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From the President

Past, present and future

We have been preparing for this moment for a while now.

We've taken the various departments and units that are associated with medical and health care education and we've organized them in the most strategic manner possible.

We've opened the Center for Molecular Medicine for medical research, the William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building for interdisciplinary medical and nursing education, and are making effort to own a Las Vegas medical campus.

We've committed to cutting-edge, interdisciplinary training of our future doctors, nurses

and health care professionals in an effort to meet the needs of our growing state.

We've hired a strong, visionary person to lead an ambitious statewide effort—urban to rural, north to south—to connect health science expertise with the health care challenges facing Nevada.

This is medical and health care education's time at the University of Nevada, Reno.

In February, we embarked on this new era when the University announced the appointment of Dr. Tom Schwenk as our new dean of the School of Medicine and vice president of the Division of Health Sciences.

Tom was the right choice for this role, not only because of his background as the chair of one of the country's most well-regarded Family Medicine departments at the respected University of Michigan Medical School, but because he clearly understood that if we are to succeed at this moment, we must work together. His agenda for the future is firmly rooted in the notion that our next generation of leaders in science, medicine and health must learn first-hand that innovation and impact can only come when it is rooted in interdisciplinary collaboration.

There will be challenges ahead of us, certainly. Yet attainment of the goal of the highest possible quality of health care for the citizens of Nevada is closer to our reach than ever before. This is our University's time.

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You will note that this issue's theme revolves around the value of the libraries, special collections and archives of our University. In the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, we have one of the most technologically advanced libraries in the country. In addition to the Knowledge Center's Special Collections and University Archives, our campus is home to the Basque Library, as well as the Savitt Medical Library and the DeLaMare Science and Engineering Library.

Each of these libraries has its own personality and purpose, which, taken together, make our institution a true leader for the preservation and dissemination of a kind of intellectual capital that generates value for all Nevadans. For our campus, our libraries, archives and special collections serve as a constant reminder of what our institution and its people once were, what they are today, and, thanks to the treasure of information that is right at our fingertips, what they can be tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Marc A. Johnson

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President Johnson and Dean of Libraries Kathy Ray in front of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center.

Photo by Darby Weber

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The 1926 painting "The Rider" by Western artist Maynard Dixon from the art collection in Special Collections in the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, photo by Jeff Dow. RIGHT: Mrs. Carrie (Allen) Fenstermaker, Class of 1903, donating the featured painting to Special Collections "on the occasion of her 60th anniversary as a graduate of the University" in September 1963. On the right is Laverne Rollin, technical editor at the Nevada Bureau of Mines.



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Gatherings – For more photos from all of our events.

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Wow! You have *that* here?

Special Collections and University Archives

By Melanie Robbins, '06MA. Photos by Jeff Dow.



On old cassettes, spindles and wire recordings, in historical books and leather ledgers, in handwritten letters and black and white photographs, lies the unpublished history of northern Nevada and the Great Basin.

The Clarence & Martha Jones Special Collections & University Archives, located on the third floor of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, is home to such an impressive collection of historic records, artifacts, photographs, books, manuscripts and documents that researchers consider it a little slice of heaven.

Bernard Mergen, '59 (English) professor emeritus of American Studies at George Washington University, says, "The University of Nevada, Reno Special Collections is the richest repository of Nevada history materials in existence, and I cannot imagine that any book about the state and its people could be written without consulting its holdings."

Mergen is an award-winning author currently working on a book on the history of Pyramid Lake inspired by his childhood in Nevada. He has used the University's Special Collections Department to research his last three books:

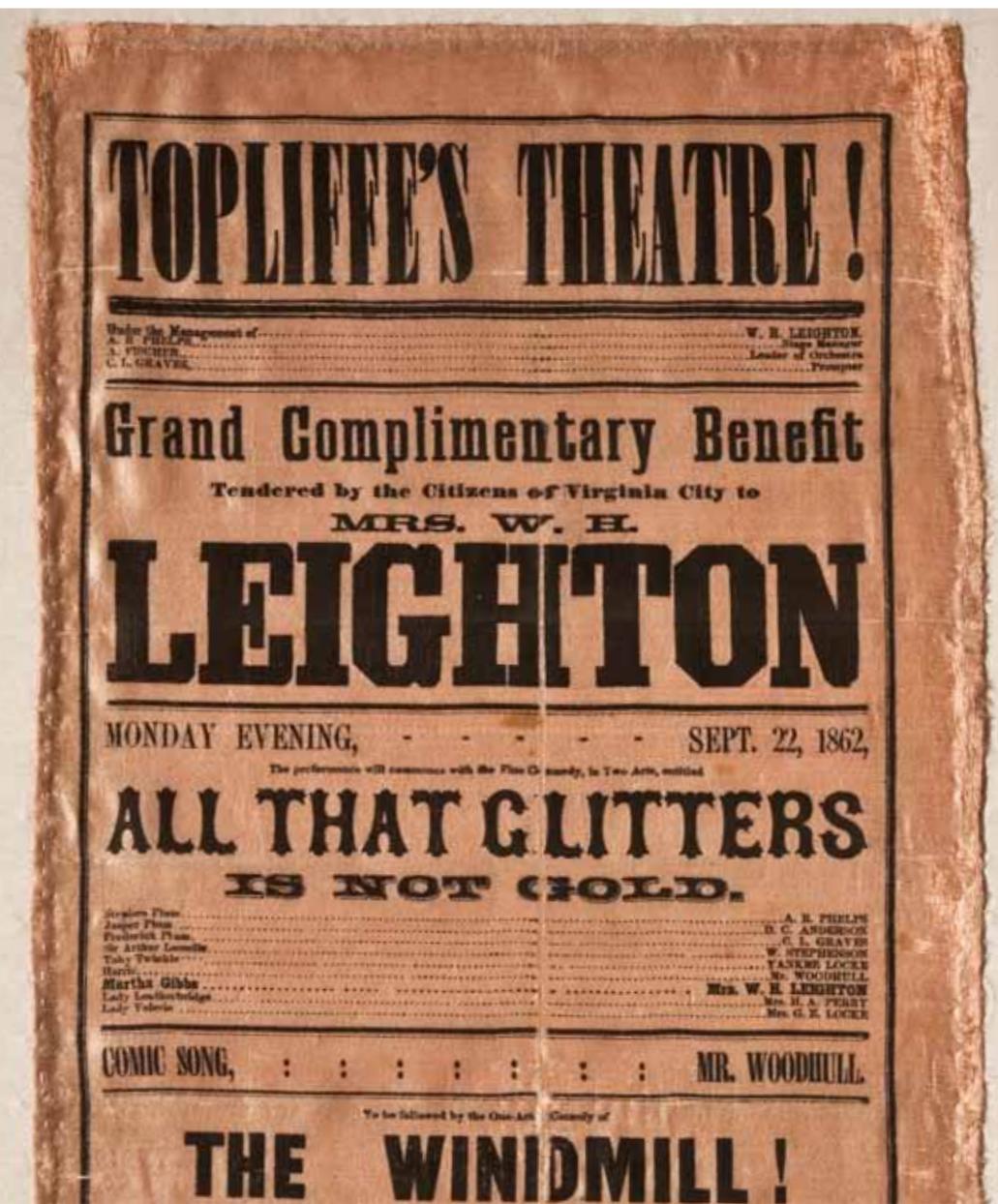
"I used the James E. Church Papers for a chapter in *Snow in America* (Smithsonian Institution Press, 1997) and the records of the Fleischmann Atmospherium/Planetarium for a section in *Weather Matters: An American Cultural History* (University Press of Kansas, 2008)," he says.

Snow History won the Ullr Award from the International Ski History Association and

A treasured rare book in Special Collections, the Nuremberg Chronicles, printed by Anton Koberger and published in 1493. It is a history of the world beginning in biblical times and is one of the earliest and most lavishly illustrated books produced after Johannes Gutenberg invented the printing press and revolutionized publishing. The Special Collections copy is one of the seven hundred to one thousand copies printed in German. It was donated from the personal library of Edgar J. Marston.



TOP LEFT: Mike Smith, Tom Cook '63 and Kelly Bland '91 inspect stereocard viewers—which were popular in the United States from the 1860s to the 1940s—during the Special Collections White Gloves event June 7. In addition to hosting special events such as White Gloves, Special Collections hosts exhibits twice a year to allow the public access to the treasures in its vaults. LEFT: 1862 poster printed on silk for the Topliffe's Theatre in Virginia City, the earliest known Nevada imprint. ABOVE: A five thousand-year-old clay Sumerian tablet, which is a receipt for a boat in the cuneiform script.



Weather Matters won the Louis J. Battan Award from the American Meteorological Society.

Mergen adds: "For my book in progress, tentatively titled, *At Pyramid Lake*, I have used several record groups in Special Collections: the Robert Leland Papers, the Mary Bean Papers, the Lorenzo Creel Papers, the Friends of Pyramid Lake Records, and several others. It would be impossible to write a history of Pyramid Lake without these collections."

Arielle Gorin, a doctoral candidate in history at Yale who visited Special Collections in August on a "fact-finding mission" to help clarify the topic of her dissertation, says "Special Collections has a lot of compelling



An account book from the years 1859 and 1860 belonging to Nelson Brobant, in which he logged repairs of mining equipment in the Comstock Lode area. Familiar local names of miners Bowers and Winters appear on these pages.

material related to U.S. West history—particularly fraternal organizations, miners' personal correspondence and some court records—and I will certainly spread the word to others in my program.”

Her area of focus is the social and legal history of the post-Civil War American West, especially as it relates to mining towns and camps. She has recently become interested in the role of fraternal organizations such as the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Freemasons and Knights Templars, in the legal and institutional development of the mining West.

In addition, Gorin says the librarians were “wonderfully helpful and genuinely interested in my work.”

Professor Mergen summarizes the value of these unique library resources to young scholars such as Gorin:

“The archives and special collections of every major university are the place where young scholars get their first practical experience in



Keeping busy at the Knowledge Center

Since opening in August 2008, things have been humming at the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center:

- Close to four million visitors have entered the 295,000-square-foot, four-story building.
- Librarians have given some 800 instructional sessions, helping visitors better use the center's resources.
- More than 425 guided tours have been conducted.
- @One has printed an average of 450 posters a month.

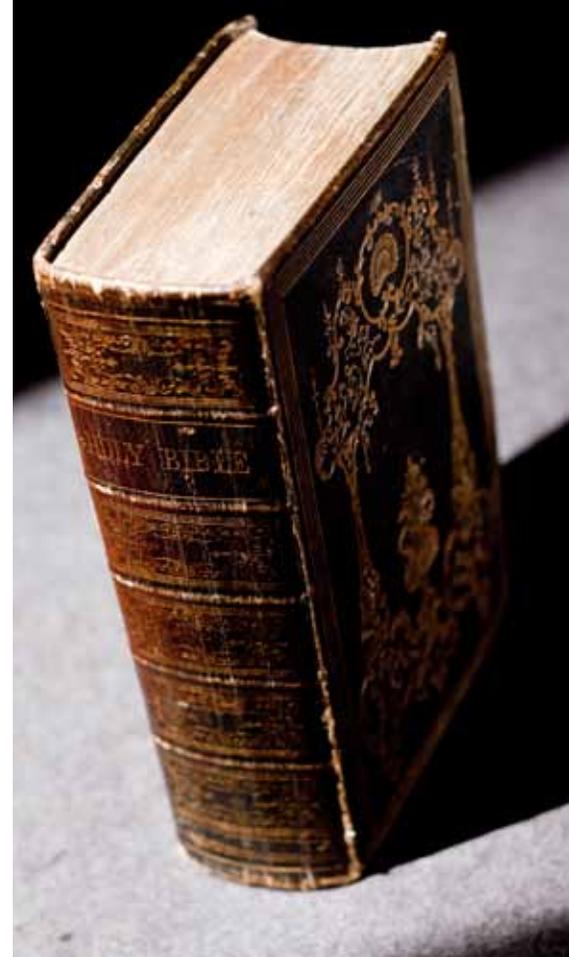
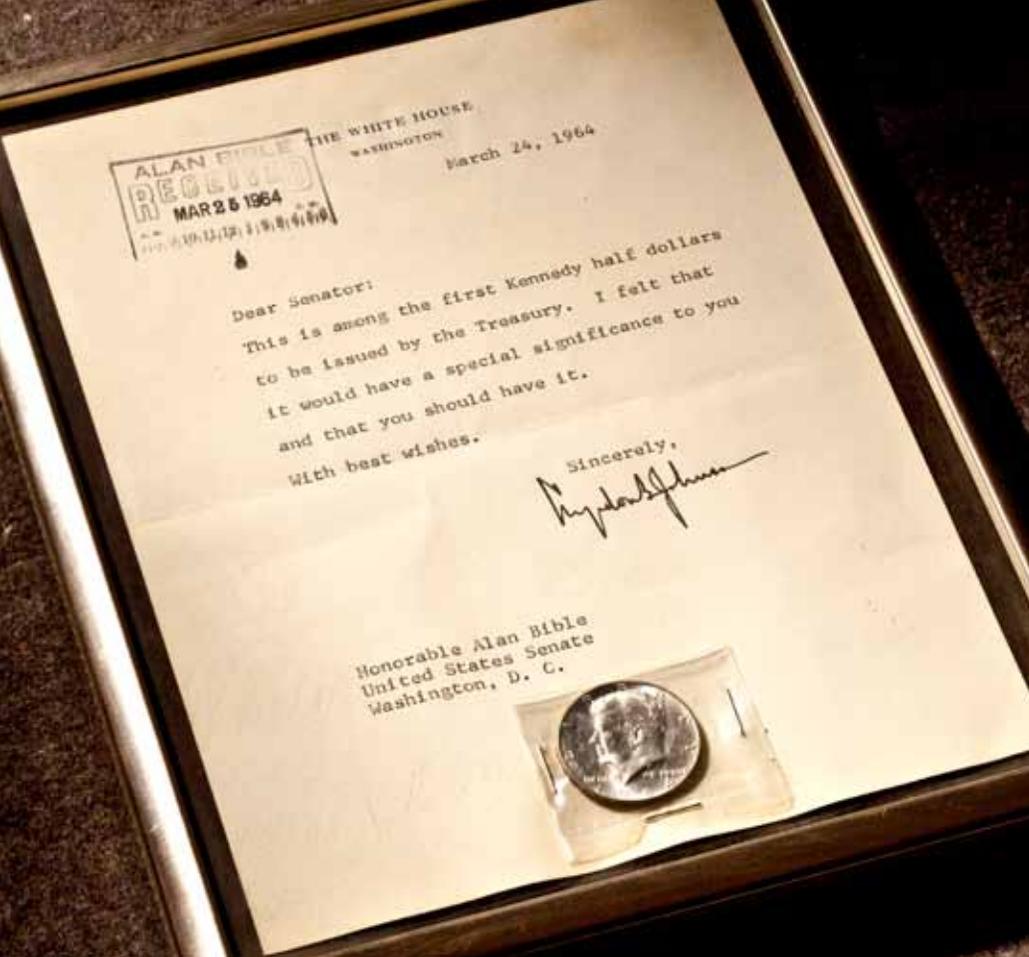
Dean of Libraries Kathy Ray stands next to reproductions of Ghiberti's "Gates of Paradise" panels, which grace the entrance into the Clarence & Martha Jones Special Collections & University Archives. The originals were completed in 1336 for the famous Florence Baptistry.

Honors and Awards

The Knowledge Center has garnered awards and recognition, as well as high-profile, international visitors due to its unique, innovative design that makes the building more than just a traditional library of books, but also a plugged-in place where students and faculty can produce, share and extend knowledge, and engage in collaborative learning using the latest technologies:

- *Southwest Contractor* magazine honored the Knowledge Center project with its "Best in Design and Construction Award" in Nevada for the best project in higher education, December 2008.
- Wrightson, Johnson, Haddon & Williams' audio/visual installation—which uses an all-fiber HD distribution system throughout the building—was chosen by judges as a 2009 PRO AV Spotlight Award Winner in the category "Best Education AV Project." The award winners were featured in the July 2009 issue of *PRO AV*, as well as in *ARCHITECT* magazine, which is read by 65,000 practicing architects and design professionals working on non-residential projects.
- *School Construction News* included an article on the Knowledge Center: "Off the Shelf—High-Tech Library Ushers in the Digital Age at University of Nevada," January/February 2009.
- *Nevada Libraries* had a four-page spread "At Home in the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center," June 2009.
- The Knowledge Center was included on the itinerary for foreign journalists in Reno to cover the INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair in May 2009.
- The Center for Basque Studies and Basque Library, which is within the Knowledge Center, was dedicated July 24, 2009. The dedication coincided with the annual convention of the North American Basque Organizations held on campus in the Knowledge Center, the 50th anniversary of the first Western Basque Festival held in Reno in 1959, and the 20th anniversary of the University's Zenbat Gara Dance Troupe, whose members have served as ambassadors and mentors for the Basque culture and dance groups throughout the American West. The president of the Basque country has since visited the Basque Library.
- *Choice* magazine featured the Knowledge Center on the cover of its September 2010 issue. *Choice* reaches almost every undergraduate college and university library in the United States.

—Angela Bakker



LEFT: A 1964 letter from President Lyndon Johnson to Senator Alan Bible, which includes a gift of an uncirculated Kennedy half dollar, can be found in the Alan H. Bible Senatorial Papers. RIGHT: An abandoned Bible found in 1849 hidden in a cave along the Lassen Trail on the Emigrant Trail route to California.

humanistic research. Scholars I know in literature and history and even in political science and policy studies work closely with librarians and archivists to teach students about the challenges and limitations of primary materials. A collection of unpublished materials is like a laboratory to a chemist, a stratum of Devonian shale to a paleontologist, or the night sky to an astronomer.”

In addition to the invaluable primary source materials available in Special Collections, the staff librarians are experts in their fields and, echoing Gorin’s appreciation, Mergen says they are among “the finest special collections librarians I have worked with in 50 years of research. They know the material, they take an interest in a researcher’s project, and they think creatively about how the collections can be augmented and used.”

