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'Mountainous' news on more than one front

At certain points the events of August 2010 felt like both tailwind and tempest, propelling our campus to unexpected heights, and compelling us on more than one occasion to take a step back to ask if they were in the best interest of our future.

They were events that were undeniably positive. Yet, against this backdrop, we also need to remember that we are losing good colleagues and programs due to a difficult year of



President Milton Glick and Athletics Director Cary Groth address guests at the President's Tailgate, Sept. 2.

budget cuts and curricular review. In the face of such challenge and change, the accomplishments of our faculty, students and staff have truly been extraordinary.

The events of August help illustrate why this is so.

On Aug. 16, the University celebrated the grand opening for the Center for Molecular Medicine. This \$77 million facility will house research teams from across the School of Medicine, and will also be home to the University's Center for Healthy Aging and the Whittemore Peterson Institute. The facility will help broaden our institution's research portfolio for competitive grants and promises to impact the health and lives of Nevadans.

On Aug. 17, *U.S. News & World Report* issued its annual "best colleges" rankings, and significant changes in their presentation and methodology this year resulted in a strong ranking for the University of Nevada, Reno. In the 2011 rankings of "best national universities," the University ranks as a first tier school. It is the first time in our history that we have been ranked in the first tier.

On the evening of Wednesday, Aug. 18, before a packed press conference in Legacy Hall, the University accepted an invitation to become a member of the Mountain West Conference. The Mountain West is a strong conference, and this will enhance our natural rivalry with UNLV and continue our rivalry with Boise State. We believe joining this conference is in the best, long-term interest of our fans and program and also view this invitation as acknowledgement of our work to build a strong, competitive and nationally respected intercollegiate athletics program. I have been heartened by the excitement many of you have shared with me regarding this move.

On Aug. 20, we welcomed our largest, most diverse and academically talented freshman class ever to campus. In addition, our fall enrollment is poised to exceed 17,000 students—an all-time record.

During our Mountain West press conference, I mentioned to the media that, "I think people have been waiting a long time for this day, and I really think this is a game-changer for us." On several different fronts in August, the game indeed changed in remarkable and transformational ways for our University.

Sincerely,

Milton D. Glick President

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Features



Campus experiences burst of rapid, transformational growth



Nevada to Join Mountain West Conference



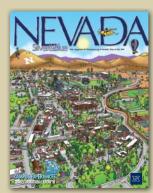
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Local artist and Renaissance man Andrew Nixon worked with art director Patrick McFarland '97 to create this painstakingly illustrated map of the University of Nevada, Reno campus. It encompasses all of the recent campus building boom including the Joe Crowley Student Union, Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, Marguerite Wattis Petersen Foundation Athletic Academic Center, Nevada



Agricultural Experiment Station Greenhouse Complex, Davidson Mathematics and Science Center, Center for Molecular Medicine and even the addition of the William N. Pennington Health Science Building to be completed in summer 2011. Upon completion, the new facilities will have added more than 800,000 square feet of teaching, learning and research space to the Reno campus.

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Correction: The Bernard Osher Foundation story on the inside back cover of the summer issue was written by Sarah Purdy '02, '09M.A.

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n 1885, the University Preparatory School moved from Elko to Reno, and one stately building, Morrill Hall, a French Second Empire edifice, was built on a bluff overlooking downtown amid 10 acres of hay fields purchased from the Evans Ranch. Since then, the "Campus on the Hill" has stretched to include 256 acres on the main campus, some 60 acres at the south Reno Redfield Campus shared with Truckee Meadows Community College, operations in Las Vegas, as well as Cooperative Extension offices in every county.

An unprecedented building boom that began with the opening of the Joe Crowley Student Union in November 2007 continued with the addition of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, the Marguerite Wattis Petersen Academic Center, the Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station Greenhouse Complex, the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center, and the Center for Molecular Medicine—will culminate with the addition of the William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building in summer 2011.

By the time the Pennington Health Sciences Building is completed, the new facilities will have added more than 800,000 square feet of teaching, learning and research space to the Reno campus.

President Milton Glick is grateful for everyone who helped bring the building projects to fruition and notes that the new buildings don't merely add space, but are transformational to the campus culture: "We have many people to thank for our new buildings, from the Nevada State Legislature to

A Brief Timeline of the **University of** Nevada, Reno

1864

Nevada enters statehood with a Constitution providing for a state university.

University Preparatory School opens in Elko with seven students.

1885

Governor Jewett Adams signs legislative bill moving the University to Reno.

1886

The University formally reopens as a preparatory school in new Morrill Hall on the Reno campus. Classes begin with 75 students enrolled.

1887

The administration of President LeRoy D. Brown begins. College-level instruction is offered for first time and the student

enrollment in 1887-1888 reaches 50. The faculty consists of two members, President Brown and Professor Hannah K. Clapp.

First college degrees are conferred on a graduating class of three men.



A building boom that began with the 2007 opening of the Joe Crowley Student Union (far left) will add more than 800,000 square feet of teaching, learning and research space to the Reno campus by the time the William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building is completed in 2011.

to rewire, retrofit and remodel the 18-yearold structure so students can be trained in every media platform: print, video, audio and the Internet. Renovations are expected to be completed by early spring 2012.

Besides the transformation coming to the J-School, the Jot Travis Building received a makeover to house The Davidson Academy of Nevada—a free public school for profoundly gifted middle and high school students—as well as the University's Honors Program, Black Rock Press and an auditorium classroom. The building originally opened on May 18, 1958 and housed the campus bookstore, student leadership offices, food outlets and recreation and meeting rooms. It closed as a student union on Nov. 2, 2007, but continues to house the Overlook restaurant. Today, some 120 Davidson Academy students study there.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE RECENT BUILDING BOOM

our many friends and supporters to our own faculty who have helped give us state-of-theart facilities so that our campus is truly a part of the 21st century higher education landscape.

"They've not only given us new buildings, they've helped change the very nature of what we do. These new buildings have space where students and faculty can join together in meaningful ways that lead to new knowledge and discovery."

John Carothers, vice president for development and alumni relations, notes

that \$70 million in private funding was raised to support this building boom. "We are extremely grateful to the donors who helped meet state and University challenges to provide our campus with the buildings and improvements that will launch our students and faculty into a new era of learning and research," he says.

In addition to the brand new construction, the Reynolds School of Journalism Building is undergoing a \$7.96 renovation funded by a gift from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation Joe Crowley Student Union 167,000 square-feet Opened Fall 2007



The first new structure to grace the north end of campus and shift the center of gravity away from the historical Quadrangle in the south was "The Joe"—the Joe Crowley Student Union, named in honor of President

1892

Electric lights installed on campus

1894

The Alumni Association of the University of Nevada is organized.

1896

Men's dormitory, Lincoln Hall, completed. Women's dormitory, Manzanita Hall, completed. Dedication of the University's first athletic facility, the gymnasium.

1899

Washoe County presents to the University a 60-acre farm valued at \$12,000 to be used in connection with the Agricultural Experiment Station. Silver and blue are adopted as the school colors.

1900

The President's House is completed at a cost of more than \$8,000.

1907

The family of Comstock pioneer John W. Mackay begins a donation to the University that founds the Mackay School of Mines, the Mackay Athletic Field, and the Mackay Training Quarters, and contributes \$25,000 toward beautifying the campus. They also present a statue in bronze by Gutzon Borglum of John W. Mackay,



More than 19 Morrill Halls would fit inside the spacious, 295,000-square-foot Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, opened in spring 2008.

In spring 2008, the 8,100-square-foot **Marguerite Wattis Petersen Foundation** Athletic Academic Center opened to complete the E.L. Cord Foundation Academic and Athletics Performance Complex, a 46,000-square-foot facility designed to provide Nevada's student-atheletes academic and counseling resources. The Petersen Foundation Athletic Academic Center, located just east of Legacy Hall, was built strictly with private donations. In addition to a lead gift from the Marguerite Wattis Petersen Foundation, many other donors made the \$6.2 million academic center possible, including the E.L. Cord Foundation, the Wilbur D. May Foundation, the Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation, the Charles and Ruth Hopping Charitable Foundation, the Dorothy Towne Foundation and Drs. Rita and Harry Huneycutt, as well as other supporters.



31,905 square-feet Opened Spring 2008



After the original greenhouses were torn down to make way for the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center, new ones were built on Valley Road using \$3 million in state funds and \$3.2 million from the sale of land at Mill Street and McCarran Blvd. The Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station Greenhouse Complex, opened in early 2008, offers much more impressive accommodations for students and researchers in the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources than in the past. Each of the six greenhouses is 96 feet long by 30 feet wide. The

Emeritus Joe Crowley, who served from 1978 to 2000, and also returned for an eight-month term as interim president in 2006. The Joe is being funded entirely by student fees and students were involved in every step of development and design. The building has been called the "hearthstone of campus," since it is the perfect place to study, socialize, or just kick back and read a book. The \$66 million, 167,000-square-foot building boasts four floors that contain student government offices, the



Opened Spring 2008

ASUN bookstore, spacious meeting rooms including a ballroom—a 220-seat theater and numerous food establishments and other businesses.

1908

Work begins on development of the Quad.

1911

Orr irrigation ditch dam completed and Manzanita Lake filled amidst much fanfare.

1917

The University Farm of 213 acres purchased.

1918

First Homecoming activities.

1921

University enrollment surpasses 500 for the first time.

1927

The Memorial Library, completely furnished, is presented to the University by William A. Clark Jr.

on Oct. 21 in memory of his wife, Alice McManus Clark, a native of Virginia City. The building, including the gift furnishings. cost approximately \$250,000.

1930 Mackay Science Hall dedicated.

The \$415,000 building, a gift of Clarence H. Mackay, houses the Departments of Chemistry, Physics, and Mathematics.

1936

University enrollment tops 1,000 for the first time.



The Marguerite Wattis Petersen Foundation Athletic Academic Center, built strictly with private donations, serves student-athletes within the E.L. Cord Foundation Academic and Athletics Performance Complex, located just east of Legacy Hall.

buildings are anchored to a 12,000-square-foot headhouse. Already, University researchers have greenhouse projects that will benefit the public. A biomass project focuses on converting algae to biofuels and a collaborative greenhouse project uses hydroponic methods to grow vegetables.



The 295,000-square-foot **Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center** opened its doors Aug. 11, 2008 and ushered in a new era. Built to replace the Getchell Library, constructed in 1962, the new building wasn't

exactly a library anymore. Designed not by library consultants, but by the University's information technology and library staff, the Knowledge Center is unprecedented. Fully wired and digitized, the Knowledge Center combines the best of traditional library resources with new digital and multimedia technologies. Not just a place to find stacks of books or even information databases, it's a place to create, share and collaborate. The building, located just south of the Joe Crowley Student Union and designed for pedestrian traffic to flow seamlessly from one building to the other, 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 \$106 million facility. Remaining funding came from student fees and the state of Nevada.

Clarence H. Mackay purchases from the Evans Estate between 26 and 27 acres of land adjoining the campus on the north, increasing the campus acreage by nearly 50 percent.

1941

Construction of a new gymnasium is

authorized by the Nevada Legislature at a cost not to exceed \$300,000, to be paid by a state bond issue.

1942

The Palmer Engineering Building completed. Construction was authorized by the Nevada Legislature in 1939

at a cost not to exceed \$175,000, to be paid by a state bond issue.

1944

Max C. Fleischmann gives the University his 258 acre farm, formerly the Ladino Dairy. The property contains buildings, farm equipment and machinery, and a



Lifelong Learning Center soaks up the sun, saves money

Las Vegas certainly has its share of sunlight, so when University of Nevada Cooperative Extension built its Lifelong Learning Center in 2006, designers took full advantage of that abundant natural resource.

Dual purpose structures were constructed on the north side of the facility to provide shade for parked cars and to capture solar energy. Photovoltaic modules were installed on the top of the parking shade structures. NVEnergy provided a grant to install solar panels through their Solar Generations Project and Net Metering Program.

The grants were for installation of demonstration projects for solar energy use. The energy that is continually generated by Cooperative Extension's PV modules is used by the facility and decreases the facility's conventional energy use.

A review of NVEnergy electric bills revealed that annual savings have been approximately \$5,000. As conventional energy costs rise, savings also rise. And when the solar energy isn't being used—say on weekends—the surplus is sent into the power grid and nearby homes and businesses use this extra power.

Additional renewable energy, such as solar or wind power, could be added to the facility at a later date to decrease the facility's use of conventional energy sources, which are expensive and sometimes problematic in delivery.

"The new Lifelong Learning Center has helped make Cooperative Extension a leader in conservation in the Las Vegas area," said Cooperative Extension Dean and Director Karen Hinton. "But it's also helped us save money."

—Marilyn Ming



Morrill Hall, the first building erected on the Reno campus, has 15,384 square feet of space. Here's how many Morrill Halls fit into our newest buildings:



Petersen Athletic Academic Center **8,100 = .53**



Nevada Greenhouse Complex **31,905** = **2.07**



Pennington Health Sciences Building **59,000** = **3.84**



Davidson Mathematics and Science Center **105,000 = 6.83**



Center for Molecular Medicine 140,000 = 9.1



Joe Crowley Student Union **167,000** = **10.86**



Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center **295,000 = 19.18**



Some 70 percent of students will have classes in the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center, which opened June 3. The 105,000-square-foot building is the first new capital project for the natural sciences on campus in nearly 40 years.

Davidson
Mathematics &
Science Center
105,000 square-feet
Opened Summer 2010



The Davidson Mathematics and Science Center, located north of Fleischmann
Agriculture Building on the southeast side of campus, is fast becoming the central hub for the sciences on campus. Opened June 3, the building is home to the College of Science Dean's Office and the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. The \$67.3 million building is the first, new capital project for the natural sciences on campus in nearly 40 years. The 105,000-square-foot, four-story building features the 464-seat Nell J. Redfield Foundation Auditorium, the largest teaching-centered auditorium on campus, as well as

high-tech classrooms and laboratories. Some 70 percent of the student body will attend classes in the facility. The generosity of private foundations, which provided \$21.6 million in funding, helped make the building possible. Major donors included foundations such as the Davidson Foundation, Nell J. Redfield Foundation, University of Nevada, Reno Foundation, E. L. Cord Foundation, Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation, Mallory Foundation, Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation, Charles N. Mathewson Foundation, Bretzlaff Foundation and others.

The Center for Molecular Medicine, opened Aug. 21, is the first new research building constructed at the University of Nevada School of Medicine in nearly 30 years and will house medical research programs in pre-term birth, muscular dystrophy, breast cancer, male infertility, asthma, stroke and neurodegenerative diseases, tumors,

herd of dairy cattle and other livestock.

1958

Jot Travis Student Union completed.

1962

Getchell Library, named after Nevada mining tycoon Noble H. Getchell, is completed.

1963

Fleischmann Planetarium is completed. Scrugham Engineering and Mines Building opens.

1967

Effie Mona Mack Social Science Building dedicated.

1969

Reno campus enrollment passes 7,000 and Las Vegas passes 5,000.

1981

The University of Nevada, Reno Foundation established to generate private support for the University.



The William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building, slated to open in 2011, creates the space for the Division of Health Sciences to lead the nation in a new pedagogy that combines medical, nursing and health sciences education, allowing future doctors, nurses and health care workers to train together to provide team-based health care.



herpes viruses and infectious disease. The \$77 million, 140,000-square-foot center is also the headquarters for the Whittemore Peterson Institute for Neuro-Immune Disease, specializing in the treatment and research of crippling and baffling ailments such as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. The building will also house a new geriatrics clinical educational suite, operated under the auspices of the Sanford Center for Aging. The majority of the funding—\$60 million—was generated through the efforts of researchers from across the University, including the School of Medicine. A \$12 million appropriation from

the Nevada State Legislature and \$5 million from the Whittemore Family Foundation account for the balance of the funds.



The William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building, under construction currently, will combine medical, nursing and health sciences education under one roof, representing a paradigm shift in pedagogy to support the demand for health care practitioners who work as an integrated team. The building, projected to cost close to \$49 million, will give the School of Medicine the physical capacity to increase its class size from

62 to 100, for a total eventual enrollment of 400. The building will also house the Orvis School of Nursing and will allow nursing enrollment to double to 300. Study after study has shown that team-based health care is not only cost-effective, but delivers optimal care. The 59,000-squarefoot building will be adjacent to the existing Pennington Medical Education Building on the north end of campus. The William N. Pennington Foundation gave \$10 million, bringing total private gifts toward construction and debt service to \$14.4 million, including major gifts such as \$2.5 million from the Nell J. Redfield Foundation and \$1 million from the Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation. The Nevada State Legislature allocated \$3 million for planning and \$31 million in construction bonding was approved as part of the Legislature's 2009 Capital Improvement Project budget. The building is slated for completion by the summer of 2011.

1982

Ansari Business Building completed.

1983

Lawlor Events Center completed.
Paul Laxalt Mineral Engineering
Center completed.

1985

The campus grounds named a state arboretum by the Nevada Legislature.

1989

Paul Laxalt Mineral Research Center completed.

1992

Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism Building completed.

1997

College of Education building opens. In 2003, it is renamed to honor state senator William N. Raggio.

1999

Legacy Hall opens, housing the athletic department under one roof and capping \$20 million in athletic facility improvements during the decade.

2000

Lincoln and Meta Fitzgerald Student Services Building completed.

2006

Milton D. Glick named president of the University.



Since the Reno campus opened in 1885 and Morrill Hall was built on a bluff overlooking downtown, the University of Nevada campus has grown from 10 acres to 256 on the main campus and some 60 acres at the south Reno Redfield Campus shared with Truckee Meadows Community College. In addition, University operations exist in every county in the state.

STUDENTS FIRST

President Glick notes that the importance of surroundings—both inside buildings and the landscaping outside them—matters. Well-executed design of campus spaces produces environments that lead to better teaching, better research and better learning: "Place still matters on our campus, and nowhere

is this more apparent in the wonderful new buildings we've added to our campus over the past several years. The new buildings have fundamentally changed how we teach and reach our students."

The University of Nevada, Reno campus has evolved in a student-oriented manner, he notes, that continues even more so with these new "high-tech, high-touch" buildings that encourage student-to-student and student-

to-faculty interaction. "There is no higher

form of learning that a university can aspire to than that exemplified in human interaction that places students first."

LOOK ONLINE

To see a current map of the Nevada campus visit: www.unr.edu/resources/ map_vertical.pdf

2007

The Joe Crowley Student Union completed.

2008

One of the most technologically advanced libraries in the country, the Mathewson-IGT

Knowledge Center completed.
Marguerite Wattis Petersen
Foundation Athletics
Academic Center opens.
The Jot Travis Building is
renovated to house The Davidson
Academy, a free, public school for
profoundly gifted young people.

Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station Greenhouse Complex opens on Valley Road.

2009

Donald W. Reynolds Foundation awards almost \$8 million to the Reynolds School of Journalism to rewire and retrofit the school's building.

2010

Davidson Mathematics and Science Center opens. The Center for Molecular Medicine, housing the Whittemore Peterson Institute, opens. Construction on the William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building, slated to open in 2011, begins.

> Source: University Archives, http://knowledgecenter.unr. edu/univarch/timeline.html



MACKAY FAMILY INFLUENCES EARLY CAMPUS GROWTH

While growth at the University has boomed in recent years, it began slowly. With just 75 students in the 1886-87 school year and facilities that consisted of "a woodshed and stable behind Morrill Hall, and an abandoned alfalfa field where the military cadets practiced marching and using firearms," only four more buildings were constructed—all now gone—over the next few years, according to Holly Walton-Buchanan, from her book, *Historic Houses and Buildings of Reno: An Architectural and Historical Guide*. Fifteen additional acres were purchased from the Evans family in 1894 and two dormitories, Lincoln and Manzanita, were constructed on the new parcel.

New Yorker Clarence Mackay, president of the Mackay Company, the predecessor of International Telephone and Telegraph (now AT&T) and son of the wealthy Irish miner, John W. Mackay, who had made a fortune extracting ore from the Comstock Lode, became a major donor to the University, changing the course of its history forever. On June 10, 1908 a statue of the elder Mackay was

placed at the head of the Quadrangle, where it stands today, and the new Mackay School of Mines Building, a two-story, Georgian Colonial structure, was dedicated before a throng of several thousand.

The Nevada Legislature had rejected the Mackay family's bid to have the statue, created by sculptor Gutzon Borglum, placed on the Capitol grounds in Carson City. President Joseph Stubbs offered the University site, which led to a long and beneficial relationship between Clarence Mackay and the University.

Clarence Mackay brought his personal architect, Stanford White, to the fledgling campus. White designed at least eight of the original buildings, as well as the landscaping and placement of buildings around the Quadrangle. Following the trend in academic architecture of the time, they modeled the Nevada Quad after Thomas Jefferson's design for the University of Virginia Lawn, which has buildings facing inward toward each other. Mackay was so influential, according to Walton-Buchanan, that he, not President Stubbs, "had the final say" in the design and cost of the buildings and landscaping.

