snyder. Photographs of 35 writers are included in a 24-page section.

—Melanie Robbins '06M.A.

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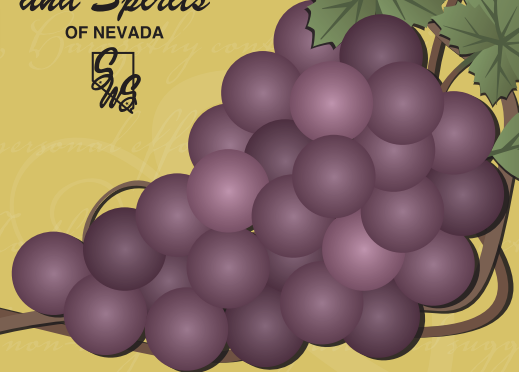
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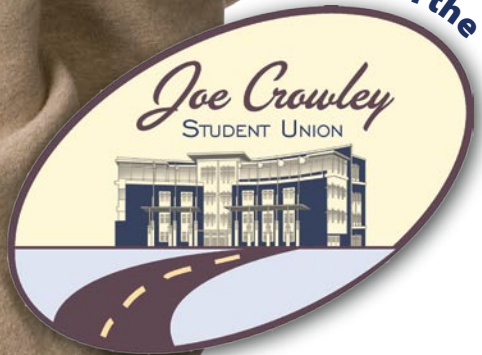
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2008 Alumna of the Year

Annette Whittemore

Annette Whittemore '74 (elementary education/special education)

A serious and candid conversation with Annette Whittemore '74 (elementary education/special education), the founding director of the Whittemore Peterson Institute for Neuro-Immune Disease, and the Nevada Alumni Association 2008 Alumna of the Year.

Annette is an engaging and absorbing advocate for the development of a unique institute under construction at the University of Nevada School of Medicine. After graduating from the University nearly 25 years ago and offering the perfect supporting role for her husband, Annette has ventured into a passionate and tireless effort to bring to her University and community a special research facility, clinic for patient care, and partnership for educational development with the School of Medicine and Department of Microbiology and Immunology.

Melanie Robbins '06 M.A. (English) caught up with Annette in July to talk about her recent award and her role in the development of the institute. "She is an example of a vibrant and committed leader who represents the best of giving back to the University of Nevada, Reno," Robbins says. "Our interview was casual and serious at the same time. Her focus was fun, but sharpened when we talked about her vision for the private and public partnership taking place on our campus."

—Harvey Whittemore '74 (prelegal)

Nevada Silver & Blue: How did your special journey begin?

Before I was born, my father was a rural doctor for small eastern Nevada communities of Pioche, Panaca and Caliente. He traveled night and day between those small towns taking care of every imaginable medical event, from delivering babies to surgery. After starting a busy practice in Las Vegas, he continued to see many of those patients, driving on weekends, because, as he would say, "They're too sick to come all the way to my office." Some of my fondest memories and greatest life's lessons would come from watching him selflessly and lovingly tend to his patients. At the end of his house call he would be paid with a crate full of peaches, a couple of apple pies or a few polished rocks from the Nevada desert. He was a physician; it was his life-long calling, not just his job. I knew that I wanted to live a life that included giving to others, and working at something that I completely loved. But I also knew that I wanted to have a large family similar to the one I grew up in. Both my parents were voracious readers and valued education, so my

siblings and I were naturally attracted to teaching. As a result, instead of going into medicine, most of us became educators.

Tell me about your early education and career?

I graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1974 and moved to Tempe, Ariz., while Harvey '74 (prelegal) attended law school. I began my career teaching children with special needs in a resource program. The following year, I was asked to start a self-contained classroom for children who had previously been institutionalized. It was the first year of a federal mandate requiring these children be taught in public school classrooms. I taught children who were autistic or had another medical diagnosis, severely learning-disabled children and kids who were abused and emotionally handicapped. Mine was the first such classroom in the school district. We developed a program called behavior modeling in which we filmed the students acting out a "best" behavior. Then we would let them watch their own movies. It was a powerful motivator for them to behave in positive ways. I believe my students were better

behaved than the kids in the regular classroom next door. I also learned a very good lesson from a painful experience in that setting as a teacher. One of our most important goals was to assimilate our students back into the regular classroom for at least an hour a day. I had a second-grader who I thought was ready for that transition. The teacher absolutely refused to take her. I actually cried after that IEP (individual educational program) meeting. It seemed so unfair to the child. At that point, we felt that it was in the child's best interest not to go into the other classroom. I learned that one of the most important roles of a special education teacher is to be a good ambassador between the student, the regular classroom teacher and the administration.

How does a special education teacher and mother of five become involved in building a medical institute for neuro-immune diseases?

This project was born out of a deep concern for individuals like my daughter Andrea, who suffers from a disease that has too few answers. She has myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME)



Harvey '74 (prelegal) and Annette Whittemore '74 (elementary/special education) attend friend Jeff Gonda's wedding in January 1973—six months prior to their own wedding. 2ND PHOTO: While in college, Annette Whittemore '74 (elementary/special education) drove a Washoe County special education bus. Pictured are some of her students during a trip for McKinley Park School in 1972. 3RD PHOTO: Annette Whittemore '74 (elementary/special education) introduces the Whittemore Peterson Institute for Neuro-Immune Disease at a legislative event at the Nevada Governor's Mansion. 4TH PHOTO: Annette Whittemore '74 (elementary/special education) with Landra Reid and Sen. Harry Reid during the 2007 "I Hope You Dance" fundraiser at which Reid was honored.

now called ME/CFS. Dubbed chronic fatigue syndrome by Americans in the early 1980s, it is now believed that this is the same disease that was well characterized in the 1960s in the United Kingdom, and is classified by the world health organization as a neurological disease. About five years ago, I expressed interest to my daughter's doctor, Dr. Daniel Peterson, about getting involved. He introduced me to another concerned parent and together we founded the HHV-6 Foundation, named for a fairly new virus. This virus has been implicated in ME/CFS, multiple sclerosis, epilepsy, and encephalitis. I realized that supporting research alone was not going to bring about the changes that patients so badly needed. I wondered aloud why huge numbers of extremely sick people were struggling just to find doctors. Accurate information, diagnostic tests and effective treatments were still missing from this field and yet there didn't seem to be a cohesive voice of authority. Our governmental health agencies were ignoring the seriousness of the situation and refusing to support badly needed research. I thought I had to do something to try to change things. A small group of us had been asked to support a much smaller center project at the University of Washington. After much deliberation, we decided to seek support for this project in Nevada, where we already had excellent re-

searchers, medical expertise, and a very large patient population. The idea grew to include a modern research facility.

What is special about the Whittemore Peterson Institute?

The Whittemore Peterson Institute will be located within a larger project, the Center for Molecular Medicine, which will be the new home for many of the University's researchers. This facility will be located on the medical school campus in Reno to allow for a greater exchange of information between molecular scientists in the lab, and physicians and patients in the medical clinic. This center, an \$80 million project, is being funded from combined money that includes private, state and federal resources. But the largest share is from the full cost recovery of research grants made available to the University by the legislature in 2005. This facility will open in 2010 and will provide a home for translational research—that is research that turns scientific discoveries into practical applications to improve human health. Working closely with the medical school will also allow us to support medical education of future doctors and serve the community through outreach activities. One of our greatest challenges is to educate the greater community about the serious nature of these diseases.

They are systemic, progressive and most often disabling, like MS, lupus and diabetes can be, but unlike those diseases, people with ME/CFS, fibromyalgia, and atypical MS, don't have effective treatment options.

The exciting news is that we aren't waiting for the building to open to begin making progress. Our researchers are already forging ahead in the laboratory on campus, collaborating with top scientists at other institutions and writing grants to bring new resources into our University. It's a great way to build both the research program and support education while helping our community. I feel a sense of urgency, a desire to know the answers right away. I've learned good science doesn't work that way. But everyone we are collaborating with is passionate about their work, about helping people, and excited to be a part of an amazing program that is really the first of its kind in the nation. To be a part of building something from the ground up is a gift and a privilege. I feel incredibly blessed to be able to work with such gifted scientists, doctors and community members.

How is your family reacting to your new role?

My family is very understanding. I'm not the same 24-hour-a-day mom that I used to be.



Todd '05 (general studies) and Natalie Okeson '05 (political science), Harvey '74 (prelegal), Annette '74 (elementary education/special education), Alicia and DJ, Scott, Andrea and Brian Goad. SITTING: Kristin, Bob '47 (economics) and Chase.



Harvey '74 (prelegal) and Annette Whittemore '74 (elementary/special education) at their barn party at Lake Tahoe, with former Nevada Governor Kenny Guinn in the background.

Harvey and I have five wonderful adult children, and four precious grandchildren. When my children were young, I was lucky enough to be able to work at home, help in their schools, with their sports activities, and generally enjoy the time I had with them. Now they are sharing their extra time helping me. I probably wouldn't have believed we could achieve these goals if it

weren't for the lessons I learned from my family, Harvey's family and the examples exhibited by those at the Nevada Cancer Institute and the Ruvo Brain Institute.

My greatest inspiration and role model for the past 38 years has been my best friend and husband, Harvey. He's never too busy, despite his enormous workload, to listen, advise, and even take on the role of best supporter. But the most important lesson I have learned from simply watching Harvey is the joy he gets from giving spontaneously and generously, of his time, his talents, advice and possessions. No matter how hard I try to improve, it always seems as though I can't get close to his level of giving. His basic love for people and his belief, that "to whom much is given much is required" pretty much sums him up.

I always believed that this was a project that would ultimately be bigger than I could have dreamed. That seems to be coming true. If I had known all the challenges beforehand, I might have been too frightened to begin. When you do something like this without a road map, you have to have blind faith that you're doing the best that you can, because nobody else is, and as long as you remain focused, and reach out for help when you need it, it will all come together. It's an amazing journey. But it really couldn't happen without the wisdom and leadership of many others who also believe in this mission, especially Dr. Daniel Peterson, Dr. Judy Mikovits, President Milton Glick, Governor

Kenny Guinn, Senator Bill Raggio and Senator Harry Reid. We also appreciate Governor Jim Gibbons' continued support and all the legislative efforts to make this a reality.