Gorin adds that the librarians foster an environment conducive to research: “As a researcher, I appreciated the more low-key and relaxed atmosphere; little things like getting your materials quickly, being able to check out more than one box at a time, having less red tape to

navigate, and so on, really make a difference.”

Special Collections is staffed by Donnie Curtis, head of Special Collections; Jacque Sundstrand, manuscripts and archives librarian; Betty Glass, Special Collections librarian and University archivist; and Kim Roberts, library assistant. Together, they have served more than 50 years at Nevada.

Special Collections and University Archives is one department with two focuses: Special Collections’ materials pertain to the history and cultures of Nevada and the Great Basin, while University Archives preserves the history and records of the University, in documents, photographs, books and memorabilia.

The overall scope of the holdings is wide and

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Jeffrey R. Rodefer Family Library Endowment boosts College of Business collections

Jeffrey Rodefer '85 (finance and accounting) says that some of the best years of his life were spent at the University of Nevada, Reno. Named the 2010 Volunteer Lawyer of the Year by the State Bar of Nevada, Jeff has kept close ties to his alma mater as an active supporter of University academics and athletics.



Intrigued by the promise of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, Jeff made a naming contribution together with his sister, Terri Rodefer '91 (marketing and economics), in support of the Knowledge Center during the capital campaign. He is now extending his support of the University with a gift to benefit both the College of Business and University Libraries through the Jeffrey R. Rodefer Family Library Endowment, which will add to collections in business management, finance, economics, and other topics of interest to students and faculty of the College of Business. The gift will also name the Jeffrey R. Rodefer & Family Group Study on the fourth floor of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center.

Jeff earned his *juris doctorate* degree in 1998 from Willamette University College of Law in Salem, Ore., and began his legal career with the Nevada Attorney General's Office, where he spent 13 years, including eight as counsel to the Nevada Gaming Commission and the state Gaming Control Board. He last served as assistant chief deputy attorney general. The Las Vegas resident is a member of the State Bars of Nevada, California, Colorado and Oregon and is vice president of legal affairs for Boyd Gaming Corporation, which has casinos in Las Vegas, Atlantic City, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana and Mississippi.

To learn more about supporting the University Libraries, please contact Millie Mitchell, director of development, (775) 682-5682 or mimitchell@unr.edu. For more information about supporting the College of Business, please contact Kristen Kennedy, '98, director of development, (775) 682-6940 or kristenk@unr.edu.

—Roseann Keegan

World Without End by San Francisco book artist Julie Chen from the acclaimed Book Arts collection within Special Collections.

includes more than 200,000 photographs—many of which are digitized and accessible to anyone via the Internet—more than 20,000 volumes of historical, rare and artists' books; primary research manuscripts, including correspondence, diaries, financial records, reports, membership rosters, bylaws, minutes, subject files, architectural drawings and legal papers. In addition, Special Collections holds thousands of audio recordings, some made on obsolete devices such as the wire recorder, which used a magnetic recording technology dating back to 1878 that essentially used piano wire to record sound. When magnetic tape became available in the late 1940s and early 1950s, wire recorders rapidly fell into disuse.

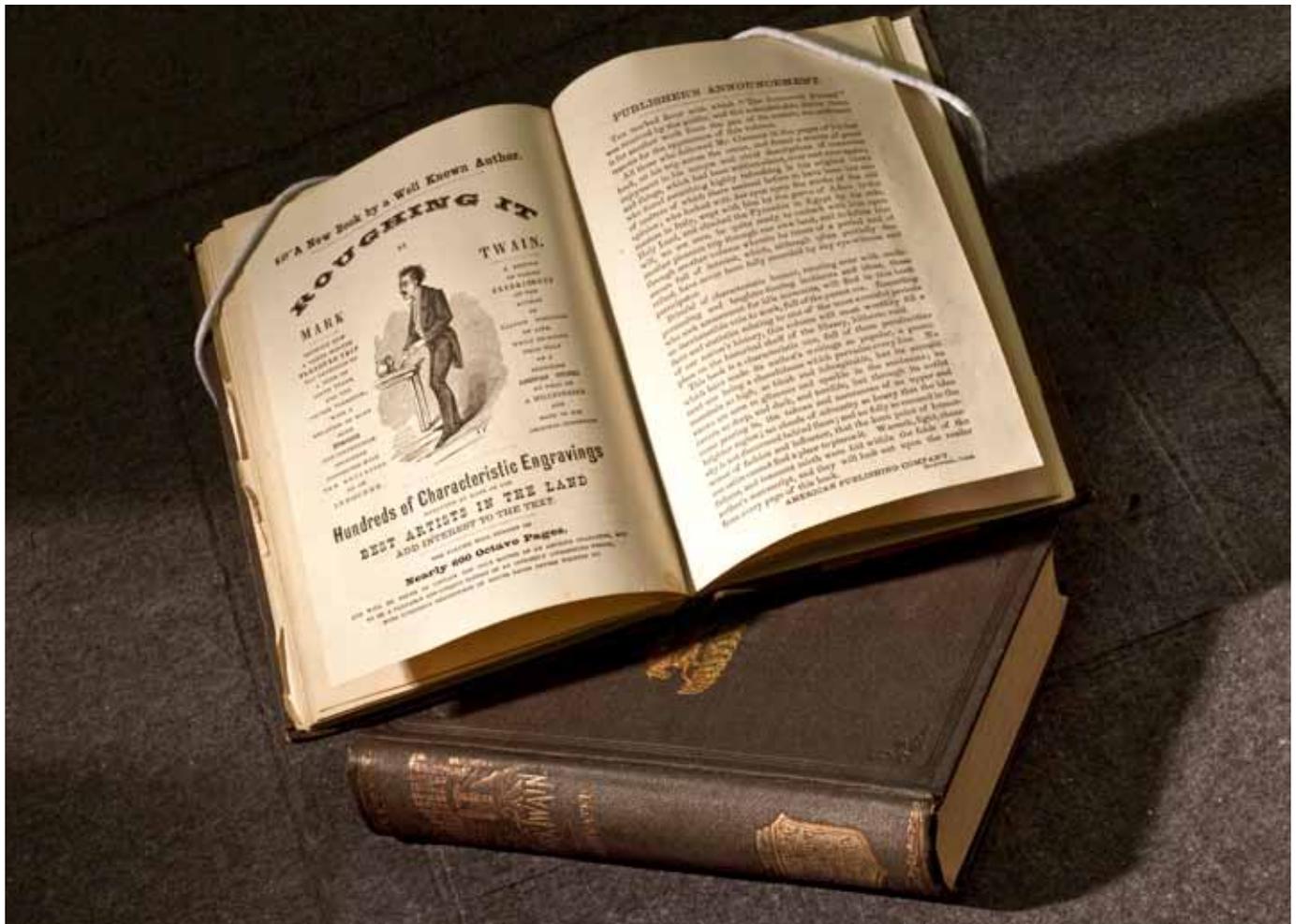
"Audio and video materials provide a special challenge," says Curtis. "The original analog tape on cassettes or reels will not last forever, nor will wire recordings, and the equipment to play some of the older formats is obsolete or becoming obsolete. Quality conversion to digital formats is expensive, but it must be done as soon as possible."

Once the material has been digitized, the

challenge, Curtis adds, is to maintain and refresh the digital files so that they do not degrade or become obsolete. "Digital preservation is a new and important area for archives."

Special Collections also maintains an art collection, which is largely digitized and available online. The collection features work by Western artists, including Maynard Dixon, Theodore Waddell, Will James and Lorenzo Latimer. [Editor's note: Maynard Dixon is the artist whose painting, *The Rider*, graces the cover of this issue.] There is also extensive work by prominent northern Nevada artists such as Craig Sheppard, Robert Caples, Hans Meyerkassel and James McCormick. University Archives is the official depository for items such as Board of Regents' meeting minutes, retired administrative files, student organization records and publications, including *Sagebrush* and *Artemisia*, college catalogs and hundreds of photographs of University life dating back to the 1870s.

Betty Glass notes with regret that there is much University history that is being tossed out: "What makes me cry in the night is hear-



A book salesman's sample, containing a prospectus for Mark Twain's *Roughing It*. Underneath is a first-edition copy of the book, 1872.

ing that someone has seen old maps or photo albums or other material in campus dumpsters. Although we are in the digital age, there are still a great many University records, photographs and other memorabilia in campus storage rooms, closets and offices that are part of the University's history. With the reorganization efforts and mergers of recent years, entire departments and other campus units are in danger of becoming invisible if none of their records are preserved in the University Archives.

"My wish would be that anyone on campus who is about to clear out old records, stashes of campus-related photographs, etc., would think of University Archives and contact us so that we can determine whether any of the material should be transferred to the archives."

The librarians who tend and care for these often unique, rare and fragile materials take great care with them. Jacque Sundstrand

explains that all materials are kept in a secured, monitored storage area not accessible to the public. Manuscripts and other fragile materials are kept in technologically advanced, humidity-controlled storage enclosures. All materials are removed from acidic enclosures and placed into acid-free folders and containers when possible during the preparation process in order to ensure a good environment for long-term storage. "Most important," she adds, "is making sure that our users, as well as staff, know how to properly handle the materials when they come in. We spend time with each researcher in telling them about the correct way to use them and take their notes without damaging them."

Curtis adds: "Our purpose is to provide access for the researchers of today in ways that will protect our original material for the researchers of tomorrow. Digitizing photographs and manuscripts can reduce the handling of

originals and make them available to remote users, but for long-term and reliable access, it is important to keep the original paper manuscripts and photographic prints and negatives in as good a condition as possible."

Among the items lovingly stored by Special Collections is a handwritten, signed letter by Sarah Winnemucca, the influential Northern Paiute writer who worked throughout her life to develop understanding between white settlers and her people. In the letter, written during the 1860s in delicate, cursive script on paper now yellowed by time, Winnemucca implores "all good Christians" to help elder Paiutes, George and his wife, in their old age.

Another unique letter held by Special Collections is one from Robert Laxalt, one of Nevada's most heralded authors and founder of the University of Nevada Press. On Jan. 15, 1954, he writes to his book editor, saying:

"I'll have those beginning chapters to you



Special Collections manuscripts librarian Jacquie Sundstrand consults with Arielle Gorin, a visiting graduate student from Yale.

fair soon. Things got crowded up a bit lately, and as of next week, I'm donning the wage shackles again. This independent writing is too precarious, both locally and nebulous nationally. I'd hoped that darn novelette might pull us out for a few months, but I guess not."

Laxalt was working on a novelette called *Rimrock*, which had started out as a short story. His agent thought that additional chapters might appeal to the publisher, but that didn't work out.

The *Book of the Oath* is a prized University Archives item. The large, blue leather and silver-bound tome with 100 vellum leaves was commissioned in 1920 to receive the signatures of all members of each University of Nevada graduating class. By signing, graduates indicated that they had taken the solemn civic pledge inscribed at the beginning of the book. The pledge includes swearing "lifelong loyalty to the shaping ideals of American civilization

... liberty ... equality ... and justice" and that each classes' generation "shall bequeath an even better and nobler civilization than came to it." The last group of students to sign the

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Betty Glass, Special Collections librarian and University archivist

oath was the Class of 1964.

Sundstrand adds that the librarians "love to hear from users that their article or book is being published after they have come in and used our collections."

The importance of Special Collections and University Archives to the campus and community cannot be understated, says University President Marc Johnson: "The libraries, special collections and archives of our University make accessible to our faculty, staff and students, as well as the public we serve, all the primary sources of our campus and state history. The preservation mission of these University entities provides a social good of the highest order. Without the wide array of historic holdings and the artistic acquisitions that make up our special collections, archives and libraries, the richness of the intellectual and historic life of our region would be greatly diminished. They provide us all a compelling

Elusive information at your fingertips

By Warren Lerude

The University of Nevada Archives and Special Collections are a treasury of historical information about our state and our relationships with the West, the nation and the world. Writers, scholars, historians and the citizenry at large rely deeply on the availability of this information.

I am writing a biography of Nevada's celebrated author Robert Laxalt, and I could not do so without the detailed research I have conducted in the archives and Special Collections through the invaluable



help of the knowledgeable staff. Deep research is mind-bogglingly difficult. The archives and Special Collections staff has set up a system that quickly puts otherwise elusive information quickly and thoroughly at the fingertips of a writer.

For instance, the Robert Laxalt Papers are on file in 26.5 cubic feet of material located in 33 boxes. These include manuscripts and notes from Bob Laxalt's published and unpublished newspaper and magazine journalism and fiction and non-fiction books. The entire story of Bob's founding of the University of Nevada Press is preserved in the archives and Special Collections. It would be a historical and literary tragedy if this vital information about our state and one of its most gifted writers were not preserved and available at a moment's notice for those of us who care enough about Nevada to research and write about the people who, like Bob Laxalt, have actually created and lived our history as it happened through their notable efforts.

Additionally, Bob Laxalt's papers chronicle unique information about his important personal involvement in his brother Paul's historic campaigns for and service as lieutenant governor, governor and U. S. senator for Nevada, which can be found nowhere else. Paul Laxalt's own unique papers, different than Bob's, are of extraordinary value to our state and nation.

A visit to the archives and special collections and their accomplished staff is a joy for those of us who are dedicated to telling our state's stories fully and accurately.

—Warren Lerude, professor emeritus, Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism, is the author of *American Commander in Spain*, published by the University of Nevada Press, 1986, and *Pulitzer Prize winner for Editorial Writing*, 1977.



The Basque Library

The Basque Library and the Center for Basque Studies are located on the third floor of the Knowledge Center. It is considered the leading library on Basque topics anywhere outside of the Basque Country. It was founded in the late 1960s under the auspices of the Basque Studies Program by then coordinator, William Douglass, with the help of Robert Laxalt and guidance of Jon Bilbao. It serves as an English window into the Basque world by gathering everything published in English about the Basques. It also strives to offer the best published works pertaining to Basque topics in Basque, Spanish and French.

The library is comprised of hundreds of journals from the 19th century to the present, periodicals about Basque issues in paper and electronic formats, collections of photographs donated by professional photographers and by individuals, hundreds of videos and DVDs created by and about Basques and the Basque Diaspora, and audio recordings created by the Center for Basque Studies, as well as those donated by individuals. The Library houses manuscript collections donated by Basque individuals, families and organizations such as the Western Range Association, containing records of Basque sheepherders in the American West. Another example is the Huarte Jauregui Archive, containing important research materials on Basques in the Spanish Civil War. The library also houses hundreds of pamphlets, objects and posters related to the Basque Diaspora, all of which can be viewed within the library.

—Donnie Curtis, head of Special Collections and a subject specialist for Basque Studies

and enriching way to measure the changes we experience today with the historic treasures from yesterday."

DeLaMare Science and Engineering Library

In addition to Special Collections, other campus libraries hold collections of unique and historical materials. For example, the Mary B. Ansari Map Library in the DeLaMare Science and Engineering Library houses the largest map collection in Nevada, containing more than 140,000 maps. Located in the Mackay Mines Building on the north end

of the historic Quad, DeLaMare also holds approximately 1,200 active journal subscriptions and 100,000 volumes of monographs, bound journals and government documents in the fields of earth sciences; chemical, civil, computer, electrical, geological, mechanical, metallurgical and mining engineering; computer science, chemistry and physics.

DeLaMare serves as an active hub for those who work in mining and high-tech industries in the state.

Diane Lightwood, DeLaMare's circulation manager and a veteran of the mining industry herself, describes her experience since she was hired four years ago: "Pretty much if you take

a directory of the mining industry in the state, over the years they've all been in here.”

DeLaMare has approximately 22,500 square feet on four floors, with 100 computer workstations located throughout the public areas of the building.

Tod Colegrove, DeLaMare director, says that when members come in from their communities of practice across the state, they have full access to the collections of the library, including digital collections specifically licensed by the library such as GeoRef, the most comprehensive database in the geosciences. And, they are encouraged to get involved in discussions with students from their discipline.

“It’s a huge value for a student studying a program such as geology or mining engineering to be able to forge connections directly with people actively working in their chosen field,” Colegrove says. “You just can’t buy that kind of exposure for our students and faculty.”

Another indication of use, according to Colegrove, is the fact that more than 158 printed maps were checked out of the library over the summer, even though the campus was on break.

The library’s digital map collections also are well-travelled sites. “Nevada in Maps,” www.delamare.unr.edu/maps/digitalcollections/nvmaps, was developed by DeLaMare’s emerita maps librarian Linda Newman. The site includes historical maps from the Nevada Historical Society, the Nevada State Library and Archives, and other state agencies, totaling more than 4,000 digitized maps that date from 1750 into the 20th century.