From 1907 to 1936, John Mackay's heirs bequeathed the University more than \$1.5 million for the Mackay School of Mines

Morrill Hall, the first building erected on campus, opened for classes as a preparatory school in 1886. This photograph was taken in 1895.

building, the Quadrangle, an athletic field, land acquisitions and the Mackay Science Hall. The elm-lined Quad and the University's original core campus, with a listing on the National Register of Historic Places since 1987, is considered a United States' cultural resource.

By the 1940s, Hollywood movie producers, attracted by the University's vine-covered, Ivy-League-like brick buildings and idyllic Manzanita Lake, were using the campus as a setting for popular films, including "Mr. Belvedere Goes to College," with Shirley Temple. By 1958, with 2,000 students attending classes, the institution's colleges of education and business were in their first years and the Jot Travis Student Union was built.

By 1969, the campus had doctoral programs in more than a dozen specialties, and had created a School of Medical Sciences.

Since then, the University has met the challenges of leadership in one of the fastest-growing states in the country, with its enrollment rising to more than 17,000 students in fall 2010.

-Melanie Robbins '06M.A. and staff reports

Center for Molecular Medicine concentrates top biotech research in new, state-of-the-art facility

The University of Nevada, Reno and the University of Nevada School of Medicine ushered in a new era for research with the grand opening of the Center for Molecular Medicine on Aug. 16.

The 140,000 square-foot center, the first new basic science research facility to be built at the School of Medicine in nearly 30 years, houses research teams from across the medical school and serves as headquarters for the Whittemore Peterson Institute for Neuro-Immune Diseases and the University of Nevada, Reno Division of Health Sciences Center for Healthy Aging. It represents the next tangible step in solidifying the health sciences facilities on the north end of the Reno campus.

The Center for Molecular Medicine cost approximately \$77 million and the majority of the funding-\$60 million-was generated through the efforts of researchers from across the University of Nevada, Reno, including the School of Medicine. A \$12 million appropriation from the Nevada State Legislature and funding from the Whittemore Family Founda-

Anne McMillin, APR, is the public relations manager for the School of Medicine.

tion account for the balance of the funds.

Research-related activities are the most significant source of support for this project and represent federal and state funds earned

through the University's research program in support of its infrastructure. This funding reflects the growing significance of the University's overall research portfolio.

The entire facility is a center for workforce training in the life sciences and a resource to attract biotech industries while expanding the state's ability to pull in private sector investments. The focus of the Center for Molecular Medicine will be biomedical and translational research providing new insights into the fundamental questions of health and disease.

Fourteen School of Medicine basic scientists are moving their research laboratories into the facility this fall to ultimately occupy 70,000-square-feet of the building, or the entire west wing, which will include a state-of-the art vivarium on the first floor. The Whittemore Peterson Institute will have 21,000 square feet on the second and third floors of the east wing and the Center for Healthy Aging will occupy about 6,650 square feet on the east wing's first floor. The east wing will also house a 96-person capacity auditorium, two large meeting rooms and shared food service area.

Dr. Sanford Barsky, representing the pathology department in the Center for Molecular Medicine, sees the facility as giving the School of Medicine a greater ability to compete at the national level for very limited resources.

"We need a level playing field with state-ofthe-art facilities and the Center for Molecular Medicine gives us that," said Barsky, department chair, whose research interests focus on the molecular mechanisms of inflammatory breast cancer and lung carcinoma metastasis.

He said the center provides the medical school a more robust research presence and will help integrate that research component into its teaching and patient care missions.

Barsky also sees an economic boost resulting from this building. He will double the size of his lab and have a post doctorate researcher, resident scientists, medical students and residents and undergraduates working with him.

"It is amazing with high unemployment and an economy in the doldrums, to muster the support needed for this building," he said.

Greg Pari, the new chair of microbiology and immunology, said the new building will help attract the best graduate students to the medical school's research departments.

"Grad students do the bulk of the work and are our most valuable resource. This

building will allow more interaction between grad students, who are the engine that drive the research machine," he said. The larger facility provides more space and will allow more grad students to be hired as funding becomes available.

Pari shares lab space with Subhash Verma, of his department, and Barsky, because all three research various aspects of cancer. Pari said he is also looking forward to closer collaboration with Dr. Wei Yan, of physiology and cell biology, because they share many of the same procedures in their respective research.

The pharmacology department moved five scientists into the Center for Molecular Medicine, including Cherie Singer '93, whose research looks at the causes of asthma. Her lab was one of the first to determine that microRNA could turn off genes during inflammation in airway muscle.

Singer is excited to be one of the junior investigators in the new facility because new equipment will help take her research to the next level.

"I will be able to significantly advance my research with access to this new equipment and technology," she said. The gene expression capabilities, additional flow cytometry equipment and an expanded vivarium will help her measure the pulmonary function in mouse models.

"This building represents a different mindset for scientists here," Singer said. "We are hoping people will come, visit and learn what we do." The facility's auditorium and meeting spaces will be able to host conferences and seminars.

After 15 years in the same office and lab, Brian Perrino, of physiology and cell biology, thinks the separation of hot, loud equipment from lab and office spaces will create a more friendly and comfortable work space for his research on the molecular mechanisms that





The Center for Molecular Medicine will create new horizons for biotechnical research collaboration and expand the breadth of science in Nevada. Technology in the building may become available for collaboration with private industry, which does not currently exist.

maintain smooth muscle contractile responses in the digestive tract.

"We have dedicated work areas for experimentation and procedures and separate, quiet office spaces for data analysis and grant writing," he said.

He said the break-out rooms and common areas will promote synergy and communication between lab personnel. "You'll be able to get a different approach and perspective to your research problems from someone else."

The building's design will allow researchers the capability to adapt to the direction of research and be more flexible, according to Perrino.

In all, School of Medicine basic scientists will use the center and its facilities to research emerging infectious diseases, herpes viruses, breast cancer, muscular dystrophy, preterm birth, cardiac electrophysiology, the role of ion channels in the regulation of smooth muscle cells, asthma, neural control, male infertility, stroke and neurodegenerative diseases, as well as gastroparesis. Additional research in chronic fatigue syndrome and fibromyalgia is

being conducted by the Whittemore Peterson Institute, which will also provide clinical care to patients with those conditions.

The Whittemore Peterson Institute's comprehensive research program is focusing on neuroimmune diseases and the biology of the new human retrovirus, XMRV. By bringing talented researchers and clinicians together to solve critical questions about complex diseases, the institute will not only bring answers to patients, but will also help to create new biomedical industries within the state of Nevada.

"This new building will place scientists and physicians in a uniquely collaborative environment encouraging the rapid translation of basic and clinical research into vital patient treatments," said Annette Whittemore, the institute's president and founder.

The Center for Healthy Aging within the Center for Molecular Medicine will provide a unique resource for aging adults, their caregivers and families to understand how best to adapt to the aging process.

The center will be staffed by a team of University professionals representing diverse

disciplines including physicians, nurses, social workers, psychologists, audiologists, speech therapists and others who will assess client needs and recommend strategies for optimal aging.

The Center for Healthy Aging will provide interdisciplinary clinical assessments, teaching and outreach opportunities to meet a variety of health care and wellness needs of aging adults and their families and will promote the study and research of geriatric medicine and gerontology.

The Center for Molecular Medicine will create new horizons for biotechnical research collaboration and expand the breadth of science in Nevada. Technology in the building may become available for collaboration with private industry, which does not currently exist. The center aims to become a resource for Nevada to attract biotech industries, which will diversify and strengthen Nevada's economy.











Center for Molecular Medicine Opening

Friends of the University of Nevada, Reno, the University of Nevada School of Medicine and the Whittemore Peterson Institute for Neuro-Immune Disease celebrated the opening of the Center for Molecular Medicine on Monday, Aug. 16. The 140,000-square-foot building is the first new medical research facility built at the School of Medicine in nearly 30 years and will advance biomedical and translational research. The Center for Molecular Medicine houses portions of the microbiology, pathology, pharmacology and the physiology and cell biology departments, along with serving as the headquarters for the Whittemore Peterson Institute and the University's Center for Healthy Aging.

- (1) Annette Whittemore '74 founder and president, Whittemore Peterson Institute, and Andrea Whittemore Goad.
- (2) Justin Ramos, Kathleen Cornfield '09, Dustin Holland, Benjamin Stump '01, '06MPH and Spenser Cassinelli '09.
- (3) University President Milton Glick, U.S. Senator John Ensign, WPI Founder and President Annette Whittemore '74, Congresswoman Shelley Berkley and U.S. Senator Harry Reid.
- (4) Bob Fredericks, medical director, Endocrine Associates; Judy Mikovitz, research director, WPI; Frank Ruscetti, National Cancer Institute senior investigator, and James Hildreth, director, Center for AIDS Health Disparities Research.
- (5) Dean Burkin, associate professor, Department of Pharmacology, and Leah Eikelberger '02, staff research associate, present to a group of tour guests.
- **(6)** Graduate research assistant Maria Marshall with state Senator William Raggio '48 and wife, Dale.



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have left or will leave legacies at the University for our state, nation and civilization—students and staff, faculty and philanthropists."

- (1) Jennifer Satre '80M.A. (education), Phil Satre and Dyanne Hayes '61.
- (2) Tom Hall '65 (finance), Roland Westergard '56 (civil engineering) and Laurie Gray '80 (physical education).
- (3) Joe '69 (history) and Cathy Guild '00 (journalism); Courtney '99 (elementary education) and Jeff Hurlbert.
- (4) Suellen '65 (medical technology) and Ty Cobb '62 (political science), Paul Bible '62 (economics) and John Carothers, vice president for Development and Alumni Relations.

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Bootstraps program gives rural youth the chance to succeed

You can forgive Rod Davis if he gets a little excited about the Bootstraps program he and colleague Marilyn Smith have developed in recent years.

Bootstraps gives unemployed young adults in rural northern Nevada jobs and job training while they work on vital natural resource projects on public land. The program that is located in Battle Mountain, Tonopah and Hawthorne helps solve two big problems at once by teaching lasting life skills to idle youth while protecting Nevada's rangelands from invasive vegetation.

"It's not often that you get a two-for-one deal in our business," Davis, an extension educator in Battle Mountain, says chuckling. "But I'll take it any time I can get it."

Problem No. 1

Rural Nevada counties have some of the highest rates in the nation of young adults from 18 to 25 years old who are not working and not in school. Approximately 30 percent of the families headed up by single mothers live below the poverty level in rural northern Nevada.

"The isolation of these communities contributes to the lack of resources available to the young people," Davis says. "What you wind up with is a large number of idle youth 'hanging on the street corners,' which makes them very visible to community adults."

Smith, an area specialist in youth development in Elko, says Nevada has one of the worst records in the nation for teens successfully transitioning from adolescence to adulthood. These young people who drop out

of school and then find themselves unemployed often wind up in jail or abusing drugs or alcohol, costing the state money.

"The economic impacts on the family and community of idle youth not capable of supporting themselves are obvious," Smith says. "But if you want to reverse the problem and get these young people back in school or in a job, programming has to be intensive and provide long-term support. That's what Bootstraps does."

Problem No. 2

Besides the obvious need for a job program for rural Nevada young adults who are not successfully transitioning into adulthood, the involvement of Cooperative Extension in creating a plan for sage grouse habitat

Cooperative Extension Educator Rod Davis, center, works with Bootstraps participants at their campsite.

restoration provided the synergy for the environmental focus of the work program. The idea for Bootstraps came along about the time that Davis was working with state and federal land managers to figure out how to control the pinyon-juniper forests spreading out across the central Nevada range.

Pinyon-juniper forests have increased 10-fold in Nevada and the Intermountain West since the late 1800s, squeezing out other vegetation and the wildlife that need mountain brush. Once the trees move in, sterilizing the ground beneath them and causing critical topsoil to erode, it's difficult to get the lost shrubs, grasses and forbs to come back.

The biggest victim is the Nevada sage grouse, which is a candidate for the endangered species list. The sage grouse needs the diverse vegetation, bugs and perennial streams that are swallowed up by pinyon-juniper forests.

"When the heavens didn't open up and rain down money to fight the pinyon-juniper, we started looking at the old model of the California Conservation Corps and the idea of a program that would train people and put them to work," Davis recalls. "It turned out there was a pretty big target audience for that kind of program."

Bootstraps is born

Davis and Smith, working with the Bureau of Land Management, were able to launch Bootstraps on a small scale in 2005. A similar program was launched in Tonopah under the direction of Extension Educator Amy Meier, and recently a program was started in Mineral County under the direction of Extension Educator Staci Emm '96 (journalism). Each of the program sites target specific needs in their community. In Tonopah, that issue is weed control on public lands. In Mineral County, the youth work with local agencies to gain job skills

and provide additional support for community projects.

Bootstraps got a big boost this year with a \$492,000 American Recovery and Restoration Act grant, which will ensure the program continues for another three years. It also was named a Program of Distinction by the National 4-H Headquarters (www.nifa.usda. gov) last year.

The Bootstraps program trains up to 15 participants each year in two three-month sessions at each of the three sites. The jobs are advertised in regional newspapers and participants apply for the jobs, are interviewed and selected to be a part of a local work team. The teams start out with a two-week session in the classroom, where they learn about job safety. The safety training is adapted to local needs. In Battle Mountain the safety training is focused on chainsaw safety, repair and maintenance; emergency first aid; and emergency dispatch procedures. Participants work on their resumes, meet job recruiters and work on interview skills. They study health, conflict resolution and teamwork.

For the rest of the session, they spend each Monday morning in the classroom and then the remainder of the week in the field working. The Battle Mountain crew members set up camp near their worksite; cook and clean up for themselves; and study during breaks in an airconditioned camper donated by Barrick Gold Corporation, a mining company. They study to get a high school GED diploma, but also come to understand the importance of the work they are doing.

"They find out they can succeed," says Davis, who often visits the camps and teaches classes. "The work connects them to the community. All of a sudden they are being treated with respect in the world of work."

The work pays off

So far, the Bootstraps crews have restored about 2,000 acres of sagebrush habitat by cutting down invasive trees. Outside Tonopah, Meier says crews have sprayed pesticides or otherwise removed weeds from nearly 550

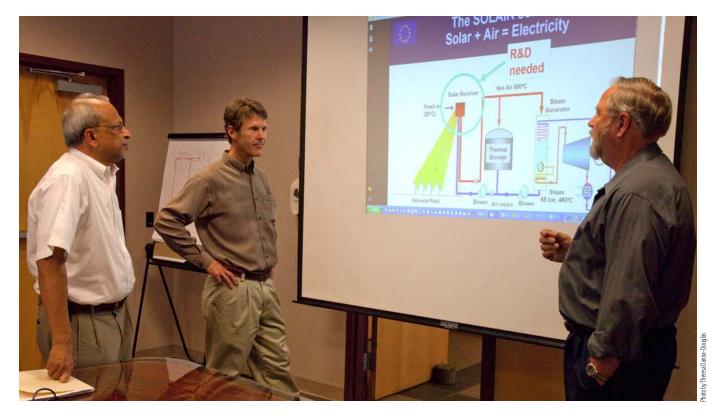
acres of public land in Esmeralda, Nye, Lander and Eureka counties, protecting valuable rangeland from an infestation of plants that compromises wildlife habitat and rangeland health.

The groups' work has been noticed. A few years ago, a representative of Nevada Bighorns Unlimited, an organization that works to increase populations of wildlife in Nevada, improve wildlife habitat, and promote hunting and outdoor sports, came across a Bootstraps crew installing a wildlife watering device in the mountains outside Battle Mountain. On the spot he offered to make a donation, and since then Bighorns Unlimited has pledged \$10,000 a year to the program. Other funds have come from BLM, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Nevada Division of Wildlife and the Mule Deer Foundation.

Smith and the team of Cooperative Extension faculty, meanwhile, are working on a teaching guide, a safety training curriculum and a job coach handbook, and expect them to be published in 2011. These resources will allow other areas and states to replicate and expand the Bootstraps program. The Bootstraps student workbook is in its second printing.

The impact evaluation plan implemented by Cooperative Extension faculty at each site includes short-, intermediate and long-term results of the program. One of those measures involves tracking each program's graduates. Interviews with participants are conducted for five years after they graduate, and those transcripts, as well as observations from the job coaches who work with participants in the field, show "significant improvements" in work habits and skills. Worksheets completed during their weekly classroom sessions also show improvements in participants' responsibility, goal-setting and decision-making, Smith says. Most Bootstraps graduates either go on to finish school or move into other jobs.

"And they aren't just flipping burgers," Davis says. "Seventy percent of these participants either wind up back in school or getting meaningful work. That's probably the greatest accomplishment we get from this."



Engineering to build prototype of transportable renewable power generating system

Sierra Nevada Corporation has provided a \$1 million research project to the University to develop a transportable, renewable-energy, power-generating system that could produce enough power to supply a small village.

The College of Engineering is bringing together experts from multiple disciplines and integrating a number of technologies to develop a solar-thermal, power-generating system. The Desert Research Institute will assist with the project.

"We're combining mechanical, thermal, electrical, advanced composites and materials and chemical engineering with renewable energy principles into the design and testing of a lab-scale system," said Mano Misra, primary researcher on the project. Misra is also the University's Renewable Energy Center director and a materials engineering professor.

"The test system will initially focus on storage to generate about 40 to 60 kilowatts," he said. "The transportable system has a number of important applications since it produces both thermal and electric energy. Electricity and water production are crucial needs in

remote and disaster locations."

"Today, these needs are usually met with diesel generators. The transportation of diesel fuel is difficult and very expensive. This system will be inexpensive, efficient and renewable," Misra said.

In disaster situations, such as that experienced in Haiti following a major earthquake, the system could be quickly transported to the area to provide life-saving power and water. Since the system operates on clean solar energy, relief efforts could dramatically reduce the fuel they transport and instead focus on more important food and medicine.

Mano Misra, University materials engineering professor and primary researcher on the renewable-power generator project, meets with Scott Hansen, Sierra Nevada Corporation project leader, and Roger Jacobsen, research professor with the Desert Research Institute.

"Projects such as these exemplify our mission of working with industry to advance engineering, address important challenges, and provide economic benefits to Nevada," Manos Maragakis, dean of the College of Engineering, said. "This is a model of how the College of Engineering can play a major role in the diversification of our economy, working collaboratively and alongside industry to integrate advanced materials and systems."

-Mike Wolterbeek '02

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Sierra Nevada Corporation is a diversified high-tech electronics, engineering, and manufacturing corporation based in Sparks, Nev. SNC has grown into one of the top federal contractors, employing

approximately 2,000 people in 35 U.S. locations across 20 states. After joining SNC in 1988, Eren Ozmen '85MBA and her husband, Fatih Ozmen '81MS (electrical engineering), who joined SNC in 1981, acquired the corporation in 1994. Eren is president and chairwoman of the board and Fatih is the company's CEO.

—Keiko Weil '87





Results of 20-year 'books in the home' study garner international attention

Associate Professor Mariah Evans relaxes in her own home library.

Whether rich or poor, from the United States or China, illiterate or college graduates, parents who have books in the home increase the level of education their children will attain, according to a 20-year study led by Mariah Evans, associate professor of sociology and resource economics. The study has garnered international attention, being featured in hundreds of media outlets, including USA Today, The Washington Post and The Chronicle of Higher Education.

The massive study of more than 70,000 cases in 27 countries showed the difference between being raised in a bookless home compared to being raised in a home with a 500-book library has as great an effect on the level of education a child will attain as having parents who are barely literate (three years of education) compared to having parents who have a university education (15 or 16 years of education). Both factors, having a 500-book

library or having university-educated parents, propel a child 3.2 years further in education.

The study also showed that having books in the home is twice as important as the father's education level, and more important than whether a child is reared in China or the United States.

Evans was particularly interested to find that children of lesser-educated parents benefit the most from having books in the home. She has been looking for ways to help Nevada's rural communities, in terms of economic development and education.

"The results of this study indicate that getting some books into their homes is an inexpensive way that we can help these children succeed," she said. "You get a lot of 'bang for your book.' It's quite a good return-on-investment in a time of scarce resources."

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Americans who have some college or an associate's degree earn an average of \$7,213 more annually than those with just a high school education, and those with a bachelor's degree earn \$21,185 more annually than those with just high school diplomas.

The study by Evans and her colleagues at Nevada, UCLA and Australian National University is one of the largest and

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most comprehensive studies ever conducted on what influences the level of education a child will attain. It was partially funded by the Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station.

The study, "Family scholarly culture and educational success: Books and schooling in 27 nations," was published in the journal, Research in Social Stratification and Mobility.

-Claudene Wharton '86, '99M.A.

Faces on the Ouad



MELINDA COWAN

Nevada native Melinda Cowan has been involved in the Reno Rodeo since she was a child. During the most recent rodeo, she was crowned

Miss Reno Rodeo 2011. Cowan won several pageant categories, including written exam, speech, appearance and horsemanship. While volunteering for the Reno Rodeo organization, she continues her studies at Nevada, majoring in biology. Cowan plans to graduate in 2012 and hopes to pursue a career in veterinary medicine and open her own surgical clinic.