What is the most important lesson you have learned?

Receiving a great education at the University of Nevada, Reno was a good beginning, but a love for learning should never end. The message that I'd like to leave with everyone is: Become involved with the University in ways that you enjoy. Attend sporting events, the theater, musical programs, art exhibits, and seminars, or give to special projects and scholarships because a strong University makes for a stronger community. I love coming back to this campus. Harvey and I met here, in Manzanita Hall about two weeks after starting our freshman year. I tell him that it was our destiny to meet here. That first year we became best friends, and we were married at the end of our junior year. Even with no money we still knew we would be fine. That's because we both knew that we'd find jobs after college. But, I never imagined that one day I would be helping to create a medical research institute on that very same campus. **N**

Alumni Award Winners

Professional Achievement Awards

Gerald "Jerry" Wyness '52 (physical education)

Jerry Wyness enrolled at Nevada in the fall of 1946 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force Reserve in May 1950 he served on active duty from April 1952 through September 1953 (Korean War). Jerry attended San Jose State, obtaining his teaching credential and master's in 1955. He also taught and coached football and track at Coalinga, California High School and Junior College from 1954-61. Jerry also spent 24 years at San Francisco State University as a professor and athletic director from 1967 to 69. For 19 years, he served at Saint Mary's College in Moraga, Calif. as an adjunct professor in the graduate sport management degree program. During his 49 years in higher education, Jerry wrote two college level textbooks, authored more than 30 articles and gave more than 60 professional presentations.



Dr. Michael Patmas '75 (biology), 77M.S. (biology), 81M.D.

Dr. Michael Patmas is a board-certified internist, physician-executive and clinician-educator. Starting practice in 1984, Michael has held faculty appointments at the University of Nevada, Reno, University of Pennsylvania, at Providence Portland Medical Center and at Oregon Health Sciences University. In July 2007, he became CEO of the Saint Alphonsus Medical Group, a 140-provider multi-specialty group. As CEO, Michael provides clinical and administrative leadership to the physicians while overseeing the financial, operational and clinical functions within. He is a Certified Physician Executive, Fellow of the American College of Physician Executives, and served on the American College of Physician Executives Board of Directors.



Felicia O'Carroll '76 (accounting)

Felicia O'Carroll is a partner in the certified public accounting firm of Kafoury, Armstrong & Co. She began with the firm in 1976 and was the first woman in the firm elected to shareholder status. Felicia is an instructor for the Nevada Society of Certified Public Accountants and was recently appointed to serve a term on the Nevada State

Board of Accountancy. She is currently the president of the Board of Directors of Health Access Washoe County, and the treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Food Bank of Northern Nevada. Felicia recently completed a six-year term on the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Board of Trustees and continues to serve on a number of committees as an emerita trustee.



Bernard Kwok '81 (electrical engineering), 84MBA

Bernard Kwok is Symantec's senior vice president of the Asia Pacific and Japan geography, responsible for driving the company's sales and business development across more than 17 countries. Bernard serves as the senior leader for the overall Symantec business in Asia Pacific and Japan. Most recently, Bernard served as president of the Greater China Region, where he was responsible for managing the company's operations in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. Bernard joined Symantec following the merger of the company with Veritas Software. At Veritas Software, he was president for the Greater China Region, responsible for expanding market share of Veritas' utility computing solutions and developing the company's core strength of storage management software.



David LaPlante '93 (finance/economics)

David LaPlante is CEO of Twelve Horses, a full-service relationship marketing and messaging company. David brings 16 years of marketing, sales, customer relationship management and direct marketing applications development experience to Twelve Horses. He was named "Marketer of the Year" by Northern Nevada's American Marketing Association in 2004 and recently was the recipient of the Reno-Tahoe Young Professionals Network's "20 Under 40" award. The Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada recognized Twelve Horses as its "2005 Business of the Year," and most recently the Technology Business Alliance of Nevada honored Twelve Horses as the "2007 Technology Company of the Year."



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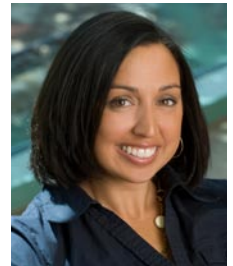
Caesar Ibarra '00 (accounting)

Caesar Ibarra graduated from the University of Nevada in May of 2000 with a bachelor's of science in business administration, having majored in accounting. He immediately began his career with a local CPA firm, Muckel Anderson CPAs, where he interned during his junior and senior years at the University. Caesar is still with Muckel Anderson CPAs today, and was admitted as partner in August 2007. Caesar was named president of the College of Business Administration Alumni Association in Fall 2006. Caesar married his college sweetheart, Theresa '99 (education) '04M.Ed. (literacy studies). They have two children, Kaylyn, 5, and Mia, 2.



Seema Donahoe '02 (journalism)

After graduation, Seema Donahoe went on to work at CLM Design where she designed for Tahoe Quarterly and Frontier Airlines in-flight magazine, as well as several hotel-casino and regional clients. She collected several Addy awards and a Maggie for her design work. From there, Seema went to International Game Technology and spent two years designing glass for popular IGT games. In 2007, she made a shift to human resources to pursue her passion for the community. As communications and community relations specialist, Seema's focus is on building community partnerships with IGT employees. Since graduating, she's been actively involved with the Young Alumni Chapter and is currently serving a term on the Alumni Council. Seema married her college sweetheart, Timothy '03 (hydrogeology), in 2007.



Scott Walquist '02 (journalism)

Scott Walquist joined KPS3 as an integrated marketing communications manager in February 2003 after graduating from the Reynolds School of Journalism in December 2002. Scott received



his bachelor's in journalism with an emphasis in public relations and a minor in marketing. Prior to joining KPSJ, he worked as a media services writing intern for the University's athletic department in 1999. In 2001, Scott became an intern in the University Relations office where he developed a keen sense for writing on a deadline and media relations. This position led to a spot on the Wolf Pack men's basketball team's stat crew, where he is still active today.

University Service Award

Ted Nigro

As a dear friend of the University, Ted Nigro has served on the Foundation Board of Trustees and been an integral part of establishing trusts to support the schools of medicine and nursing. Ted served as managing co-executor for the estate of Frances E. Dant, wherein the residue of her estate funded an endowment for the University's School of Medicine. He was final trustee of the Fred & Anne Anderson Trust, wherein several endowments were established for scholarships benefiting medical and nursing students. Ted spent a number of years on the University's School of Medicine's Advisory Board and the University's Foundation Investment Committee.



Jan Brady '63 (nursing), '86MBA

Jan Brady was awarded a Fleischmann Scholarship in home economics. She started at the University of Nevada in the fall of 1959. She transferred to Orvis School of Nursing in 1961 and graduated in 1963 with a bachelor's degree in nursing. Jan returned to the University in 1984 and earned her MBA in 1986. Jan has served her alma mater as president for the Human and Community Sciences Alumni Chapter, 1994-96; trustee for the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation, 2001-07; and emerita trustee for the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation, 2007-08. Jan currently serves on the Foundation's scholarship, special events and Vintage Nevada committees. Jan and Tom married in 1981 and they have three daughters and four grandchildren.



Julie Ardito '89 (journalism)

Julie Ardito is public relations director for the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada. Currently, she oversees a national public relations program to increase the profile of the region and to help recruit skilled professionals to the area. She has been greatly involved in the University of Nevada Alumni Council and Association, serving as president in 2006 and spending four years as vice president of membership and marketing. Julie annually emceeds the College of Engineering dinner, as well as serves on the Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism Professional Advisory Board. She is also a regular guest lecturer at the J-School's PR and Ethics classes and mentors the Nevada interns at EDawn.



Alumni Association Service Award

Bill Chaffin '66 (political science)

Bill Chaffin was instrumental in the establishment of the Sacramento Alumni Chapter and as president, his focus was on fundraising to benefit students. He was a University of Nevada Foundation Trustee and member of the Alumni Council. During his days at Nevada, Bill was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity, as well as ASUN president. As an ROTC graduate, he served three years in the Army (1st Infantry in Vietnam) and was awarded the Purple Heart. He has been an attorney in Sacramento for more than 30 years and co-authored three practice manuals: Premises Liability: Preparation and Trial of a Difficult Case in California, Insurance Litigation in California and Effective Discovery Procedures in California.



Dr. James Conkey '83 (biology)

Dr. Jim Conkey attended Nevada after four years in the Navy. Jim majored in biology with an emphasis on zoology and had many great experiences studying wildlife in Little Valley and Owens



Valley in California. He feels strongly that his education at the University prepared him for graduate school, as he is now an optometrist in a group practice in Reno. Jim was nominated for the Alumni Council by his high school principal, Carl Shaff '59 (elementary education), '64M.Ed. (education), who has also been very active with the University over the years. The experience of serving on the Alumni Council has been extremely rewarding for Jim, and has enabled him to focus on engaging students with the association.

Kiara Wolf '92 (music), '97M.Ed. (elementary education)

Having earned a bachelor's in music and a master's in elementary education at Nevada, Kiara taught in Washoe County for seven years before family health issues necessitated a move back to Las Vegas. Back in the heat, Kiara taught for six years for the Clark County School District. In 1999, Kiara, along with Dawn Etchevery Miller '94 (music education), took over the Alumni Band and built it into a large, active chapter. In 2000, Kiara was elected to the Alumni Council, where she served two terms. Kiara married fellow University alumnus Kelly Wolf '92 (music education). They have two daughters, Karina and Karissa.



Outstanding Chapter of the Year

Fallon Alumni Chapter

Established in the early 1980s, the Fallon Alumni Chapter had three goals: to celebrate their common University of Nevada heritage, raise money to fund scholarships for students attending the University and promote the University to local, Fallon area, parents and students. The Fallon Chapter traditions include the Mystery Bus Ride, culminating in a dinner at the end of an unknown trail; a "Step-N-Out" package, featuring a trip to Reno for dinner and a show; and the Athletic Rooter Bus to Wolf Pack men's football, basketball and baseball games and to women's softball, basketball and volleyball games. The Chapter takes most pride in its scholarship program, which awards four \$1,000 scholarships a year to qualifying students. To date, nearly 100 have been awarded.