The “W. M. Keck Earth Sciences & Mining Research Information Center,” <http://keck.library.unr.edu>, houses topographic, geologic, elevation and agriculture maps, a host of satellite imagery, as well as road maps, historic highway and tourist maps, and other geoscience and mining databases. Both sites are regularly “harvested” by Google and others pulling authoritative content for their users. The next time you pull up a map or high-resolution image of the state in Google Earth, keep in mind that the imagery likely originally



Savitt Medical Library

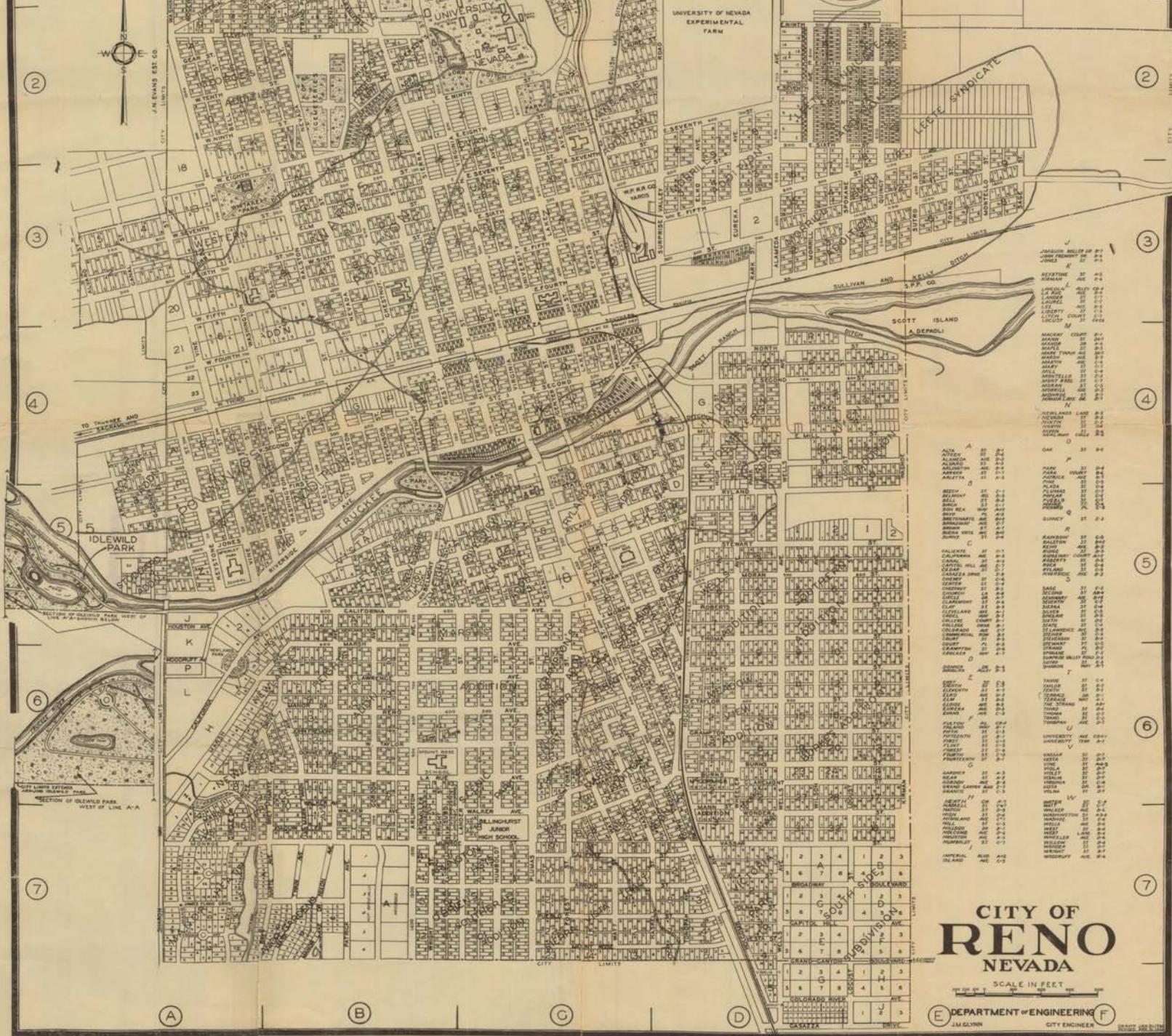
The Savitt Medical Library was established shortly after the University of Nevada School of Medicine evolved from a two-year to a four-year, degree-granting program in 1978. It is Nevada’s only publicly funded academic medical library.

While the physical facilities present a comfortable and supportive environment for study and research, perhaps the library’s most valued contribution to medical education and patient care is the online gateway it provides to the array of health-related databases, e-journals, online textbooks, and clinical decision-making tools that health care providers rely on to support best practices. As the pathway to quality information grows increasingly complex, the library has focused its efforts on teaching medical students, residents and care providers effective strategies for navigating the online health information environment.

Designated by the National Library of Medicine as a State Resource Library, the Savitt Medical Library maintains a commitment to delivering training and support to Nevada’s health professionals to facilitate easy access to reliable biomedical information. The library also partners with a variety of agencies and organizations in outreach projects to advance the integration of information technology into the practice of health care and to improve public access to consumer health information.

—Terry Henner, Savitt Medical Library director

School of Medicine students Patrick Delaplain '10, Camron Wipfli '10 and Venkatachalam Veerappan study in the Savitt Medical Library.



Special Collections holds this map of the City of Reno in 1931, showing the Truckee River with the city's neighborhood blocks on both sides, irrigation ditches, railroad routes and street names. The map has been digitized and can be found online.

came from DeLaMare. The map sites are operated jointly between DeLaMare, Special Collections and @One of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center.

The DeLaMare library was named after Grover Whitby "Dee" DeLaMare, who was a 1938 mining engineering graduate of the Mackay School of Mines. During his 60s, Dee found that he enjoyed exploration geology even more than he did mining engineering, and subsequently made several important

discoveries, among them the Preble ore body on the Getchell Trend in 1972 and, in 1981, the Dee Gold Deposit, one of the 12 major ore bodies in the Carlin Trend, near Battle Mountain in north-central Nevada.

Paintings, historical printed works, and artifacts of significance to the fields of mining, geology and engineering can be found throughout the building. DeLaMare also has some beautiful, but strangely acquired, gold-plated drinking fountains. Originally,

brass-plated drinking fountains were ordered to match the drinking fountains that were already in place in the restroom foyer just outside of the Keck Museum. The supplier sent gold-plated drinking fountains by accident, but allowed the library to keep them at no extra charge.

—Angela Bakker contributed to this article

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Donations accepted!

Special Collections and University Archives will gladly consider accepting items related to northern Nevada, including:

- Photo albums and scrapbooks relating to University of Nevada college days, especially:
 - Interior shots of Nevada campus residence halls and buildings
 - Informal snapshots documenting campus events, celebrities, "campus life"
 - Emblems, logos, programs, paper-oriented memorabilia
- Diaries, letters and scrapbooks documenting life in Nevada
- Unpublished family histories of northern Nevada families
- Photographs, albums and home movies that document local places and events, as well as ordinary life; documentation of local ethnic and lifestyle diversity, including alternative groups, such as hippie communities and Burning Man.
- Business and organizational records, especially from the founding years
- Paper-based souvenirs of important events in Nevada history
- Audio and video of local content that has research value
- Nevada-oriented ephemera such as pamphlets, brochures, calendars, etc. that might be obscure; hand-drawn maps

Special Collections Department generally does not accept:

- Photos of landscapes that are not identified, unidentified people, pets, travels outside Nevada
- Books, unless they are extremely rare and valuable or on Nevada topics, but published privately or with limited distribution
- Art, unless it is by a well-known Nevada artist who is not already well-represented in our collection
- Family history if it does not relate to Nevada
- Items that pertain primarily to southern Nevada and Clark County.



Special Collections librarians Betty Glass, Donnie Curtis and Jacque Sundstrand.

How you can help Special Collections

While the University provides the operating funds for maintenance of the libraries, it cannot furnish all of the support needed for Special Collections, especially in these difficult economic times.

Much of what Special Collections holds is due to the generosity of many individuals over the years who have donated personal or family papers, organizational papers, treasured books, photographs, maps and other unique materials. Most donated items need to be organized, cataloged, and may require preservation, which requires staff time. Although much of the material has been donated, unique items and collections occasionally become available for acquisition only through public auction or private sale, and the Special Collections budget is currently not sufficient to make such acquisitions. We rely on the generosity of donors because:

- Increasing access to unique materials requires increased investment in acquisition, preservation and digitization.
- Underwriting for strategic positions adds important value to Special Collections' many treasures.

The following is a partial list of gift opportunities to assist Special Collections with its important work:

Cataloging, Digitization and Preservation Funds: High priorities for Special Collections support. In particular, funds are needed to catalog and digitize the papers of Senator Paul Laxalt to make them available for researchers on campus and across the globe. (*Gifts from \$1,000 – \$25,000+*)

Part-time Photo Curator: Continue with the more complex aspects of processing of photographic collections. (*Gift of \$6,000 per year*)

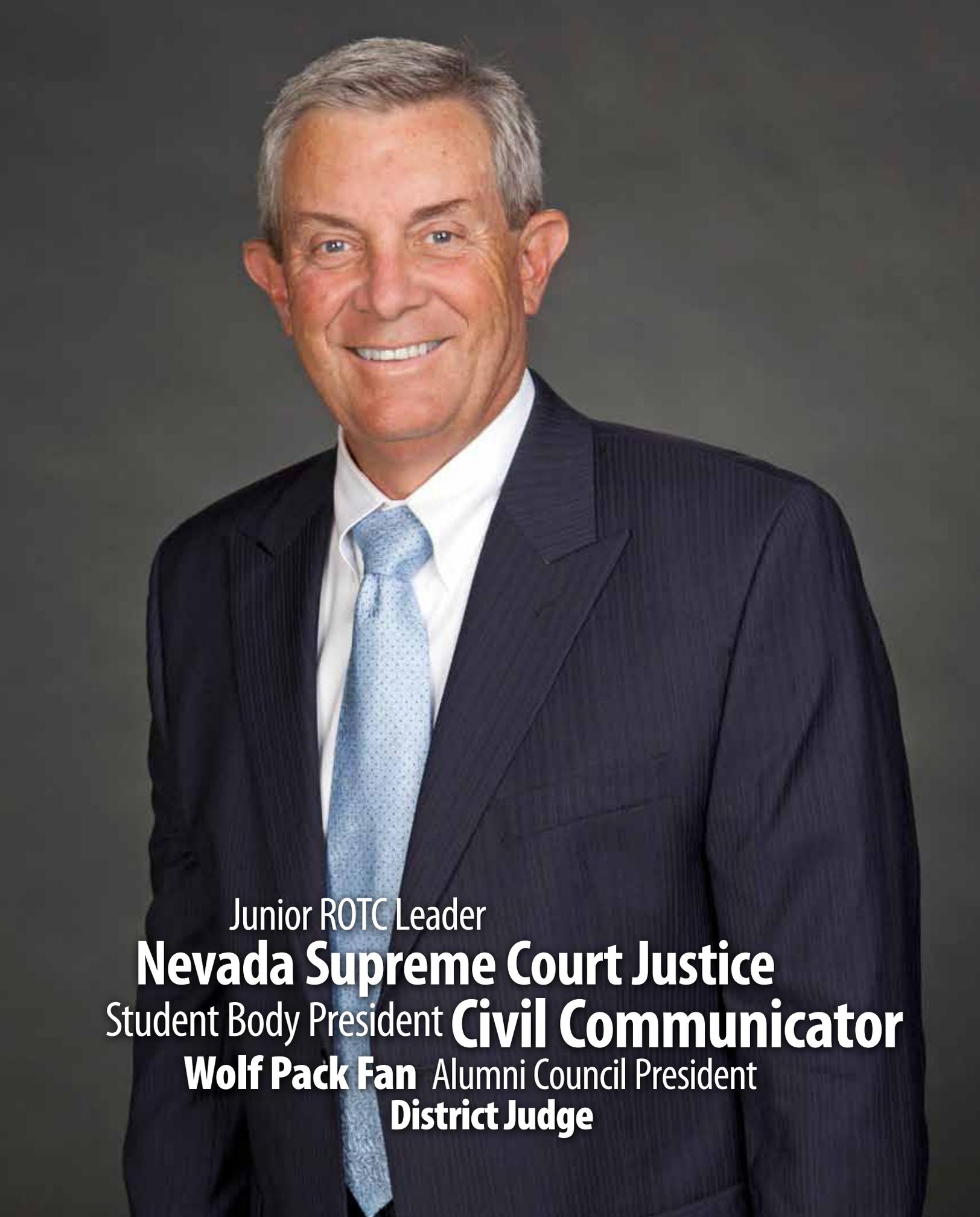
Acquisition/Enrichment Fund: Purchase select works, materials, manuscripts, artists' books and the like that become available on the open market. Currently, funds are sought in particular to acquire the papers of Sam Davis, noted Comstock-era newspaper publisher and writer, and the business papers of the Newlands/Sharon families. Collections significant to Nevada history often become available for purchase unexpectedly, with a short window of opportunity. (*Gifts from \$1,000 – \$25,000+*)

Student Assistant Funds: Students gain valuable practical experience while working in Special Collections, and at the same time provide much needed support for cataloging and digitization projects. (*Gifts of \$15,000 per year for graduate assistantship; \$4000 per semester for undergraduate students*)

Alf Doten Project: Alfred "Alf" Doten was another of the famed Comstock-era journalists. His diary is a treasure trove—79 leather-bound volumes from 1849–1903. Special Collections priorities include digitizing the original diaries and making them available on the Web along with complete transcriptions. (*Gifts of \$5,000 – \$50,000*)

Special Collections Endowment: These help build long-term continuous support for Special Collections. (*Gifts of \$10,000 – \$2 million, a goal to provide self-support for Special Collections*)

—Donnie Curtis, director of Special Collections

A professional headshot of a middle-aged man with short, graying hair, smiling warmly. He is wearing a dark navy blue pinstriped suit jacket over a white dress shirt and a light blue patterned necktie. The background is a solid, dark gray.

Junior ROTC Leader
Nevada Supreme Court Justice
Student Body President **Civil Communicator**
Wolf Pack Fan Alumni Council President
District Judge

James Hardesty

The Honorable James Hardesty '70 (accounting)

My time at the University of Nevada, Reno was one of the most important experiences of my life. The University was a great laboratory, not only for learning, but for building a foundation for further life experiences. I met my wife of 40 years, Sandy Packer '85 (physical education), and we have two daughters. We are now blessed with five grandchildren.

I went out for freshman football, which grew into a long-term affection and support for the University's athletic department. I was in ROTC for a few years, having been brigadier general of the Washoe County Junior ROTC in high school. I was also involved in student government, first as junior men's senator, then as student body president in 1969-70.

That year was a unique period in history because the ongoing war in Vietnam brought with it increased student activism around the country, increased violence between activists and law enforcement, and increased attention to racial discrimination issues.

While many campuses around the United States were in turmoil—and ours wasn't much different—we took an entirely different approach as a student government.

Rather than being confrontational, we chose to work with the administration and the Board of Regents in a cooperative, communicative and proactive way. This taught me lessons for a lifetime about the value and productivity of civil communication.

During my term as president, I had the opportunity to work with one of the finest university presidents, N. Edd Miller. He was a man of great wisdom and compassion.

Student government sponsored N. Edd Miller Day on Oct. 17, 1969. Several thousand students met President Miller at 6:30 a.m. at the gates of the University to express—not our disdain for campus administration—but rather

our appreciation of him and his willingness to listen to student concerns. We greeted him with balloons.

This event resulted in national publicity for the University. Pictures of President Miller, Robyn Powers '70 (art), the student body vice president, and me appeared on the front pages of 134 newspapers across the country. The event set the stage for the promotion of issues that were important to students, many of which I suspect remain important now: academic freedom, students' rights, professor evaluations, the cost of tuition and job placement after graduation. It also laid the groundwork for the adoption by the Board of Regents, for the first time, of a student bill of rights. And, it allowed us to bring on campus a number of controversial figures.

For example, President S.I. Hayakawa of San Francisco State University, who at the time was engaging in very restrictive supervision of student activities, presented a very active speech. We also brought to campus Julian Bond, a civil rights activist, co-founder of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee and the first black member of the Georgia State Assembly. He provided an insightful dialog on racial discrimination, black power and similar issues surrounding racial tensions.

Being in student government at Nevada taught me the value of civil communication, respecting another person's point of view, and working together to achieve important success for all of the parties involved.

Those controversies of the past are particularly relevant to today's controversies. Increasingly, we see what appears to be an inability of people to obtain compromise, respect others' points of view, or communicate effectively and in a civil way. I'm hoping that lessons of the past where effective civil communication has produced such great results can be revisited.

In my position as a justice on the Nevada Supreme Court, effective civil communication is critical. This court is the highest court in the state and has a number of important responsibilities concerning the law and the administration of justice. Civil communication by the Supreme Court is essential to demonstrate neutrality, impartiality, diligence toward hard work, and an unbiased approach to serving the law, not political agendas.

If our citizens lack confidence in the judicial branch—if they lack confidence in our institutions at all—it undermines our democracy.

Every year that I've been on the Supreme Court, we have had a number of very controversial disputes. Last year alone we had as many as 15 or 16 election disputes that involved disputes over initiative petitions, candidates for judgeship or for partisan political office, and all of those cases required prompt adjudication.

The court is regularly called upon to decide these kinds of controversies, and our job is to disregard the clamor, be dispassionate, and focus solely on the facts and the law.

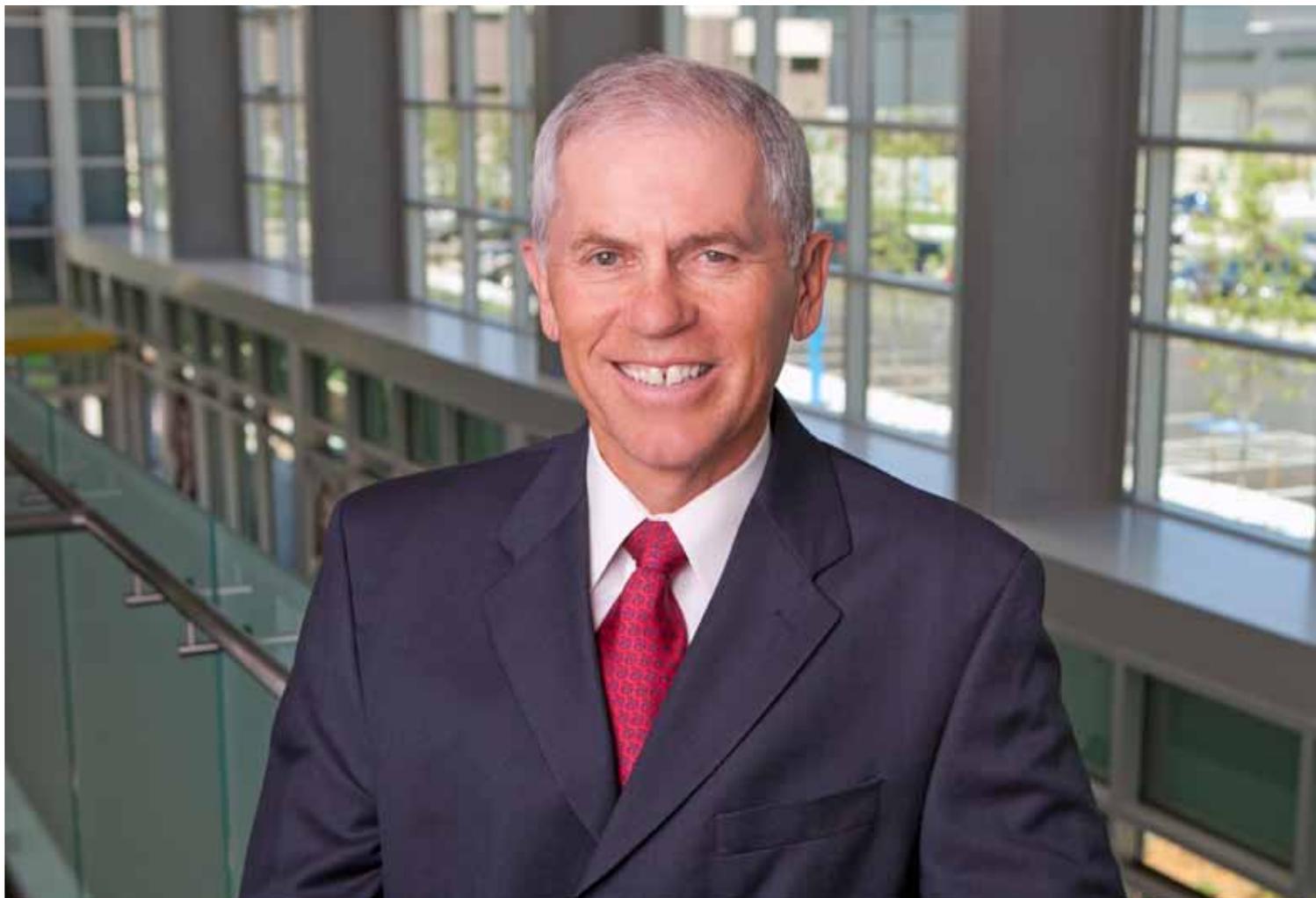
On my desk is a plaque, which is emblematic of what I learned in college. President Ronald Reagan offers these words: "There's no limit to what a man can do or where he can go, if he doesn't mind who gets the credit."