KATHIE TAYLOR

Kathie Taylor was 42 when she decided to return to school and earn her college degree. This nontraditional student is studying public relations and



communications and recently landed an impressive internship with Microsoft Licensing, GP, allowing Taylor to gain experience in marketing and branding. Taylor has been a volunteer firefighter, EMT and associate editor for a magazine. She designs jewelry, teaches yoga and has raised two children, son, Sam, 15, and daughter, Renee, 28. Taylor is now a proud grandmother to grandson, Darren. She plans to graduate in May 2011. (See Kathie's excellent work in Nevada Silver & Blue. She wrote the Donato Cabrera feature story in the summer 2010 issue, as well as other pieces in previous issues.)

SEAN TORY

Psychology major Sean Tory wants to become a marriage and family counselor. He is the president of M.E.N. (Motivated, Extraordinary, Noble) of Distinction, a



University group focusing on community service and promoting academic growth. Tory is proud to lead a group that teaches young men how to be gentlemen in society and shows students the importance of giving back to the community. He and fellow members of M.E.N. help with numerous campus and community events, such as the Black History Month Luncheon, Men Can Stop Rape training, Lambda Phi Xi Clothes Drive and more.

-Krystal Pyatt, Class of 2010



Nevada professors providing literacy tools for U.S. teachers

College of Education's Literacy Center also gives first-hand help to local teachers and children

As schools across the country look for ways to help teachers bolster students' literacy skills, school districts in every state are turning to the work of two Nevada professors for help.

"They won't tell you this, but Dr. Bear and Dr. Templeton are world-renowned; they are considered the gurus in the literacy field," said Nevada doctoral student J-Lynn Van Pelt, who was a struggling eighth-grade literacy teacher in the metropolitan Washington D.C. area when she found the work of Donald Bear and Shane Templeton, *Words Their Way*, a textbook and materials on teaching phonics, vocabulary and spelling.

"Many of my eighth-graders were at a second- or third-grade reading level," Van Pelt said. "I was not prepared for teaching literacy in a diverse, urban environment, so I started looking for ways I could help these students. I found *Words Their Way* and started implementing it in the classroom, and started seeing huge gains."

Bear, professor of educational specialties and director of the University's E.L. Cord Foundation Center for Learning and Literacy, is lead author of the *Words Their Way* textbook, which is used by most colleges to teach future teachers. Nevada colleague Professor Shane Templeton, University of Virginia Professor Marcia Invernizzi and

Nine-year-old Collin Ackerman receives tutoring from Nevada student Kayli Vallely at the Learning and Literacy Center. Collin's mother, Janice, says, "He's almost caught up. And, he's doing well in spelling now. One thing I really like about the center is that it's not just reading, it's the writing they do also."

University of North Carolina-Greensboro Professor Francine Johnston are co-authors of the popular series.

The Literacy Center also provides an oncampus tutoring program based on *Words Their Way* that serves local schoolchildren. Graduate and doctoral students, such as Van Pelt, work with upper-division, undergraduate students in the College of Education to tutor the children.

"The growth that we see each semester by both the K-8 students who are taught at the clinic and by the pre-service teachers (undergraduate students) is incredible," Van Pelt said. "This is one of the harder jobs I have ever had, but it is one of the most rewarding because of the visible growth that we see each and every semester."

The *Words Their Way* program is "an active way of learning," Bear explained, "based on the child's development. The most important thing is to be mindful of the student's development and to teach to it."

For students who can't come to the center, Bear helps schools incorporate the program into their classrooms, and provides a tutoring program, "Reading Buddies," on-site at three local elementary schools. Bear is also working with 40 local ESL teachers to help them incorporate *Words Their Way* into their curricula.

-Claudene Wharton '86, '99M.A.



University welcomes many of Nevada's top graduates, including National Merit Scholars

Last year marked the first-ever "Nevada Scholars Signing Day" ceremonies recognizing National Merit and Presidential Scholars and their choice to attend the University of Nevada, Reno. In this second year, the University continued its partnership with area high schools and held its first event in Las Vegas, in a ceremony reminiscent of a high-school athlete's "signing day."

Several high-achieving, high school graduates signaled their choice to stay in Nevada for their college education. Scholars recognized for their success and achievements were from Wooster High, Reno High and Douglas High

schools in northern Nevada. National Merit Scholars honored in Las Vegas represented Advanced Technologies Academy, Centennial High School, Clark High School, Green Valley High School and Northwest Career and Technical Academy.

University President Milt Glick noted these students will be "critical to our success and to the state's future success." He added that the ceremonies are one way the University celebrates the achievements of top students who clearly deserve the limelight just as much as outstanding student-athletes.

"We want to recognize these students the

Reno High School students and principal Robert Sullivan celebrate the second annual Nevada Scholars Signing Day with University representatives.

same way we recognize people who are 6'8" with soft hands," he quipped.

The University received sponsorship status by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation last spring. Scholarships awarded through National Merit programs are regarded as some of the highest academic honors attainable by U.S. high school students. The University's student body currently includes 38 National Merit Scholars, the largest number ever enrolled at the University. National Merit Scholars receive a \$15,000 annual scholarship funded through the University's scholarship and financial aid budget.

-Natalie Savidge '04

Nevada Silver & Blue wins Nevada press awards

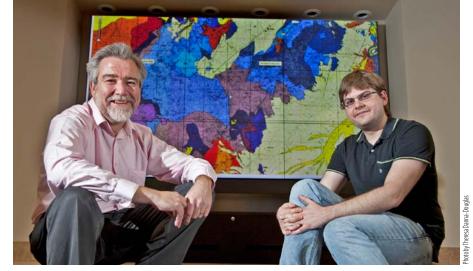
The Nevada Press Association honored Nevada Silver & Blue magazine with several awards, including an honorable mention for General Excellence, in its Better Newspapers Contest 2010, Magazines Category. Awards were announced during the association's annual convention and awards banquet held Sept. 17-18 at the Pahrump Nugget in Pahrump.

In addition to garnering an award for general excellence, the magazine won second place for Best Overall Design; second



(Jeff Dow) and third (Theresa Danna-Douglas) for Best Portrait, second (Milton Glick) and honorable mention (K-von) for Best Local Column, as well as third for Best Multi-Color Ad (Patrick McFarland). Editor's note: Full contest results expected after this issue is printed. Please check our Facebook page for update: Search for "Nevada Silver & Blue."

-Melanie Robbins '06M.A.



Website developers at the University of Nevada, Reno Tod Colegrove and Zachary Newell, sit in front of their newly developed, advanced digital mapping application.

New website demonstrates advances in digital mapping

An enhanced, online digital map data depository for Nevada has been launched by the W.M. Keck Earth Sciences and Mining Research Center. "The Nevada Geospatial Data Gateway," developed by Zachary Newell, lead developer for the Keck website at the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, and Tod Colegrove, head of the DeLaMare and Ansari Map Library, was unveiled at the 20th Annual Nevada Geographic Information Society Conference and selected best-of-show in the

artistic/innovative category.

The Keck website, http://keck.library.unr. edu/, has undergone a complete redesign to enhance usability and functionality and, according to Colegrove, the plan is for it to continue to develop into "a geographic gateway."

The site abandons the standard practice for governments and institutions who share new geographic information system (GIS) data to use a one-to-one approach, matching a separate data set to a specific resource—typically

a Web front-end to a FTP site—with an end result of creating multiple data "silos" across the Web, instead opting for a single, customizable interface.

"This is a denser, richer, faster, more versatile interface that users can customize and add any images to at any time," Newell said. "In the past, you could only request one map at a time. Now you can click on a location to bring up or overlay multiple maps."

The Keck Center team continues to work with local, regional and federal agencies to enhance digital mapping applications and availability.

-Natalie Savidge '04



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New guidebook explores scenic Highway 93

Joshua trees, roadrunners and Hualapai Mountain Park are just a few of the sights that tourists and travelers will find along Nevada's Highway 93 using a new guidebook published by the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology.

Anyone—an experienced geologist, a budding naturalist, or someone who just wants to see the sights—can use the spiral-bound guidebook when traveling north from Wickenburg, Ariz. to Jackpot, Nev.

The guidebook describes interesting points of geology, animal and plant life, natural history and cultural history.

"The book is great from my perspective,"



An old cabin located in Spring Valley State Park, built by pioneer George Moody in the 1870s, was restored in the early 1990s by Nevada State Parks. The cliffs in the background are composed of ash-flow tuff (buff layers) and bedded volcanic ash (white layer). The cabin was constructed using blocks of the ash-flow tuff quarried nearby.

Jon Price, state geologist and bureau director, said. "It's geared for the general public, not the typical geologist or engineer for whom most of the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology maps and publications are prepared. It's written for people driving along the route."

The route can be covered in three or four days, or longer for those who want to slow

down and smell the sagebrush.

The book, A Geologic and Natural History
Tour through Nevada and Arizona along
U.S. Highway 93, with GPS Coordinates was
published by the Nevada Bureau of Mines and
Geology at the University of Nevada, Reno in
partnership with the Arizona Geological Survey.

-Krystal Pyatt, Class of 2010

Video game project to help blind children exercise

The human-computer interaction research team in the University's computer science and engineering department has developed motion-sensing-based tennis and bowling exergames that are adaptations of the popular Nintendo Wii Sports exercise games. Known as exergames, these new types of video games are considered powerful weapons in the fight against obesity.

VI Fit (with VI standing for visually impaired), a research project to develop exergames without visual feedback, helps children who are blind become more physically active and healthy through video games that use physical activity as input.

"Lack of vision forms a significant barrier to participating in physical activity, and consequently, children with visual impairments have much higher obesity rates and obesity-related illnesses such as diabetes," Eelke Folmer, research team leader and assistant professor in the computer science and engineering department, said.

VI Tennis and VI Bowling are the first of several games to be made available. VI Tennis implements the game-play of Wii Sports Tennis providing audio and vibrotactile cues that indicate when to serve and when to return the ball. The game can be played against the computer or with a friend using two Wii remotes. VI Bowling allows players to find the direction in which to throw their ball using vibrotactile feedback. Audio and speech effects are used to indicate the result of



Researcher Eelke Folmer, right, plays VI Fit Tennis with blind volunteer Frieda Aizenman in a demonstration at the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center of the exergame he and his team have developed to help visually impaired children exercise more.

each throw. "We found our games engage children into levels of active energy expenditure that were high enough to be considered healthy, which shows the feasibility of using video games as a health-intervention method," Folmer said.

The games can be downloaded for free using instructions at www.vifit.org. The site also reviews the equipment needed. The games are not affiliated with or endorsed by Nintendo.

—Mike Wolterbeek '02

ASUN Bookstore partners with online textbook-rental company

In an effort to go a little easier on students' pocketbooks while benefitting the student-government organization, the University's student-owned bookstore joined with Chegg.com to pilot a textbook-rental option. Renting textbooks often saves students money, and doing so through Chegg.com now means the campus bookstore, owned and operated by the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, also benefits through a revenue-sharing agreement.

"It's smarter to bring this program to campus rather than students taking their business off campus," said Marie Stewart, director of the ASUN Bookstore. "This program helps us to better manage our inventory and overall saves students money. It is our intent to continue to look into and have lower-cost alternatives for our students," she said.

Chegg.com is sharing a portion of its revenue from its rentals by University students with the ASUN Bookstore, and as a part of the company's ongoing environmental efforts, they plant a tree every time a student rents from Chegg.com. Chegg.com has also partnered with Fresno State and California State University at Long Beach.

-Natalie Savidge '04



As the University said goodbye to almost 2,000 graduates at its largest Commencement ever, May 14 and 15, the campus community also welcomed some newcomers: four fuzzy, white cygnets were hatched. They joined the two beautiful,

adult white swans, Olivia and Zeus, on the campus' Manzanita Lake.

Swans have populated the campus lake off and on since the 1930s.

They add to the beauty and character of the 256-acre Reno campus, which is designated as a state arboretum. The campus continues to be a living collection of plants, trees, shrubs, flowers, ornamentals and native flora. The Quad is listed as a "Jeffersonian academic village" on the National Register of Historic Places.

For more information on the campus' plants and trees, including a campus tree-walk map and guide, go to www.unr.edu/arboretum.

-Claudene Wharton '86, '99M.A.





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Budget cuts: What they mean to the University

In response to a legislative mandate in early 2010 to cut 6.9 percent—\$11 million—from the University's state-funded budget, which had already been reduced by \$33 million, for a total of \$44 million, Provost Marc Johnson led an extensive curricular review that involved faculty, staff and students, as well external constituents.

In May, the provost forwarded to the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents a proposal that cut departments, closed majors and degree programs, and slashed more than \$3.1 million from administrative units. The Board of Regents approved the plan, as well as a reduction proposal from UNLV on June 3. The state and community colleges' and DRI's reduction proposals were approved in April.

Board of Regents Chair James Dean Leavitt said that although the actions the Board of Regents were forced to take were "painful" and sad, "You still feel that there are limitless possibilities for the state of Nevada."

Addressing a University of Nevada, Reno



Foundation board meeting June 24, President Milton Glick praised the goodwill of all involved, noting that the curricular review was carried out in "an extraordinarily collegial atmosphere," given that the cuts that had to be made "were almost unprecedented in higher education."

Early on, Glick said, he and the provost made the decision to make vertical cuts, rather than horizontal, or across-the-board cuts, explaining that rather than weaken the entire University, they wanted to make strategic cuts that would preserve strengths, cause the least damage and best position the University for the future.

"This is very painful," Glick said. "It's not in the nature of what Universities do—especially when it meant that tenured professors would lose their positions, which is also almost unprecedented in higher education." He noted that the professors and programs that were cut were "very good" and the work that was being done was sometimes a professor's life's work.

Of the total \$44 million cut since the recession began in 2007, the University has reduced faculty and staff by approximately 350 positions, but will not limit student enrollment, as some universities across the nation have, Glick noted. Enrollment is up by several hundred students from last year, currently exceeding 17,000 in fall 2010, with the number of National Merit Scholars reaching 38 for the fall semester—up from just four, four years ago. Despite the difficult economic times, Nevada has also increased retention of freshmen to 80 percent, the highest in the University's history. During May's Commencement ceremony, the University awarded 66 percent more undergraduate degrees than a decade ago.

-Melanie Robbins '06M.A.

Specific changes from cuts include:

College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources: The Departments of Animal Biotechnology and Resource Economics close, as will the following degree programs: animal biotechnology B.S., animal science B.S. and M.S., agricultural and applied economics B.S., environmental and resource economics B.S., and resource and applied economics M.S.

College of Business: The major in supply chain management will close.

College of Education: The college will be consolidated into one unit without departmental boundaries and the following degree programs will close: counseling and educational psychology Ed.D., Ed.S., Ph.D.; educational leadership Ed.D. and Ph.D.; educational specialties Ed.D. and Ph.D.; literacy studies Ed.D. and Ph.D.; and special education and disabilities studies Ed.D. and Ph.D. The Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages M.A. will go on hiatus for five years. The college will offer a single Ph.D. in education with a concentration in strong research areas.

College of Liberal Arts, including the School of the Arts: Lowerdivision language courses will continue as justified by demand. In the Department of Foreign Language and Literatures, the minor offered in Italian and the minor and major degree programs in German Studies will close. The master of arts degree in Foreign Languages and Literatures will continue with specialization offered only in Spanish and French. The bachelor's degree in interior design will close. The master of arts degree in speech and communication will go on hiatus for five years.

College of Science: A study will be initiated to evaluate the University's approach to teaching of statistics.

School of Medicine: The school's Center for Nutrition and Metabolism will close.

Degrees awarded in a program that is subsequently closed will remain quality degrees issued from an accredited university. Of the University's 17,000 students, program reductions will impact approximately 30 graduate students and 275 undergraduate students. Additional budget reductions have been and are being made in administrative services and athletic programs

—John Trent '85/'87, '00M.A.







TOP: Wild horses south of Gerlach, 1951. LEFT: The Misfits stars with producer Frank Taylor, screenwriter Arthur Miller and director John Huston, 1960. RIGHT: Nevada wrangler, writer and artist Will James with his future wife Alice Conradt, 1919.

Honoring the Horse: Knowledge Center exhibit focuses on Nevada's equine history

Horses have played a major role in almost all aspects of Nevada's development—in mining, farming, ranching, transportation and the tourism industry. Controversies relating to the management of wild horses on public lands have also been part of Nevada's history for several decades, and stories and images of wild horses occupy a prominent place in popular culture.

The Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center is hosting several exhibits running from Sept. 15 through March to honor the horses that have helped shape Nevada's history and image. Exhibits highlight the evolving roles that horses have played in Nevada, and the interplay between the sometimes-conflicting interests of rangeland stakeholders—ranchers, federal and state governments, conservationists,

tourists and horse lovers—around the treatment and fate of Nevada's wild horses.

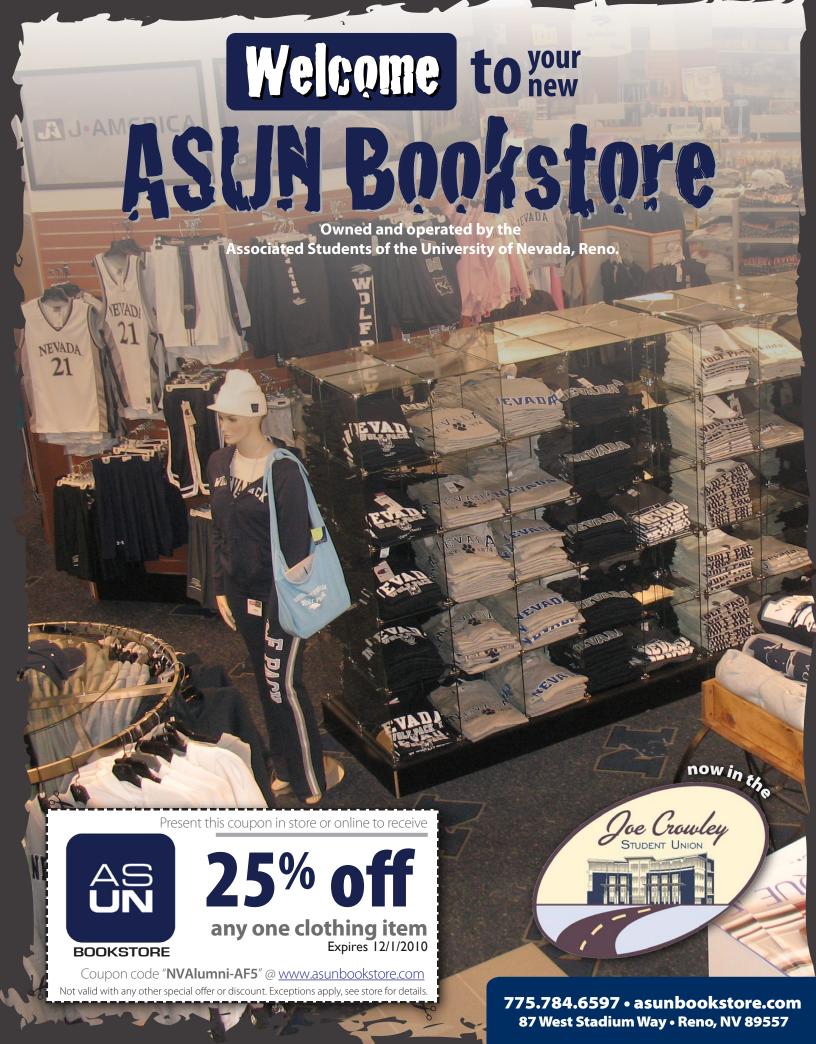
Materials on display include film and audio recordings of Reno's Wild Horse Annie (Velma Johnston) advocating for the passage of federal legislation protecting wild horses and burros from inhumane treatment, along with the collection of Gus Bundy's powerful 1951 photographs of wild horse round-ups that helped her make her case.

Additional exhibit items are selected from the rich, primary research materials in Special Collections including photographs, congressional papers, divorce ranch business records, book and movie research files, and literary manuscripts. Special Collections books about horses by Will James, Terri Farley, Anthony Amaral and others are also on display.

Fall 2010 is also the 50th anniversary of the filming of the movie *The Misfits* in Reno, Dayton and the Pyramid Lake area. The star-studded film, written by Arthur Miller, directed by John Huston, and starring Clark Gable, Marilyn Monroe, Montgomery Clift, Thelma Ritter and Eli Wallach, turned out to be the last movie appearance for both Monroe and Gable. The wild horses, rodeo horses, and trained movie horses that played prominent roles in the film will be suitably honored in the exhibits and with a discussion and showing of *The Misfits* in February.

Check the library website for more information: knowledgecenter.unr.edu/specoll.

—Donnelyn Curtis





Legacy gift continues support of Great Basin and tribal research in anthropology

Wuzzie George and Sven Liljeblad collaborated on a Northern Paiute lexicon.

The estate of the late Astrid Liljeblad provided a substantial gift to the University to support Great Basin and tribal research in anthropology through the Sven and Astrid Liljeblad Endowment. Astrid, who recently passed away at age 100, and her husband, Sven '84 (honorary doctorate, humane letters), who passed away in 2000, also at age 100, established the endowment nearly two decades ago to support research and the study of linguistics, culture and folklore in the Nevada Great Basin.