Dear Nevada Alumni,

Welcome to fall at the University of Nevada! For the Alumni Association, this season means it's time for Nevada traditions such as football pregame parties and Homecoming festivities that includes congratulating all of our 2008 alumni award recipients!



This is the perfect time to come home to our alma mater and visit the campus that changed so many of our lives.

Many of you live in Northern Nevada and don't get an opportunity to come up to campus often. I encourage you to visit the University and take a walking tour. In the last few years, there have been some very impressive changes including the building of the Joe Crowley Student Union and the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center as well as the groundbreaking of the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center. All of these buildings have and will continue to change and improve the face of the University of Nevada.

Finally, this past year as Alumni Council President, the Alumni Association was able to bring our events back to the University and show off our beautiful campus, strengthen our relationships with students and alumni chapters as well as grow our paid membership base. It was a successful year of change & implementation. I'd like to thank all council members, staff and devoted alumni who helped achieve these accomplishments!!

Sincerely,

Cindy Buchanan '95
President, Nevada Alumni Council

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**CLASS CHAT
DEADLINES**

Winter issue:
Oct. 24

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Feb. 2

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Steven Parish '69

'40s

Doris Sinofsky '49 (journalism) was awarded a Telly for the documentary *Our Heroes: the Veterans of Cedar Crest*. She produced the film at the independent living community where she lives.

'50s

Dru Thiercof '51 (premedical) and **Frances (Batt) Thiercof '50** (general studies) moved back to the Reno area in 2004 to be closer to their kids and grandkids. The Harris Fire of 2007 took their house and all of their belongings. However, they are now, finally, in their new home and enjoying every minute.

'60s

George Allison, Jr. '60 (political science) and **Barbara (Ruark) Allison '60** (secondary education) enjoy traveling to various places, many of which include children and grandchildren in Calif., Nevada and Holland.

James Atcheson '62 (premedical), a Reno physician who practices with Renown Health Medical Group, has been recognized as the Distinguished Physician of the Year by the Nevada State Medical Association. James specializes in diabetes, endocrinology, metabolism and internal medicine. He has practiced medicine for 42 years.

Steven Parish '69 (animal science) has been awarded the 2008 Distinguished Veterinary Alumnus Award for Excellence in Teaching and Research at Washington State University. He has also won several national teaching awards, such as the American

ss Chat



Jared Chaney '75



Kevin Paff '81



Robin Joyce '83



Mike Dini '91



Timothy Shields '91

Veterinary Medical Association's Teaching Excellence Award and the North American Outstanding Teacher Award from the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges.

'70s

Frank Y. Jackson '70 (political science) was recently nominated by Governor Schwarzenegger and confirmed as an associate justice of the Second District Court of Appeal, Los Angeles. He was sworn in to his new position by Chief Justice Ronald M. George of the California Supreme Court.

Jarrett Griffin '72 (history) recently retired after 34 years at the University of California, Davis, most recently as senior adviser for undergraduate admissions. Jarrett and his wife, Tandy, have relocated to Leavenworth, Wash., where they are active in the community and enjoy backpacking, skiing, hunting, cycling and sailing their boat, Morning Mist, around the Pacific Northwest with their two golden retrievers, Fiona and Ailan.

Jared Chaney '75 (journalism) has been named executive vice president of corporate communications and advertising at Medical Mutual of Ohio. Jared is chief adviser to the company regarding internal and external communication.

'80s

Michael Martino '80 (social services corrections) has been selected for induction into the Latino Hall of Fame at this year's Adelante Awards. Mike is a longtime advocate for

Hispanic youth. He is being recognized for his work as a community outreach program manager for the Juvenile Services Department and as a member of the board of directors of Nevada Hispanic Services.

Kevin Paff '81 (renewable natural resources) was recently selected as the senior natural resources program manager for the northwestern division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In this position, Kevin oversees the recreation and environmental stewardship programs at over 78 lakes in 12 states. Kevin and his wife, Shanna, reside in Vancouver, Wash. with their daughter, Denae, and son, Austin.

Jeffrey Pepple '82 (managerial sciences) was appointed general manager of Spa Resort Casino in Palm Springs. Jeffrey first joined the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians as director of finance at Spa Resort Casino in 1999.

Robin Joyce '83 (journalism), '04M.A. (journalism) has been named chair of the new dean's council for the Reynolds School of Journalism. The council will serve as a working group of professionals to assist Dean Jerry Ceppos and to promote the school's mission and programs. Robin is president of Joyce & Associates, a public relations and political consultation company based in Las Vegas, and is finishing a second master's degree in Christian leadership at Hope International University. He also serves as a part-time pastor at Canyon Ridge Christian Church in Las Vegas.

Cindy (Zeng) Ferrell '88 (biochemistry), '92M.D. has been named the pediatric residency program director at Oregon Health and Science University. The pediatric program has 39 residents and two chief residents. Cindy received her master's in education from the University of Southern California in 2003 and has interests in curriculum development and competency-based medical education. She continues as a pediatrician and attending physician at Doernbecher Children's Hospital.

'90s

Mike Dini '91 (journalism) recently became advertising and public relations manager for Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort in Mount Pleasant, Mich. and Saganing Eagles Landing Casino in Standish, Mich., both enterprises of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

Timothy Shields '91 (accounting/computer information systems) has accepted a tenure track from Chapman University, where he will have appointment with Agyros School of Business and Economics. Timothy and his family now reside in Orange, Calif.

Paige Coatney '92 (social psychology) is employed as a protective service worker in San Diego County in child welfare services and was recently transferred to the teen unit to help prepare foster youth for emancipation. She has been happily married to ShawnaMarie Livingston since 1998.

Kevin Dunn '94 (health science/premedical) has finished his residency and now lives



Thomas Lowder '97



Daniel Rushin '98



Jerri Conrad '01



Josh D. Luke '03Ph.D.



Lauren Basic '08 with little brother, Jacob

in Las Vegas. Kevin and his wife, Cassandra, are both general surgeons. They recently celebrated the birth of their second child, Grace, who joins big brother Logan.

Thomas Lowder '97 (physical education) was awarded a two-year grant from the National Institutes of Health to study the role of exercise on regulatory T cells in asthma. Thomas is a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Kristie (Alexander) Howlett '98 (nursing) has received a master's of science from the University of California, San Francisco. Kristie majored in nursing with a focus in oncology. She has accepted a position as a clinical nurse specialist for cancer services at Sutter Roseville Medical Center in Roseville, Calif.

Timothy Garcia-Jay '98 (environmental policy analysis) has joined Urology Nevada

Ltd. as chief executive officer. Timothy will be charged with both the northern and southern offices.

Daniel Rushin '98 (accounting) has been promoted to senior manager for the Certified Public Accounting Firm of Kafoury, Armstrong & Co. Daniel will be responsible for the planning and execution of financial statement audits and federal compliance audits.

'01s

Jerri (Williams) Conrad '01 (journalism) was appointed to the board of directors for the Nevada Humane Society of Reno. Jerri holds an MBA from the University of Phoenix.

Julie (Tholl) DeJan '01 (general studies) has been named executive director for the Angel Kiss Foundation, a local nonprofit organization benefiting families battling pediatric cancer.

Liane Lee '01 (criminal justice) works as a legislative officer for the city of Las Vegas in the Government and Community Affairs Department. She is responsible for lobbying on behalf of the city on local, state and federal issues.

'03s

Laurie Bower '03Ph.D. (English) was named one of the Idaho Women of the Year 2008 by the *Idaho Business Review* for her work developing curriculum and teaching World Relief refugees how to work and live in America, as well as for her ongoing efforts teaching communication, literature and writing at the University of Phoenix.

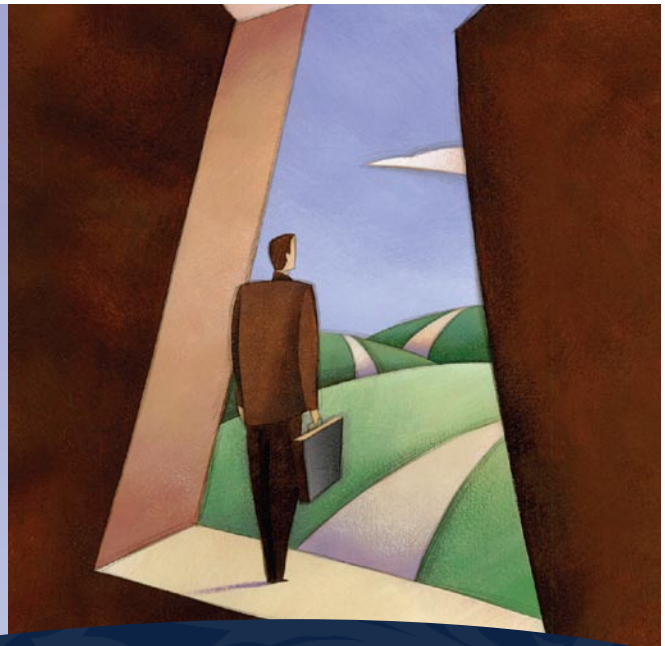
Josh D. Luke '03Ph.D. (educational leadership) was named chief executive officer of Western Medical Center Anaheim, a 188-bed acute hospital in Anaheim, Calif.

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Ananda O'Brien '08




Amy Stechman '08

Wolfmates

'08s

Lauren Basic '08 (general studies) was named Big Sister of the Year for the community-based mentoring program, Big Brothers, Big Sisters. Lauren was matched with Little Brother, Jacob, 8, while she was a student at the University.

Ananda O'Brien '08 (journalism) has been named assistant account executive at MassMedia Corporate Communications. She will be responsible for creating press materials, handling media relations, planning events and coordinating social media plans.