I think it underscores the idea that everyone's ideas bring about success, not just one individual's.

From a July 21 conversation with Melanie Robbins '06M.A., senior editor of Nevada Silver & Blue. The Honorable James Hardesty was named outstanding senior graduate at Nevada in 1970. He earned a juris doctor degree from University of Pacific McGeorge School of Law in 1975. Following a career in private practice, James was elected district court judge in the Second Judicial District Court of Washoe County and was elected chief judge in 2001 and 2003. He was sworn in as a Nevada Supreme Court justice on Jan. 3, 2005, and was elected chief justice for the 2009 term. He has served on numerous Supreme Court commissions. He served four years on the Nevada Alumni Council, including a term as president in 1981.

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New Health Sciences chief focuses on Nevada's health care needs

Dr. Thomas L. Schwenk took over as dean of the School of Medicine and vice president of the University's Division of Health Sciences in July 2011. He comes to Nevada from the University of Michigan Medical School where he was professor and chair of the Department of Family Medicine

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

for the past 25 years. He is the University's first faculty member of the Institute of Medicine, the health arm of the National Academy of Sciences, and is a fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine. He has served in reviewer or editor roles for several medical journals, including his current service as a reviewer with the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (JAMA) and deputy editor with *Journal Watch*. Much of his research has addressed the

diagnosis and management of mental illness in the primary care setting.

Nevada Silver & Blue: What will be needed to create a Division of Health Sciences that will truly focus on interprofessional collaboration, while maintaining the integrity and distinctness of all of the disciplines within the division?



Photo by Theresa Dame-Douglas

Dr. Thomas Schwenk overlooking the Nell J. Redfield Health Sciences Foyer inside the new William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building.

TS: Undergraduate teaching is a core mission of the division, but we always want to look at how to link that critical mission with graduate student supervision and research development, so that we will continue to build a full academic enterprise. This is particularly true in the School of Community Health Sciences as it develops its master of public health program and moves eventually to a full school of public health, but equally true in the other health sciences schools. What this means is that faculty recruitment will be important, but on a targeted basis that serves all of the teaching and research missions.

NSB: How does your experience in medicine help you integrate with the other professional schools within Health Sciences?

TS: I think family physicians are particularly well suited to contribute to the success of other health professions schools, because we have significant experience in the community as part of a health care team, and have comfort working with a wide range of health professionals. I actually took a course as a family medicine resident in multidisciplinary health care team structure and function and have always felt comfortable working collaboratively with a wide range of health care professionals. The future of health care delivery, particularly chronic disease management and preventive services, is team-based care, which we call the patient-centered medical home. We have a tremendous opportunity in the division to investigate what that means.

NSB: Will you be teaching or lecturing in the classroom?

TS: Absolutely! I hope I will have the opportunity to teach in a wide range of areas that have defined my academic career to this point,

mostly in depression and mental illness in primary care, but I also have significant interest in sports medicine, depression and burnout in athletes, and issues related to sports nutrition and ergogenic supplements. Most recently I have been working in the area of depression in medical students and physicians.

NSB: We understand that there is a shortage in nurses and primary care physicians in Nevada. What plans will you implement to increase the numbers in those specific areas?

TS: Nevada is similar to the entire country with regard to a shortage of primary care physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants. Since the overall supply of physicians per capita in Nevada is nearly the lowest of any state, it is likely that primary care access is even worse. The School of Medicine was formed, in part, to address this issue, and we take it very seriously. We should certainly be looking at opportunities to expand family medicine and general internal medicine training, as well as pediatric training if there is a need for general pediatricians, but we should also take advantage of collaborations with the Orvis School of Nursing to expand the training of primary care nurse practitioners. This is part of a larger mission to expand our training programs overall.

NSB: In this time of constrained resources and enormous health needs of the state, how can Health Sciences' schools, faculty and staff grow to better serve our state?

TS: We will have to be very targeted and strategic. As the saying goes, "we can do anything we want, but we cannot do everything we want." We need to think carefully about having the most impact with our limited resources. That means there are some problems we will just not be able to address, but what we do, we should do well.

—From an interview in July with
Anne McMillin, APR

Thomas Schwenk: This is the key issue. Every health profession's school has its own accreditation requirements, educational traditions and academic culture, and we do not want to disrupt those. So we need to find new ways that the partnership has value without getting in the way of individual programs. That is why I am so interested in collaborative research, because I think it brings that value.

NSB: What are your plans to leverage resources to accommodate the growing numbers of undergraduates enrolling within Health Sciences?



Photo by Peter Spain



2011 Honor Court Celebration

The annual Honor Court Celebration, held June 23, paid tribute to those who have left or will leave legacies at the University for our state, nation and civilization. Newly inducted and previous honorees, including faculty, staff, students, alumni, community friends and philanthropists, were recognized for their accomplishments and support.

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(1) Kirk Gardner '81 (journalism) and University Foundation trustee Felicia O'Carroll '76 (accounting) representing new Silver Benefactor inductee Kafoury, Armstrong & Co.

(2) Susan Sparkman; Deans Future Scholar, Senior Scholar and guest speaker Amber Burroughs '11 (human development and family studies); former College of Education dean William "Bill" Sparkman. Sparkman helped mentor Amber through elementary school and beyond.

(3) New Silver Benefactors Michonne R. Ascuaga and Dr. Kevin A. Linkus

(4) New Silver Benefactor Steven Johnson '77 (accounting)

(5) John Mudge '94 (business administration) representing new Philanthropist inductee Newmont Mining Corporation.

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Dr. Schwenk Welcome Receptions

Dr. Thomas Schwenk embraces his new role as dean of the University of Nevada School of Medicine and vice president for the Division of Health Sciences. Faculty, staff and friends of the University united in offering Dr. Schwenk a heartfelt Nevada welcome. Receptions were held in both Las Vegas and Reno as the School of Medicine is statewide. The Las Vegas reception was co-sponsored by the School of Medicine, Clark County Commissioners and University Medical Center.

(1) Nevada State Health Division Administrator Richard Whitley, Marla McDade-Williams '97MPA and President Marc Johnson

(2) Phil and Jennifer Satre '80M.Ed. with Annabelle and Thomas Kozel and Subhash Verma

(3) Ann Carlson '59 (business), Ron Turek, founding Nevada System of Higher Education Chancellor Neil Humphrey '77 and Bonnie Humphrey '77

(4) Dale Erquiaga '85 (political science), Chair Clark County Commissioner Susan Brager, Dr. Thomas Schwenk and Clark County Commissioner Mary Beth Scow

(5) Jeffrey Maloney, Lisa Lyons '88 (medical technology), '97MD and Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers

(6) Ralph and Sara Denton and Scott Denton '82MD

Las Vegas photos by Dave Smith



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Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

USA Funds continues support for Dean's Future Scholars

USA Funds, an Indianapolis-based nonprofit that promotes higher education access and success, recently increased its support of the Dean's Future Scholars Program, which mentors diverse, low-income and first-generation students through high school and into college.

Each year, 50 sixth-grade students from the Reno area are selected by their teachers to become Dean's Future Scholars. The program has a 90 percent high school graduation rate, with almost all of these students continuing on to the University of Nevada, Reno or Truckee Meadows Community College. USA Funds has been a major contributor to the program since it began in 2002.

"A major key to our success is our six-year

commitment to mentor the students from the end of sixth grade until high school graduation," said Robert Edgington, '75M.Ed. (school administration), '78 M.A. (counseling and educational psychology), director of the Dean's Future Scholars Program.

More than 300 Dean's Future Scholars spent their summer on the Nevada campus, learning the strategies and academic tools to help them graduate high school and enter college.

"The program is run by part-time student staff, most of whom grew up in low-income families with severe challenges to overcome," Edgington said. "The resourcefulness and determination of the Dean's Future Scholars staff to persevere through these challenges has

Dean's Future Scholars are joined by their mentors on the University Quad in June.

equipped them with the ability to empathize with the students they mentor and to assist these students in finding solutions to daunting obstacles."

Additional funding for the program has been provided by Nevadaworks, AT&T, Nevada System of Higher Education, GEAR-UP, Lifestyle Homes Foundation, Phil and Jennifer Satre '80M.Ed., Robert Edgington '75M.Ed., '78M.A., and Patricia Miltenberger '68, '85Ed.D., as well as other donors.

To learn more about supporting the College of Education, please contact Mitch Klaich, associate director of development, (775) 784-6914 or mklaich@unr.edu.

—Roseann Keegan

Newly established Raggio scholarships support political science, education students

Named for Sen. William J. Raggio '48 (political science), '11HDG, two new endowed scholarships at the University of Nevada, Reno will support students pursuing degrees in political science and education.

The Senator William J. Raggio Free Enterprise Scholarship Endowment will be awarded to students in their junior year who are pursuing a degree in political science and who demonstrate support of the Jeffersonian principals of limited government, free enterprise and fiscal responsibility—values held closely by Raggio. The Senator William J. Raggio Education Scholarship Endowment will benefit students who are pursuing a degree in education and are completing their professional preparation in the classroom.

Both scholarships will be first awarded in the 2012-13 school year.

A fourth-generation Nevadan, Raggio served as a member of the Nevada State Senate for 38 years—longer than any other Nevada senator. During this time, he produced landmark legislation for both K-12 and higher education in Nevada, tirelessly advocating for a stronger system of higher education in the state.

To learn more about supporting these scholarships or others, please contact John Carothers, vice president for Development and Alumni Relations, (775) 784-1352 or jcarothers@unr.edu.

—Roseann Keegan



Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

Sen. William J. Raggio '48, '11HDG was honored in February by the University's Faculty Senate and the Nevada Faculty Alliance as a "Hero of Higher Education" for his many years championing education in the state of Nevada.

Veteran sports editor George Ross creates journalism scholarship

George Ross '46 (journalism) has established the George S. Ross Scholarship Endowment to benefit journalism students at the University of Nevada, Reno. Ross, 94, began his journalistic career as a sportswriter on the University campus and later became the sports editor of the *Oakland Tribune* in the 1960s and 1970s—a golden era of Oakland sports where the A's and Raiders competed in four world championships. Ross overcame a speech impediment, a stutter, which taught him to carefully weigh every word he spoke. He wrote with similar precision, becoming known as a methodical journalist and a good listener.

Longtime *Oakland Tribune* columnist Dave

Newhouse wrote of Ross, "The name George Ross may not sound familiar, but Oakland wouldn't be the same sports town without him. He nurtured the Raiders to respectability, recruited the A's from Kansas City and wooed the Warriors from San Francisco."

Ross and his wife, Helene, moved to Graeagle, Calif., after he retired from the *Tribune* as managing editor and feature columnist in 1980. They were married for 50 years before Helene's passing 11 years ago. He established the scholarship endowment as a way of giving back to the University, where he got his start. The first scholarship will be awarded in the 2012-13 school year.

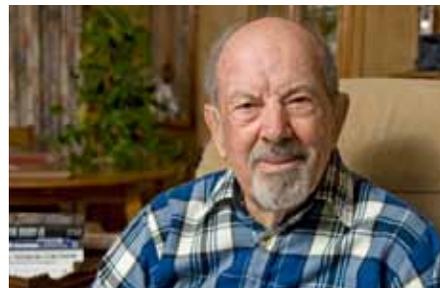


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George Ross '46, pictured at his Graeagle home, learned the basics of writing and reporting from legendary Nevada journalism instructor Alfred "Higgie" Higginbotham.

To learn more about supporting the Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism, please contact Kristin Burgarello, director of development, (775) 784-4471 or kburgarello@unr.edu.

—Staff reports



Daisy Lopez, left, and Mckenna LeVitt participate in a math game during the weeklong Northern Nevada Girls Math and Technology Camp in July.

from applicants solicited by school mailings to public, private, charter and Native American schools.

The students gain exposure to female role models in mathematical and technological fields by working with an all-female staff, hearing a guest speaker discuss the use of mathematics and technology in her job, and learning about contemporary and historical female mathematicians and computer scientists.

The foundation also sponsored the inaugural Multimedia Boot Camp in June (*See the article on page 30*). Through the generosity of the Smallwood Foundation, all eight student participants attended for free, receiving hands-on experience at the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center. The foundation will also provide a two-year, \$2,500 annual University scholarship to the student exhibiting the most potential. The Smallwood Foundation Scholar will also be given a paid job at the Knowledge Center's @One multimedia area during their undergraduate career. All boot camp students will be able to utilize the Knowledge Center and its services through their senior year in high school.

To learn more about supporting the College of Education, please contact Mitch Klaich '02, associate director of development, (775) 784-6914 or mklaich@unr.edu.

—Roseann Keegan

Smallwood Foundation supports Girls Math and Technology Camp

Every summer, seventh- and eighth-grade girls from throughout northern Nevada spend five days on the University campus expanding their math and technology skills in preparation for challenging classes that await them in middle school and beyond.

The Northern Nevada Girls Math and Technology Camp, now in its 13th year, recently received a gift from the Frances C. and William P. Smallwood Foundation to assist with the July 2011 session.

As a program of the College of Education, the camp's mission is to support and encourage girls of all abilities and backgrounds to increase their knowledge, skills and confidence in mathematics and learning technology. The residential camp began in 1998 under current director Lynda Wiest, a professor of education. All northern Nevada girls are eligible to apply in the spring before entering the seventh or eighth grade. Approximately 60 girls, 30 from each grade level, are selected randomly

Photo by Theresa Dame-Douglas



4-H'ers Robert Winslow, Jacob Roll and Kayla Neilson participate in a 4-H Science Experiment in 2009 in the rotunda of the Knowledge Center.

4-H programs spur teens' interest in science careers

When most people think of 4-H, they think of farm animals—of young people in white shirts and green ties leading around prized ewes or carefully groomed steers.

But for teenagers like Leah McKinney, 13, of Douglas County, and Kayla Neilson, 17, of Sparks, 4-H also means science. Both girls plan to pursue careers in science, and they credit

their fascination with research and scientific methods to their years in the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension's 4-H program.

Kayla, for instance, begins working on her mining engineering degree this fall at the University after spending 12 years in 4-H. In the last two of those years, Kayla was one of hundreds of Nevada 4-H'ers who participated

in the 4-H National Youth Science Day, staging an experiment at the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center for local professors, educators and students.

The 4-H National Youth Science Experiment is a one-day, annual event held throughout the United States and anywhere else 4-H groups have formed. The experiments have explored such topics as biofuels and how heightened levels of carbon dioxide affect the planet, and they are designed to spark an interest among youth in science and science careers.

It certainly worked with Kayla Neilson. Her exposure to science education through 4-H influenced her decision to pursue a career as a mining engineer.

"4-H has always been a big part of my life," she says. "The rewards you get from it are something you can't get anywhere else."

As part of the Cooperative Extension System of the United States Department of Agriculture and implemented by the nation's 109 land-grant colleges and universities, 4-H has been educating youth in the sciences for more than 100 years. More than 5 million youth across the U.S. participate in 4-H science, engineering, technology and applied math in yearlong programs, and 4-H groups throughout Nevada have participated in the national experiment during its first three years.

The national experiment is another example of 4-H's positive impact on youth. Youth development scholar Richard Lerner, who works with researchers at the Institute for Applied Research in Youth Development at Tufts University, has found that, when compared to other youth, young people involved in 4-H are:

- Nearly two times more likely to get better grades in school;
- Nearly two times more likely to plan to go to college;
- 41 percent less likely to engage in risky behaviors; and
- 25 percent more likely to positively contribute to their families and communities.

Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas



Photos by Shannon Montana

LEFT: Leah McKinney takes apart a laptop during one of her Science Club meetings in Gardnerville, Nev., in March. RIGHT: Leah McKinney and one of her 4-H Science Club members get ready to launch another experiment.

Leah McKinney is certainly a good example of the positive influences 4-H can have on Nevada youth. Although only 13, Leah has designed a yearlong science curriculum for her science club in Gardnerville.

You read that right: Leah not only wrote the curriculum, she also designed the experiments performed during club meetings and created the worksheets used in each session. Every other week, her group explores a different aspect of science, from chemistry to geology to physics, which, when studied by a 13-year-old and 20 other young people that age or younger, involves building different styles of catapults and launching pumpkins.