Sven came to the United States in 1939 from Sweden under an Anders Zorn fellowship to the University of California, Berkeley after receiving his doctorate from Lund University and serving in research and archival positions at Uppsala University. During World War II he was drafted by the U.S. military to teach courses on Finland and Russia, and in 1945 received a two-year appointment through the Swedish

government to teach Swedish, Norwegian and Danish language and culture at Harvard University. It was during this time he met his future wife, Astrid von Heijne.

In the early 1950s Sven was appointed to a professorship in social sciences at Idaho State University, and in 1965 was a visiting professor at the University of Nevada. In 1976, the couple moved to Reno when Sven accepted the Hilliard Distinguished Professorship in the Humanities at Nevada, teaching anthropology and working extensively with the Shoshone and Northern Paiute tribes in Idaho and Nevada. He held the position until 1983, and in 1984 received an honorary doctorate from the University. The couple returned to their native Sweden in 1991, and in 1999 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Sven was widely known and admired among Native Americans, and during his career amassed an enormous archive of linguistic and folklore materials relating to the Numic-speaking peoples of the northern Great Basin. Catherine "Kay" Fowler, professor emerita and University Foundation Professor, said, "Sven and Astrid not only made remarkable contributions to the study of Great Basin indigenous languages and cultures during their lifetimes, but now are facilitating the continuation of that work by others, including indigenous community members." Based on Sven's materials and more than 20 years of work by Fowler and others, a Northern Paiute-English dictionary is currently being published.

For more information about how you can help support the programs in the College of Liberal Arts, contact development director Stuart Golder at (775) 784-1222 or sgolder@unr.edu.

—Keiko Weil '87



University's 4-H camp receives support for facilities

Two charitable foundations recently made gifts to support improvements at the University's Nevada State 4-H Camp at the south shore of Lake Tahoe.

The Marshall R. Matley Foundation provided funding for portable decking which allows disabled campers to access the beach area, and the H. N. & Frances C. Berger Foundation provided funding to construct a permanent outdoor eating structure.

"The Berger Foundation is pleased to be a part of this fine program and we know that the new improvement will be enjoyed by all," said Chris McGuire, vice president of programs for the Berger Foundation.

Karen Hinton, dean and director of University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, said the gifts will bring important improvements to the 32-acre camp.

"We are enormously grateful to the Matley and Berger foundations for their support of the 4-H camp," Hinton said. "The camp experience makes a difference in the lives of so many youth throughout the state and we are pleased to have this extraordinary support." These donors and the projects were celebrated at the camp's open house Sept. 12.

As part of University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, the 4-H Camp provides a positive environment in a natural setting where 4-H A Muscular Dystrophy Association camper utilizes the new portable platform donated by the Marshall R. Matley Foundation to the Nevada State 4-H Camp, allowing him to access the beach and pier easily.

and other youth groups learn life, leadership and citizenship skills. The diverse forest, meadow and beach ecosystems provide an unparalleled opportunity for outdoor environmental education. Since 1939, 4-H groups have been camping at the site, and in 1953, ownership of the camp was transferred to Cooperative Extension. Each year the camp welcomes diverse groups of visitors, including the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Camp Lotsafun, Girl Scouts and the University's summer band camp. In 2009, more than 3,000 campers were able to benefit from an experience at the camp due in large part to the generosity of donors like the Matley and Berger foundations, whose commitment helps ensure the camp meets the needs of youth now and in the future.

Dan Klaich '72, trustee, said, "The Matley Foundation trustees look for projects that will improve the lives of individuals with disabilities and the portable decking project at the Nevada State 4-H Camp fit perfectly with our goal."

For more information about how you can help support the 4-H Camp and other programs of Cooperative Extension, contact development director Lynda Buhlig at (775) 682-6013 or lbuhlig@unr.edu.

-Keiko Weil '87

Estate of 1954 alumnus creates criminal justice scholarship

Russell T. Schooley was born in Reno in 1931 and graduated from Nevada in 1954 with a degree in history. While a student, Schooley was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity. After receiving his degree he continued his graduate education at Nevada then served in the United



Schooley '54

States Army in Korea as an infantry lieutenant, and later attended George Washington University Law School.

Schooley's professional career was distinguished, including working as chief investigator in the Washoe County District Attorney's Office, investigator for Nevada Gaming Control Board, the Identification Division of the FBI and special agent in naval intelligence in Washington, D.C. He served as deputy chief for the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for 20 years until his retirement in the 1980s. Upon his death, Schooley remembered his alma mater by leaving the proceeds of his estate to the University to establish a scholarship for students pursuing a degree in criminal justice. The Roy R. and Russell T. Schooley Scholarship Endowment also honors Russell's father, Roy R. Schooley, who worked as a groundskeeper on campus in the 1950s. Roy and his wife, Mabel, adopted Schooley as a child.

The University offers both bachelor and master degrees in criminal justice and undergraduates can pursue a prelaw option. Students are educated for justice-related positions in the public and private sectors, graduate study and law school.

For more information about how you can help support the criminal justice program or other programs in College of Liberal Arts, contact development director Stuart Golder at (775) 784-1222 or sgolder@unr.edu.

-Keiko Weil '87







Nevada to induct six standouts into Wolf Pack Athletics Hall of Fame

"This year's Hall of Fame class features some of the greatest individual performers in the history of Wolf Pack Athletics," Athletics Director Cary Groth said. "Trevor Insley was one of the top wide receivers in NCAA history and left his mark in the national record books, while Mark Lewis helped put Nevada baseball on the national map, earning All-America honors while helping the Wolf Pack to its first ever appearance in the NCAA Regionals. Limin Liu was the most successful swimmer in school history, winning three individual national championships, and Lyle Overbay earned All-America honors and helped Nevada baseball to a pair of conference championships and an NCAA Regional appearance before going onto a successful Major League career. Dawn Pitman is the second Wolf Pack women's basketball student-athlete to be inducted into the Nevada Hall of Fame and is just one of two players in school history to have recorded at least 1,500 points and 900 career rebounds, while Tony Shaw established himself as one of the top defensive backs in school history and was named to Nevada's prestigious Team of the Century for his efforts."

2010 Nevada Hall of Fame Inductees:

Trevor Inslev – *Football (1996-99)*

One of the most prolific receivers in NCAA history, Trevor Insley set six NCAA records during his senior year, including career receiving yards (5,005), career receptions (298), single-season yards (2,060), most career games gaining 100 yards or more (26), most 200-yard games in a season (six) and single-season yards per game (187.3). A 1999 All-America selection by the Associated Press, Sporting News and Football News, he fell just three receptions short of breaking Jerry Rice's all-divisions NCAA career receptions record. Insley earned first-team All-Big West honoree in 1998 and 1999, turning in 134 receptions for 2,060 yards and 13 touchdowns in 1999. A finalist for the Biletnikoff Award, which is annually given to the top receiver in the nation, he became the first receiver in NCAA history to go over 2,000 receiving yards in a single season. Insley still holds Nevada's career records for receptions, receiving yards and touchdowns and the single-season mark for receiving yards. After his career at Nevada, he was signed as a free agent by the Indianapolis Colts and also spent time in the Canadian Football League.

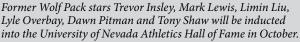
Mark Lewis – Baseball (1993-94)

Mark Lewis earned All-America honors at shortstop from the American Baseball Coaches Association, Mizuno and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association in 1994. The 1994 Big West MVP and a first-team all-conference selection, he finished third on the team in batting average in both 1993 (.325) and 1994 (.372). Lewis led the team in RBI in each of his two seasons (42 in 1993 and 63 in 1994). He also paced the team with 84 hits and tied for first with 10 home runs in 1994 to lead the Wolf Pack to the Big West Conference championship and its first ever NCAA Regional appearance. He helped Nevada to a 69-34-1 record in his two seasons and played in the minor leagues for the Montreal Expos.

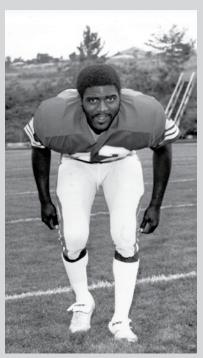
Limin Liu – *Swimming & Diving (1998-2000)*

Limin Liu '02 (international business), '07M.S. (economics) won three NCAA individual championships during her prolific career, winning the 200 butterfly at the NCAA Championships in 1999 and the 100 and 200 fly in 2000. She still holds school and Big West Conference records in the 100 and 200 fly. A three-time All-American, Liu was named









the Big West Swimmer of the Year in 2000. She was also part of school and conference record-setting 200 and 400-meter medley and freestyle relay teams. Liu captured the silver medal in the 100 fly while representing her native China at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta and also competed in the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney. She held the world shortcourse record in the 100 fly and also won a gold medal at the World Championships.

Lyle Overbay – *Baseball (1996-99)*

A two-time first-team All-Big West honoree, Lyle Overbay earned All-America accolades from Collegiate Baseball, Baseball Weekly, Louisville Slugger and the College Baseball Insider in 1999. He helped Nevada to an NCAA regional appearance in 1999 and helped the Wolf Pack to Big West titles in 1997 and 1998. Overbay set Nevada's career records for at bats (864 - since broken), single-season at-bats (260) and career runs batted in (257) and held Nevada's career doubles record with 62 until 2009. He also ranks in the top five for season (3rd-81) and career runs (2nd-243), season (2nd-102) and career hits (2nd-309), season doubles (T2nd-24) and career home runs (T4th-39), season (3rd-420) and career batting average (8th-.358). Overbay made his Major League debut with the Arizona

Diamondbacks in 2001 and is now with the Toronto Blue Jays.

Dawn Pitman – Women's Basketball (1986-90)

A four-time All-Big West conference honoree, Dawn Pitman '91 (criminal justice) ranks third all-time in career scoring (1,654 points) and is only one of four players in program history to record at least 1,500 career points. She is also second all-time in career rebounding (918) and is one of just two players in program history to record at least 900 career rebounds. Pitman joins Nevada Hall of Famer Chris Starr as the only two players in women's basketball history to have recorded at least 1,500 points and 900 career rebounds. She ranks in Nevada's single-game top 10 in field goal attempts (tied for fifth) and field goals made (tied for eighth) and the single-season record book in scoring (seventh; 17.8ppg) and rebounding (eighth, 8.9). Pitman led the team in scoring and rebounding in each of her last two seasons, including 17.0 points and 7.8 rebounds per game as a senior in 1989-90.

Tony Shaw – Football (1980-83)

A member of Nevada's Team of the Century at defensive back, Tony Shaw, was named the 1983 Big Sky Defensive Player of the Year. He earned first-team All-Big Sky honors in 1983 and helped Nevada to the semifinals of the 1983 NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. Shaw tied for first in single-season interceptions at Nevada with nine in 1983 and ranks tied for fourth in career interceptions with 17 at Nevada. After his playing career ended, Shaw went on to become a police officer and firefighter in Sparks.

Including this year's six honorees, 154 individuals and two teams have been selected for induction in the Nevada Athletics Hall of Fame in since its inception in 1973. Plaques honoring each inductee can be found in the Hall of Fame Room at Legacy Hall, which is open to the public during business hours.

The group will be inducted into Nevada's Hall of Fame on Friday, Oct. 29 at a reception in Legacy Hall. They will also be recognized at halftime of the Hall of Fame football game against Utah State at 1:05 p.m. Pacific Time on Saturday, Oct. 30 at Mackay Stadium.

For more information or to purchase tickets for this year's Hall of Fame Reception, call (775) 682-6902. Tickets for the Hall of Fame game are available by calling (775) 348-PACK (7225) or going online at www.nevadawolfpack.com.

—Rhonda Lundin, associate athletics director for communications



Nevada to Join Mountain West Conference

The University of Nevada has accepted an invitation to join the Mountain West Conference, University President Milt Glick and Director of Athletics Cary Groth announced Aug.18.

"We have had a great experience in the WAC. We have appreciated the strong competition and the wonderful colleagues," Glick said. "The offer to join the Mountain West Conference is an opportunity we cannot turn down. The Mountain West is a strong conference, and this will enhance our natural rivalry with UNLV and continue our rivalry with Boise State. We believe joining this conference is in the best, long-term interests of our fans and program and also view this invitation as acknowledgement of our work to build a strong, competitive program."

Nevada joins California State University, Fresno in accepting invitations to join the Mountain West Conference.

"The addition of Fresno State and Nevada further enhances the Mountain West Conference," MWC Commissioner Craig Thompson said. "Our Board of Directors has continued to be diligent and aggressive in executing our strategy for positioning the MWC in the national landscape. We are excited to welcome these two institutions into the Mountain West. Both

fit geographically and create new conference rivalries."

The Mountain West Conference was founded with eight members in 1998. TCU joined the conference in 2005 and Boise State University accepted an invitation to the league on June 11, 2010.

"The invitation to join the Mountain West Conference is a reflection of the success and tradition that our student-athletes, coaches and staff have demonstrated both academically and athletically," Groth said. "It is an honor to join the Mountain West Conference and partner and compete with its outstanding member institutions. Our relationship with the Western Athletic Conference has been a good one, and we will greatly miss our colleagues in the WAC. It has always been our goal to work actively to put the University of Nevada in the best position possible, and we are excited to be a part of the Mountain West Conference."

The Wolf Pack is enjoying an era of unprecedented success on and off the field. The University of Nevada sponsors 16 NCAA Division I sports, and the Wolf Pack has captured 20 WAC Championships in the last eight years, including five men's basketball crowns from 2004-08, three women's swimming and diving titles from 2007-09, three softball championships (2006, 2008-



09), two indoor track and field titles (2003-04) and individual titles by cross country in 2004, football in 2005, women's soccer in 2006 and men's golf in 2007. Nevada has also earned five consecutive bowl appearances, eight straight men's basketball postseason invitations (NCAA appearances from 2004-07), two women's basketball postseason appearances and NCAA championship team invitations for men's golf, volleyball, softball and women's soccer.

Nevada's graduation rates and Academic Progress Rate numbers are at all-time highs, and the University is listed as one of the best in the nation in providing opportunities for women in sports.

Nevada's previous conference affiliations have included the Pacific Athletic Association (1914-1920), the Far Western Conference (1924-1939 and 1953-1969), the West Coast Conference (1969-79), the Big Sky Conference (1979-92), the Big West Conference (1992-2000) and the Western Athletic Conference (2000-present).

—Rhonda Lundin, associate athletics director for communications

"Dr. Soccer" Brings Unique Title and Approach to Wolf Pack

Her student-athletes call her "Dr. Soccer" and joke about sitting down on the couch in her office.

But the doctor part is no joke for first-year Nevada women's soccer coach Melissa Price who earned her Ph.D. in sport psychology from the University of Virginia this spring.

"Coaching is sports psychology," Price said. "Everything I do with the team and all the information I provide is based on research about the importance of sport in their lives."

It was a whirlwind few weeks this winter for Dr. Price who earned her first head coaching job when she was named the fourth coach in the history of the Wolf Pack women's soccer program on Jan. 20 and then defended her dissertation on Feb. 12.

"It was exciting. My friends and family joked that 2010 started off great for me. It all fell into place in a very short period of time," Price said.

Price returned to the University of Virginia for her doctoral hooding in May, the culmination of a journey she decided she wanted to embark on in 1997-98. She earned her bachelor's degree in kinesiology in 1997 from University of Maryland, where she was an all-region and honor roll goalkeeper for four seasons, and received her master's degree in sport and exercise psychology from Virginia in 1999. She has had her work published in *The Sports Psychologist*, the *Journal of Applied Sport Psychology* and the *Encyclopaedia of Sports Medicine*.

Prior to joining the staff at the University of Nevada starting in 2008, Price served as an assistant coach at Virginia, the University of Illinois and the University of Miami, helping her teams to a total of four NCAA Championship appearances. She has also spent time conducting numerous coaching and academic presentations as well as coaching summer camps and soccer programs.

"I took a week off when I went back to Virginia and walked in a graduation ceremony for the first time since high school," Price said. "The doctoral hooding was a pretty special ceremony. It was the final piece, and a moment for me to step away and enjoy the process. In the end, I got to the place I wanted to be.

"I had thought I wanted to be a college professor, but I missed coaching student-athletes. I value being a role model for them and providing experiences within a team environment that are challenging and important for young women. That is what I missed the most and why I wanted to come back to college coaching."

Price has focused much of her research throughout her academic career on leadership in female student-athletes and how youth learn life skills through their participation in sports, and that research has paid dividends with the Wolf Pack soccer team.

"We've matured tremendously as a team, and that is a testament to our student-athletes and their openness to accept our staff and the ideas we bring to the table. The emotional maturity of the team - our ability to perform under pressure and deal with adversity - has changed. We still have to grow, but we want to win a championship and believe that everything we do is helping us get to that point," Price said.

"There are four dimensions to soccer: technique, tactics, physical conditioning and psychology. A lot of people don't train the psychological dimension as much as the other three in practice, but it is just as important to make time for the psychological aspect of the team."

According to Price, developing leadership skills in student-athletes holds value far beyond the benefits it provides in sports.

"We want to give our student-athletes the tools they need to be successful on and off the field," Price said. "Leadership is not just about team captains. Others on the team



Nevada soccer coach Melissa Price advises senior Natalie Ratnavira during a 2009 game.

can be leaders in some capacity. We strive to promote leadership skills in all of our players so they can develop into confident women. Playing soccer at Nevada is about developing the 'whole' person and our goal is that the skills they learn being on this team translate to life beyond soccer."

Nevada's student-athletes agree that the approach that Price brings to the program has benefitted the Wolf Pack.

"She is very smart in having us do activities that bring concepts from life into the game," Wolf Pack senior midfielder Cristen Drummond said. "She understands us and is able to listen to us to help us develop both the physical and mental parts of the game. I feel like my class has matured a lot since she has been here, especially in terms of being leaders and role models on and off the field."

"Not a lot of soccer players get to say they were coached by a doctor, and that is pretty cool," sophomore goalkeeper Dana Moreno said. "Missy has tried to open up a whole new way for us to look at the game. She balances out the way we think about soccer by making it more personal and putting emotion in the game. She has taught us how to have a better mentality by teaching us how to visualize ourselves doing positive things while we are playing. She has a totally different teaching method than other coaches. The way she talks and informs us is just so knowledgeable."

—Rhonda Lundin, associate athletics director for communications

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OCTOBER 1

Nevada Alumni Association Nevada vs. UNLV Pregame Rally Sponsored by the Nevada Mining Association 6 – 8 p.m. Pete's Dueling Piano Bar (Las Vegas)

OCTOBER 2

Fallon Alumni Chapter Nevada vs. UNLV Rooter Bus • 9 a.m. Departs from Raley's (Fallon)

Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter Nevada vs. UNLV Pregame Event • 3 p.m. Scooter's Pub Sports Bar and Grill (Las Vegas)

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OCTOBER 5

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

OCTOBER 7

Nevada Alumni Association Annual Homecoming Gala Sponsored by Muckel Anderson, Hometown Health and Trefethen Family Vineyards 6 p.m. No Host Reception • 7 p.m. Dinner/Program Joe Crowley Student Union Ballroom

OCTOBER 8

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

Alumni and Friends of the Reynolds School & ResLife Alumni Chapter Alicia Parlette: A Celebration of Life • 9:30 a.m. Atrium, Reynolds School of Journalism

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

Alumni and Friends of the Reynolds School Homecoming Luncheon • 11:30 a.m. Atrium, Reynolds School of Journalism

Nevada Alumni Association Alumni Council Meeting • 2 - 5 p.m. Rita Laden Senate Chambers, Joe Crowley Student Union

Alumni Band Homecoming Rehearsal • 5:30 p.m. Band Room

Nevada Alumni Association and ASUN Family Pep Rally & Bonfire • 6 p.m. (place)

Nevada Alumni Association Old Guys' Night Sponsored by the Young Alumni Chapter • 9 p.m. Amendment 21

OCTOBER 9

Lombardi Recreation Center Wolf Trot 5K Fun Run 7 a.m. Check In, 8 a.m. Race Mackay Stadium to the Joe Crowley Student Union

Homecoming Parade • 9 a.m. Virginia Street, from 9th to 15th Street

Nevada Alumni Association and ASUN Homecoming Breakfast • 9:30 - 11 a.m. Joe Crowley Student Union Plaza

Nevada Alumni Association Pregame Party* Joined by the Sacramento Alumni Chapter 2 hours Before Kickoff Legacy Hall, Between Lawlor & Mackay Stadium

Native American Alumni Chapter Homecoming Pregame Party • 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Behind Peccole Park (off Evans Ave.)

ResLife Alumni Chapter Annual Meeting 2 hours Before Kickoff Cantina del Lobo, Joe Crowley Student Union

Football Alumni Chapter National Championship Team Recognition • 12:45 p.m. Mackay Stadium

Nevada vs. San Jose State Homecoming Football Game • 1:05 p.m. Kick-Off Mackay Stadium

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

Nevada Alumni Association Alumni Award Recipient Recognition Halftime, Mackay Stadium

Alumni Band Family Pizza Party • 6 p.m.