Amy Stechman '08 (accounting) has been hired as staff accountant for the Certified Public Accounting Firm of Kafoury, Armstrong & Co. In her new role, Amy will perform financial statement and compliance audits, as well as individual federal income tax returns. 



Erik York '96 (management) and **Kate (Senfield) York '05** (accounting) were married at the Plantation Golf Course in Maui, Hawaii on May 13. Erik runs a family business and Kate is a CPA at Solari and Sturmer, LLC. The couple resides in Reno.

Aqueelah (Thompson) LaGrone '03 (psychology) and **Carl LaGrone, Jr. '04** (liberal arts) were married June 6 at Mackay Stadium, the first-ever wedding hosted in the facility. Aqueelah is an academic adviser at the University, and Carl teaches within the Washoe County School District. They met as undergraduate student-athletes at Nevada; Aqueelah was a member of the women's basketball team, while Carl was a member of the football team. Together they share a blessing in their two-and-a-half year old son, Carl LaGrone III.

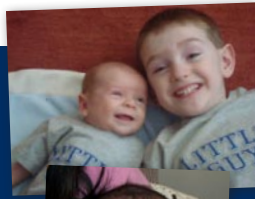


Homecoming Bonfire 2008

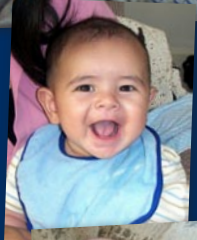
Friday, October 17th at the North Parking Lot at UNR
It kicks off at 6pm! Be there and get fired up for Homecoming!

ASUN supports providing equal access to all programs for people with disabilities. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide accommodations to people with disabilities attending the event. Please call 775-784-6589 as soon as possible to arrange appropriate accommodations.





Kellie (Creekmore) Guild '92 (business education) and David Guild would like to announce the birth of their son, William Robert, on March 6. He joins big brother, Matthew, 5.



Sheila (Genio) Looney '92 (accounting/ computer information systems) and Mark Looney '94 (electrical engineering), '95M.S. (electrical engineering) would like to announce the birth of their son, Cayden Daniel, on Dec. 14, 2007. Cayden joins big sister, Gabrielle, 10, and brother, Brandon, 7.



Karena (Nygren) Zevely '93 (interior design) and James Zevely are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Lynnea Marie on May 23.



Daniele (Woodward) Espinosa '96 (psychology), '05M.A. (literacy) and Shawn Espinosa '95 (conservation biology) are proud to announce the birth of their second son, Noah Raymond, born Nov. 12.



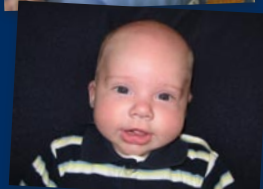
Stephanie (Clemo) Hanna '96 (journalism) and John Hanna '96 (computer information systems) are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Collin Royce, born July 2.



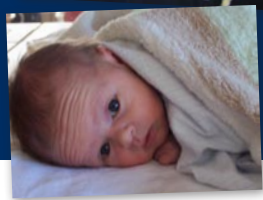
Joell (Stiner) Key '96 (criminal justice) and Jimmy Key would like to announce the birth of their son, and future University of Nevada, Reno golf team member, Jackson Robert on Nov. 21, 2007.



Monette (Romero) Greer '97 (chemical engineering) and Brian Greer '97 (mechanical engineering), '99M.S. (mechanical engineering) are pleased to announce the birth of Jordan Pierce on March 31. He is also welcomed by big brother, Tyler.



Janelle (Silva) Heinrich '97 (health education) and Scott Heinrich would like to announce the birth of their son Andrew Scott on Jan. 29. He joins big brother Jacob, 3.



Lauren Sankovich '98 (accounting) and James Bashista are proud to announce the arrival of Jake Steven on June 3. Jake and the family are home and loving every minute together.



Cheryl (Foster) Roth '00 (biology) and Eric Roth would like to announce the birth of their son Aidan Marcell on Jan. 7, 2007.



Erin (Omohundra) Farber '01 (journalism) and Nick Farber '02 (criminal justice) announce the birth of their son, William Joseph on April 25.



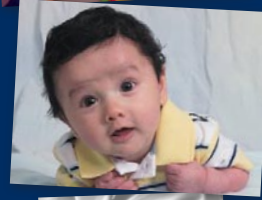
Susie (Fleming) Garaventa '01 (Human Development and Family Studies) and Ryan Garaventa are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Dominic Joseph on April 29.



Amy McFarland '02 (health ecology), '04M.A. (public health) and Patrick McFarland '97 (journalism) are happy to announce the birth of Sean Patrick, born June 18. He joins big sister, Kaylee, 2.



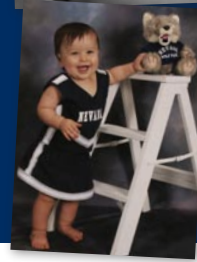
Jennifer (Richards) Mitchell '02 (elementary education) and Timothy Mitchell are pleased to announce the birth of their first child Barry Michael, born on Feb. 22.



Mui (Ngu) Condon '02 (French) and Patrick Condon announce the birth of their son, Charles Say on March 21.



Lou Wright '03 (criminal justice) and Amy (Meek) Wright '03 (nursing) are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Avery Elizabeth on April 9.



Jason Jarrett '05 (computer science) and Carrie Thorpe are pleased to introduce Kalea JC born Aug. 2, 2007.



Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

Goetz's remarkable career stems from a Nevada education

Jack Goetz '43 (electrical engineering) will argue that there is nothing glamorous about engineering, but if his life has lacked anything it is ennui.

Goetz has seen many things change. When he graduated at the end of 1942 with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, there were only 856 students at the University. Today there are close to 17,000.

Now he participates in volunteer work with the University engineering program and, even though he is turning 90 this December, he is still an active member of the Nevada Alumni Association.

Following his graduation, he was recruited by the NACA Ames Aeronautical Laboratory at Moffett Field, Calif., where he worked for several years as an assistant electrical engineer with free flight and wind tunnel programs meant to qualify military aircraft for handling

properties prior to acceptance for service use. "After a few years of that, I moved back East to get into the electronics industry," Goetz says.

In 1949, Goetz accepted an offer to work with the IBM Electronics Laboratory at Poughkeepsie, N.Y., where his experience with electron tube development and manufacture fitted in with that firm's interest at the time in developing large scale electronic computers. Goetz became a senior electrical engineer and manager with IBM and had continued involvement in the procurement of computer-reliable components and devices able to operate in various environments, including space. In this latter capacity he participated in several NASA programs, including Gemini and Apollo computer applications.

During this period, Goetz was able to meet with several prominent figures in the NASA space programs such as Wernher von Braun and other rocket physicists and astronautics engineers.

"That's the interesting thing about engineering," Goetz says. "You never know who you will meet around the next corner."

During his work at IBM, Goetz and his wife, Dorothy, had four children. They also

have five grandchildren. He finally retired from "Big Blue" after 30 years, and spent five more working for the IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) Standards organization in Manhattan, before again retiring to return to the West. While with the IEEE, Goetz represented the United States on several technical committees of the IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission) at overseas meetings. "The IEEE really took me into world travel," Goetz says.

"We chose Reno to go back to because we thought it was a good place to live," he says. Goetz had remained in contact with the University over the years, and he was interested in helping students, especially those in engineering studies, from his experience. He has also remained active in University Club and Alumni Association scholarship endeavors. When not participating in these events, he still finds time for a hobby he has had for almost a lifetime: ham radio.

—Josh Culpepper, Class of '09 (*English and French*) is an intern with Nevada Silver & Blue.

Chapter Updates



Regent Jason Geddes '90, '95, Cynthia Geddes '90, Vernon Miller '02 and Leigh Goddard taste various wines at the 2008 CABNR Wine Tasting and Raffle on June 11.



Students mark the Mackay School of Mines' Centennial by panning for gold in Round Mountain, part of Mackay Town. INSET: "Sourdough Mike" visits Mackay Town during the Centennial Celebration.

Alumni Band

Kiara Wolf '92, '97, unrbandalum@hotmail.com

The Alumni Band invites all members—anyone who marched at least one semester for the Wolf Pack Marching Band—to join us at Homecoming this year. This will be the 11th gathering of the Alumni Band. For more information about the group, Homecoming events, our monthly newsletter, scholarship opportunities or to update your information, please contact us via email. To learn how you can help the current University band, visit www.savenband.org.

COBAAA

Russ Gardner '90, '96, rgardner@nevadacpa.org

The College of Business Administration Alumni Association would like to thank the following companies for sponsoring the 17th Annual College of Business Administration Alumni Association Golf Tournament: Irwin Union Bank, FSB; Muckle Anderson CPAs; Wells Fargo Bank; US Bank; International Game Technology; Grant Thornton; Intraform and AIG Sun America. Thanks to these great sponsors, this year's tournament was an enormous success!

COBAAA would also like to congratulate the following distinguished alumni for their achievements: Jan (Pritchard) Brady '88M.B.A., Bernard Kwok '84, J. Caesar Ibarra '00, David LaPlante '93 and Felicia (Record) O'Carroll '76. Each of these deserving recipients will be accepting awards at this year's Homecoming Gala on Oct. 15.

Fallon Alumni Chapter

Tina Dakin '71, '84, jtdakin@sbcglobal.net

The Fallon Alumni Chapter was just named the first-ever

Outstanding Chapter of the Year! What an honor! We will accept this award at the Homecoming Gala on Oct 15. The Fallon alumni will also participate in Homecoming, our plans have not been determined as of this writing.

The chapter recently awarded four \$1,000 scholarships for the 2008-09 school year. Congratulations to our recipients!

On Aug. 10, the Second Annual UNR Alumni Summer BBQ and Fundraiser was held at the Norm Frey Ranch in Fallon. On Aug. 30, a Fallon football roter bus headed to the season football opener, Nevada vs. Grambling. Our Winterfest Dinner and Fundraiser will be on March 28, 2009. Please save the date.

For additional information regarding upcoming events, visit www.unr.edu/alumni/connect and select the Fallon Chapter. Please bookmark the site for future reference.