“The whole idea of the club was to get kids excited about science by getting messy and having fun,” says Leah’s mother, Rika McKinney.

Jim Sloan is a communications specialist with University of Nevada Cooperative Extension

Leah’s science experiments are decidedly different than the ones performed in most classrooms. In school, students often know what is supposed to happen and then follow a set procedure to make sure it does. In Leah’s club, the experiments don’t always work—and

that’s just the way she likes it.

“Science is as much about failure as it is about success,” she says. “When something goes wrong, you still learn something.”

The club has been a learning experience for Leah in other ways. For all her qualities—the home-schooler received an award from the Western Academic Talent Search for being the highest-scoring seventh-grader on the math section of the SAT in the state and has already completed Algebra 2—Leah is “not a great communicator,” her mom says. She’s somewhat introverted. Although adults are always present during club meetings, learning how to get up in front of a group of boys and girls of different ages and personality types and teach science required Leah to develop some leadership skills.

Leah got the idea for starting her science club after entering and winning science fair competitions and coming away disappointed that more kids were not as into science as she was. She figured her peers just weren’t learning science the way she was learning it—by making a big mess and figuring out what went wrong. So she went to her Douglas County 4-H youth development coordinator, Shannon Montana, with an idea for a new club.

“What other organization can a 12-year-old

pitch an idea like this to an adult and be taken seriously?” says Rika McKinney. “They told her to run with it.”

Now Leah—who also is one of 26 finalists for a prestigious Caroline D. Bradley scholarship to a private prep school—is expanding her curriculum for use in other county 4-H offices in Nevada and is scaling down her original teaching plan so it can be delivered at 4-H after school programs elsewhere in the state. Oh, and she and her 10-year-old brother tend their 25-head flock of sheep, too. She is also involved in shooting sports, and according to Montana does extensive breeding and market animal projects each year.

Says her mother: “She’s a very busy person. She’s driven, and we just let her keep driving.”

This year’s 4-H National Science Day experiment is titled “Wired for Wind” and will have 4-H groups across Nevada and the country design small-scale wind turbines. The event will be held Oct. 5. Check www.unce.unr.edu for details on the time and location.



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Salton Sea flooding may trigger high magnitude San Andreas earthquakes

Southern California's Salton Sea, once a large natural lake fed by the Colorado River, may play an important role in the earthquake cycle of the southern San Andreas Fault and may have triggered large earthquakes in the past.

"We've been able to show a correlation between past flooding from the Colorado River and triggering of intersecting earthquake faults under the Salton Sea," said Graham Kent, director of the Nevada Seismological Laboratory and co-author of a report published in June in the journal *Nature Geoscience*.

Kent is part of a team that has been using a CHIRP profiler, a sonar-like device towed underwater behind a boat, to map sediments and earthquake faults under bodies of water around the country and the world. The team—including researchers at Scripps Institution of Oceanography; University of California, San Diego; and the U.S. Geological Survey—discovered new faults in the Salton Sea near the southern end of the San Andreas Fault in underwater surveys conducted over the past several years.

Rupture on these newly discovered intersecting, or "steptover," faults has the potential to trigger large earthquakes in the magnitude 7 and higher range on the southern San Andreas

Fault. Report lead author Daniel Brothers of the USGS said this research does not improve the ability to predict such a quake, but suggests that heightened preparedness for a major quake immediately following smaller quakes (up to magnitude 6) in the steptover zone is warranted.

Since the beginning of the 20th century, local authorities have redirected the Colorado River away from the Salton Sea. The current dimensions of the Salton Sea, located in California's Imperial Valley, are less than 1/25th of the natural lake that preceded it, Lake Cahuilla. Ancient Lake Cahuilla had a surface area of approximately 2,201 square miles; the Salton Sea's surface area is 376 square miles.

By comparison, Lake Tahoe, which is 22 miles long, 12 miles wide and has 72 miles of shoreline, has 193 square miles of surface area. The Salton Sea is 35 miles long, 15 miles wide and contains 7.5 million acre feet of water. Lake Tahoe, which is much deeper than the Salton Sea, holds 122 million acre feet. Lake Cahuilla had one and a half times the volume of Tahoe, 183 million acre feet, and was 35 miles wide and 100 miles long.

When its natural dimensions were in place, Lake Cahuilla and its surrounding region

Graham Kent, director of the Nevada Seismological Laboratory, watches as an acoustic imager, known as the subscan CHIRP, used to locate earthquake faults under the Salton Sea, is lowered to the water. Kent has been working with a team of researchers to investigate seismic properties of the Salton Sea region.

experienced, in a thousand-year period, five earthquakes on the southern San Andreas that are believed to have been larger than magnitude 7. It's been more than 300 years since the last one, and no such sequence has taken place since the lake assumed its current dimensions. Diversion of the Colorado River and the lack of flooding events in the local basin, known as the Salton Trough, may be one possible explanation.

"We've been baffled as to why the southern San Andreas hasn't gone. It's been compared to a woman who is 15 months pregnant," said Scripps seismologist Debi Kilb, a report co-author. "Now this paper offers one explanation why."

The researchers cautioned that failure of the steptover faults is ultimately driven by tectonic forces and could still set off a major rupture of the San Andreas Fault independent of any lake-level fluctuations. Other research teams have estimated that stress buildup in the area is still great enough to produce a quake between magnitude 7 and 8 and potentially cause significant damage in the Los Angeles area.

—Mike Wolterbeek '02



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Jim Faulds, geologist and research professor at the University's Bureau of Mines and Geology, conducts his geothermal exploration class in April at the Fly Ranch Geysers north of Gerlach, Nev.

Geothermal industry to get boost from University research

An ambitious University project to understand and characterize geothermal potential at nearly 500 sites throughout the Great Basin is yielding a bounty of information for the geothermal industry to use in developing resources in Nevada.

The project, based in the University's Bureau of Mines and Geology in the College of Science, is funded by a \$1 million U.S. Department of Energy grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The project has reached the one-year mark and is entering phase two, when five or six of the 250 identified potentially viable geothermal sites will be studied in more detail. Some of

the studied sites will include 3-D imaging to help those in the industry better understand geothermal processes and identify drilling locations.

The research aims to provide a catalog of favorable structural elements, such as the pattern of faulting and models for geothermal systems and site-specific targeting using innovative techniques for fault analysis. The project will enhance exploration methodologies and reduce the risk of drilling nonproductive wells.

Jim Faulds, principal investigator for the project and a geologist and research professor at the University, has a team of six researchers and several graduate students working with him on various aspects of the project.

The success of modeling sites for exploration is limited without basic knowledge of which fault and fracture patterns, stress conditions and stratigraphic intervals are most conducive to hosting geothermal reservoirs.

"The geothermal industry doesn't have

the same depth of knowledge for geothermal exploration as the mineral and oil industries," Faulds said. "Mineral and oil companies conducted extensive research years ago that helps them to characterize favorable settings and determine where to drill. With geothermal, it's studies like this that will enhance understanding of what controls hot fluids in the Earth's crust and thus provide an exploration basis for industry to use in discovering and developing resources."

Faulds and his team have defined a spectrum of favorable structural settings for geothermal systems in the Great Basin and completed a preliminary catalog that interprets the structural setting of most its geothermal systems.

In addition, Faulds has developed and taught a geothermal exploration class, published many papers on his work and presented his work at many conferences, including the World Geothermal Congress in Bali, Indonesia and the GeoNZ2010 Geoscience-Geothermal Conference in Auckland, New Zealand.

—Mike Wolterbeek '02

University hosts nation's first geothermal academy

The National Geothermal Academy, the first of its kind in the United States, held its inaugural summer session on the University's Redfield Campus this summer. The eight-week, intensive program drew a group of 40 students from around the country who were selected competitively.

The academy is a consortium of top geothermal schools from around the country, including Nevada, Cornell University, Stanford University, Southern Methodist University, West Virginia University, the Oregon Institute of Technology, the University of Utah and Dartmouth. The consortium seeks to grow the national energy infrastructure by educating the next generation of scientists,

engineers, plant operators and policymakers.

With its 20 years of geothermal research, development and exploration success, Nevada was selected to be the lead institution and the central site to host the academy. The University was awarded a \$995,000 grant from the Department of Energy to develop and operate the academy.

The state of Nevada leads the nation in the number of geothermal energy projects under development. Collectively, geothermal power plants in Nevada produce 300 megawatts of power, enough to provide electricity to more than 200,000 homes.

—Mike Wolterbeek '02



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Student Dustin Hanson samples spring water for geothermal properties in Columbus Salt Marsh, Nev. The new National Geothermal Academy augmented the University's field work with new curricula and programs to help build geothermal infrastructure in Nevada and throughout the United States.



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Chris Cheney is dean of the College of Education.

College of Education uses tough times to build quality

When College of Education Dean Chris Cheney convened a task force of faculty to look at the undergraduate and teacher licensure programs to consider areas of savings, consolidation and revision, she had no idea the result would be a totally revamped program for future elementary teachers, so different than the previous one, that it would need approval from the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents.

“I gave them a charge to look at everything we were doing and come up with recommendations for change,” Cheney said. “What they came up with blew me away—they really ran with it, and now we have a program that is on the cutting-edge in its responsiveness to national trends and local needs.”

Among the most significant changes is that all students who pursue the college’s new, single degree for elementary education, the Integrated Elementary Teaching degree (BSEd), will not only be eligible for an elementary teaching license, but will also be eligible for a second license in one of the highly needed areas of special education, English as a second language, or early childhood education.

“To our knowledge, our program is the only one in the Western United States in which students will graduate with such eligibility,” Cheney said. “It’s well-documented across the

country that numerous factors have contributed to a strong need for dually certified educators who can teach all students, including English-language learners and those with disabilities, in one classroom. Our new program specifically addresses this need.”

The college’s formerly four separate degrees have been consolidated into the new single degree, with the option to specialize in one of the three high-demand areas—special education, English as a second language or early childhood education. Cheney said that in doing so, they were able to eliminate the need for more than a dozen classes.

“For example, our four degree programs were each offering a different class related to diversity,” she explained. “We have now been able to create curriculum with a single class related to K-12 student and family diversity that meets the needs of all students, regardless of their area of specialty.”

In addition, the program is now requiring a broader and more in-depth knowledge in the core content areas of math, English, science and social studies. Cheney said that math competency in particular has been low in elementary-level teachers across the country, and she is determined to change that in Nevada.

“Our future elementary teachers will now have to complete a higher level of math than

ever before, something equivalent to pre-calculus,” she said. “With the new, more demanding Common Core State Standards that Nevada has adopted for K-12, our future elementary teachers will be teaching fifth-graders math skills that were previously taught at the middle-school level. The ante has been raised, and we have to make sure that our future elementary teachers are ready to meet that challenge.”

In order for the college’s students to meet these tougher standards, Cheney said they have allowed for more electives in the program. That way, if students need a few math classes before they are ready to successfully complete the pre-calculus-level math class, they may do so with their electives. If they don’t need to use the electives to meet the increased requirements, they can use the electives to become eligible in an additional area of licensure or augment their knowledge in their chosen specialty area.

On June 16, the Nevada Board of Regents approved the college’s new degree program for elementary education. And, as part of the college’s reorganization in response to budget cuts, as of July 1, the College will no longer officially have departments. Cheney spoke of “not wasting a good crisis.”

“What this has really translated to is that we no longer have department walls,” she said. “We are one faculty. I’m really proud of my colleagues in the college. They responded to these challenging times by creating a streamlined program that minimizes expense, eliminates content overlap, reduces credits, increases opportunities for specialization and is responsive to national trends and local needs.”

The college has also made some changes, to their secondary education undergraduate program. It provides more field experience, as well as allowing students in the program to get two degrees—one in secondary education and one in their subject area, such as biology, math or English. A student can also minor in an area such as English as a second language or special education, which makes them eligible for licensure in those areas as well.

—Claudene Wharton ’86, ’99M.A.



College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources graduate student Sam Losing herds cattle as part of the annual spring round-up at the University's Gund Ranch northeast of Austin, Nev.

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livestock/range management, by combining faculty with other departments in the college.

“With strategic planning and targeting industry needs, our students will be well trained to enter the job market in Nevada,” said Ron Pardini, dean of CABNR.

The new realignment will offer students a variety of course options in these two new degree programs that complement existing programs.

Moving ahead, CABNR will now have three departments instead of five, consolidating course offerings and programs into the Department of Agriculture, Nutrition and Veterinary Sciences. The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences and the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology remain substantially in place.

—Mike Wolterbeek '02

New ag-related degrees offer individualized curriculum and meet industry needs

New educational programs aimed at meeting the state's changing needs for agriculture and rangeland have been implemented in the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources for Fall 2011.

The college's new Department of Agriculture, Nutrition and Veterinary Sciences will offer two new degrees: agricultural sciences and rangeland ecology and management.

A revamped and renamed major, forest management and ecology, was part of the package recently approved by the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents.

The new degrees were developed with input from industry, faculty and other stakeholders. Key elements of the department's programs were retained, especially pre-veterinary education as well as teaching and research in

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Shakespearean actor Ben Crystal as Lucius in *Comedy of Errors* at *The Globe Theatre* in London. Crystal will star in the world premiere of *Hamlet in the Original Pronunciation* this November.

University offers world premiere of *Hamlet in the Original Pronunciation*

Theatre lovers from around the globe will be watching—and listening—in awe when the University’s world premiere of *Hamlet in the Original Pronunciation* hits the stage this fall.

The production was created by a group of international Shakespeare scholars and Reno’s own Nevada Repertory Company.

Amazingly, the last time *Hamlet* was presented in its original dialect was centuries ago. In fact, only four original pronunciation productions of Shakespearean works have been performed in modern times: two recently at The Globe Theatre in London, one at the University of Kansas, and one at Cambridge in the 1950s. And now ... Reno.

The actors include British superstar and scholar Ben Crystal as Hamlet, and the Nevada Repertory Company under the leadership of director, Rob Gander, chair of theatre and dance.

“Original pronunciation is almost like a dialect, grounded not in geography but through time,” says Gander. “When Shakespeare was writing, ‘love’ and ‘prove’ rhymed. By employing original pronunciation, we can experience the text as it was meant to be heard. Original pronunciation is still remarkably easy to understand, even to a modern ear.”

The creative team also includes David Crystal, an English linguist and The Globe’s consultant, and English professor Eric Rasmussen, the production’s dramaturge, author of *Pronouncing Shakespeare* and co-editor of The Royal Shakespeare Company’s *Complete Works of William Shakespeare*.

Preview performances of *Hamlet in the Original Pronunciation* will take place Nov. 1 – 3, with additional performances Nov. 4 – 20. For more information, visit www.unrschoolofhearts.org.

—Nonie Wainwright '10

Rebecca Solnit honored as 2011 Laxalt Distinguished Writer

The Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism, in collaboration with Nevada Humanities, will honor San Francisco-based art critic, cultural historian, essayist and journalist Rebecca Solnit as the 2011 Laxalt Distinguished Writer. Solnit, whom the *Utne Reader* selected as “one of 25 visionaries who are changing your world,” will talk about the craft of writing at the Joe Crowley Student Union Theater, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. The event is free and the public is welcome.

Solnit is a contributing editor to *Harper’s Magazine* and is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, the National Book Critics Circle Award and the Lannan Literary Award. Her 13 books and numerous essays explore ideas

about art and photography, landscape, public life, memory, politics and ecology.

Her book, *A Paradise Built in Hell*, published in August 2009, was chosen as a best book of the year by *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The New Yorker*, *The Washington Post*, *Chicago Tribune* and *San Francisco Chronicle*. The book earned a California Gold Medal in 2010 from the Commonwealth Club of California.

“Rebecca Solnit is one of the last great public intellectuals—an outstanding journalist and rare literary talent who engages passionately with the issues facing the American West and the world beyond,” said Alan Deutschman, Reynolds Chair of Business Journalism. “We’re



Photo courtesy Reynolds School of Journalism

honored and excited that she’s coming to campus as the Laxalt Distinguished Writer.”

Solnit recently has begun a six-year term as a participant in the Program for Andrew D. White Professors-at-Large at Cornell University, in which she explores themes of environment, environmental justice and social justice.

A collection of Solnit’s work will be available for purchase at the event, and the author will sign books following her talk.

—Zanny Marsh '09MJM



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Faces on the Quad



JARELL GREEN is one of 20 students nationwide to receive the title National Fellow of the Pearson Prize for Higher Education. Green, who spent his

childhood surrounded by drugs and gangs, is pursuing a nursing degree in memory of his mother, who suffered from a long history of illness and died from cancer three weeks before Green began his studies at the University. During his first semester, Green testified at the Nevada State Legislature in support of the University's Center for Student Cultural Diversity and TRIO Scholars Program as a "first-generation student," the first in his family to pursue a college degree. Today, he mentors and tutors at the center, volunteers at Hug High School, mentors at Wooster High School through Youth Matter Now and volunteers with Pathfinders Children's Ministry. Green plans to use his college education and volunteer experience to continue working with at-risk youth and sharing his faith.

CLARISSA MARTINS always wanted to be a doctor. While attending Reed High School in Sparks, she joined the Dean's Future Scholars program,



allowing her to work on campus, spend time with a University mentor and get ahead in high school. Now a University junior pursuing a bachelor's in biochemistry, Martins remains involved with the Dean's Future Scholars and conducts research related to cancer and nutrition. This year Martins earned the Nevada INBRE (Idea Network of Biomedical Research Excellence) Undergrad Research award, and she is working to publish her research in the near future. Her research focus is inspired by her mother, who died from pancreatic cancer, and a friend from Dean's Future Scholars, who had to leave the University for cancer treatment. Martins plans to graduate in 2013, after which she wants to enter medical school for pediatric oncology.

—Tiffany Moore, Class of 2013



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High school students work their minds at Smallwood Multimedia Boot Camp

Eight high school seniors attended an unusual kind of "boot camp" this summer. The students were chosen through a competitive application process to be participants in the first Smallwood Foundation Multimedia Boot Camp, where they received rigorous instruction and hands-on experience in a wide range of media and research activities at the University's award-winning Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, one of the most technologically advanced university libraries in the country.