OCTOBER 13

Sacramento Alumni Chapter Nevada at Hawaii Football Game 5-Day Departs from Sacramento International Airport

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

OCTOBER 30

Nevada Alumni Association Pregame Party* 2 hours Before Kickoff Legacy Hall, Between Lawlor & Mackay Stadium

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

NOVEMBER 12

Young Alumni Chapter Mystery Bus Dinner • 6 p.m. Depart from KNPB Parking Lot

* Nevada Alumni Association Pregame Parties sponsored by Buckbean Brewing Co. and Sierra Pacific Federal Credit Union.

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What I've Learned

Fredibson Jr.

Fred Gibson Jr. '51 (metallurgical engineering)

Life began on May 24, 1927 in Golden, Colo. My father, Fred Sr., had graduated the previous year from Colorado School of Mines after his college education was delayed by serving as a Marine in World War I.

"Our" first home was in Leadville, Colo., followed by time in Durango, and then Parral, Mexico, all courtesy of American Smelting and Refining Co. Because of concern with Mexican revolutionary activities, father accepted a position with Kennecott Copper Corp. in McGill, Nev., where we lived for four years. With the Great Depression in full bloom, father was recruited by the State of Nevada to be a state-wide instructor teaching mining, metallurgical and geology courses to prospectors and other interested citizens. That assignment began a life-long love for Nevada and its many diverse communities.

During one of his trips to Clark County, my father was introduced to several prospectors who were in the early stages of developing a gold mine located in the Gold Butte district located approximately 60 miles by boat on Lake Mead. Although the gold mine was a successful venture for father and his Clark County partners, the impending World War II resulted in a shutdown of most gold mining operations.

Father was subsequently employed by Basic Magnesium Inc. in the fall of 1941, to help manage the initial field engineering of one of the world's largest magnesium production plants, utilizing power from Hoover Dam, water from Lake Mead and magnesium ore from Gabbs. Nev.

This critical defense plant, with the help of more than 10,000 construction workers, engineers and employees, was extremely successful, with first production in August 1942. By late 1944, sufficient magnesium was available for the remainder of the war and

various sections of the plant were shutdown. Other critical defense operations, including Western Electrochemical Co. (WECCO) of Culver City, Calif., were recruited to relocate to Henderson. WECCO, owned by a small group of stockholders including father, was sold to American Potash and Chemicals Co. in 1956.

I joined my father and several of his WECCO partners in a new company, Pacific Engineering and Production Co. of Nevada (PEPCON), which started operations in Henderson in 1956 and constructed its first facility in 1958. PEPCON later merged with American Pacific Corporation (AmPac) in 1982. I retired as its CEO in 1997.

As a high school student I was inclined to pursue a career in law. However, like millions of others, I joined the Army after graduation. Following basic training, I was assigned to an ASTP (army specialized training program) Unit at Yale University where I completed the accelerated Japanese language and related cultural subjects course in 1946. In 1947 I enrolled as a prelaw student at Colorado College. At the completion of my sophomore year, it was clear that my real interest was math, science and engineering. I transferred to the Mackay School of Mines at Nevada in September 1949.

I view my time at Nevada as one of the more productive phases of life, where I made lasting friendships with fellow students, faculty and administrators and, most importantly, received a superb education. The quality of education was greatly enhanced because of the private enterprise work experience of most of the faculty, including Jay Carpenter 1906 (mining engineering), director of the Mackay School. Faculty experiences provided, in many cases, examples of practical approaches to problems.

Since mining opportunities were often situated in remote and foreign places, the

mining/metallurgical engineer was confronted with a broad range of challenges, including those that were business-related. Carpenter was directly responsible for my introduction to accounting and bookkeeping—knowledge that was paramount to my successful management career.

Although a substantial portion of my courses at the University related to geology, metallurgy and mining, I also received a great chemical education that was particularly helpful to me at the very beginning of my new business career. All three companies, WECCO, PEPCON and AmPac were, basically, chemical manufacturers. AmPac manufactures oxidizers for solid propellants in Utah, pharmaceuticals and drugs at Rancho Cordova, Calif., satellite thrusters and systems at Niagara Falls, and satellite-related equipment in two plants in England and one in Ireland.

In summation I would say that I have enjoyed a great life of successful experience in business, community affairs and personal relationships, as a result, in many ways, to my time at Nevada both as student, but also as a friend of the University.

From a conversation with Char Hagemann, director of development for the College of Science, and Crystal Parrish, director of foundation operations. Gibson is director of American Pacific Corporation and previously served as its president/ CEO and chairman. He graduated in 1951 with a degree in metallurgical engineering and received an honorary doctorate in 1999. Gibson serves on the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering's Advisory Council, and received the school's Alumnus of the Year Award in 2006. For nearly two decades, Gibson has supported numerous scholarships and faculty endowments at Mackay and is a Friend of the Library. He recently was recognized by the Nevada Alumni Association as the 2010 Alumnus of the Year.

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Alumni Award Winners

Professional Achievement

James T. Butler '54 (history)

Jim, a Reno native, is a lifetime educator, as well as an organization and community leader. Graduating from the University of Nevada, Reno and the University



of California, Berkeley, where he earned a master's in 1958, Jim taught school in Reno/ Sparks, and in 1965 became the executive director of the Nevada State Education Association. He joined the National Education Association in 1969, where he managed the legal defense fund and then served as regional director for the association's sevenstate Pacific Region, including Nevada. He was executive director of the Texas State Teachers Association until 1988, when he returned to Washington, D.C., as director of AARP VOTE, the groups's nationwide voter education program. Today he consults in public affairs for the National Association of Children's Hospitals.

Marc Markwell '95 (civil engineering)

Marc is a third-generation Nevadan and the fourth member of his family to graduate from the University of Nevada. Following



graduation, Marc earned a juris doctor degree at Pacific McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento. He is a licensed attorney in California and Nevada. Marc went on to join Granite Construction, initially as a project manager and later as the business manager for Nevada operations. In 2004, Marc joined Dermody Properties as the development manager and then became partner. In his five years at Dermody, Marc oversaw the development and construction of more than 3 million square-feet of industrial and other commercial property. Marc is currently

employed by Sierra Nevada Corporation where he manages a national portfolio of office space, warehouses and hangars.

Ernest Maupin '68 (accounting)

Ernie graduated from Nevada with high distinction and was admitted to the Phi Kappa Phi and Beta Gamma Sigma honorary societies. He obtained his juris doctor degree



in 1971 from University of California, Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law and was hired by the local law firm Walther & Key in June 1973. He has since become president of the firm, which is now known as Maupin, Cox & LeGoy. He specializes in estate planning, taxation and related areas and is licensed to practice before all state and federal courts in Nevada and California, the United States Tax Court, the United States Claims Court, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He served on the University of Nevada, Reno Planned Giving Advisory Council from 2003 - 2009, serving as chairman from 2003 - 2006.

Terrance Oliver '71 (journalism)

Terry has had a career in the casino industry in 10 major markets since 1973. Since 1997, Terry has served on the board for Peninsula Gaming, LLC, which operates two



Diamond Jo riverboat casinos in Dubuque and Worth County, Iowa, the Evangeline Downs Race Track and Casino in Opelousas, La., and the Amelia Belle Riverboat Casino in Amelia, La. From 1988 to 2009, he served as founding partner, chairman of the board, interim chief executive officer and board director for Progressive Gaming International Corporation, a software management systems company based in Las Vegas. In 1984, he was a founding partner for Fitzgerald's Gaming Corporation, board member and served as corporate casino vice president and chief operating officer, retiring in July of 1996.

Tom D. Whitaker '60 (electrical engineering)

Tom graduated from Nevada with the ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate citation while playing four years of football and two



years of baseball. During his junior year, Tom was the national pass receiving champion in college football. After graduation, Tom signed with the Dallas Cowboys. In 1962, he joined General Electric Company as an engineering management trainee. During his 20-year career at GE, his assignments included sales management, marketing, strategic planning, engineering, manufacturing, customer service and finance. In 1971 he received his MBA from the University of California, Berkeley. For more than 20 years, Tom has served as chairman and CEO of Motion Analysis Corporation, the world's leading provider of video-based computer imaging motion capture equipment used for animation and full feature movies, video games and broadcast. In 2005, Motion Analysis was awarded four technical achievement Oscars by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

University Service

Sheila Linn '66 (history), '91M. Ed. (elementary education)

Sheila transferred to the University of Nevada, Reno as a sophomore where she joined Delta Delta Delta sorority. After graduation,



Sheila worked for Braniff International as a flight attendant for 16 years. She was assigned to work a December 1969 flight chartered by Ross Perot to deliver Christmas gifts to our country's P. O.W's in Hanoi. While that goal was not achieved, it was on that trip that she met Travis Linn and decided to volunteer for three months in a leprosarium for the Thomas A. Dooley Foundation in Katmandu, Nepal. After moving to Reno in 1984, Sheila went to

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work for the Washoe County School District as a librarian until she retired in August 2010. Travis, the founding dean of the Reynolds School of Journalism and a professor of journalism, died suddenly in January 2003. Sheila established a memorial scholarship in his name.

Stephen Martarano '79 (journalism)

After graduating, Steve worked 10 years as a reporter at the Sacramento Union newspaper. Steve is currently a public affairs



specialist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Sacramento Bay-Delta Fish and Wildlife Office. Steve was called to duty in early June to assist with the federal government's gulf spill response efforts. He spent several weeks stationed out of Grand Isle, La., the first area impacted by oil, helping the hundreds of media representatives cover the tragic event. Prior to starting with the federal government, Steve worked for the State of California for 18 years, the last 11 with the California Department of Fish and Game as the agency's supervising information officer. Steve has recently established two journalism-related endowments to benefit students at Nevada.

Outstanding Young Alumnus of the Year

Paul Klein '03 (criminal justice)

Paul is the owner/creative director of KLEIN advertising. He has won multiple local and district ADDY® awards including a "Best of Show."



Paul has also won the Jim Fish National Advertising Award twice. For several years Paul has been the editor/creative director of Wolf Pack Edge magazine, which covers all 19 NCAA sanctioned sports and club sports at Nevada. Paul is a member of several nonprofit organizations within the community. He has served or serves as a founder and vice-president of marketing/membership for the Nevada Greek Alumni Chapter, vice-president of marketing/membership for the Nevada Young Alumni Chapter, public relations director of the Advertising Association of Northern Nevada, commissioner for the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Alumni Board, director and marketing committee chair for the Reno-Tahoe Young Professionals Network, and president of Ad2 Reno.

Alicia Parlette '04 (journalism)

Alicia was a writer whose series about her battle with cancer was published in the San Francisco Chronicle in 2005 and garnered



widespread public attention. Alicia was featured on NPR. She was named ABC News' "Person of the Week." Reader demand for more updates on her condition spawned three more chapters throughout the summer of 2005. Her work was adapted and published as a book, Alicia's Story, by the San Francisco Chronicle Press. Alicia had graduated summa cum laude from the Reynolds School of Journalism in 2004. After earning a prestigious Hearst Fellowship, she became a copy editor at the San Francisco Chronicle. In March 2005, at age 23, she was diagnosed with alveolar soft part sarcoma, a rare form of cancer that affects fewer than 200 people per year. In late 2005, the Reynolds School honored Alicia with the Laxalt Distinguished Writer Award. Alicia passed away April 22, 2010. Donations in her honor may be made to the Alicia Parlette Fund for Aspiring Journalists, Reynolds School of Journalism.

David White '99 (biology)

In 1999, David received the University of Nevada, Reno Outstanding Senior Award and began his path toward dentistry



with a scholarship to the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. In 2007, he completed an executive management program from Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management. He returned to Reno in 2003 and became volunteer director of the University's Pre-Dental Society. Since 2003, he has guided more than 100 students into dental schools across the country. In 2009, he was granted an adjunct faculty position within the biology department. He is also on faculty at the UNLV School of Dental Medicine, working in admissions and student clinics. In 2009, he founded the University's Dental Alumni Chapter in hopes of creating a pipeline from students to alumni. In 2008, he was awarded the Young Professionals Network's 20 Under 40 award for his service to the community.

Alumni Association Service

William Doherty '80 (accounting), '87MBA, '00Ph.D. (counseling and educational psychology)

In 1980, Bill asked a guest speaker in his computer



programming class if he hired interns; that turned into his first professional position as a programmer for Harrah's. During a 10-year career, he worked his way into a management position and earned his MBA from Nevada. While at Harrah's, he began teaching part time for the College of Business and secured a donation of \$250,000 of computer equipment from IBM to train information systems students at the University and Truckee Meadows Community College. His work at the college convinced him that education was his passion and in 1990 he became a fulltime professor of computer technologies at TMCC. Over the past 20 years at TMCC, Bill has maintained several professional certifications and completed a doctorate in educational psychology from Nevada.

Jacquelyn Ferek '95M.Ed. (special education)

Jackie moved to Nevada in 1979 to attend college in a sunny place that had mountains.

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She fell in love with the Reno campus, the desert and the mountains. Jackie attended Nevada and worked in human resources positions in the casino and health care industries. She enjoyed helping



people learn at the workplace so, she returned to the University to become a teacher. Jackie enjoys many outdoor activities including hiking, biking and skiing. Giving back to her community is very important to Jackie. She is involved with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, health and safety programs for children, trail building with the Tahoe Rim Trail group and the University of Nevada, Reno Alumni Association.

Christopher Vargas '95 (finance)

Chris is a managing partner and financial adviser at Legacy Wealth Planning, formed in 2006. After graduating in



1994, Chris played football in the Canadian Football League until 1998. He began his financial planning career shortly after retiring from football. At Legacy Wealth Planning, Chris has helped individuals, small business owners, and nonprofits define their investment goals and make appropriate investments to achieve those goals. He has earned Directors Club recognition for his work with his clients. Chris has stayed involved with the University through the Nevada Alumni Association, Football Alumni Association, and currently sits on the board for the Athletic Association of the University of Nevada (AAUN).

Chapter of the Year

School of Medicine Alumni Chapter

The University of Nevada School of Medicine Alumni Chapter was reestablished in 2008 under the leadership of Dr. Louis Bonaldi '75, '77M.D., The main goal of the

chapter is to support initiatives within the School of Medicine and to provide opportunities for alumni to reconnect with their medical school alma mater. The chapter has supported medical students traveling



abroad to medical missions, an annual student scholarship, and Synapse, the medical school alumni magazine. In addition, they made a \$25,000 gift to name a group study room in the new William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building. The chapter holds an annual alumni reception each May in conjunction with the medical school hooding ceremony. In addition to celebrating the 10and 25-year class reunions, they announced the winner of their chapter's Outstanding Alumnus award.

College Distinguished Alumni

Agriculture, **Biotechnology** and Natural Resources



Ed coordinates

the development and acquisition of therapeutics, drugs and diagnostics targeting chemical threat agents, including chemical warfare agents, nontraditional agents, and toxic industrial chemicals. He is currently tasked to develop medical countermeasures against chemical threat agents at the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority to protect the public. Before his career in public service, Ed served 22 years in academia (three medical schools) and held several academic appointments including: Clinical Laboratory Science, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, and Biochemistry Department (adjunct faculty), and the University of Nevada School of Medicine. In addition, he chaired the Clinical Laboratory Sciences Program

at UNLV (1991-1989) and served as clinical laboratory director at the UNLV Health Clinic (1994-1998). Ed is board-certified as a clinical pathology laboratory director and has published and presented more than 50 papers.

Business

Joseph Bradley '78 (economics)

Joe is a life-long resident of Reno, graduating from the Nevada with a bachelor of science degree in economics in 1978. He received



his juris doctorate from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in 1983 and joined the firm of Bradley, Drendel & Jeanney the same year. Through his legal work and as trustee of the E.L. Cord Foundation, Joe continually strives to improve conditions within the northern Nevada community. In addition, he is deeply committed to the progress of University. In 2009, he served as chairman of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation and is the current president of the Athletic Association. Joe's wife, Liza '96 (accounting), and children, Gina and Sam, rival his passion for Wolf Pack athletics.

Education

Robert Edgington '75 (school administration)

Robert is a native Nevadan and Sparks High School graduate. He taught elementary students and counseled in the



Washoe County School District for 30 years. For the past eight years, Robert has served as the director of the Dean's Future Scholars' Program at the University of Nevada, Reno College of Education. The program recruits low-income students in the 6th grade and mentors them through high school graduation. The program is funded primarily by grants and private donations. The program graduates over 80 percent of the students mentored and almost all of these graduates enroll in college. Robert is married to Patricia Miltenberger. They have two children, who are both teachers, and four grandchildren.

Engineering

Kenneth H. Gardner '84 (mechanical engineering)

Ken rose from a new mechanical engineering graduate in 1984 to become his own



company's president in 1996. After graduation, Ken was hired by Carrier Air Conditioning with sales positions at their offices in San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego. In 1996, Ken formed Engineered Equipment & Systems Co. in Las Vegas and served as president for 12 years. EES provided HVAC systems for major hotel resorts in Las Vegas. In 2008, Ken sold EES to Johnson Controls, Inc., a Fortune 100 NYSE company. Today, Ken is president of 8108, Inc., an engineering and systems consulting firm specializing in HVAC and low voltage systems technology, as well as renewable and sustainable energy systems. In 2009, the governor appointed Ken to the Nevada State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

Health Sciences

Michael Capello '82, '91M.S. (social work)

Michael has worked in child welfare during the last 25 years. He worked in child protective services



for the Washoe County Department of Social Services from 1983 to 1989 as a child protection worker and supervisor. He joined the State of Nevada in 1989 as a social services specialist in child protective services and later served as district manager in the Reno office. Mike returned to Washoe County in 1994 where he worked as division director for adult services until April of 1996 when he was named director of the children's services. The Washoe County Board of Commissioners appointed Michael as director of the Washoe County Department of Social Services in 2000; he retired from county service in January 2009 and is currently employed by Adams and Associates.

Liberal Arts

William Douglass '61 (Spanish)

Bill, a Reno native, earned his doctorate in social anthropology from the University of Chicago. He has conducted field



research in Italy, Australia, Latin America, throughout the American West and, most notably, in the Basque area of northern Spain. In 1967, he was hired by the University of Nevada System to start a Center for Basque Studies. He directed the initiative for 33 years and is currently professor emeritus of Basque Studies at the University. Bill has authored a dozen books and more than a hundred articles. He continues to research and publish on a broad range of topics (including his beloved hobby of fly fishing). Bill has an extensive background in the gaming industry. He was part owner of Reno's Club Cal Neva, Comstock and Riverboat casinos and served on the boards of all three. He is currently president and part owner of Leisure Gaming. Bill was among the original supporters of the Nevada chapter of the Nature Conservancy.

Libraries and Science

Russell '70M.S. (chemistry) and Peggy (Meyer) Boynton'60 (chemistry)

Originally



southern California, Russ earned a bachelor's in chemistry from the University of California, Berkeley. Peggy grew up in northern California and headed to Nevada for college. Russ did a stint in the Navy. In 1960 he and Peggy married and settled in Orinda, Calif., where they still reside. Russ worked for Chevron for nearly 20 years and now has his own business building and repairing computers. Peggy landed a job with the IRS in 1976 and is still working. The Boyntons have a daughter, Anne Louise Boynton Elam, and a grandson, Jonathan. Inveterate travelers, the Boyntons have visited just short of 100 countries in their sojourns.

Mackay

Richard Harris '69 (geological engineering), '95M.S. (mining engineering)

Richard is a mining and environmental attorney in Reno.



He graduated from the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering with a bachelor's in geological engineering in 1969 and a master's in environmental science in 1995. He holds degrees in law and mining law from Stanford University. He has served on the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation and the Mackay Advisory Board and is presently an adjunct professor of environmental law in political science. His family attended the University dating back more than 100 years. His wife, Ann Marie, is a doctoral candidate in paleoclimatology, expecting to graduate in 2011. Richard travels widely and recently visited his 100th country. His favorite experience was diving with whale sharks in the Galapagos Islands.

Reynolds School of Journalism

Barbara Henry '74 (journalism)

In 1974, then-Reno Gazette-Journal editor Warren Lerude '61 called to offer Barbara a reporting job. That was the beginning of a 35-year career in the newspaper



business. After eight years as a reporter, city editor and managing editor in Reno, Barbara traveled to Washington, D.C., to work on the start-up team for the recently founded *USA TODAY*. The next 24 years were spent criss-crossing the country working at Gannett Co. newspapers. Barbara became editor of the *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*, New York, publisher of the *Great Falls Tribune*, Montana, and *The Des Moines Register*, Iowa, in 1995. In 2000, Gannett purchased *The Indianapolis Star* and Barbara was promoted to a Gannett group president's role, and supervised more than 20 newspapers in the Midwest and South. Barbara retired from Gannett in 2008.

From the President

Dear Nevada Alumni,

Once Nevada. Always Nevada. And what better time to show pride in your alma mater than returning to campus to celebrate Homecoming 2010, October 3-9.