Football Alumni Chapter

Jim Farley '99, jfarley47@verizon.net

The Nevada Football Alumni Chapter held its annual golf tournament May 30 at Lakeridge Golf Course. More than 120 former players, coaches and football supporters played in the tournament. A special thanks to our hole sponsors, players and contributors for another successful tournament. Upcoming alumni events include home football BBQs and a tailgate at the Nevada vs. UNLV game. If football alumni are interested in joining the chapter, please email Jim Farley.

Friends & Alumni of CABNR

Susan Casey '02, scasey@cabnr.unr.edu

When you think of wine country, chances are you think of Napa, Tuscany... and perhaps soon, northern Nevada. To that end, the friends and alumni of the College of Agriculture, Biotechnol-

ogy and Natural Resources came out to support the college's 2008 Wine Tasting and Raffle June 11 at the college's Valley Road Experimental Vineyard and Winery. About 150 attendees tasted wines from six tables, some of which included vertical tastings (comparing wines from year to year) and comparisons of wines from well-watered and drought-stressed grapes.

Visitors toured the vineyard and asked questions of Grant Cramer, professor of biochemistry and molecular biology. They also enjoyed appetizers and a raffle, with prizes such as gift certificates to Wolf Pack Meats, a private tour and tasting at Ferrari-Carano Winery, trips, wine starter kits and micro-vineyards.

Proceeds from the event benefited the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology's wine and grape research and the college's Student Travel Award, which makes funds available for CABNR students to travel to professional meetings and competitions.

Mackay Alumni Chapter

Jessica Muehlberg '02, '07, jessicam@unr.edu

The Mackay Alumni Chapter has just finished its inaugural year, which included a week-long celebration of Mackay's Centennial, beginning with the return of Mackay Town and culminating at the Centennial Gala. Over the summer, we regrouped and geared up for a membership drive this fall. We are also planning our next social event, which will occur sometime around Homecoming. Keep in touch by contacting mackayalumni@unr.edu for more information. If you are interested in joining our chapter, please visit www.unr.edu/alumni/connect and select the Mackay Alumni Chapter. Congratulations to our newest Mackay Alumni Chapter members, the graduates of the Class of 2008! Welcome!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR. A LOT.

FALL SEMESTER 2008

SEPTEMBER 27

Nevada Alumni Association
Nevada @ UNLV Pre-Game Party
2.5 hours before kickoff
Sam Boyd Stadium Tailgate Field
Las Vegas, Nevada

OCTOBER 4

Rugby Alumni Chapter
Alumni Weekend Rugby Game
1 p.m.
Intramural Fields

OCTOBER 11

Nevada Alumni Association Pre-Game Party
2 hours before kickoff
Wolf Pack Alley (North of Mackay Stadium)

Nevada Football Alumni Chapter
Game Day BBQ & Beer
Throughout the Game
Northwest Corner of Mackay Stadium

HOMECOMING 2008

OCTOBER 13

ASUN
"What the heck is an Aggie?" BBQ
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center Plaza

OCTOBER 14

ASUN
Pack Gives Back
Charity Fashion Show
7 p.m.
Joe Crowley Student Union Ballroom

OCTOBER 15

Nevada Alumni Association
Annual Homecoming Gala
Sponsored by Hometown Health
6 p.m. Cocktails, 7 p.m. Dinner
Joe Crowley Student Union Ballroom

OCTOBER 16

School of the Arts
Arts Night Out!
5:30 – 10 p.m.
Church Fine Arts Building

Nevada Alumni Association
Scholarship Reception
6 p.m.
Clark Room, Morrill Hall

ASUN
Student-Alumni Flag Football Game
6 p.m.
Intramural Fields

OCTOBER 17

Wear Blue Day!
Send your "true blue" pictures to nvalumni@unr.edu

Nevada Alumni Association and ASUN
Blue Flu BBQ
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Joe Crowley Student Union Plaza

Nevada Alumni Association
Alumni Council Meeting
2 – 5 p.m.
Joe Crowley Student Union Ballroom

College of Engineering
Scrugham Medal Dinner
5:30 p.m. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner
Mandalay Room B, Circus Circus Reno

AAUN Hall of Fame Induction Dinner
6 p.m. Cocktails, 7 p.m. Dinner
Silver Baron Ballroom, Silver Legacy

Nevada Alumni Association and ASUN
Family Pep Rally & Bonfire
6 p.m.
North Parking Lot

Nevada Alumni Association
Old Guys' Night
Sponsored by the Young Alumni Chapter
9 p.m.
Little Waldorf Saloon

OCTOBER 18

Lombardi Recreation Center
Wolf Trot 5K Fun Run
7:30 a.m. Check In, 8 a.m. Race

ASUN
Homecoming Parade
10 a.m.
Virginia Street, From 9th Street to 15th Street

Phi Delta Theta
4th Annual Family Weekend and Alumni & Family
Tailgate
10 a.m.
Wolf Pack Alley (North of Mackay Stadium)

Nevada Alumni Association Pre-Game Party
2 hours before kickoff
Wolf Pack Alley (North of Mackay Stadium)

Nevada vs. Utah State
Homecoming Football Game
1:05 p.m.
Mackay Stadium

Nevada Football Alumni Chapter
Game Day BBQ & Beer
Throughout the Game
Northwest Corner of Mackay Stadium
Alpha Tau Omega

Annual Homecoming Family BBQ and Party
Immediately following the game
ATO House

Sigma Nu Beers and Brats / Oktoberfest
Immediately following the game
Sigma Nu House

OCTOBER 24

Vintage Nevada
Wine Festival and Auction
Downtown Reno Events Center
5 – 8 p.m.

OCTOBER 25

Nevada Alumni Association
Nevada @ Hawaii Pre-Game Party,
coordinated by Mike Dillon
3 hours before kickoff
Tiki's Grill & Bar Pool Deck
Honolulu, Hawaii

NOVEMBER 15

Nevada Alumni Association Pre-Game Party
2 hours before kickoff
Wolf Pack Alley (North of Mackay Stadium)

Nevada Football Alumni Chapter
Game Day BBQ & Beer
Throughout the Game
Northwest Corner of Mackay Stadium

NOVEMBER 22

Nevada Alumni Association Pre-Game Party
2 hours before kickoff
Wolf Pack Alley (North of Mackay Stadium)

Nevada Football Alumni Chapter
Game Day BBQ & Beer
Throughout the Game
Northwest Corner of Mackay Stadium

DECEMBER 3

University Club
Holiday Luncheon
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Arlington Gardens Country Garden Restaurant

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Chapter Updates



Judith (Johnson) Cole '73M.Ed., Elaine Moser, Dale Lazzarone, Bobbi Lazzarone '96M.S., Katie Johnson, Hilda Wunner, Cliff Baughman and Loretta Baughman relax poolside at the University Club annual picnic.



Pam Miller '90MPA and Scott Miller of Single Leaf Vineyards & Winery teach the Sacramento Alumni Chapter about good vino on July 17.



USAC alumni enjoy Nevada Museum of Art exhibits with visitors from the Basque Country and Costa Rica.



TOP: Britta (Sorensen) Scheffer '95, '01, Cindy Buchanan '95, Julie Martinez and Marc Markwell '95 reminisce at the Young Alumni Chapter's Old Timers Night. LEFT: Young Alumni Chapter members Melissa Molyneaux '06, Stephani Foust '01 and Kari Emm '01 pause to pose during the Young Alumni Chapter's Old Timers Night.

Native American Alumni Chapter

Sherry Rupert '05, srupert@nic.nv.gov

The Native American Alumni Chapter is excited for the new 2008-09 planning year. Due to numerous demands, another Mystery Bus trip will be held Oct. 4, sponsored by Native alumni Frank and Sandra Joe. Everyone is welcome! It's sure to be even better than the last trip. The chapter is also hosting a Homecoming tailgate on Oct. 18, thanks in part to Native alums Sherry and Ben Rupert. A new event the chapter is tentatively organizing is a youth basketball tournament on Thanksgiving weekend. Proceeds from the tournament will assist the chapter in providing scholarships, events and outreach to Native communities. The chapter is appreciative of any assistance (i.e. donations and volunteer help) for the tournament.

The chapter would like to give special thanks to those alumni who have been able to sponsor events. Without their sponsorships, these events would not have been possible! If you would like to become more involved or receive upcoming event information, please contact Kari Emm at (775) 784-4936 or kemm@unr.edu, or Sherry Rupert at (775) 687-8333 or srupert@nic.nv.gov, or visit www.unr.edu/alumni/connect.

Sacramento Alumni Chapter

Bill Chaffin '66, chaffin@larsenchaffin.com

On July 17, we celebrated the 12th anniversary of our chapter with a buffet at the Zinfandel Grille. Our guest speaker was Eli Reilly, newly elected ASUN president and a Sigma Nu. Not surprisingly, we had a large turnout of Sigma Nus for Brother Eli. Joe Bell, past ASUN president and a Nevada County lawyer, did the honor of introducing Eli.

Kyle Ramos completed his term as chapter president, and his

successor was announced as Bill Chaffin (the only candidate).

Many thanks to Nevada alumna Pam Miller and her UNLV husband, Scott, for hosting a wine tasting featuring their El Dorado County vintage Single Leaf wines.

We meet for lunch the second Tuesday of each month. Email Bill Chaffin for time and place.

University Club

Sharlea Taft '96, sharlea2005@yahoo.com

The University Club held their annual picnic July 16. Former chapter president, Dave Reynolds, once again graciously opened his home for this event. More than 100 attendees enjoyed great food, fun and friends, as well as poolside entertainment by the Silver Dollar Chorus. During the event, the chapter took the opportunity to renew memberships and raise money for their scholarship fund. The University Club is planning a pre-game party before the Nevada vs. New Mexico football game on Oct. 11 and a Holiday Brunch on December 3 at the Arlington Gardens Country Restaurant.