The students made use of the full range of multimedia equipment and software provided in the Knowledge Center's @One area, including the use of state-of-the-art media facilities. They received concentrated instruction in audio, video and media editing skills using Final Cut Pro, Flash, iMovie, Camtasia, Adobe Photoshop and Adobe After Effects. In professional-level projects, they learned how to shoot video with HD camcorders, integrate images, develop informative posters, create 2-D and 3-D animation, and use recording room technologies.

The Boot Camp was provided free of charge to the students, thanks to a grant from the Frances C. and William P. Smallwood Foundation, which will also provide a two-year \$2,500 annual scholarship to attend the University to the student exhibiting the most potential. This student, who will be named the "Smallwood Foundation Scholar," will also be given a paid

Douglas and McQueen High School students Elle Reyes and Matt Saunders line up a shot for the Smallwood Multimedia Boot Camp video production "Multimedia".

job at the Knowledge Center's @One multimedia area during his or her undergraduate career at Nevada. All of the students who attended the boot camp will also be allowed to use the Knowledge Center throughout their senior year in high school.

This is the first year of the new pilot program, which, besides providing a learning experience for the students, is also aimed at spreading the word among high school students about the University.

"The Knowledge Center just impresses everyone who steps through its doors," said Kathy Ray, dean of University Libraries. "It is such a terrific resource for our students that we believe exposing high school students to the Knowledge Center will help them realize all this University has to offer and will aid in recruitment efforts."

Mark Gandolfo, manager of media design and production for the past 13 years, serves as co-director of the boot camp, with Daniel Fergus, media production specialist. Gandolfo has produced national and international award-winning productions, including film, video and multimedia projects.

—Claudene Wharton, '86, '99M.A.

University celebrates new study-abroad program in Thailand

When Carmelo Urza founded University Studies Abroad Consortium in 1982, his goal was to allow university students to study in nontraditional places abroad, cities not necessarily packed with American tourists, so that students would truly become immersed in another culture. Through the University and its Basque Studies Program, the consortium first offered a study-abroad experience in San Sebastian, Spain, in the heart of Basque country.

Urza's 30 years of accomplishments with the consortium, which now offers 39 programs in 24 countries and has served students from more than 700 universities, was celebrated in June. The contract for the newest program in Chiang Mai, Thailand, was signed during the event.

In juxtaposition to Bangkok, the coastal

Thai capital with a population of more than 9 million, Chiang Mai's population is only about 1 million, and it sits on the Ping River in the far north, surrounded by high mountain ranges. *Lonely Planet* listed the city as one of the top-10 places to visit in 2011, stating that "If Chiang Mai were a person, it would be Bob Dylan ... despite its great age, there's still a bohemian chic that makes it as relevant and hip as ever."

Kelly Corrigan, the consortium's marketing director, said the program in Chiang Mai will offer unique experiences for students:

"In addition to the classes they take, students will have opportunities to do internships and field studies in a rehabilitation facility for elephants, at an AIDS organization, or with the indigenous hill tribe people."

A wide variety of coursework will be offered,



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As part of their cultural coursework, USAC students visit one of the more than 700 temples in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

including courses in international finance business management and relations, money and banking, Buddhist philosophy, comparative politics, Thai society and culture, language, civilization and cuisine and more.

The University Studies Abroad Consortium's mission is to provide students with the opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills, experiences and attitudes to prepare them for the global society of the 21st century. For more information, please visit <http://usac.unr.edu/>.

—Claudene Wharton '86, '99M.A.

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Larson selected as director of School of Community Health Sciences

Dr. Trudy Larson has been named director of the School of Community Health Sciences. Her appointment follows a 27-year career at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, where she has served as a professor and former chair of the Department of Pediatrics and served as an associate dean. She was interim director for the School of Community Health

Sciences for 10 months.

The school's Master of Public Health program was recently accredited by the Council of Education for Public Health, making it the only such accredited program in the state.

As a pediatric infectious disease specialist, Larson has spent her career focusing on HIV/AIDS and immunizations and has contributed to both fields in research, education and service. In 1990, she co-founded the first clinic for those with HIV/AIDS in the Truckee Meadows, Northern Nevada HOPES, for which she is currently the medical director. She continues to see patients at the clinic, and will continue to do so, even with her new appointment.

"All of the doctors at the clinic are from our University of Nevada School of Medicine," she said. "It is an interdisciplinary team, and we

also have graduate students doing research there."

With this year marking the 30th anniversary of the discovery of HIV/AIDS, Larson noted that some advances in addressing the disease have been made, and points to one local accomplishment in particular.

"In northern Nevada, we haven't had a baby born with HIV/AIDS in 18 years," she said.

—Claudene Wharton '86, '99M.A.



Dr. Trudy Larson

Photo by Theresa/Danna-Douglass

Foundation Professor Scott Casper named interim dean of College of Liberal Arts

Scott Casper, history department chair and University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Professor, was named interim dean of the University's College of Liberal Arts and assumed his duties July 1.

Casper has been at the University since 1992 and served as the history department's chair for five years, and as the department's director

of graduate studies before that. He has received several honors, including Professor of the Year from the University of Nevada Foundation in 2008 and the Nevada Regents' Teaching Award in 2005.

"Scott is an award-winning teacher with a strong record of research in his specialty, 19th century United States history, and a distinguished record of campus and professional service and outreach," said Heather Hardy, the college's former dean, who was named the University's



Scott Casper

Photo by Theresa/Danna-Douglass

executive vice president and provost June 1.

For the past 11 years, Casper has shared his knowledge of George Washington with K-12 teachers from across the country at summer institutes at Mount Vernon, Washington's estate. He also shares his expertise locally with K-12 history and social studies teachers through the Northern Nevada Teaching American History Project.

Casper is the author of two books, including *Sarah Johnson's Mount Vernon: The Forgotten History of an American Shrine* (2008). He is the co-author, editor or co-editor of six other books and has held fellowships at the National Humanities Center and the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, among other institutions.

—Claudene Wharton '86, '99M.A.

David Ake takes helm at School of the Arts

The College of Liberal Arts has named accomplished jazz musician and associate professor of music David Ake the director of the School of the Arts.

In addition to teaching at the University, Ake maintains an active career as a jazz pianist and composer. His work includes a solo piano CD *In Between* (2005) and most recently, *The Dark*, the debut album from the group EEA, consisting of Ake (piano) and fellow Nevada music professors Peter Epstein '04M.M. (saxophonist) and Larry Engstrom (trumpet).

He is also a member of The Collective, a

distinctive jazz ensemble that includes Epstein and Engstrom, as well as music department colleagues drummer Andrew Heglund and bassist Hans Halt '99 (music), '01M.M.

Ake has also published extensively, including the books, *Jazz Culture* (2002) and *Jazz Matters* (2010), in which he lends his perspective to post-1940s jazz.

Ake has earned high honors for his teaching in the music department, being the recipient of the 2010 Regents' Teaching Award, the University's 2009 F. Donald Tibbitts Distinguished Teaching Award, and the College of Liberal Arts' 2002 Mousel-Feltner Award for Outstanding Research and Creative Activity.

Ake earned both a Ph.D. in musicology and a master's in ethnomusicology—the study of social and cultural aspects of music and dance

in local and global contexts—from UCLA. He also studied jazz piano at California Institute of the Arts and University of Miami, earning a master's and a bachelor's, respectively.

Colleague Larry Engstrom, the school's former director, stepped down from the position to spend more time teaching. He continues to serve as the director of the Reno Jazz Festival.

—Claudene Wharton '86, '99M.A.



David Ake

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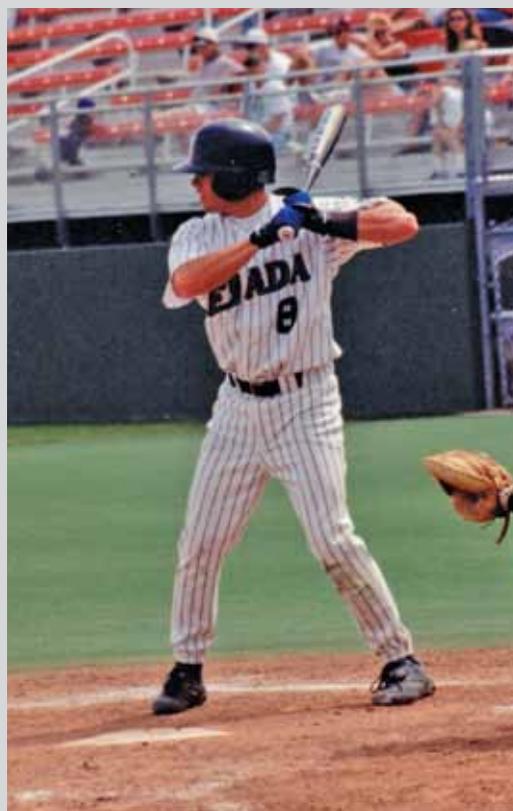
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Nevada to induct five former Wolf Pack stars into

Former Wolf Pack stars Suzy Catterson Kole, Joe Inglett, Geoff Noisy, Suzanne Stonebarger Barnes and Treamelle Taylor will be inducted into the University of Nevada Athletics Hall of Fame this October.

“This year’s Hall of Fame class features five outstanding former student-athletes who helped the University of Nevada to numerous team and individual championships, All-America certificates, school, conference and national records and NCAA championship appearances,” Wolf Pack Director of Athletics Cary Groth said. “Suzy

Pack Track stories by Rhonda Lundin, associate athletics director for communications

Catterson Kole remains one of the most decorated swimmers in school history, earning All-America honors in the pool 12 times, while Joe Inglett was the 2000 Big West MVP and an integral part of three Big West championship and NCAA Regional baseball teams. Geoff Noisy was one of the most prolific wide receivers in school history, setting the NCAA record for career receptions at the time, and continues to appear in the NCAA and school record books

in numerous receiving categories. Suzanne Stonebarger Barnes is one of the top volleyball players in Wolf Pack history and has gone on to become a star on the professional volleyball circuit, while Treamelle Taylor was an All-American and key contributor on Nevada’s Big Sky championship and NCAA Division I-AA national runner-up team in 1990.”

2011 Nevada Hall of Fame Inductees:

Suzy Catterson Kole – *Swimming & Diving (1996-99)*

Suzy Catterson Kole earned 12 All-America certificates and helped the Wolf Pack to three Big West Conference championships during her distinguished Wolf Pack career. She was a three-time individual All-American, earning certificates in the 100 backstroke in 1997, the 100 freestyle in 1998 and the 100 backstroke in 1999. She was also a member of nine relay teams that won All-America honors and 11 that won Big West championships. Kole won four individual Big West championships, including three consecutive 100 backstroke titles (1997-

99), and appears in the Wolf Pack record book 10 times. She still holds the school record for the 100 backstroke and was part of the fastest 400 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay teams in school history.

Joe Inglett – *Baseball (1997-2000)*

A 2000 All-American by *Baseball Weekly*, *Baseball America* and *ABCA/Rawlings*, Joe Inglett was a key contributor on Nevada’s three Big West Conference championship and NCAA Regional baseball teams in 1997, 1999 and 2000. He was named the Big West Conference MVP in 2000 and also earned first-team All-Big West honors in 2000 and second-team honors in 1999. He appears in the school record book 18 times and still holds school career and single-season records for runs and hits. Inglett also set the school records for career and single-season batting average, hitting .384 in his career and .435 in 2000, and ranks in the top five in career games played, at-bats, doubles and triples. Inglett made his Major League debut with the Cleveland Indians on June 21, 2006.

Geoff Noisy – *Football (1995-98)*

A three-time All-Big West Conference first-



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Former Wolf Pack stars Suzy Catterson Kole, Joe Inglett, Geoff Noisy, Suzanne Stonebarger Barnes and Treamelle Taylor will be inducted into the University of Nevada Athletics Hall of Fame this October.

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team selection at wide receiver, Geoff Noisy was the winner of Nevada's Golden Helmet Award as team MVP in 1998 and was the Wolf Pack's Offensive Player of the Year in 1996. He set the NCAA Division I-A record for career receptions with 295 (since broken) and still ranks eighth in the NCAA in career receptions. He fell just short of the all-time, all-division mark of 301 catches set by Jerry Rice after being hindered by a hamstring pull in his final three games and still ranks eighth in the NCAA in career receiving yards and 14th in career yards per game. He ranked third in the nation with 94 catches and 127.7 yards per game in 1998. Noisy ranks second in career receiving yards and receptions behind Nevada Hall of Fame inductee Trevor Insley and holds three of the top 10 single-season marks in school history for both receptions and receiving yards.

Suzanne Stonebarger Barnes – Volleyball (1998-2001)

One of the top players in the history of the Wolf Pack volleyball program, Suzanne Stonebarger Barnes '03 (speech communications) earned all-conference honors in three of her four years at Nevada. She was a two-time

All-WAC selection (first team in 2000 and second team in 2001) and was named to the All-Big West freshman team and second-team all-conference squad in 1998. She appears in the Wolf Pack record book 10 times, ranking seventh in career kills (1,198) and 10th in career service aces (99). She also holds three of the top 10 single-season marks and four of the top 10 single-match records for digs, including the school record with 38 digs at San Jose State in 2000. A former member of Team USA, Barnes has gone on to have a successful AVP Pro Beach Volleyball Tour career with fellow Wolf Pack alumna Michelle More '05 (management).

Treamelle Taylor – Football (1989-90)

Treamelle Taylor '93 (general studies) earned first-team Associated Press All-America honors in 1990, helping Nevada to the Big Sky championship and NCAA Division I-AA national championship game against Georgia Southern that year. He was named a first-team All-Big Sky Conference selection as both a wide receiver and a kick returner in both 1989 and 1990. He led the team in receiving, kick and punt returns and all-purpose yardage in 1990 and set the school record for single-season recep-

tions with 64 in 1989 (since broken). He set the school record for single-game receiving yards with 299 in his first start in 1989 (vs. Montana), while his 299 yards were the single-game high in the nation that year and although since broken, still rank third on Nevada's single-game chart. He still ranks 14th in career receiving yards at Nevada with 1,845 and was fourth when he ended his stellar two-year career.

Including this year's five honorees, 159 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. 7 at the Hall of Fame Dinner in the Silver Legacy. They will also be recognized at halftime of the Hall of Fame football game against UNLV on Saturday, Oct. 8 at Mackay Stadium.

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

Nevada launches Wolf Pack Varsity Club to unify past and present

The University of Nevada is starting the Wolf Pack Varsity Club as a way to reconnect with former student-athletes, coaches, cheer and dance members, and staff to the athletics department.

The mission of the Wolf Pack Varsity Club will be to promote the legacy, pride, loyalty and values that are part of Nevada Athletics.

“We are very excited to launch the Wolf Pack Varsity Club,” said Mike Micone, a former Wolf Pack football student-athlete and inaugural president of the Wolf Pack Varsity Club. “We have such a rich tradition of success at the University of Nevada, and this is a much-needed element to bring the Wolf Pack family together and unify the past with the present. With the University of Nevada moving into the Mountain West Conference, it is time for our former student-athletes and staff to come together and be an integral part of the continued success of Wolf Pack Athletics.”

The 2011-12 school year will mark the inaugural season for the Wolf Pack Varsity Club

and membership will be free for the first year. After the inaugural year, dues will range from \$10 to \$40 annually, depending on years from graduation, while new graduates will receive a free one-year membership. Lifetime memberships will also be available for \$1,000.

Members will receive an exclusive Wolf Pack Varsity Club medallion, invitation to an annual event, newsletter, members-only clothing line and a 20 percent discount on all Wolf Pack season tickets.

The fall of 2011 will mark the inaugural Wolf Pack Varsity Club event as members will be presented their medallions during the Hall of Fame Dinner on Friday, Oct. 7 at the Silver Legacy. Nevada will also host a Wolf Pack Varsity Club tailgate party for members prior to the Hall of Fame football game vs. UNLV on Saturday, Oct. 8. Cost for the dinner is \$50 per person, while the tailgate and UNLV ticket will be free for members and \$20 per person for guests.

Former student-athletes, coaches, cheerlead-



ers, dance team members and staff are encouraged to sign up for the Wolf Pack Varsity Club using the online questionnaire at www.NevadaWolfPack.com.

More information about the Wolf Pack Varsity Club is available by contacting Trisha Gibbons, (775) 682-6901 or tgibbons@unr.edu.

NevadaTickets offers one-stop shopping for University tickets

The Legacy Hall Ticket Office and Lawlor Events Center have joined together to form NevadaTickets, a single ticketing source for athletics, Lawlor Events Center and University of Nevada Performing Arts events.

To better serve Wolf Pack customers and the community, all athletics ticket sales have relocated to the Lawlor Events Center box office on the ground level at the southwest corner of Virginia and 15th Streets. Wolf Pack fans should now go to the Lawlor Events Center for all of their ticketing needs, including new season or individual game ticket purchases and service on current season ticket accounts. The Link Piazza Ticket Office at Legacy Hall will now only serve as

will call on football game days.

NevadaTickets has partnered with TicketsWest of Spokane, Wash., to handle all of its ticketing needs, marking the first time that Lawlor Events Center and Nevada Athletics will use the same ticket system.

Benefits to Wolf Pack fans include a website, www.MyNevadaTickets.com, with online ticket sales for all events, scanners in Mackay Stadium and Lawlor Events Center, as well as a print-at-home option that will reduce will call lines. In the future, NevadaTickets will be adding retail outlets as additional points-of-sale for tickets.

“NevadaTickets is a one-stop shop for tickets for all University-related events, whether

it be athletics, concerts or performing arts. The creation of NevadaTickets is really about offering the northern Nevada community more convenience and choices,” said Ann Larson, director of Lawlor Events Center. “It will also give our fans the opportunity to buy tickets in real time with the same seats available whether you are buying online, at Lawlor Events Center or at retail outlets in the future.”

Information on tickets for all athletics events is also available at www.NevadaWolfPack.com.



Photo by Jeff Dow

Alfie and Wolfie Jr. fire up the crowd at the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl pep rally in Union Square before the game, Sunday, Jan. 9.