Lauren Sankovich '98
President

This year's activities include long-standing traditions such as the Homecoming Gala, honoring the 2010 Nevada Alumni Association award recipients, the Bonfire and Pep Rally, Old Guys Nights and Wolf Pack Football taking on San Jose State. Please visit our website at www.unr.edu/alumni to view the entire list of events.

Also this fall don't forget to start each home football game by stopping by the Nevada Alumni Association's pregame parties in our new location at Legacy Hall. Nevada Alumni will be taking over this beautiful Athletics facility outside on the patio as well as inside the building. These events start two hours prior to kick off and all ages are welcome.

The Nevada Alumni Association has worked diligently over the past year to bring the community and the campus closer through organized events as well as bringing alumni and students together through mentoring. We continue our efforts to bring our chapters closer together as well as grow our alumni membership. I'd like to thank the Alumni Council, the Executive Officers and especially the staff for an incredible year of achievements!

Finally, this past year as Alumni Council President has been an amazing experience. The Council members, staff and alumni have shown true devotion to the University during these ever changing times. The Council has worked closely with the University Foundation, President and his staff over the past year and as a benefit of this close working relationship, has had the privilege of watching these individuals handle and resolve tough issues with grace and dignity.

The University has emerged from the past year even stronger and more beautiful than before. And I believe that much of that is attributed to the dedication and hard work of Alumni and University staff.

Sincerely,

Lauren Sankovich '98

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President, Nevada Alumni Council



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Sam Dibitonto '54

Class Chat submissions are due Nov. 10, 2010. We edit all submissions for style, clarity and length.

'50s

Sam Dibitonto '54 (psychology), former Reno mayor, was inducted into the Sigma Nu Hall of Honor at the 64th National Grand Chapter Meeting held in Boston, on July 6. More than 700 collegians and alumni were present. Sigma Nu's highest senior alumni award is designed to recognize fraternity leaders who have given valiantly to the fraternity, made contributions to their community, as well as had success in their own career. To date only 77 individuals of the more than 100,000 members have been recognized with this achievement.

Edwin Osgood '58 (electrical engineering) held the 42nd annual Osgood Army Ski Trip in Park City, Utah. One dozen "old soldiers" carried on the tradition—"when the going gets tough, the tough keep skiing." This summer's bivouac will be in French Glen, Ore. with a gathering for rocking chair reminiscence.

Sharon (Johnson) Pauly '58 (elementary education) is enjoying retirement, spending time with her six grandchildren and traveling with her sister. She is retired from the United States Golf Association Tournament Committee, representing South Florida.

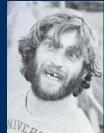
'60s

Robert Backus '63 (political science) is still in the practice of family medicine and stays involved in the community through his volunteer medical work. He considers himself









Edward "Ugly Ed" Feinhandler '7<u>2</u>



Jared Chaney '75



Steve Martarano '79

blessed to be healthy with a loving wife, children and grandchildren.

Thomas J. Hall '65 (finance) helped show 100 students of all ages what flying is all about at the Young Eagles Flight Camp at Stead Airport. The Reno Air Racing Foundation teamed up with the local chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association and the Reno Area 99s to host the camp. Among the aircraft were two helicopters from the Nevada Army Guard Aviation Battalion, a RAVEN helicopter from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, a Cessna Turbo 182 belonging to the local Civil Air Patrol wing, as well as a 1930s Navy biplane trainer brought in by the Sierra wing of the Commemorative Air Force. In addition, a dome from the Challenger Learning Center was available at the camp, offering students simulated space missions.

Susan (Carey) Cuddy '69 (nursing) recently retired from the U.S. Navy Nursing Corps as a captain after more than 37 years service to her country. She now works part-time at Catholic Mid Center in Manchester, N.H.

Edwin Morrow '69 (geology) has been appointed president and CEO of Liberty Coal Energy. He holds a bachelor's from the University with post-graduate study in finance and mineral economics. Edwin has held positions of increasing responsibility in the mining and minerals industry.

'70s

Dianne (Dieter) Speegle '70 (nursing) recently retired from her role as assistant superintendent of special education for the Sierra Sand Unified School District.

Ron Cooney '72 (English) has just published his first book, a collection of humorous pieces loosely based on "items of great historical insignificance." Titled *Lost Lies of History, Volume 17*; it is available through bookstores and Amazon.com. Ron credits retired University professors George Herman, Roberta Coon, Anne Howard and Bob Diamond as great teachers from whom he learned a ton.

Edward "Ugly Ed" Feinhandler '72 (journalism) won the 2009 Points of Light Nevada Senior Volunteer Award. Over the years Edward has used his "ugly" face to raise money for local charities including United Blood Services. He has given more than 13 gallons of blood and 681 platelet donations since 1970 and has raised over \$15,000 for bone marrow testing.

Randolph Townsend '73 (physical education) has been appointed to the Nevada Gaming Commission by Governor Jim Gibbons. Randolph, who served as a state senator from 1983 until 2010, is currently director of North-Star Investors Inc. of Reno.

Robert "Bob" Balzar '75 (electrical engineering) has been named vice president of energy efficiency and demand response for the Tennessee Valley Authority. Bob comes to TVA after serving as director of conservation resources for Seattle City Light since 2007. He headed residential, commercial and industrial conservation and demand response programs for the municipal utility system that serves nearly a million Seattle, Wash. residents.

Jared Chaney '75 (journalism) has been named chief marketing officer in addition to his current post as chief communications

officer and executive vice president for Medical Mutual of Ohio in Cleveland. Jared, a former San Francisco ad executive, helped rebuild this company from a near-mutiny in 1998 after it split from the Blues, nursed it through the untimely and tragic death of its CEO in a 2008 plane crash, and now the choppy waters of health care reform.

Mary (Germain) Burnham '75 (art) is pleased to announce the graduation of her son, Jonathan Burnham '10 (psychology) in May from the University.

Al Saibini '76 (criminal justice) retired from the Drug Enforcement Administration after 21 years of federal service. Al began his law enforcement career in 1977 with the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, working in detention, patrol, and narcotics investigation. In his most recent position he worked for the Office of Investigative Technology at DEA Headquarters. He is currently in Iraq with the 49th M.P. Brigade. He lives in Stafford, Va. with his wife of 26 years, Lynda, daughter, Rachel, and two dogs.

Connie Emerson '77M.A. (journalism) announces the launch of her first travel app for the iPhone. Produced in conjunction with Sutro Media, "Reno Insider's Guide" covers everything from restaurants and hotels to specialty shopping and hiking trails. The author of 14 books, as well as newspaper, magazine and Internet articles, Connie and husband Ralph have lived in Reno since 1971.

Steve Martarano '79 (journalism) spent a good part of June in the gulf area with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, handling media relations in Grand Isla, La. After his stint in the

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Nevada Alumni Association It's Wolf Pack Welcome Week! What advice would you give to incoming freshmen?



Richard Viloria '08 (sociology) Reno Don't let your studies take over your life. Part of the process is finding out who you are outside of the classroom!



Reena Arias '10 Las Vegas Join a Greek House and try to bring back The Breakaway!



Darrick Bissell '05 (management) Reno Not everything is black and white; a lot of life and studies are in the grey area.



Whit Thornton Wall '08 (journalism) Incline Village Schedule spring semester classes in the afternoon to take advantage of the POWDER DAYS!



Lonnie Klaich (friend) Reno With independence comes responsibilities & rewards, versus being dependent. Reach for the stars. Own your world!



Colin Beck '01 (journalism) Reno Get involved on campus. There are many different clubs and organizations that cater to just about everyone. It's a great way to meet people, make new friends, network for your future and learn about the University. Joining one of the many clubs or serving in the student government will only help to enhance your overall college experience.



Lori Pierce '02 (English) Loveland, Colo. I agree with Colin. I'd also add taking a class just for fun or interest every once in awhile, and don't hesitate to visit the tutoring center if needed!



Calvin Ginyard '00 (political science) Fort Lauderdale College is about experiences. Keep your mind open sing dance laugh cry and love. If you do that you will have memories to cherish forever.



Ellen Wofford Houston '96 (journalism) Sparks Hang out at the Center for Student Cultural Diversity on the 3rd floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union!



Douglas G. Adams '89 (criminal justice), '92 (social work) Fernley Take some time now and again and explore the campus! Appreciate the old buildings on the Quad, both inside and out. There are a lot of neat things to see. Take in the change of colors in October, the campus is a beautiful place!

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Wolf mates



Adam Kiefer '05 (political science) and Christine Pike '09 (elementary education) were married on March 13, 2010 at Canyon Gate **Country Club in Las** Vegas. In attendance were Christine's Pi Beta Phi sorority sisters and Adam's University of Nevada Wolf Pack football teammates. Adam is currently pursuing his MBA at the University of Nevada.

gulf, he spent July in Washington, D.C., working out of the service's national office. Steve is a former *Sagebrush* editor (1978-79) and member of the Sacramento Alumni Chapter.

Thomas Wilson '79 (electrical engineering) is pleased to announce the acceptance of his son to the University of Texas College of Engineering. His son will major in petroleum engineering.

'80s

Janice (Novak) Fedarcyk '80 (criminal justice), '90MPA (public administration) has been named as assistant director in charge of the FBI's New York Division. Janice is currently serving as special agent in charge of the Philadelphia Division.

Deborah (Davis) Pontius '80 (nursing), **'91M.S.** (nursing) has been busy serving on the national board of directors for the National Association of School Nurses. Becoming

active in national school nurse policy, working with the top minds in the field, has been the highlight of her career. She also continues as an adjunct instructor for Orvis School of Nursing, and has taught many continuing education classes, Western Nevada College classes, as well as certified nursing assistant classes for high school students.

Kristen "Kris" (Short) Freitas '81 (health education) is currently working as a counselor at Douglas High School and is happy to announce she has three daughters who will all be attending the University.

Susan (Hyne) Fernhoff '82 (accounting) recently reactivated her real estate license and is excited to announce the upcoming graduation of her daughters Jennifer and Lori from the University. Her other daughters, Cami and Danielle, are a senior in engineering and a junior in pre-med, respectively.

Joanne (Nedohon) Potter '82 (nursing) just celebrated her 28th anniversary at Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center in Reno. She works in labor and delivery and is proud to mentor Orvis School of Nursing students every year.





Recently, while making a 24-hour turnaround trip from Nevada to Florida, my dad encouraged me to take his small, red duffel bag. "It'll be easier to haul around than your rolling suitcase and it's a short stay," he said. I filled his bag with just the necessities (one pair of underwear, one shirt, one pair of jeans, and a shower kit) and off to the airport I went.

Impressed with my brilliant decision to carry a superlight bag, I skipped the baggage-check line and walked directly to my gate. Placing my belongings on the x-ray machine, I got behind a short line of people: We waltzed through the metal detector with ease. While waiting on the other side I notice the TSA officer using his computer monitor to scrutinize one of the bags on the belt. "Must be that weird guy that went through right before me," I thought. At this point, the officer starts shouting, "BILLY, CALL THE SUPERVISOR, I GOT ONE!" I was impressed. Apparently the TSA had found someone trying to smuggle something illegally onto an airplane. Bad news for that creep ... good news for America! "Thank goodness we have our boys in light-blue at the front lines of defense," I thought with great nationalistic pride.

A small huddle had formed around the monitor, the supervisor and three other officers pointing, arguing, and deliberating. Watching these experts work was awe-inspiring. I didn't even care that it was taking a few minutes

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out of my day; I was fascinated by their efforts. Suddenly the supervisor reached in, pulled a bag from the machine and said, "Does this red duffel belong to anyone? "What?!... This must be some kind of mistake," I mumbled. There was hardly anything in that bag, let alone a threatening substance. Unless my underwear isn't passing some sort of high-alert safety code, this shouldn't be happening! Not to mention, the bag belongs to my father, and although Middle Eastern by heritage, he's a very good-natured dude. In fact, I've never known him to scream things like "Jihad" or "Death to the Infidels" in all my years as his son, no matter how mad he got.

Asked to follow the supervisor, we headed to what he called "The Room" and told me to take a seat. He placed the bag on the table in between us and sat down, flanked by two scrawny teenage officers doing their best to look menacing. The questioning began: "What are your plans? Who were you going to visit? Why are you at the airport?" As a member of the SAE fraternity, I've been in trouble many times before, but this seemed different. Finally, I begged them to tell me what the problem was. Apparently they found a bullet rattling around in the bottom of my bag. It was smaller than a BB and I had to look closely to verify that it was indeed a .22 caliber shell. This makes sense because my father is licensed by the Sheriff's Office to carry a handgun and he goes to the shooting range regularly.

But before I could explain, it was time for more questions ...

TSA: You do know it's illegal to bring artillery on a flight?

Me: Artillery?

TSA: Yes, and you should know what is in any bag before you bring it on the plane.

Me: I know but it was an accident! My dad is not only licensed, but he's from Lovelock, Nevada. We have bullets everywhere at home. In fact, he could have one of those in the bottom of his shoe right now and he wouldn't know it.

TSA: Well just this once we understand a mistake could happen, but we will have to put you on the list.

Me: THE LIST?!?! NO, please don't do that, Sir! I'm very sorry ... but I certainly do not want to be on ANY lists!

Despite my plea, they took my ID, typed something into a computer, and with that I was officially put on "The List." Able to leave, and now sprinting, I boarded my plane with seconds to spare. I sat down frustrated, panting and sweating bullets (no pun intended). All I could think was, "Great, now I look even more suspicious." But something kept bugging me. I mean, sure, they found a .22 bullet ... So take it away, TSA! I didn't need it and it was an accident ... but it's not like they found a gun! The rest of my flight I thought of different demands a Reno boy with a bullet could make on a passenger jet.

"EVERYBODY LISTEN UP, this is a bullet, and I have a very good arm, and I will throw it at someone. I have a few demands. First of all I want my own row. Second, shut that baby up! Finally, unless I get some more orange juice someone is getting hurt. And not a small cup full of ice, I'm talkin' a full can ... DO YOU HEAR ME!?!!"

K-von '03 (marketing) is a Nevada alum and comedian. After two seasons on MTV's "Disaster Date," he's now performing for universities and hosting events across the nation . His full schedule is on www.K-vonComedy.com

Lori (Fuller) Claus '83 (nursing) currently works as a house legal nurse consultant for a large medical malpractice law firm, defending hospitals and nurses throughout the state of Nevada. Prior to her current position she worked as an intensive care unit nurse.

Jennifer (Duxbury) Cunningham '83 (managerial sciences) has been named executive director of marketing for the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority. Jennifer most recently worked as director of sales, advertising, entertainment and casino marketing at Circus Circus Hotel Casino. She also has worked with Silver Legacy Hotel Casino, The Peppermill Hotel and Casino and as director of marketing for RSCVA's National Bowling Stadium.

Stephanie Tyler-Jackson '83 (political science), a veteran telecommunications executive and former Nevada state senator, was named president of AT&T Nevada. Stephanie will

oversee more than 1,500 employees statewide and will be involved with new technology deployment and infrastructure investment. Additionally, she will lead the company's regulatory, legislative and community affairs activities in Nevada.

Carol Harvey '84M.S. (nursing) currently works as an orthopedic clinical nurse specialist and a professor of nursing in the Registered Nursing Program at Cypress College in Cypress, Calif.

James Vogt '85 (electrical engineering) has been named as senior vice president and general manager of Blue Coat Systems, Inc., Cloud Services business unit. James brings more than 25 years of experience in senior management positions at leading technology companies and will be responsible for expanding the unit, refining and executing its vision and product strategy, and developing routes to market. **Grant Holman '86** (management) has been busy running his business, Grant's Grooming, for 15 years. He also recently purchased his dream home that he shares with his lovely wife.

Dawn (Carter) Pappas '86 (nursing) recently completed a nursing refresher at TMCC. She is currently a registered nurse contractor for the Renown Wellness Center.

Hawley MacLean '89 (speech/theatre), president and chief executive officer of MacLean Financial Group in Reno, has been appointed to the board of directors for the Reno Tahoe Winter Games Coalition. The group is promoting the region as the next North American region to host an Olympic Winter Games.

Edward Schoenberg '89 (counseling and guidance) is excited to announce the graduation of his son, Daniel Schoenberg '10 (music), from the University on May 15.





Kerri Garcia '92

'90s

John J. Savage '91 (physical education), UCLA head baseball coach, has been named the national Coach of the Year by CollegeBaseballInsider.com. John guided the Bruins to a 51-15 record and their first-ever appearance in the finals of the College World Series. After leading UCLA to a programrecord 22-0 start in early April, John helped the Bruins engineer an exciting postseason run, highlighted by an NCAA Super Regional series victory over Cal State Fullerton followed by a berth in the best-of-three championship series in Omaha, Neb. Savage has earned his first trip to the College World Series in nine seasons as a head coach (three years at UC Irvine, followed by six at UCLA).

Kerri Garcia '92 (journalism) has formed a consulting company, Kerri Garcia Public Relations. Kerri's background includes more than a decade of experience in public relations, employee communications, public affairs and project management in the corporate communications, agency and nonprofit arenas. She has designed award-winning communications programs and campaigns in the areas of media

relations and publicity, internal communications, community relations, promotions, event planning and crisis management.

Randy Gener '92 (general studies) recently won the 2010 Deadline Club Award for Best Arts Reporting in New York—printed, broadcast or otherwise disseminated in 2009. Randy won for "Fomenting a Denim Revolution," which appeared in the May/June 2009 international theatre edition of *American Theatre* magazine. The article chronicles the plight of the guerilla artists of Belarus Free Theatre who perform underground in Minsk while arguing openly for regime change.

Matt Bender '93MBA (business administration) has been appointed to the advisory board for Rare Element Resources Ltd. Matt is currently senior study director for Newmont Mining Company, responsible for early stages of project engineering and economic studies. He has more than 22 years of experience in the mining and mineral processing fields, which include precious metals, base metals and industrial mineral operations, and process design and engineering.

Stephanie (Burgess) Stoebe '93 (German) is currently working as a reading specialist at Round Rock High School. She is pleased to announce the retirement of her husband, Walter Stoebe, after 21 years of active duty in the U.S. Army.

Chad Brown '94 (political science) has been named regional vice president of Transamerica Retirement Services southern region. He will oversee all sales and distribution activities in western and central Texas and will be based in Austin, Tex. Chad joins Transamerica from Nationwide Financial Services, Inc., where he served for the past five years as regional vice president of sales.

Molly (Malone) Rezac'94 (psychology) has been appointed to the STEP2 board of directors, a private, nonprofit treatment program providing services to women and children throughout northern Nevada. Molly, an employment lawyer and member of the firm's litigation practice group, represents employers in litigation matters, including discrimination claims under Title VII, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Alumni mentoring program finds a perfect match

Alexandr Bajenov, a senior working on his bachelor's in electrical engineering, had few business connections in Reno. No surprise, since he had come all the way from Russia to attend the University. That's when the Nevada Alumni Association's Mentor Program and alumnus Mark Iverson '90 M.S. (computer science) stepped in to offer Alexandr the opportunity to network and connect with professionals in the area. Alexandr, interested in entrepreneurship and starting his own technology-related company, found the perfect match. Alexandr was able to observe and participate in the day-to-day operations of a small startup company. The match was so perfect that shortly after Alexandr's mentor experience ended, Mark offered him an internship with the company. Mark explains: "As a startup with very limited

funding, and in uncertain economic times, it's been difficult finding and attracting the required expertise. With a strong background in higher math, physics and electrical engineering, I saw an opportunity for Alex to help with the mathematical modeling. He has done a very good job, showing independent thinking and analysis, and the ability to apply what he has learned in his classes. It's been a very

positive experience for both of us."

It's connections like these that give students the opportunity to grow beyond the classroom and give

alumni the opportunity to share wisdom and give



Alexander and Mark analyze modeling results.

back to their alma mater. The Nevada Alumni Association is currently accepting new mentors. —*Lindsey Niedzielski '06*









Anna (Leddy) Catlett '98



Melissa (Geerdes) Deitz'00



David Freeman '01

Thomas Burbey '96Ph.D. (hydrology/ hydrogeology) has been awarded a Fulbright grant. The Virginia Tech geosciences researcher will travel to France this fall to study fractured rock hydrogeology. Tom, associate professor of geosciences in the College of Science, will conduct research along with his French counterparts at a site in Ploemeur, France. His research focuses on fluid flow and aquifer-system dynamics in complex fractured and faulted systems.

Brian Janes '97 (resource management), second lieutenant in the Nevada Air National Guard, is one of 12 students nationwide who completed a four-week accelerated officer's training course in Wichita Falls, Tex. The course provided students with tactical skills to coordinate logistics, contingencies and deployments for aircraft maintenance. Brian is currently a project manager for PBS&J's water resources division.

Anna (Leddy) Catlett '98 (journalism) has been promoted to the director of client services for R&R Partners. In this role, she will oversee R&R's diverse account services teams across the firm's multi-state offices. She will also continue to manage all Las Vegas-based hybrid accounts that intersect public affairs, public relations, and traditional and guerrilla marketing.

'00s

Melissa (Geerdes) Deitz '00 (journalism) was recently promoted to media director for The Glenn Group, a Nevada-based full service marketing communications firm. As media director, Melissa is responsible for overseeing all media activities for a variety of clients, including developing media plans and ensuring that all media work is on strategy, time and budget.