University of Nevada School of Medicine Chapter—UNSOM

Dr. Louis Bonaldi '75, '77, lbonaldimd@aol.com

Are you interested in reconnecting with the School of Medicine and your classmates? We welcome all alumni of the School of Medicine to join the newly reestablished UNSOM Alumni Chapter. The chapter hopes to create connections between UNSOM alumni, current medical students, faculty and the community. Please visit <http://www.medicine.nevada.edu/alumni/alumniassoc.asp> to become a member and to update your contact information.

If you have any questions about the School of Medicine, the alumni chapter or are interested in getting involved in chapter

leadership, please contact Christina Sarman, assistant director of development and alumni relations at christinas@unr.edu or 775-784-6009.

USAC

Michelle Cobb, mcobb@unr.edu

USAC alumni have been very active this summer! Coordinating with the USAC office on campus, our alumni have been meeting with 22 visiting Basque, Spanish and Costa Rican scholars and professors to practice their Spanish and help the visitors with their language skills. Our alumni have attended many events to get to know them, including barbecues and visits to nearby tourist locations like the Nevada Art Museum and Fleischmann Planetarium. We have enjoyed continuing our commitment to learning about new cultures and forming international connections.

Young Alumni Chapter

Stephani Foust '01, yacpresident@gmail.com

In June, the Young Alumni Chapter honored those who first started our chapter at Old Timers Night, an annual event that brings together current and former members. Then we rocked out with Sol' Jibe in August, when we co-sponsored a Pack Picnic on the Quad. Homecoming events will keep us busy in October, as we participate in Pack the Wal' on the eve of Homecoming, an event where old friends can relive their glory days at Nevada. The Homecoming Gala on Oct. 15 will also be a special day for us as we congratulate our past president and Outstanding Young Alumnus—Seema Donahoe. Our annual Mystery Bus Dinner in November will be an event you won't want to miss—friends, food and suspense—all the makings of an incredible night! For more information on our upcoming events, or on how to get more involved in our chapter, contact Stephani Foust or visit www.unr.edu/alumni/yac.

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Pack Picnics on the Quad

(1) Ali McLanahan sits extra still while getting her face painted by Cuddles the clown. Her parents are Laurie (McNulty) '86 (accounting) and Steve McLanahan. (2) David Danna-Douglas. (3) Jean Neddenriep '89 (general studies) and Marie Edwards '58 (education). (4) Theresa (Sloan) Ibarra '99 (education), '04M.A. (education) and her sister Debra (Sloan) Cuddy '99 (education), '05M.A. (education) and their kids enjoy the picnic. (5) Kristy (Erickson) Middleton '00 (health education) and her daughter Lexi. (6) Chris Irvine with Christy Lew '00 (nutrition and biology), Jennie (Lew) Mercer '02 (nutrition) and Winston the dog. (7) Crespín '98 (Spanish) and Danielle (Van Foeken) Esquivel '98 (French) and their sons. (8) Troy and Stephanie (Beck) Herrera '96 (journalism), Fred and Ericka '94 (pre-physical therapy) Williams. BACK ROW: Christopher Robb Riddell '00 (speech communications) (9) Mike '02 (criminal justice) and Katie (Erickson) Keating '97 with their kids Michael, Matthew, Joseph and Gracie.

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HOME GAMES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11
Nevada vs. New Mexico State*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 (Homecoming)
Nevada vs. Utah State*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
Nevada vs. San Jose State*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22
Nevada vs. Boise State*

*Conference games

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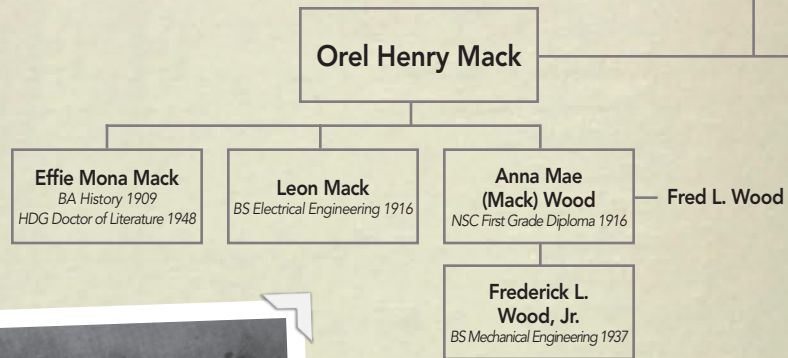
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Effie Mona Mack
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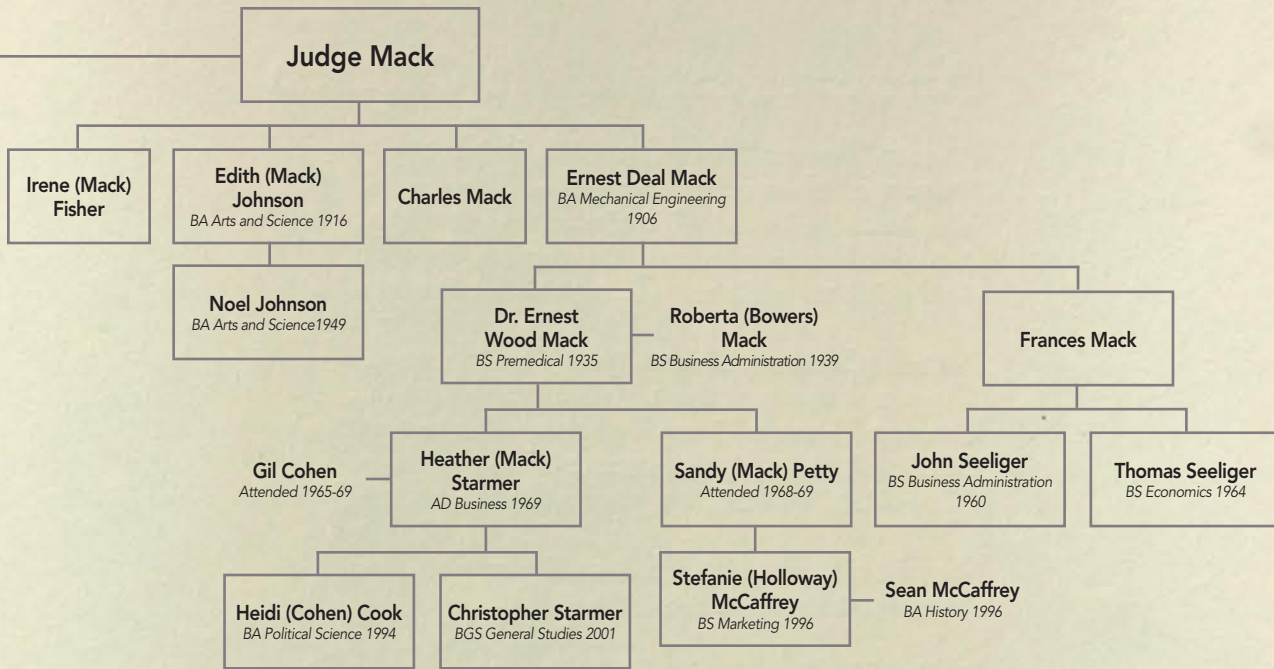


Dr. Ernest Wood Mack '35

Making history in Nevada. One graduate at a time.

The Mack family has quite a history with the University of Nevada. From Judge Charles Mack who helped contribute to the building of the University to renowned historian Effie Mona Mack, this is one family that has had a major impact on Nevada's heritage. As they look to the future, they are hopeful that the long tradition of having a Mack family member attend the University of Nevada will continue. With several sons and daughters approaching their college years, it's only a matter of time before that rich family history – like the Mack family tree itself – grows even more.





Stefanie, Kellan, Sean, Sandy, Heather, Heidi and Madison.

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 *Nevada Silver & Blue*. For details, visit www.unr.edu/alumni or call 888.NV ALUMS.



Remembering Friends

Betty (Howell) Woodburn '36 (psychology) died on June 29, 2008 with her three daughters by her side. Born in Reno, Betty's family was truly one of the great pioneer families who settled in the Truckee Meadows. Her grandfather, James W. Haines, was one of the signers of the Constitution for the state of Nevada in 1864. Betty attended the University of Nevada and was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority.

After graduating from the University, Betty married William Woodburn in 1938. Betty loved playing golf as a member of the Hidden Valley Country Club and was a recipient of the "Hole In One" Award. She and her bridge buddies never missed their weekly game.

Betty was a wonderful and caring mother with a fabulous sense of humor. She was truly the original "Energizer Bunny"! Over the last five years, she survived a heart attack, a broken hip and several small strokes. But she was never ready to give up and she always insisted on taking trips, which she did thanks to her daughters. The day before she passed she had her hair done and took a drive to Virginia City!

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, William Woodburn, brothers, Eugene, Jack and Haines. She is survived by her daughters, Patricia, Mary Liz (Ron), Sarah (Gerry); grandchildren, Mark (Liz), Chris, Lance, Erica (Newt), and Ryan; and five great-grandchildren, Cody, Connor, Lexi, Newton and Hope, as well as several nieces and nephews.

A special thanks to Ida Jacobs and Heidi Elswick (her caregivers) for taking such good care of her and Noe Martinez, who made her home and garden so beautiful!

Lt. Col. (ret) Allan C. McGill '41 (journalism) died July 17, 2008 at Anne Arundel Medical Center, Annapolis, MD. He was 90.

McGill was the son of the late Neil and Ozella McGill and grandson of W. N. McGill, prominent Nevada rancher, livestock owner and business executive from Ely. The town of McGill was built on the site of the grandfather's home ranch.

"Mac" McGill was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U. S. Army in 1942. During WWII, he served in the Pacific campaign with the 19th Regiment of the 24th Infantry Division. He was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge and Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster. Upon leaving the Army he returned to Reno and served as a reporter for the *Reno Evening Gazette* covering the Nevada state legislature.

In 1950 he was recalled to active military duty and was assigned to the Public Affairs office in Seoul, Korea, and then on to the Information Office of the Far East Command, Tokyo, Japan. He continued his military career serving as an instructor at the Army Information School at Ft. Slocum, N.Y. One of his greatest challenges was serving as information officer for Berlin Command, Berlin, Germany. He concluded his military

career at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, retiring in 1966.