Wolfie Jr. to battle to become Capital One Mascot of the Year

University of Nevada mascot, Wolfie Jr., has been selected to the 10th annual Capital One All-America Mascot Team and will battle to become the Capital One National Mascot of the Year.

The 16 mascots, representing nine conferences and including several natural gridiron rivalries, will go head-to-head throughout the college football season in a battle *royale* determined exclusively by fan voting. When the dust—and fur—settles, one lucky creature will be named the Capital One National Mascot of the Year at the 2012 Capital One Bowl.

“We are so excited for Wolfie Jr. to be a part of the Capital One Mascot Challenge,” Nevada cheer coach Kim Anastassatos said. “This is the first time for Nevada to make the mascot team, and we want to be great contenders to win the entire contest. Wolfie Jr. needs votes, lots of them, and we are calling on all Nevada fans to vote for Wolfie Jr., by text, Facebook or the Capital One mascot web page.”

Though visibly thrilled to be named to the Capital One Mascot Team, Wolfie Jr. had no comment on the honor, as he cannot speak.

This year’s field is comprised of a talented variety of species, including an eclectic mix of mammals and reptiles. As in years past, the

only things that eclipse the gargantuan size of the mascots’ heads is their boundless energy and relentless commitment to claiming the title by any means necessary.

Members of the 2011 Capital One All-America Mascot Team, as nominated by their schools and selected by a panel of judges from Capital One and the mascot community, include: Arizona’s Wilbur T. Wildcat, Auburn’s Aubie, Maryland’s Testudo, Georgia’s Hairy Dawg, Ohio State’s Brutus Buckeye, Oregon’s Duck, Georgia Tech’s Buzz, Iowa State’s Cy, Michigan State’s Sparty, LSU’s Mike the Tiger, Nevada’s Wolfie Jr., Oklahoma’s Boomer, Old Dominion’s Big Blue, Oregon State’s Benny Beaver, TCU’s SuperFrog and Western Kentucky’s Big Red.

“All mascots look forward to this day with anticipation, as we seek the recognition we deserve for our tireless efforts and unwavering loyalty to our schools,” defending champion, Big Blue of Old Dominion University, said through a mascot interpreter. “It’s a true measure of our self worth. I know what it takes to be named Capital One Mascot of the Year and I am not going to let any muscle-bound Spartan, buck-toothed Beaver or freaky-looking Frog derail my quest for a second straight title.”

New this year, fans will be able to view never told before stories for each mascot to learn more about their journey to become National Mascot of the Year. The videos will be available on www.CapitalOneBowl.com and www.Facebook.com/MascotChallenge all season long.

The 16 mascots will go head-to-furry-head for 12 weeks during the college football regular season in a voting contest to determine the Capital One National Mascot of the Year. Regular season voting officially opened on Aug. 29 and continues weekly through Nov. 21. The top eight mascots with the best head-to-head records will then compete in a bracket-style, single-elimination competition to determine the overall winner.

Fans can vote at www.CapitalOneBowl.com, on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/MascotChallenge and via text voting.

The Capital One National Mascot of the Year will be announced at the Capital One Bowl on Jan. 2, 2012 and will be awarded a \$20,000 scholarship to help fund its school’s mascot program. Each of the 2011 Capital One All-America team members receives \$5,000 for their university mascot program.

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FALL 2011

October 7

Nevada Alumni Association
Alumni Golf Day
11:30 a.m. Registration/Lunch
12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start
Somerset Golf & Country Club

October 8

Nevada Alumni Association
Nevada vs. UNLV Pregame Party*
Two Hours Before Kickoff
Legacy Hall, Between Lawlor & Mackay Stadium

HOME COMING 2011

October 12

ASUN Department of Traditions
The Pack Gives Back
7 p.m.
Joe Crowley Student Union Ballroom

October 13

Nevada Alumni Association
Annual Homecoming Gala
Co-Sponsored by GEICO, Hometown Health and Muckel Anderson
6 p.m. No Host Reception
7 p.m. Dinner and Program
Joe Crowley Student Union Ballroom

October 14

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

ASUN Department of Traditions
Blue Flu BBQ
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Joe Crowley Student Union Plaza

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

Nevada Alumni Association and ASUN
Department of Traditions
Family Pep Rally & Bonfire
6 p.m. Games/Festivities
8 p.m. Bonfire Lighting
North of the Center for Molecular Medicine

Nevada Alumni Association
Homecoming Concert,
Featuring The Mudsharks with opening band MC Pickle and The Juice
Co-Sponsored by The Little Waldorf and The Young Alumni Chapter
9 p.m.
The Little Waldorf

October 15

Lombardi Recreation Center
Wolf Trot 5K Fun Run
6 a.m. Registration
8 a.m. Race
Joe Crowley Student Union Plaza

ASUN Department of Traditions
Homecoming Parade
9 a.m.
Virginia Street, from 9th to 15th Street

Greek Alumni Chapter
Homecoming Social
Three Hours Before Kickoff
The Wolf's Den

Nevada Alumni Association
Nevada vs. New Mexico Pregame Party*
Two Hours Before Kickoff
Legacy Hall, Between Lawlor & Mackay Stadium

Panhellenic, Interfraternity Council,
Multicultural Greek Council
All Greek Tailgate
11 a.m. – 1:05 p.m.
North Parking Lot Above Mackay Stadium

Nevada vs. New Mexico
Homecoming Football Game
1:05 p.m. Kickoff
Mackay Stadium

October 22

Nevada Alumni Association
Nevada vs. Fresno State Pregame Party*
Two Hours Before Kickoff
Legacy Hall, Between Lawlor & Mackay Stadium

November 12

Nevada Alumni Association
Nevada vs. Hawaii Pregame Party*
Two Hours Before Kickoff
Legacy Hall, Between Lawlor & Mackay Stadium

November 19

Nevada Alumni Association
Nevada vs. Louisiana Tech Pregame Party*
Two Hours Before Kickoff
Legacy Hall, Between Lawlor & Mackay Stadium

November 29

Nevada Alumni Association
Senior Scholar Awards Reception
6 p.m.
Joe Crowley Student Union Ballroom

December 3

Nevada Alumni Association
Nevada vs. Idaho Pregame Party*
Two Hours Before Kickoff
Legacy Hall, Between Lawlor & Mackay Stadium

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

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Alumna of the Year: **Sara Lafrance '73** (English/journalism)

Education and discovery are prevalent themes in Sara Lafrance's life. Having spent her early years in the eastern U.S., Nevada and its heritage were new experiences when she and her family moved to the state in 1970, where she eventually enrolled at the University of Nevada, Reno.

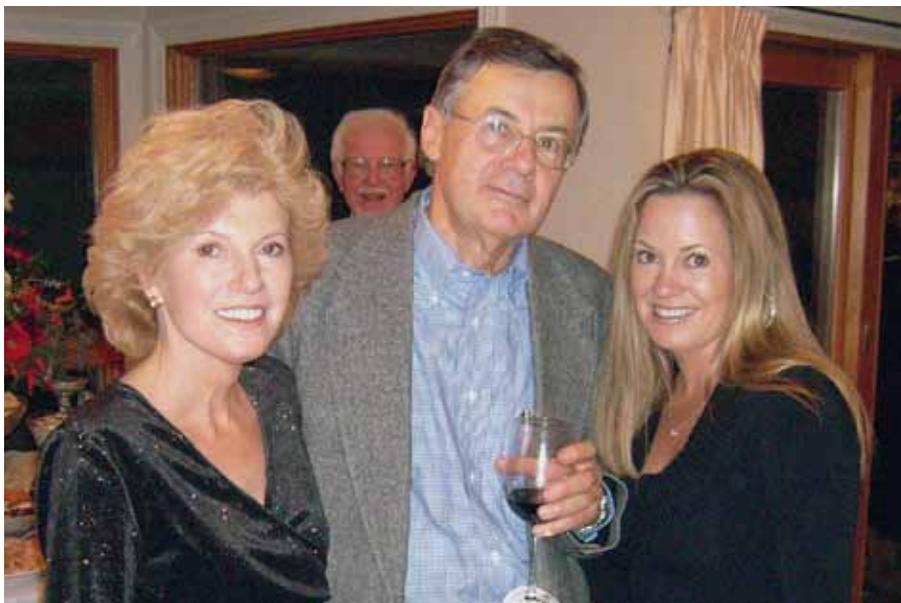
"I had the privilege of taking the requisite Nevada history course from Dr. James Hulse '52 (journalism), '58M.A. (history), who today is recognized as an esteemed Nevada historian, distinguished professor and member of the Ne-

vada Writers Hall of Fame," Sara says. "In his class, he brought the West to life with stories of trappers, miners, railroad men and pioneers. What had begun as a required subject, in the end imbued me with a sense of place that I still carry to this day. It was truly formative."

Following graduation in 1973, Sara and her husband, Leonard, moved to the San Francisco Bay Area to start their software company, Century Analysis, Inc. (CAI), which they managed for 23 years, before selling it in 1998. Sara credited the company's growth and evolution

to the contributions of her educated, thoughtful employees and their desire to think, reason and continue to learn. Her college education taught her comparative and interpretive thought, which benefited her greatly in working with engineers and directing a technology company.

In 1998, the Lafrances moved to Incline Village, allowing Sara to resume her relationship with the University. Today, she is active in many areas on campus, including service as chair of the College of Engineering Advisory Board (2009) and the University Foundation



TOP LEFT: The Lafrances at their wedding. TOP RIGHT: The Lafrances enjoy a vacation in Angkor Wat, Cambodia. LEFT: Sara at her Century Analysis, Inc. office in the 1980s. BOTTOM RIGHT: The Lafrances celebrate an anniversary with their daughter, Lisa.

Board of Trustees (2010). Her other community activities have included involvement with the Reno Philharmonic, KNPB Channel 5, READ Global, Guide Dogs for the Blind and membership in Sierra Angels, a northern Nevada investment group that focuses on promising, early-stage companies.

Through their travels to developing countries, the Lafrances discovered a need for young people in remote villages to obtain a college education. In 2005, they started Educational Pathways International, a foundation with the

mission of recognizing, nurturing and supporting gifted young people in developing areas of the world, as well as contributing to educational programs and establishing scholarships for gifted students in the local area. Through philanthropy, the Lafrances aid university students in Ghana and, at Nevada, provide scholarships for National Merit Scholars, as well as support for the College of Engineering's earthquake engineering laboratory expansion and the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center, among other programs.

Julie Rowe '94 (journalism) Nevada Alumni Association president says: "The Nevada Alumni Association is excited to honor Sara as our 2011 Alumna of the Year. Her contributions to the University of Nevada, Reno are impressive, as is the global impact of her education accessibility mission. She is truly inspirational and a role model who makes us proud to be Nevada alumni." [N](#)

—Crystal Parrish

Alumni Award Recipients

Professional Achievement

Hing Kee Chow '91 (mechanical engineering)

After Hing graduated from Nevada, he earned a master of science in mechanical engineering at California State University, Los Angeles. His love of teaching led him to become a math teacher at Temple Intermediate School. Hing married Linda Situ in 1996 and received a math credential and master's in educational administration from CSULA. Hing was assistant principal of Temple Intermediate, principal of Marshall Elementary School and is the current principal of Monterey Vista Elementary School, named a California Distinguished School, Title I Academic Achievement School and National Blue Ribbon School under his guidance.



Brett E. Coleman '84 (finance)

Brett is a partner in several businesses including B&C Western Development; 1013 Communications, which owns community newspapers in Arizona, and Fast Lane Ventures and owner of the Mercedes Benz of Reno dealership. Brett founded Coleman Communities, a residential homebuilding company, in 1994 and later combined his company with Barker Homes, forming Barker Coleman Communities. The company was sold to Lennar Corporation in 2005. Brett is married to Karen Coleman and they are trustees of the Brett and Karen Coleman Foundation, which focuses on assisting children in need. They have three daughters and two sons; one daughter is in her third year at Nevada.



Frank Hawkins, Jr. '81 (criminal justice)

Frank grew up in Las Vegas and was recruited to attend the University where he played football for four years. He went on to a career in the NFL with the Los Angeles/Oakland Raiders from 1981-1987, winning Superbowl XVIII. After his NFL career, Frank returned to Las Vegas and began community development

work. He served on the city council from 1991 to 1995. He is president of the Las Vegas chapter of the NAACP and has a foundation with his mother, the Frank Hawkins Jr.-Daisy Lee Miller Charitable Foundation. In 1992, he was inducted into the University of Nevada, Reno Athletics Hall of Fame, and in 1997, he was selected for induction into the College Football Hall of Fame. He has been a donor to AAUN and, in conjunction with Luther Mack, to the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center.



Cheryl A. Hug English '78 (biology), '82M.D.

Cheryl graduated from Nevada with a biology degree and earned her medical degree from the University of Nevada School of Medicine, then went on to earn her master of public health from UCLA in 1985. Cheryl has spent the past 25 years as a faculty member for the University and the School of Medicine. She has served as the medical director for the Student Health Center since 1994. Within the School of Medicine, Cheryl has served as chair of the Admissions Committee, assistant and associate dean of Admissions and Student Affairs, and most recently, interim dean. She is a past president of the School of Medicine's Alumni Association and was named the School of Medicine's Alumnus of the Year in 2008.



William C. Siegel '84 (civil engineering), '86M.S. (civil engineering)

While at the University, Bill was elected president of ASUN and Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, and named Outstanding Engineering Student. After graduation, he joined Kleinfelder, an engineering and architecture firm. In 2009, Bill was selected to be the company's CEO. At Nevada, Bill met his future wife, Becky Vradenburgh, and now has two college students of his own, Matthew,



24, and Mitchell, 21. He splits time between Kleinfelder headquarters in San Diego and his home in Colorado. He is also active in a variety of professional and charitable organizations.

University Service

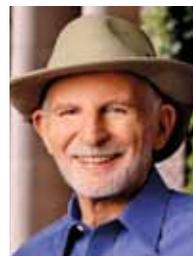
Riley M. Beckett '68 (accounting)

Riley earned his bachelor's in accounting while gaining acclaim as a boxer. He earned his Juris Doctor from the University of San Francisco in 1971. As a founding partner in the law firm of Beckett, Yott & McCarty in Reno, he has been in private practice since 1971. Riley is an active trustee emeritus of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Board, serving from 1997 to 2002. Through his work as a trustee of the Mallory Foundation, he has attracted critical financial support to the University, including support for the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center, the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, the earthquake engineering structures expansion, engineering K-12 outreach, MESA, the Jean Mallory scholarship, the Mallory Foundation Scholar Leader scholarship and technology-enhanced "smart" classrooms.



Milton D. Glick (posthumously)

Milton D. Glick served as president of the University of Nevada, Reno from 2006-2011, before passing away on April 16 at age 73. Milt led the campus to historic institutional and reputational milestones: The University increased its number of National Merit Scholars to a record 38 in 2011, set all-time records for enrollment and graduation, and saw freshman retention rates reach a record 80 percent. Milt stressed the value of creating a "sticky campus"—a dynamic campus setting where both the student body and the community are excited and engaged. Several key buildings opened during his tenure, markedly strengthening the connection between campus and community. He is survived by wife, Peggy, sons, David and Sandy, and three grandchildren.



William N. Pennington '08HDG (posthumously)

A gaming industry pioneer, entrepreneur and one of the University's leading philanthropists, William helped build Circus Circus into a gaming and entertainment powerhouse in Nevada. Together with his business partner, William Bennett, they expanded their gaming enterprises in the 1970s to include the Excalibur, Luxor and Mandalay Bay resorts in Las Vegas. He gave millions of dollars through the William N. Pennington Foundation in support of education, medicine and other charities, including construction of the Pennington Medical Education Building and the new William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building at Nevada. William was honored in 1997 as a Distinguished Nevadan and with an honorary degree in 2008.



Jack T. Reviglio (posthumously)

In 1964, Jack and his wife, Ro, moved to Reno to start a family and a business. Along with his partner and friend, Bill Higgins, Jack started Western Nevada Supply, a wholesale distributorship of plumbing supplies. He was joined in business by his brother Tom in 1967. Jack and Ro had three children, Ted, Rick and Kari, and numerous grandchildren. Jack had an undying love for filling the needs of the community. He raised funds and gave generously to every cause imaginable. To count all the community organizations and youth he touched would be impossible. But among his dearest was the University of Nevada, Reno.



Outstanding Young Alumnus

Lea M. Jensen '05 (accounting)

Lea grew up in northern Nevada and graduated from Reed High School. During her time at Nevada she was an active member of Delta Gamma Women's Fraternity, Beta Alpha Psi, and also served on the Elections Board for ASUN. After graduating, she served as the

secretary, interim vice president of programming, and then as president of the Young Alumni Chapter. She started her career at Deloitte & Touche, earning her CPA license. She recently relocated to Denver, Colo., where she works in the financial reporting department of First Data Corporation.



Eugenia A. Larmore '03 (international business and marketing), '04MBA

Eugenia was born in Russia, moving to Stateline, Nev., with her family at age 12. Eugenia graduated with honors from Whittell High School. Following high school, Eugenia enrolled at Nevada, obtaining both a bachelor degree and an MBA. She is currently attending the Ph.D. program in economics. Eugenia's first job was with Meridian Business Advisors, where she worked her way up from intern to director over eight years. Last year, Eugenia started her own consulting company, Ekay Economic Consultants, where she provides economic consulting services to state and local governments, developers, attorneys, engineering firms, gaming operators and business owners. Eugenia is married to Robert Larmore '04 (computer science), '06M.S. (computer science).



Benjamin S. Rogers '01 (mechanical engineering), '02M.S. (mechanical engineering)

Since graduation, Ben has worked as a business analyst, a newspaper reporter and also a research scientist at various labs, including the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory. He is the lead author of *Nanotechnology: Understanding Small Systems*, a comprehensive textbook on nanotechnology. Since 2004, he has been principal engineer at Nevada Nanotech Systems. He also loves to write and has earned literary arts



grants from the Sierra Arts Foundation and the Nevada Arts Council. His debut novel, *The Flamer*, about the boyhood of a closet pyromaniac, will be published in 2012.