David Freeman '01 (biology), '06M.D. (medicine) has accepted a position as an eye surgeon at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in

Reno. He finished serving as chief resident for the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, which was recently ranked as one of the top-10 residency programs for eye surgery in the country. He will be returning to northern Nevada with his wife, Whitney (Jacobs) Freeman '01 (marketing), and newborn son, Nolan. David is honored to be serving those who have served this country by performing cataract, glaucoma and plastic surgeries of the eye.

Marcus K. Johnston '03Ph.D. (geology) has been promoted to manager, Nevada exploration for Victoria Gold Corp. Marcus was employed as a geologist at Newmont before joining Victoria Gold Corp.

Tim Parelli '03 (finance) has completed his first year as a financial adviser for the Wealth Consulting Group in Las Vegas. Tim is off to an incredible start and looks forward to continued success as his career progresses.





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Brian Fitzgerald '06



Jennifer "Jen" Hylin '06



Jacquelyn Long '09

Lindsey Johnston '04 (journalism) has been promoted to senior account executive for The Glenn Group, a Nevada-based, fullservice marketing communications firm. In her new role, Lindsey manages the strategic development of advertising campaigns and promotions for clients and has extensive experience managing accounts in the gaming/ hospitality industry.

Carl Gatson '05 (general studies) has recently obtained an executive certificate in financial planning from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He is also a certified Six Sigma Green Belt from Six Sigma Partnering, LLC.

Brian Fitzgerald '06 (civil engineering) has passed the California Professional Engineer

exam. Brian is responsible for assisting with planning, design, bidding and construction services for PBS&J clients including the Reno-Tahoe International Airport, Truckee Airport and Carson City Airport. Brian also received a bachelor's in architecture from Kansas State University. He is an associate member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and an avid supporter of the University's Concrete Canoe Team.

Jennifer "Jen" Hylin '06 (animal science) graduated from the Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine on May 9. Jen is a fifth-generation, native Nevadan and has started her practice at the Pyramid and Spanish Springs Veterinary Hospitals.

Jacquelyn Long '09 (accounting), '10MACC (accounting) has been hired by Kafoury, Armstrong & Co. as a staff accountant in the firm's Reno office. In her new position, Jacquelyn will be responsible for work on external audits for governmental and non-governmental clients as well as tax preparation.

Megan Stanphill '10 (journalism) has been hired at Swift Communications as an advertising designer in Carson City.







Karena (Nygren) Zevely '93 (interior design) and her husband, James, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Matthew, born Aug. 18, 2009. He joins a big sister, Lynnea.

Dana Zive '98 (environmental and natural resource sciences) and her husband, Ted Ducker, are pleased to announce the birth of their awesome daughter, Lola Jane, on April 27.

Sarah (Warner) Ledon '00 (elementary/special education) and her husband Carlos Ledon '01 (chemical engineering) would like to announce the birth of their son James Robert on May 19. He joins his proud older siblings, Calista (6), William (4), and Michaela (2).

Ciara (Meadows) Miller '00 (mechanical engineering) and her husband, Jason Miller, are pleased to introduce their daughter, Keelin Trinity, born Feb. 25.





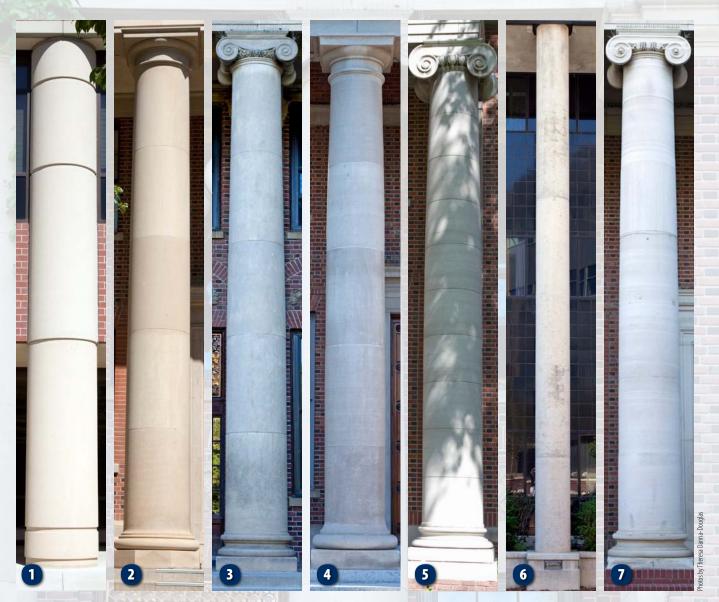


Wolf cubs

RoLayne (McClure) Allen '02 (secondary education) and her husband, Steve, would like to announce the birth of their son, Austin David, on Aug. 11, 2009.

Kendelee (Leascher) Works '02 (criminal justice) and her husband, Ryan Works '01 (criminal justice) are thrilled to announce the birth of their son, Landon, born Nov. 18, 2009.

Danielle (Griffith) Skiles '03 (marketing) and her husband, Adam, would like to announce the arrival of their little baby girl, Charlie Addison, on March 1. Mom wanted to have her before she turned 30 years old on March 3 and little Charlie was sweet enough to oblige.



Campus Columns Quiz

Think you know campus well enough to match these classic columns with the buildings they belong to? Read on and find out!

___Frandsen Humanities was built in 1918, and designed by W.L. Lewis of the Reno architectural firm of Lewis, Ellory, & Sexton. It was reopened in May 2000 after a two-year, \$2.9 million renovation. The building is named of honor of Peter "Bugs" Frandsen, a well-known and beloved Nevada biology professor whose career at Nevada spanned 40 years.

___Mackay Mines is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Mackay Mines is named for John W. Mackay (1831-1902), one of the "Big Four" mining magnates of the Comstock Lode bonanza. In 1908, this building and subsequent endowments were presented to the University in John Mackay's honor by his widow, Marie Louise, and his son, Clarence H. Mackay.

Mackay Science The Mackay Science Building was dedicated in 1930 to serve the Departments of Physics and Chemistry. The \$425,000 building was a gift to the University from Clarence H. Mackay, who, along with his mother, had earlier donated the funding for the Mackay Mines Building. This Georgian-style structure, complete with Ionic pilasters, was designed by Reno architect Frederick De Longchamps.

Paul Laxalt Mineral Engineering This
\$11 million building completed in 1983 w

\$11 million building, completed in 1983, was a giant step forward for the University and the School of Mines. The 60,000-square-foot building, styled to conform with the historic buildings around it, houses classrooms and laboratories for mining, chemical, and metallurgical engineering and geological sciences.

___Palmer Engineering was constructed in 1941 to more adequately house the College of Engineering. Designed by Reno architect Russell Mills and built in the Jeffersonian Revival style similar to the Mackay Mines

and Mackay Science buildings, it served as the home for most of the engineering college until the construction of the Scrugham Engineering and Mines Building in 1963.

___Thompson This Georgian-style building, designed by Reno architect Frederick De Longchamps, was built in 1920 to house the University's "teacher training" program. In 1959, the building was named to honor Dr. Reuben C. Thompson, who taught at the University from 1908 to 1948, and founded the Department of Philosophy.

_____William J. Raggio This 118,000-square-foot building opened for classes in fall 1997.
Formerly known as the College of Education
Building, the structure was renamed in 2003 in honor of Nevada State Senator William J.
Raggio, a Reno native, Nevada graduate and longtime K-12 and higher education advocate in the state of Nevada.

—Compiled by Patrick McFarland '97



Tobin Rupert '88, Kelly Nunez, Johnica Nunez '03, Celeste Willis '02, '05, and Buffy Cooper enjoy the sunset at the Native American Alumni Chapter's Spring Fling at Sunset Cove.



Sherry Rupert '05, Ben Rupert, and Sandi Emm' 02 attend the Native American Alumni Chapter's Spring Fling at Sunset Cove.

Alumni Band

Kiara (Donohue) Wolf'92, '97, unrbandalum@hotmail.com

It's not too late to join the Alumni Band for this year's Homecoming Celebration. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the resurrection of the Wolf Pack Marching Band. Everyone who marched is welcome, but we are especially seeking members of the 1980 band to join us.

The Alumni Band also funds the John Montgomery Memorial Scholarship, helps support the current marching band and sends a monthly newsletter to share personal and professional news with members. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Kiara Wolf or find us on Facebook as the University of Nevada. Reno Alumni Band.

College of Business Alumni Association

Jenny Boland '00, jboland@muckelanderson.com

The College of Business Alumni Association is pleased to announce the election of new officers to the board. The newly elected leadership team began their terms in July. The 2010 officers are Jenny Boland '00, president; Melissa Molyneaux '06, president-elect; Jeff Peterson '86, VP public relations/communications; Kelly (Newcomb) MacLellan '04, VP membership; Justin Thomsen '05, VP development; Anthony Puckett '08, assistant VP development and Pam (Stossel) Ganger '98, secretary. Congratulations to our new officers and thank you to our outgoing officers for their dedicated service!

We are also excited to announce the addition of three new directors of the board: Mark Glodowski '04, Pam (Pagayunan) Durfee '04 and Adam Reed '03. We look forward to their contributions and are happy to have them on our board. Keep up to date on events, activities and new job postings by joining our College of Business Alumni Association groups on Facebook and LinkedIn.

Fallon Alumni Chapter

Jim Dakin '74, '79, jtdakin@sbcglobal.net

The Fallon Alumni Chapter held elections in May. New officers include: Jim Dakin '74, '79, president; Colleen (Austin) Palludan '74, vice president; Valerie Lear '09, treasurer; and Mike McGinness '71, secretary. We'd like to thank Roger Diedrichsen '71, Jim Johnson '79 and Mike McGinness '71 for their dedicated service to the chapter over the last several years.

Fall plans include a rooter bus to Las Vegas in early October to support the Wolf Pack in its bid to maintain possession of the Fremont Cannon.

For additional information regarding upcoming events, visit www.unr.edu/alumni. Click on "Chapters" and then "Fallon Alumni"

Native American Alumni Chapter

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

The Native American Alumni Chapter (NAAC) sponsored a

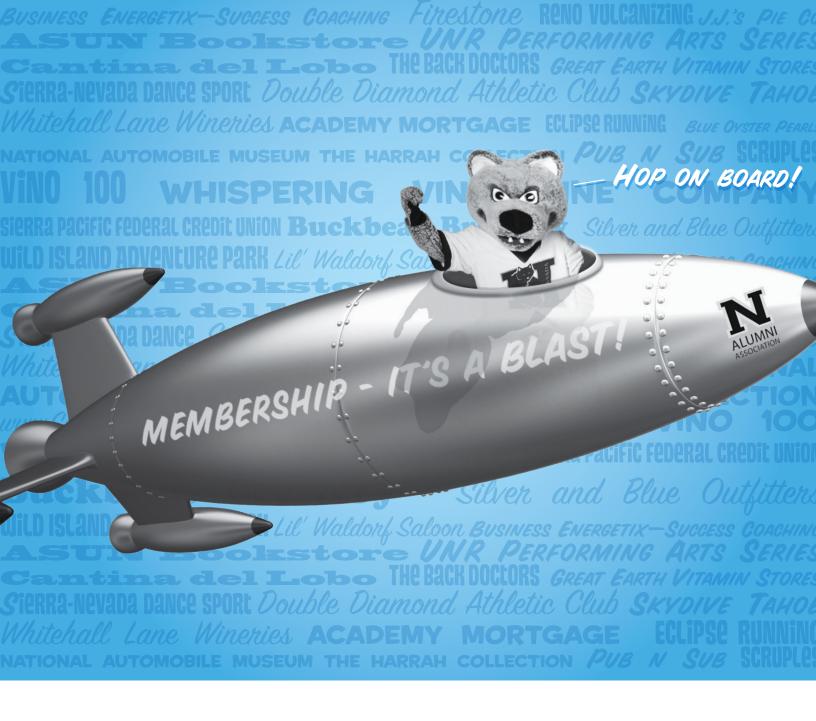
Spring Fling social at Sunset Cove, located at the Sparks Marina. With nearly 20 attendees, we were able to taste a variety of different food and wines. On July 28, the NAAC sponsored a Pack Picnic on the Quad at the University of Nevada, Reno. NAAC families were able to enjoy good music and meet fellow alumni. Once again, NAAC is planning an annual homecoming tailgate on October 9, when the Wolf Pack takes on San Jose State. Save the date for this annual event; we had over 50 attendees at last year's tailgate and look forward to a bigger crowd this year.

Get involved and renew your membership! The chapter meets monthly at various locations. If you are interested in joining, please contact Kari Emm '01 at (775) 682–5928 or kemm@unr. edu, or Sherry Rupert '05 at (775) 687–8333.

Nevada Dental Alumni Chapter

David White '99, davidwhitedds@yahoo.com

The Nevada Dental Alumni Chapter is gearing up for the 2010-11 academic year. The chapter offers opportunities for alumni to continue their support of the University through networking, education and community involvement. We are seeking individuals interested in coordinating these events for the upcoming year. For more information on how to become involved, please contact Dr. David White at davidwhitedds@yahoo.com.



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Chapter Updates



Don Morgan '05, Geoff Noisy, Jim Crawford, Jim Farley '99, David Hairston and Rick Davis take a photo break during the Football Alumni Chapter's annual golf tournament.





TOP: Brandon Knox, Jenn Admunsen and Christina Tutt relive their "dorm days" during Artown 2010. BOTTOM: Victoria Farber, '97, Patrick McFarland, '97 and David Taylor, '99, enjoy reuniting during the 2009 Reynolds School Homecoming lunch.

Nevada Football Alumni Chapter

Jim Farley '99, jfarley47@verizon.net

The Football Alumni Chapter just concluded another successful reunion golf tournament to help raise funds for the Nevada Wolf Pack. Several new "old" players were able to join in the festivities this year and visit with former teammates. Football alumni interested in renewing membership or just contacting old football players should visit our new social website at www. nevadaalumnifootball.com or contact Jim Farley. The chapter is also planning a 20-year reunion of the Wolf Pack team that played in the 1990 National Championship game to occur at an upcoming home game. Look for details on our website or contact Matt Clafton '93 at mclafton@panconinc.com if you would like to help!

Nevada Greek Alumni Chapter

Mike McDowell '03, mdmcdowell@gmail.com

The newly founded Nevada Greek Alumni Chapter had its first event on Aug. 21 at the Pub 'N' Sub, and it was a smashing success! There will be plenty of upcoming opportunity for members to connect with other Nevada Greek Alumni both socially and professionally.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook (Facebook.com/NevadaGreeks) or check www.NevadaGreekAlumni.com for updates, Greek Homecoming events and ways to connect with fellow Greeks.

If you were a member of a Greek organization at the University of Nevada, be sure to join the chapter today! It's only \$20 a year. You can register online at our website. Go Greek... again!

Northeastern Nevada Alumni Chapter

Danny Gonzales '90, '95, '04, dannyg@gwmail.gbcnv.edu

The University of Nevada Northeastern Nevada Alumni Chapter is currently scheduling events to promote chapter membership and the scholarship fund for the 2010–11 academic year. The chapter is looking for alumni in northeastern Nevada interested in assisting with the planning of these events and encouraging alumni and supporters to get involved. Contact Kevin Melcher '79, '81, director of membership, at kmelcher@frontiernet.net or (775) 397–7536 and learn how to get involved.

Reslife Chapter Update

Jeannette (Goree) Smith '04, '07, jnsmith@unr.edu

Reslife Alumni are invited to celebrate and remember Alicia Rose Parlette '04, Friday, Oct. 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the Reynolds School of Journalism atrium. Alicia was a resident assistant in Nye Hall for two years. She graduated with honors in 2004, and then pursued a career in journalism. After being diagnosed with cancer, Alicia wrote a series for the San Francisco Chronicle. In April 2010, our dear friend passed away. Join us this year at Homecoming for a special remembrance of Alicia.

The Reslife Alumni Chapter needs new leadership! Attend our

tailgate at Cantina del Lobo in the Joe Crowley Student Union on Saturday morning Oct. 9 two hours prior to kickoff to plan the future of our organization! For just \$10, you will receive your game ticket plus a great meal at the Cantina! For more information please contact Jeannette Smith at (775) 762-2482.

Reynolds School Alumni Chapter

Kelly Frank '99, '09, kfrankpr@gmail.com

Join your fellow J-School alumni as we kickoff the school year and celebrate Homecoming. On Friday, Oct. 8, we will have our traditional barbecue lunch at 11:30 a.m. in the atrium, followed by recognition of this year's Homecoming award winners. There are five from the Reynolds School—the most of any college on campus!

Prior to the barbecue, as a special part of this year's Homecoming festivities, we will celebrate the life of our revered young alumna, Alicia Parlette '04, who recently lost a heroic battle with cancer. Please join us for this remembrance Friday, Oct. 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the Reynolds School of Journalism atrium. Visit http://journalism.unr.edu/ for more updates.

If you're interested in attending the alumni chapter's monthly meetings, we meet the third Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Little Waldorf Saloon.

Sacramento Alumni Chapter

Steve Park '99, spark@ccarey.com



Members of the Young Alumni Chapter prepare to board the Tahoe Gal on July 10.

The Sacramento Chapter has been active! The chapter is excited to watch the Wolf Pack take on the Cal Bears on Sept. 17 and will also attend the Homecoming football game against San Jose State on Oct. 9. Prior to each game, we will participate in the Nevada Alumni Association's pregame party at Legacy Hall! Please contact Steve Park for more information about the chapter (916) 367-6345, spark@ccarey.com.

UNSOM Alumni Chapter

Dr. Helen Gray '03, '08, hgray@medicine.nevada.edu

This year the School of Medicine Alumni Association participated in the spring commencement of the Class of 2010.

We congratulate the 55 new physicians and wish them well on their ventures into residency! A reception followed the hooding ceremony on May 14 where we presented the Outstanding Alumnus Award to Dr. Robin Titus '76, '81, who practices in Lyon County and has precepted medical students for the past 25 years. She received the honor from Dr. Lisa Lyons '88, '97, incoming chapter president. Along with Dr. Lyons, we would like to welcome our new officers: Dr. Tracey Delaplain '83, '87; Dr. Sharon Frank '77, '81; Dr. Helen Gray '03, '08; Dr. Joan Brookhyser '75; Dr. Joseph Hollen '74, '76; Dr. Jan Thompson '82; and Dr. Susan Park '05. We encourage all past UNSOM students to become members today and continue supporting our medical school!

Young Alumni Chapter

Lea Jensen '05, yacpresident@gmail.com

YAC is excited to have more than 40 new members this year! We welcomed Nevada's newest alumni at a graduation celebration May 20 at Amendment 21. Our first annual Happy Hour Cruise was held July 10, floating around Lake Tahoe while aboard the Tahoe Gal. We are looking forward to participating in Homecoming events, including Old Guys' Night at Amendment 21, tailgating and of course, the big game! Our annual mystery bus trip and dinner is scheduled for Nov. 12. Don't forget to check us out on Facebook, where we post all of our events and updates, and at www.NevadaYAC.com. Hope to see you soon!



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



stylings from Sol' Jibe, Guitar Woody and the Boilers, and the Reno Municipal Band among others. Kids tumbled in the bounce houses, had their faces painted and families enjoyed picnic dinners on the Quad. We look forward to seeing you next year!

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- (1) Julie and Matthew Day get their faces painted.
- (2) Garin, Chris and Jennifer Snidow '09 with Trin and Alec Koha.
- (3) Aaron Edgecomb, Carrie McCune, Michelle Lassaline and Annie Lassaline.
- (4) Brittany, Luis, Ezekiel and Esperanza Robles and Shanessa, Dilakshi, Suthan and baby Poorananpillai.









Emeriti Faculty Reception

The Nevada Alumni Association honored emeriti faculty of the University at an annual reception in the Honor Court Aug. 17. More than 60 attendees enjoyed an update on the University from Provost Marc Johnson as well as catching up with former colleagues.

- (1) Tony Calabro, Katherine McCall, Gina Tempel and Donald Jessup.
- (2) Ron Reitz, Larry Kirk, Ron Pardini and John McNeely.
- (3) David Westfall, Jo Krumpe '95, '98M.A., '03EDSP, '06Ph.D. and Peter Krumpe.
- (4) Jan and John Bird '72.

Student Welcome Center Opening

On Aug. 30, the University's Office for Prospective Students opened its new Welcome Center on the first floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Current and prospective students and their families can enjoy this highly interactive, cutting-edge, one-stop information and resource center that provides campus and local community information, a computer for applying for admission, campus tours, two semi-private prospective student consultation areas and much more.

- (1) Rachel Lane talks to Jennifer Amundsen '08, '10, graduate assistant and greeter.
- (2) Admissions counselor Carolina Rodriguez talks with the Carne Family from Oregon, including father, Bob; mother, Cathy; daughter, Morgan and son, Chandler.