Following his retirement from active duty he pursued a career in the Civil Service, retiring in 1983.

McGill is survived by his sons, Allan C. II and David, his wife Sally, sister Kathleen, and grandchildren Russell, Erin, Conor and Nicole.

In lieu of flowers the family requests any donations be made to the Allan C. McGill Memorial Scholarship Fund through the University of Nevada. Donations should be sent to the following address: Allan C. McGill Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Kristin Burgarello, Reynolds School of Journalism/ MS 310, Reno, NV 89557.

Gordon Candee Mills '46 (chemistry) died on Jan. 24, 2008 at Fleet Landing, Atlantic Beach, Fla. Gordon was born in Fallon. February 13, 1924. Two days after graduating from high school in June of 1941, at the age of 17, he was injured in a farming accident; the accident resulted in paralysis from the knees down. After a long re-cooperation, he was ultimately able to walk with braces. In the fall of 1942, he enrolled at the University. In 1946, he met Mary Jane Medlin and they married in 1947. He continued his education at the University of Michigan where he obtained his doctorate in biochemistry.

In 1950, the couple moved to Memphis, Tenn. where Gordon was a research associate in the biochemistry department at the University of Tennessee Medical School. In 1955, he accepted a position at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, where he taught medical and graduate school until he retired in 1989. During his tenure he attained the position of full professor within the Department of Human Biological Chemistry and Genetics.

During Gordon's career he authored over 65 articles on biochemistry. In 1957, he authored a paper on glutathione peroxidase, an enzyme, and was later credited with the discovery of it, having written at least five articles on it before anyone else. He was a member of numerous scientific societies and served as president of the Sigma Xi Chapter at University of Texas.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Mary Jane Mills, and is survived by two sons, David (Julia) and John, a daughter, Melinda (John), four grandchildren, Jack, Kyle, Marlena and Lauren and a great-granddaughter, Isobel.

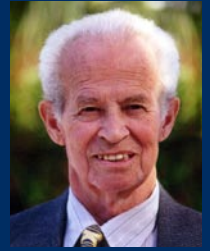
Frank H. Delaplane '63 (journalism), a former newspaper executive who served as managing editor of the



Betty (Howell) Woodburn '36



Lt. Col. (ret) Allan C. McGill



Gordon Candee Mills '46

Nevada State Journal and the *Reno Evening Gazette*, died Aug. 4, 2008 at the age of 79. Frank, who was the younger brother of former San Francisco Chronicle columnist Stanton Delaplane, was a reporter in San Francisco and Reno and then became managing editor of the Reno papers. He later served as news editor for the Gannett News Service in Washington.

Frank was born in 1929 in Appleton, Wis., and served in the U.S. Navy from 1946 to 1950. He then majored in journalism at the University of Nevada, Reno, working his way through college as a pit boss in casinos.

After graduation, Frank worked as a reporter for the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and then moved to Reno in 1957 to work on newspapers there. "He was an instinctive investigative reporter," said Warren Lerude, a Nevada journalism professor who hired Frank as a reporter when he was managing editor of the *Reno Evening Gazette*.

"Some people are good reporters, and some are good writers. He was both," Lerude said. Frank so impressed his editors that they promoted him to management and he became managing editor for both papers.

Frank moved to Washington, D.C., to work for the Gannett News Service in 1979 and retired for medical reasons in 1986. He suffered from multiple sclerosis.

He is survived by his wife, Gaye, and a son, Franklin, both of Reno.

Betty Jo (Ange) Manhart '64M.S. (fashion merchandising) died February 29, 2008 from cancer. Betty Jo was born October 2, 1929 in Orlando, Fla., daughter of Joseph and Gertrude Elizabeth Ange. When Betty Jo was only six months the family moved to Albuquerque, N.M., where she lived until she married Robert A. Manhart on July 2, 1949. She received her undergraduate degree in home economics from the University of Arizona, Tucson in 1957 and later obtained her master's of science from the University of Nevada, Reno. In 1974 she went on to obtain her doctorate in Home Economics Curriculum and Instruction from the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque.

Betty and Bob moved to Reno, Nev. in 1961 and lived there until Bob retired from the University in 1986 as a professor of electrical engineering. Betty Jo was head of the home economics department at Clayton Junior High



Frank H. Delaplaine '63



David A. Cooper '68

School and later an associate professor of home economics at the University. She was a member of various local and state boards and committees in the state and a member of the American Home Economics Association, the American Association of Housing Educators, Kappa Omicron Phi (home economics), Pi Lambda Theta (education). She was also active in her sorority, Alpha Chi Omega, where she was president of the Reno chapter house corporation, and later was the national housing director.

She is survived by husband of 58 years, Bob, daughter Pamela (Ed), son Craig (Marsha), along with two grandsons and three great grandchildren.

David A. Cooper '68 (journalism) died June 18, 2008, at City of Hope in Los Angeles County at age 69. David had the courage to fight tough battles. On Sept. 25, 1957, he was one of two dozen paratroopers of the famed 101st Airborne Division who escorted the nine, frightened black teenagers up the front steps of Central High School in Little Rock, Ark. Following military service, David enrolled at the University of Nevada, Reno where he continued his fight against discrimination. In 1963, as a senator from the student union board, David helped pass Assembly Bill 338 that prohibited discrimination in all public and private establishments for public use.

David held a bachelor's in journalism from the University of Nevada, Reno and a master's in journalism from the University of Southern California. Following graduation, he was news director/anchor for KTNV-TV in Las Vegas. Later, he founded and led Cooper Burch and Howe, an award-winning advertising firm in Nevada for more than 10 years. His agency began the boom for the Palace Stations and ran campaigns for numerous elected political officials.

David also served as a member of the U.S. Senate staff

for the Senate Committee in Washington D.C., where he specialized in investigative and legislative activities related to urban transportation, court reform and housing needs for citizens in the district. Later, he worked in radio in Nev., and Washington D.C., he was a congressional correspondent for National Public Radio on "All Things Considered," and filmed a pilot show titled "That's My Baby" for Animal Planet. In 1983, David moved to Los Angeles and, inspired by his love of movies, established Aries Productions. In 1984 he worked for passage of the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact.

In the latter part of his life he took his love of advertising and became a professor at California State University, Fullerton; Otis College of Communications and Pepperdine University in California.

David is survived by his wife, travel companion and best friend, Bonny; his sons, David Cooper Jr. and Justin Cooper, whom he admired; his beloved daughter, Marceline Cooper Ayres; son-in-law, Andrew Ayres, and granddaughters, Adelaide and Eliza Ayres. David also leaves behind his two pugs, Pearl and Duke, cases of unread books and films that he will miss seeing.

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Looking back sixty years

The autumn of 1948 was an exotic time for one freshman from Pioche, recently graduated from the Lincoln County High School. He came to the big city of Reno (population about 30,000) with keen anticipation.



Jim Hulse

Photo by Theresa Darma-Douglas

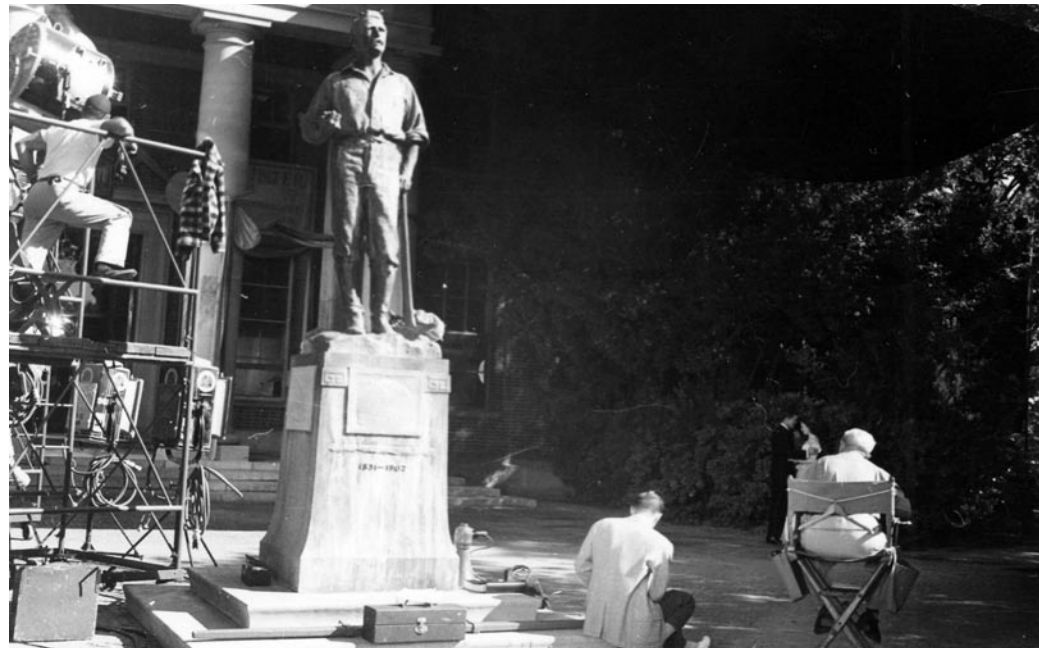
Our class was greeted with a welcome called “Hello on the Hill,” a dazzling sequence of orientations and invitations from deans and social groups.

In those days, it was a privilege, not a normal expectation, for a young man to go to college. It was assumed that young women could do so, but career opportunities were very limited. The process was expensive—the anticipated cost was about \$1,000 per year. Fortunately the student from Pioche had a generous scholarship that covered most expenses. Even in “The Biggest Little City in the World,” a frugal student could get by on about \$100 per month.

Lincoln Hall, built in the 1890s, was the most economical place to live for a freshman. But it was crowded as never before. Veterans from World War II had returned in droves, using their GI Bill benefits that a grateful and generous government had provided in appreciation of their services.