Reno Aces Alumni Night

Alumni Night with the Reno Aces was a great success! More than 150 alumni and their families rooted for the home team on July 23. Wolfie Jr. threw out the first pitch and the Nevada Wolf Pack cheerleaders helped get the crowd excited as the Reno Aces took on the Fresno Grizzlies.

- (1) Kristin (Ghiggeri) Burgarello '97, Gary Ghiggeri Sr. '72, Madge Ghiggeri, Gary Ghiggeri Jr. '02, Cassidy Ghiggeri, Bo Burgarello and Dominic Burgarello.
- (2) Mads Miller and David Danna-Douglas.
- (3) FRONT: Mike '72, Clair '72 and Trevor Wojcik and Bliz Sumner '48. BACK: Dana, Nick, Cameron and Megan Overton '03, Caroline Wojcik and Jeff Overton '97.
- (4) David Aburto, David Adams '86, Cheryl Adams, Tabitha Adams, Boone Sadabseng, Ryan Lytle, Stephanie Adams '09, Kennedi Lytle, Staci Adams, Chris Leija, Peter Sadabseng and Pat Sadabseng.
- (5) Emmy Rowe, Coby Rowe '99, Julie Rowe '94, Cason McMurty, Haley Rowe and Brenda Van Houk '61.





Alumni Pre-game Party

Alumni and Wolf Pack fans attend the first Nevada Alumni Association tailgate party of the season on Sept. 2 at Legacy Hall. Parties start two hours prior to each home football game, and everyone is welcome.

- (1) Payton, Brian '95 and Rian Finley.
- (2) Arland and Peggy Conner '55 with Barbara '54 and Vince Laveaga '59.
- (3) Jordy, Kirby '92 and Karen Fisher '84, '86M.S.
- (4) Jim Dakin '74, '79 with Sheila '75 and Ernie Pontius '77.
- (5) Jim and Patty Travis with Bill '69 and Shirley Moell '96.
- (6) Roger Trounday '56, Mark Nicklanovich '58, Louis Hutchison '58, Bill Bowser '59 and Dale Fraser '59.

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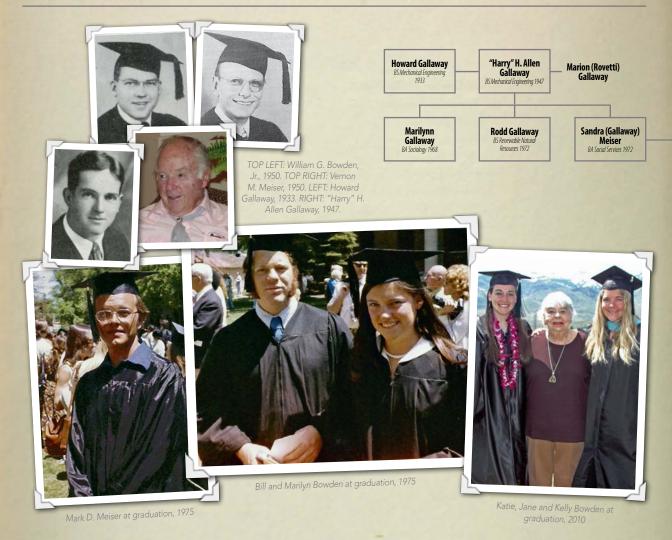






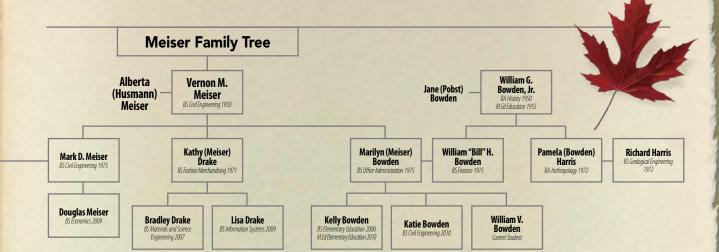


HALL OF FAME



Nineteen Nevada grads and attendees. One especially momentous year.

If you think the Meisers' Nevada family tree is impressive, consider the numbers behind it that have made 2010 such a landmark year for them. Two patriarchs reached their 60-year reunion. Three grandchildren are currently pursuing their master's, while one more is pursuing a baccalaureate. And one family member—Howard Gallaway—has become a centenarian-aged graduate. It all adds up to a legacy of tradition, accomplishment and pride for this devoted family of the Silver & Blue.





FRONT: Kathy Drake, Sandra Meiser, Katie Bowden, Marilyn Bowden. MIDDLE: Kelly Bowden, William V. Bowden, William "Bill" H. Bowden, Mark D. Meiser. BACK: Vernon M. Meiser, Douglas Meiser, Nov. 2009.

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

Eleanor Lloyd Doan '36 (journalism/psychology) died June 5, 2010. Eleanor was born June 4, 1914 to Fred and Gladys Doan. Eleanor lived in Weed, Calif. from 1915 to 1920 and in Ashland, Ore. from 1920 to 1923. Her father worked on the Southern Pacific Railroad in California as an executive and for the FBI. The family moved to Sparks, where she graduated from Sparks High School in 1932 and the University of Nevada in 1936.

In 1937, she received teaching credentials from Wheaton College in Illinois. Eleanor then lived and worked in Harrisburg, Pa. from 1938 to 1942 and in New York City from 1942 to 1945 during World War II. She later moved to Glendale, Calif. where Eleanor was one of the original board members and first employee of Gospel Light International (GLINT), where she worked 34 years. Eleanor served as director of product development, marketing research coordinator and promotional publicist.

She belonged to Gamma Phi Beta Alumni Society, Kappa Tau Alpha (journalism honorary), Chi Delta Phi (literary honorary) and was president of Doan Family Association America, California chapter. Eleanor was also an original board member and trustee for Mustard Seed and served on the board of Seed Sowers and other organizations. She completed 70 books for Gospel Light and about 50 more through other publishers. A world traveler, she led over 32 tour groups.

Eleanor is predeceased by sisters Ruth and Freda.

Jack J. Furin, former Nevada employee, died on June 12, 2010. Born in Uniontown, Pa. to Jim and Mary Furin, Jack was the loving older brother of Eileen and Jean. He graduated from North Union High School in 1944 and became a student and assistant trainer at the University of Pittsburgh before transferring in 1946 to become the head trainer at the University of Nevada, Reno. At the time, he was the youngest man in the country to hold such a position. He returned to Pittsburgh and graduated with a degree in education and ultimately completed with a master of arts in education from Pasadena College in 1968.

Starting with a job at his high school alma mater, more than 40 years of Jack's life were dedicated to education with positions from Pennsylvania to California before retiring after 21 years in the El Monte School District as a teacher and vice principal.

Jack's life-long love of sports, especially baseball, allowed him to spend many years coaching, scorekeeping and mentoring young athletes. He is survived by Harriet, his loving wife of 47 years, children Monica, Anne, Joe and grandchildren Danielle, Tyler, Elissa, Gabriella, Sophia, Jarrett, Isabella, Jake, Lauren, Dana and Adrianna. Jack touched many lives with his wisdom, quidance, dedication, humor, friendship and love.

Edward "Ed" Grundel Jr. '43 (mining engineering) died June 12, 2010 following a courageous battle with prostate cancer in Carmichael, Calif. Born April 5, 1921 to Edward and Ethel Grundel in San Jose, Calif., he graduated from Hollywood High School in 1939. He would go on to attend the

University where, being the first in his family to graduate from high school, he would work many jobs with the railroad and the National Youth Administration to earn his degree. He served as president of his Phi Sigma Kappa chapter, class senator, and with numerous service organizations on campus. He met and married Carmelina '45 (Bergeret) while at the University and valued their 64-year marriage of love and adventure together as the greatest reward of life.

After graduation, Edward served in the U.S. Marine Corps. Specifically, he served in World War II in the Pacific as a first lieutenant artillery battalion forward observer.

Post war, Ed worked as a photogrammetric engineer for 16 years while raising his family in San Lorenzo, Calif. He and Carmen returned to school to earn teaching credentials and his master's in education at California State University at Hayward. He taught high school math while Carmen taught elementary school for 20 years in the Bay Area. After retirement, the couple fulfilled their own education interests, through a passion for genealogical research and their sense of adventure with extensive travel across six continents. Ed researched and wrote numerous books on his and Carmen's genealogy and family history. With the pursuit and promotion of education as a priority in their lives, they have both funded scholarship trusts for current and future students of education at Nevada.

Preceded by Carmen's passing in 2007, he is survived by his three children, Edward J. (Nancy), Janine (Flip), and Kurt (Muriel); five grandchildren: Fay (Larry), Justine, Carmen (Jason), Eric (Sharlene), Edward B. (Corey), and great-grandchildren Rachel, Liam, Bryn, Edward, Andrew, Melissa, Megan and Matthew.

Remembrances may be made to the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Class of 1943 Scholarship Endowment, Mail Stop 0162, Reno, NV 89557.

James "Jack" Davis '50 (arts and science), founding president of Nevada's community college system, died Oct. 24, 2009 after a short bout with pneumonia. Jack was president of Western Nevada Community College from 1972 to 1983 and also built extended WNCC rural colleges in Fallon, Gardnerville and Elko during his tenure as president. Born in San Diego on Nov. 22, 1925, Jack joined the Merchant Marines during World War II and later was an army company commander during the Korean War.

Jack played as a linebacker on the University's championship football team coached by Joe Sheeketski. He was also a college light heavy-weight boxer.

Jack loved Nevada and its people and served them in an educational capacity for most of his life. He was principal of Battle Mountain Elementary School in 1954, principal of Fallon High School in 1958, and then became superintendant of the Unified Churchill County School District. He became an associate professor at the University after receiving his doctorate from Stanford, and taught here for seven years from 1965 to 1972. He created the Research and Educational Planning







Edward "Ed" Grundel

Center at the University's College of Education. He was also an educational consultant to many state departments of education and school districts and actively promoted vocational education in Nevada and on a national level. He authored the book, *The Principal's Guide to Educational Facilities*.

He was offered the job as founding president of the still yet to be built, Western Nevada Community College in Carson City in 1972. Jack worked tirelessly for many years to expand the college and its facilities, as well as rural satellite colleges.

In 1978, he was appointed by the governor to the Nevada Athletic Commission. He was the executive vice president of the World Boxing Council, founded the North American Boxing Federation and headed the WBC Ring Officials Committee.

Also in 1978, Nevada governor Mike O'Callahan, proclaimed his "appreciation and thanks to Jack Davis in recognition of the exemplary service, loyally offered to the State of Nevada, and sincere thanks for Jack's efforts that have so greatly contributed to the economic and social success of the State of Nevada and helped assure the continuing preservation of our free-enterprise system."

Jack had a great heart and served in other capacities in the Carson City community. He was a fifth-grade Sunday school teacher at the First United Methodist Church for 25 years, president of the Rotary Club, served on the Carson Tahoe Hospital Blue Ribbon Committee and was a member of the Northern Nevada Development Authority. In 2004, Jack was honored by having the observatory on the Western Nevada College campus dedicated in his name: the Jack C. Davis Observatory.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, and their three children, Susan, Maria (Mark), and Greg (Sharlene), and four grandchildren, Allison, Katelyn, Natalie and Jack.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Reprinted, with photo, from summer, 2010 issue.

Alfred Wheeler '56M.S. (mining engineering) died May 6, 2010 in Round Rock, Texas. Alfred was born Sept. 18, 1929 in Stoneham, Mass. He was the son of the late Sidney Wheeler and Florence (Kendall) Wheeler. After high school he attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he received a bachelor's in geology. He then attended the University of Nevada, where he received a master's in mining engineering. Throughout his many professional careers he specialized in the production of magnesium metal.

Alfred was a resident of Georgetown, Texas and was formerly a resident of Snyder, Texas. He also lived in Calgary and Alberta, Canada, as well as Beersheba, Israel. Alfred was a member of the Society of Mining Engineers and the Texas







James "Jack" Davis '50

Gary A. Sorge '90

Professional Engineers. He was also a member of the Faith Lutheran Church in Georgetown, Texas.

Alfred is survived by his wife, Pearl, who he married in 1961, as well as his two children, Steven (Waynetta) and Valeta (Robert), along with a grandson, Kendall. Alfred is also survived by a sister, Frances.

Charles "Chuck" H. Handley '57 (electrical engineering) died at age 74 on Sept. 30, 2009. Born March 5, 1935, in Upper Darby, Pa., his family moved to Las Vegas when he was very young. Chuck was a gifted athlete at Las Vegas High School and the University where he starred in both baseball and basketball.

During college, Chuck married the love of his life, Eva McCleery, Jan. 14, 1955. Graduating from Nevada with a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, he served two years active duty in the Signal Corp. After his military service, he attended Stanford University, earning an MBA in 1964, and launched his career in the business world.

Chuck returned to Las Vegas in 2001 to retire, but was enticed out of retirement to apply his engineering skills in various capacities until health problems slowed him down. Chuck is survived by his wife of 54 years, Eva, sons, Richard and Joe, daughter, Julie, and four grandchildren, along with a brother, Sonny, and a sister, Rose.

Gary A. Sorge '90 (political science), '99MBA died tragically on June 29, 2010 while heroically saving the lives of his son and the child of a total stranger, which, to anyone who knew him, came as no surprise.

Gary was born June 17, 1966 in Dayton, Ohio to Joseph and Bonnie Sorge. Joseph was a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force and the family lived in various duty stations, from Germany to Massachusetts to Florida. The family settled in Las Vegas when Gary was 14. Upon graduation in 1984 from Clark High School in Las Vegas, Gary moved to Reno to attend the University. While in college, he began a job at Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center in the E.R. department, and progressed to the performance improvement department, which would ultimately define his career in the medical field. Gary returned to the University while continuing to work at Saint Mary's. After more than 20 years at Saint Mary's, Gary moved on to become the practice administrator of Digestive Health Associates in Reno, where he was recently employed.

Gary had the gift of bringing smiles and joy to everyone he was around. He was unfailingly optimistic, and always saw the "silver lining" in everything life brought to him. Above all else, Gary loved his family and friends. He considered his greatest accomplishment in life as having a beautiful and loving marriage and three wonderful sons. Gary prided himself on treating others with respect and kindness and living life to the fullest.

Among his varied interests, Gary enjoyed traveling to exotic locations, racing cars, camping, mountain climbing, skiing, mountain biking, tennis and racquetball, as well as having a deep appreciation for great food and wine. He had the perfect balance in his life between family, friends, work and play and although his time on earth with all of us is over, he will forever live on in our hearts, minds and souls as one of the most wonderful memories that any of us could ever have.

Gary is preceded in death by his father, Joseph. He is survived by his mother, Bonnie; wife, Kelly; sons, Connor, Trenton and Trevor; a brother, Jeff (Michele); a sister, Jackie (John); in-laws, Roger (Marie); a brother in-law, Ryan (Lorann), as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. He touched the lives of everyone he met and will never be forgotten.

For everyone who knew Gary, lift a glass of great red wine (or open a can of Spam and enjoy it with cheese in a can) and toast the memory of a remarkable man who inspired us all and left us far too early. Cheers, Gary.



Creating a Legacy of Education How to become a member of the Nevada Legacy Society

If you have already arranged for a bequest or other planned gift to Nevada, we would like to honor your support, so please notify us and we will send you the information to become a Legacy Society member.

If you are still considering such a gift, let us know so we can help you and your advisers complete your gift in a way that benefits your estate and makes clear your objectives in making a bequest to the University of Nevada, Reno. For example, you could choose to support student scholarships, capital expansion, equipment purchases, endowed faculty positions, or the area of greatest opportunity or need at the time your gift comes in.

Involvement in the Nevada Legacy Society gives you the opportunity to enjoy the company of others who, like yourself, care about leaving a legacy to protect and strengthen the University of Nevada. Members receive a Legacy Society lapel pin, invitations to exclusive functions on campus and more. Your gift can be recognized publicly, unless you prefer to remain anonymous.



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If you have created this kind of legacy—or would like to—the Nevada Legacy Society has been established just for you. The Legacy Society allows the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation to thank a very special group of people: those who have remembered the foundation in their wills, trusts or other estate plans.

For more information about membership in the Nevada Legacy Society or about including the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation in your future plans, please contact Lisa Riley at (775) 784-1352, or plannedgiving.unr.edu.

Ronald R. Zideck '59 (accounting) is a third-generation Nevadan who proudly attended local schools, including the University of Nevada, Reno. He had an illustrious 30-year career in public accounting, retiring as a managing partner from Reno's Grant Thornton LLP in 1997. Following his retirement, he served as director of planned giving at the University and, since 2006, has been the vice president of business development for the Whittier Trust Company.

Throughout his career, Zideck has remained committed to community involvement and economic diversification in northern Nevada. His belief in strong relationships between Nevada business, education and government leads his active involvement and support of the University and many other community organizations and businesses, including the arts, banking, college preparatory education, economic development, gaming and health care

Zideck is a University President's Medalist (1991), a recipient of the Nevada Society of Certified Public Accountants' Public Service Award (1995), was selected as a Laureate to the Iunior Achievement's Northern Nevada Business Leaders' Hall of Fame (1996) and received the Nevada Alumni Association's professional achievement (1997) and University service (2007) awards. He currently serves on the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Board of Trustees and its executive committee, along with being a member of the Foundation's Planned Giving Advisory Board and the University's Legislative Steering Committee.

What is your fondest memory from your days at Nevada?

My parents' financial situation required me to be employed in order to attend college. I lived at home, but still needed to work approximately 30 hours each week to cover tuition, books and other costs. I regret not having the opportunity to be involved with campus activities while attending college. However, I believe I am making up for it now. My fondest memory was my senior year when I was fortunate enough to graduate in four years, considering my work schedule. My senior year was also special since it was the first time during my academic years that my



Ronald Zideck in his Reno home.

brother Bill '61 (accounting) and I were able to be enrolled at the same school and attend classes together.

What have you done that you are most proud of?

I am most proud of achieving the ability to reach and maintain a good balance in my life. In my mind, a good balance includes your family, your career and your community. I believe that your family should always be your first priority and I am fortunate to have a supportive wife, Mary Liz, a great step-son, Lance, and an outstanding daughter, Erica '99 (education).

While family remained my first priority, I still was able to achieve a rewarding career in public accounting with the firm Grant Thornton, LLP. I joined the firm in 1963 and retired in 1997. This career also provided me with a solid base allowing me to participate in the community and offered me a meaningful life after retirement.

And finally, I am proud of my community involvement. I am a firm believer that one must always give back and never forget the many people and organizations that have helped us during our lives. I love this continued involvement, especially the time I am able to provide to the University.

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

My advice to graduates would be to stay involved with the University and active in the community. Having a degree will not necessarily guarantee a successful and rewarding career.

Community involvement enables you to grow and improve your personal life and work life. Each person needs to have the right amount of balance in his or her life. Find the balance that is right for you.



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McArthurs donate IPO stock grant to University

\$1.2 million gift to support Mackay School and University tennis facilities

The University of Nevada, Reno recently received a generous gift from Michelle and Kevin McArthur '79 (mining engineering). The couple donated \$600,000 in support of improvements to the University's tennis facilities and another \$600,000 to be added to the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering's Goldcorp Endowed Chair in Minerals Engineering. Kevin McArthur is founder, president and chief executive officer of Tahoe Resources, Inc., a Renobased minerals development company.

The donation represents the cash value of a stock grant received by McArthur in the company's recent Initial Public Offering. Mr. McArthur noted, "As we are headquartered in Reno, it is quite fitting that the University of Nevada, Reno be the recipient of this gift, which Michelle and I wanted linked to IPO success. Moving forward, Tahoe Resources, Inc. will maintain a fundamental commitment to neighboring communities, with a strong component of that commitment tied to academic interests."

"We are very pleased to receive this tremendous gift from Kevin and Michelle," said John Carothers, vice president for development and alumni relations. "Kevin has given generously of his time on the

University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Board of Trustees, and we are immensely proud to have alumni like him who give back to their alma mater."

Athletics Director Cary Groth added, "The athletics program is appreciative of the McArthur gift for our tennis facility. Their recent commitment to Wolf Pack Athletics is just another example of their generosity. We are excited to add their name to an outstanding facility that represents the academic and athletic opportunities for our student athletes."

Jeff Thompson, dean of the College of Science, said, "We are able to recruit and retain the best faculty because of our endowed chairs and professorships, such as the Goldcorp Chair, which is held by Nevada graduate Carl Nesbitt, associate professor of metallurgical-minerals engineering." Nesbitt earned three degrees at Nevada: a bachelor's in chemical engineering, 1980, and master's and doctoral degrees in metallurgical engineering, 1985 and 1990.

Kevin McArthur is the founder of Tahoe Resources and has more than 30 years in the industry in operational and senior management roles. Prior to forming Tahoe Resources, he was president and chief executive officer of Goldcorp Inc. until his retirement at the end of 2008. This followed his 18 years at Glamis Gold Ltd., where he served as president and chief executive officer from 1998 until its acquisition by Goldcorp in November 2006.

Tahoe Resources, Inc. is a TSX-listed (THO) company led by experienced mining professionals focused on building a leading producer of precious metals. The company's flagship Escobal project is located in southeastern Guatemala approximately 45 miles from Guatemala City.

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