The boy from Pioche found himself in a third-floor room (intended for two men) with two seasoned veterans of the recent war. Wonderful young men, recently returned from the work of the Greatest Generation, they were ready for a good time as they studied. The newcomer studied and heard vicariously about his roommates’ experiences.

In 1948-49, there was one place to eat on the campus. It was known formally as the Manzanita Dining Hall, which had been there



Filming Mother is a Freshman with Loretta Young, 1948. This photo was taken by Jay Carpenter, then professor of mining engineering.

for generations. There was always one menu, served from behind a counter, by a woman and a chef, who saw that we all got fair shares. We were probably still in the shadows of the Great Depression and the Great War. The quantity of food was generous enough, but not like mother’s. We called it the Gow House, which did not please Nellie, the manager.

We went to classes in Morrill Hall (philosophy), Stewart Hall (political science), and in the army surplus Quonset huts down in the hollow where Scrugham Engineering now stands. That was the English Department’s turf. Freshmen crowded into those khaki-colored, metal barracks to hear some of the finest lectures ever given on the wonders of literature and language. (And the professors did not even have PowerPoint or recordings or DVDs.)

Faculty offices were usually at a desk in the classrooms, often tiny monk-cells, but sometimes in the older buildings with rotating bookcases that would hold esoteric volumes. Two of these can still be seen in the Prupas Family Study in Morrill Hall.

There were other places of wonder on the campus. The Clark Library—a three-minute walk from Lincoln Hall—had an amazing reading room endowed with high windows and well-stocked bookshelves. The portraits

of past presidents of the University graced the walls, hanging between the windows like the images of saints in a cathedral. (These portraits now reside in the Walter Van Tilburg Clark room in Morrill Hall, a smaller but more intimate venue.)

In that reading room, one could find volumes that demanded hours of concentration. There was no way to Google or Yahoo the subject you wanted. In those dark ages before laptops or internet or photocopy machines or downloads or whatever, it was pencil-on-paper when a good idea appeared in some book. But our essays still got written.

The president’s home was on the campus, located near Morrill Hall at about the point of the western entrance to the Sara Hamilton Fleischmann Building. President John O. Mosley, a distinguished-looking southern gentleman with a gracious wife, had some freshmen in for afternoon tea, a few at a time. It was not completely comfortable on our part, but it was a good learning experience.

Then there was Friday night. We could relax. If you wanted a date with a girl in Manzanita or Artemisia Halls, you had to call well in advance, and think of a place to have a Coke and sandwich. Few of us had cars, so it had to be within walking distance. But all the movie



University of Nevada, Reno football staff; Dick Evans; Coach Joe Sheeketski; Jake Lawlor. RIGHT: Quonset hut being moved.

houses were nearby downtown. And there was a strict rule that she had to be back in her dorm by 10 p.m., or both of you were in BIG TROUBLE.

On Sunday, the Gow House was closed because Nellie needed a night off. On those evenings a covey of freshmen and sophomores would trek downtown to the Wine House on Commercial Row, a charming old eatery near the railroad station managed by the Francovich family. It was possible to have a beer, and nobody knew. We never invited the girls there, at least as far as I knew.

Sometime in that era, I don't remember exactly when, Hollywood sent a couple of movie crews to the campus to film movies about what the idyllic campus life was like in rural America. Some students made a few bucks as extras in films.

In that time of blessed memory, television had not yet reached Reno. It first became available here in about 1952.

There was football! Nevada was already building a formidable national reputation when the 1948 freshmen arrived. The Wolf Pack anticipated an invitation to a bowl game because its passing team was one of the best in the nation. Coach Joe Sheeketski was a hero in Reno. Boosters pledged much money to pay room and board expenses of the team on the campus.

Then, partway through the season, disaster struck. The Nevada eleven lost a game to St. Mary's they were supposed to win, presumably because a fierce windstorm ruined the Pack's passing game. Rumors spread in the national

press that the Reno team had been tainted by gamblers' money, and the boosters subsequently failed to honor their pledge of support money for the team.

The president and controller were also fired late in the year in the midst of a scrap in the legislature in Carson City. It was an eventful year in terms of University politics, but most of these events passed over the heads of us students, who were preoccupied with other things. Turmoil in academia is like a passing thunderstorm, getting little attention from the youngsters who are well sheltered, but roiling the faculty and much of the public.

On the lighter side, we had the Wolves Frolic. This was a lively variety show, produced with student talent, usually on the stage of the State Building in downtown Reno. (The University campus did not have an auditorium capable of handling such overflow crowds.) The acts were noisy and naughty, but they gave only the faintest suggestion of what was to be offered ahead on the stages of Nevada and the nation. Those of us who were 18 years old 60 years ago were still in the age of innocence, as far as I know. Somehow we survived those quaint times. We must have done some studying, because most of us became sophomores in 1949-50.

We have focused here on a couple of semesters in the 120-year lifespan of Nevada's first institution of higher learning. Located first in Elko in 1874, the University Preparatory School moved to Reno in 1886, beginning its collegiate work a year or so later. If we look backward from the autumn of 2008 to 1888,

we might reflect that 1948-49 was the halfway point in our institutional history, so far.

The freshmen of 1948 did not know it, but they were being launched not only into new careers but also into a new half-century of the American experience. Before we graduated, our country was deeply involved in a Cold War that had turned hot in Korea. Nuclear testing had begun in Nevada and was expanding elsewhere. New racial tensions and a long-overdue civil rights movement were underway. A technological revolution of unprecedented dimensions was ahead of us. We approached the future with optimism and most of us prospered.

Cheers and good luck to the incoming students in the fall of 2008. **N**

Jim Hulse, native Nevadan and emeritus professor of history, is internationally renowned for his outstanding teaching and wide-ranging intellectual pursuits. He earned a bachelor's in journalism in 1952 and a master's in history in 1958, both from Nevada. From 1954 through 1958, he worked for the Nevada State Journal, leaving to attend Stanford University, where he earned a doctorate in history in 1962. He returned to Nevada, beginning as an assistant professor of history, and ultimately being promoted to full professor. The Board of Regents named him the University's Outstanding Faculty Member in 1993. In 1997, he retired following 35 years of service. Hulse is the past holder of the Grace Griffen Chair in history. He has authored six books.



Photo by Theresa Dama-Douglas

After graduation from Nevada, Frank Randall '56 (business administration) worked at Dean Witter & Co. in Reno from 1956 to 1959, before moving to Southern California. Frank has worked as a bank director and as director of an international medical corporation. He is retired from the U.S. Naval Reserve as lieutenant commander. Frank first came to Nevada as a teenager, working odd jobs at Lake Tahoe during summer vacations. He was named University Alumnus of the Year in 2005. He and his wife, Joan, live in Newport Beach, Calif. Their generosity served as the lead gift in building the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, which opened to the public on Aug. 11.

What role did the University have in the choices you have made in your life?

The education I received at the University enabled me to get my start in business and as a stockbroker. That business required interest in virtually everything that is happening anywhere in the world at all times. That interest has carried on and I find it difficult to ignore current events in business and politics that others might not find relevant, even though I am not as personally involved anymore.

My hope is that the Knowledge Center will

Frank Randall stands proudly in front of the Randall Rotunda at the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center opening reception on Aug. 7.

provide the facility for research for students in all the disciplines offered at Nevada. It is certainly well named and will be a true storehouse of knowledge for decades of students to come.

What have you done that you are most proud of?

I will answer that after stating that what I am most proud of is my family.

My wife, Joan, is someone who has introduced me to so many sides of the arts, literature and philosophy that I had not thought much about before, being previously more interested in Wall Street and real estate.

My children are both something to be proud of when I think of their accomplishments. My son is highly regarded among his fellow faculty where he teaches. My daughter is well on her way to becoming a successful artist and she and her partner are involved in rehabilitation of the historic district of the small Midwestern town where they live. I can't leave out my grandchildren, who are all receiving top grades at school and are interested in extracurricular activities.

I am also proud of the building complexes I built that employ many hundreds, and which I have since sold. I am proud to be involved in many land conservation organizations and hope someday to do something big in that field. I was able to provide the impetus for saving some of the undeveloped land in my hometown, South Pasadena, Calif. while serving as a city councilman. Finally, my ability to give financial help in the fight against animal exploitation has also been most gratifying.

What advice would you give someone just starting out after college?

My advice to graduates is to be very selective in where they work and in what industry they choose. If they have the time and opportunity to intern before graduation, they should do so. If they find something that they are very attracted to, the initial salary and location should not be the determining factors.



Redfield Foundation gift makes possible math and science auditorium

Thanks to a generous donation from the Nell J. Redfield Foundation, the new Davidson Mathematics and Science Center will include a state-of-the-art auditorium unlike any other on campus.

Great spaces provoke great conversations. The Nell J. Redfield Auditorium will provide a stage for University faculty and an environment that encourages audience participation and engagement. It will also offer a world-class forum for guest lecturers. The most modern sound and presentation systems will help bring great ideas to life.

“The Nell J. Redfield Auditorium will complete the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center and provide an exceptional venue for education and events of interest to the community,” says Jeff Thompson, interim dean of the College of Science.

The auditorium provides a space for students

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The Redfield Foundation’s generosity is creating more than just an auditorium. It is helping to complete a flagship facility for the College of Science that will not only provide an immediate identity for the college, but will create a meaningful way and a wonderful recruiting tool to attract students and faculty of merit and ability to the University of Nevada, Reno. The gift is a landmark in one of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation’s most important fund-raising efforts to date—achieving excellence in mathematics and science with the Davidson Center and Auditorium.

Naming opportunities still exist in the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center. To learn more, please contact Charlyn Sutton, director of development for the College of Science, at 775-682-8791 or csutton@unr.edu or John Carothers, vice president of Development and Alumni Relations, at 775-784-1352 or jcarothers@unr.edu.

“The research I participate in is really exciting. I can only imagine that future research students will have incredible opportunities for discovery and innovation in the Davidson building.”

— Kory Alderson
senior graduate student in Cellular and Molecular Biology
currently researching immunotherapy and cancer



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- Oct. 17 Old Guys' Night** 9 pm • Little Waldorf Saloon
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