Alumni Association Service

Louis A. Bonaldi '75 (biology), '77AAMD

Lou received a four-year scholarship to play golf at Nevada under then-coach Jake Lawlor. Initially a music major, his life changed when he got a job as a surgery orderly at Saint Mary's Hospital. He graduated from the two-year program at the School of Medicine in 1977. In 1979, Lou graduated from Tufts University School of Medicine. He completed his internship and five-year residency in general surgery at University of California, San Diego. A two-year fellowship in plastic surgery was followed by a fellowship in microvascular surgery in Melbourne, Australia. Lou continues to serve as an assistant clinical professor of surgery in the School of Medicine. Five years ago, with the help of many, Lou started the School of Medicine Alumni Association.



Lisa M. Lyons '88 (medical technology), '97M.D.

After graduation, Lisa worked in the University Medical Center laboratory in Las Vegas, where she completed the majority of her clinical practicum. Following a few years of full-time employment and the birth of her son, Cameron, she began medical school at the School of Medicine. After graduation in 1997, Lisa returned to UMC to complete training in internal medicine. Later, she began working at Nathan Adelson Hospice, where she has been for 11 years. Lisa has served on the Nevada Alumni Council for six years and is a member of the UNSOM Admissions Committee. She is president-elect of the School of Medicine Alumni Association.



Alumni Award Recipients

Chapter of the Year



Football Alumni Chapter

The Football Alumni Chapter hosted a 20-year reunion at Homecoming for the 1990 Wolf Pack, celebrated the record-setting 2010 Wolf Pack team, which had the highest national ranking ever achieved, and hosted the inaugural Ring Ceremony in March. The chapter held a reunion golf tournament in May for more than 120 players. In addition, the chapter just concluded the inaugural Wolf Pack Football Mini Ironman Tournament, a sporting clays competition and fundraiser where 55 “shooters” attended to support Wolf Pack football. All told, the chapter raised more than \$25,000 toward its goal of assisting the Wolf Pack football team achieve the highest graduation rate in the country by paying for summer school. In 2010, 17 of 19 seniors graduated.

College and Division Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients

Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources

Robert O. Ryan '77 (premedical), '82Ph.D. (biochemistry)

Robert pursued post-doctoral training at the University of Arizona under the auspices of a National Institutes of Health National Research Service Award. In 1988, Robert joined the department of biochemistry and lipid and lipoprotein research group at the University of Alberta as assistant professor and Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research scholar. Robert became full professor and Heritage Medical Scientist and was appointed director of the lipid and



lipoprotein research group. In 2000, Robert joined Children’s Hospital Oakland Research Institute and is currently a senior scientist and chair of the Center for Prevention of Obesity, Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes. In 2004, Robert was appointed adjunct professor of nutritional sciences and toxicology at University of California, Berkeley.

Business

Hera K. Siu '82 (managerial sciences), '84MBA

Hera K. Siu is president of SAP China. Hera has more than 20 years experience in business software and mobile technologies. She has held leadership roles as corporate vice president and general manager of Nokia Telecommunications Limited, vice president and regional manager of Computer Associates, and senior vice president, application service provider for Pacific Century Cyberworks. Born and raised in China, one of her strengths is a deep understanding of the challenges customers and partners face in China’s dynamic global business environment. She is fluent in English, Mandarin and Cantonese and lives in Beijing with her husband, Bernard Kwok '81 (electrical engineering), '84MBA, and two children.



ing Association, Alpha Delta Kappa, Reno Beta Chapter and Reno Women’s Golf Club.

Engineering

Tom D. Whitaker '60 (electrical engineering)

Tom graduated with 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, Tom joined General Electric Company as an engineering management trainee. 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. In 2005, Motion Analysis was awarded four technical achievement Oscars by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Tom has served on numerous boards including Chairman of National Bank of the Redwoods, Dry Creek Vineyards Winery, Standard Structures and Penngrove Community Church.



Education

Verlita L. Conner '52 (elementary education), '70M.Ed.

Verlita graduated with numerous honors including the Supervising Teacher Award—given after training some 100 elementary school teachers—Reno Little Theater Outstanding Service Award, Sagens Senior Women’s Service Award and others. Following graduation, Verlita taught in several elementary schools in Washoe County and Anchorage, Alaska, and Barraquilla, Columbia. Verlita served as the director and demonstration teacher at the College of Education Early Learning Center for 11 years. Verlita retired from the Washoe County School District in 1990 after 34 years of teaching. She is the past president of several organizations including the International Read-



Division of Health Sciences

Kathleen L. Apple '93M.S. (nursing)

Kathy began her nursing career in Alaska in the field of psychiatric mental health nursing. She earned her first master’s degree at the University of Alaska in counseling psychology and became the first nurse to be licensed as an advanced practice nurse in psych-mental health in the state. Kathy moved to Reno and completed her second master’s degree at Nevada in psychiatric nursing. Kathy began a new career in nursing regulation for the Nevada State Board of Nursing, ultimately becoming the executive director. In 2001, Kathy began her current position as CEO of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. She is a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellow and a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing.



Liberal Arts

Adriano B. Lucatelli '90 (international affairs)

Adriano is managing partner of Reuss Private, an independent wealth management company serving business owners and executives. He is also co-founder of Reuss Private Group, providing products and services for professional asset managers, family offices and private investors, with assets under management of almost \$5 billion. He studied international relations and economics at Nevada and the London School of Economics, and in 1995 earned his Ph.D. at the University of Zurich with a dissertation on a framework for an international financial oversight regime. Adriano has also completed an MBA program at the University of Rochester, New York, and an advanced management program at the Wharton School.



Libraries

Kelly E. Bland '91 (finance)

Kelly is a principal and senior vice president of retail properties at NAI Alliance, a commercial real estate brokerage company. He has more than 20 years experience in commercial real estate. While a student at Nevada, Kelly was active in campus affairs, serving as a senator for the College of Business, vice president of ASUN and president of Sigma Nu fraternity. He was also a member of the Inter-fraternity Council and Blue Key. Upon graduation, Kelly was one of the founders of the Young Alumni Chapter, serving consecutive terms as president. He was on the Nevada Alumni Council for six years, with the last two years as the vice president for the Community Outreach Task Force. Kelly has been a member of the library board for 17 years, serving as president in 2002, and he is the current president.



Mackay

Dennis P. Bryan '72M.S. (geology)

Dennis is senior vice president of Western Lithium Corporation and a longtime member

of the advisory board for the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering. His career has been in Nevada's construction and mining industries, specializing in industrial minerals. He is a registered engineer and serves on the Nevada Commission on Mineral Resources. He is a current board member and past president of Hot August Nights and is active in and past executive producer of Sheep Dip, the annual roast of Reno. Together with his late wife, Diane, he has three stepsons and eight grandchildren. Diane's endowment, in recognition of her love for earth science education, benefits the Mackay School.



Reynolds School of Journalism

John E. Brodeur '72 (journalism)

John is chairman of Boston-based Brodeur Partners, a marketing communications consultancy. John founded Brodeur Partners in 1985 and built it into an award-winning global organization with offices and affiliates in the U.S., Asia, Europe and Latin America. Brodeur reported for *UPI* and was a part-time writer for the *Reno Gazette-Journal* during his Nevada college years. John also was a summer intern at the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. He worked on Capitol Hill for seven years as a press/legislative assistant to Sen. Howard Cannon, D-Nevada, and as chief of staff for Rep. Jim Santini, D-Nevada. Brodeur earned a master's degree from Harvard University's Kennedy School and is adviser and board member of several corporate and nonprofit enterprises. Brodeur was named the Outstanding Journalism Graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno in 1972 and Alumnus of the Year in 2000.



Science

William Honjas '93M.S. (geophysics)

Bill is president and CEO of Optim, Inc. He holds a bachelor's in geology from Oregon State University and a master's in geophysics from Nevada. He began his career as a geologist with Exlog Smith Geothermal Division in 1982. He

has worked as a project and logistics manager for the Natural Resources Defense Council USA-USSR Nuclear Test Ban Verification Project and director of Network Operations, Global Seismic Monitoring, at Scripps Institute.

Bill was also geophysical division director and senior project geophysicist for William Lettis & Associates, a Bay Area geosciences consulting firm. In 1998, Bill co-founded Optim with Satish Pullammanappallil '94Ph.D. (geophysics). Optim's founding technology is based on computational algorithms written and researched by Satish and Bill while they were graduate students at Nevada. The technology is used by geotechnical and engineering companies to reveal complex earth structures that could affect design and construction, and to measure ground-shaking potential of earthquakes. Bill is a visiting research faculty at the Nevada Seismological Laboratory and is on the board of advisers to the University's College of Science and College of Engineering.



Science

Satish Pullammanappallil '94Ph.D. (geophysics)

Satish is the vice president, chief technology officer and co-founder of Optim, Inc. He holds a bachelor's in geophysics from the Indian Institute of Technology and a Ph.D. in geophysics from Nevada. After graduation, he spent two years as a post-doctoral fellow at Rice University in Houston, Texas, working on understanding scattering and wave propagation in heterogeneous media and modeling the Earth as a fractal media. In 1998, Satish, along with Bill Honjas '93M.S. (geophysics), started Optim. The company began its life on the University campus under the auspices of the Nevada Applied Research Initiative. It has since grown to include offices in Reno and Las Vegas. Optim produces software and provides services to the geophysical, geotechnical, engineering and geothermal communities. 



From the President

Dear Nevada Alumni,

1994. That's the year I became an alumna of this great institution. Much has changed over the past 17 years, but one thing remains ... the pride I feel when I step onto campus, when I hear our cannon firing to signify success in Mackay Stadium, or simply when I reflect on how this institution helped shape the person I am today. I met my husband while attending the University, and I made lifelong friends and business contacts.

There is no better time to reconnect with old friends than during Homecoming. Two years ago, my sorority, Pi Beta Phi, held a reunion for grads of the 1990s during Homecoming. We reminisced about endless nights building our Homecoming floats, rehearsing our skits and decorating our house. I love to see many of those traditions alive and well today.

This year's activities include long-standing traditions such as the Homecoming Gala, the Bonfire and Pep Rally, and of course Wolf Pack Football taking on New Mexico. Old Guys Nights returns better than ever with a concert from The Mudsharks and MC Pickle and The Juice at The Little Waldorf.

Also this fall, start each home football game at the Nevada Alumni Association's pregame parties at Legacy Hall, starting two hours prior to kickoff and all ages are welcome. And "Rivalry Weekend" starts at Somerset Golf & Country Club Friday, Oct. 7, the day before the Nevada vs. UNLV football game. Don your blue and hit the greens! Please visit www.unr.edu/alumni to view all of our Alumni Association events.

It is hard to believe that my term as president is coming to an end. The past year has been memorable and there is much to reflect upon. The loss of our president, Dr. Milton Glick, was devastating to our students and alumni alike. President Glick was an amazing advocate for this University and for higher education. I feel honored to have served during his presidency. I also feel privileged to have had the opportunity to get to know President Marc Johnson. He came into this position at a very difficult time and has proven to be an exceptional leader.

The Nevada Alumni Association has worked diligently over the past year to grow our alumni membership, and to bring the community and the campus closer. Our student recruitment events have significantly impacted freshman class enrollment as well as our outreach efforts to alumni outside of northern Nevada. I'd like to thank the Alumni Council, the executive officers and, especially, the staff who work tirelessly throughout the year to keep the Alumni Association a topnotch organization! It has been an honor to work alongside these dedicated individuals.

The University has emerged from the past year stronger, and I am convinced that with the support of our students, alumni, community and community leaders, we will continue to see this institution achieve great things. We all have much to be proud of.

Once Nevada. Always Nevada.

Sincerely,



Julie Rowe '94
President, Nevada Alumni Council



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'60s

Paul Bible '62 (economics) has been elected by the board of directors of Fisher Communications, Inc. as a non-executive chairman of the board. Paul has been a practicing attorney for 45 years and specializes in gaming law, corporate governance and compliance matters. He is a senior partner at Lewis and Roca LLP. Paul currently serves as a non-director member of the independent governance committee of AMERCO. He is a former chairman of the Nevada Gaming Commission, the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation and the Truckee Meadows Community College Foundation.

Robert Backus '63 (political science) continues in the practice of rural family medicine and geriatrics. Robert lives on a hillside farm in Vermont and spends time enjoying his children and grandchildren.

William Sinnott '66 (political science) recently retired from AECOM Government Services.

'70s

Manzoor Hussain '70 (integrated pest management) has retired from teaching chemistry at The College of New Jersey.

Craig Trigueiro '72 (premedical) was appointed to the District Board of Trustees for State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota. Craig is a self-employed physician.

Rich Abajian '76 (physical education) is general manager and part owner of Findlay Toyota of Las Vegas. He is the chief operating officer of Findlay Automotive Group, which includes 25 stores throughout Idaho, Utah, Arizona and Nevada.

Janet Ballantyne '77 (nursing) has opened Ballantyne Travel Health Consulting. The company is based in Lakewood, Colo., and consults with individuals traveling overseas regarding vaccinations and malaria.

Naomi Smith Duerr '79 (geology), '83MPA has been hired as president of DPE, Inc., a geo-



Craig Trigueiro '72



Rich Abajian '76



Donald A. Bernard II '85

logic exploration, water and natural resource policy consulting firm. She is also a partner in MinQuest Inc., a minerals exploration company that she and her husband helped to launch in 1998. Naomi formerly worked as executive director of the Truckee River Flood Management Authority.

'80s

Kimberly Page '80 (biology), '83M.S. (biology), '87M.D. is a neurosurgeon and the owner of North Valley Neurosurgery in Redding, Calif. In addition to raising twin teenagers, Kim educates children about brain and spinal cord injuries and also gives lectures to local doctors as part of Mercy Medical Center's educational program.

Thomas Melancon '82 (managerial sciences), '89M.A. (counseling and guidance personnel services) completed his training to become a certified mediator practitioner in September 2007. From May 2009 to the present, Tom has served as the program manager for the Seattle Federal Executive Board's Alternative Dispute Resolution Group, the largest and most successful shared neutrals program in the Puget Sound, Wash., area.

Tracey (Lane) Delaplain '83 (premedical), '87M.D. is teaching at the University of Nevada School of Medicine Student Outreach Clinic. Tracey's son, Patrick, is in the Class of 2014 at the School of Medicine.

James Ashton '84 (mining engineering) has been named by Scorpio Gold as the manager

of Mineral Ridge Gold Mine in Esmeralda County, Nev. Jim previously worked as the chief engineer for Frontier Golds Northumberland Project in Nye County, Nev.

Anthony Offtutt '84 (physical education) has retired after 28 years of service in the U.S. Army. Anthony received his commission from the University of Nevada, Reno ROTC.

Robin (Bunch) Sweet '84 (journalism) was appointed state court administrator and director of the administrative office of the courts by the Nevada Supreme Court Justices in May. Robin has worked for the Nevada Supreme Court for 11 years.

Donald A. Bernard II '85 (speech communications) has qualified for the Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated's President's Council. The council consists of 135 of Stifel's top-producing financial advisors who achieved a specified level of annual production. Stifel Nicolaus currently employs approximately 2,000 financial advisors, including affiliates.

Deborah Rife '85 (computer information systems) and her husband, Jeff, are pleased to announce that their son graduated from the University in May. **Ryan Rife '11** (accounting) is one of the Outstanding Seniors recognized by the College of Business.

Lisa (Fitzsimmons) Dettling '86 (speech communications and journalism) has been promoted to director of customer service at Saint Mary's Health Plans in Reno. Lisa has 23

years of experience in the health care field.

Timothy Alameda '86 (special education) retired from the City of Reno Fire Department after 28 years of service. He has accepted a position as fire marshal for the North Tahoe Fire Department.

Glenn Brown '86M.S. (animal science) spent 16 months in Iraq helping farmers. Glenn worked for the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Agriculture in areas east and west of Baghdad during 2009 and 2010.

Joseph La Mancusa '86M.D. completed his neurology residency at Ohio State in 1991. Joseph and his wife, Trisha, have been married more than 20 years and have four children. He has been in private practice for his entire career.

Jeffrey Mohlenkamp '86 (management) has been named director of the Nevada Department of Administration. Jeffrey will be responsible for putting together and overseeing the budgets of state agencies and the \$6.3 billion biennial budget.

Terri (Sprengr) Farley '88M.A. (journalism) lives in Reno with her husband, Cory. Terri is the author of the young adult book series *Phantom Stallion* and is an advocate for wild horses.

Lisa (Ramsey) Evatz '89 (elementary education), '93M.A. (counseling and educational

Wolfcubs



Alaina (Kearns) Vengco '03 (journalism) and Dante Vengco '00 (health science) would like to announce the birth of their son, Maddox Kekoa, born April 12, 2010. Maddox joins big brother, Phoenix Kai, 2.



Daniel Welsh '99 (social work) and his wife, Tricia, welcomed Brixton Wayne Welsh on Aug. 6, 2010. Brixton joins big sister, Brooklyn Parks Welsh.



Misty (McKitrck) Wells '07 (elementary education) and Shay Wells '07 (criminal justice) proudly introduce their first child, Tristan Dean Wells. Tristan was born Aug. 26, 2010.



Heather (Werner) Penrod '00 (English), '03M.A. (English) and Nathan Penrod '05 (computer and information engineering), '08M.S. (computer science) would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Addeline Alana Penrod, born Sept. 24, 2010.



Seema (Bhardwaj) Donahoe '02 (journalism) and Timothy Donahoe '03 (hydrogeology) joyfully welcomed their first child, Priya Regina Rose, Dec. 3, 2010.



Ryan Russell '03 (criminal justice) and his wife, Sarah, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Kennedy Elaine Russell on March 11, 2011. She joins big brother, Parker David.



Peter Drakos '07M.S. (geology) and his wife, Joanna, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Anastasia Irina, born March 23, 2011.



Kristen (Sakelar) Gallagher '04 (nursing) and Dan Gallagher '03 (information systems) are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Kaiden Angelo Gallagher. Kaiden was born April 18, 2011, weighing in at 7 pounds, 14 ounces and measuring 20 inches long. The family resides in Thornton, Colo.



Melissa (Jones) Ferguson '05 (animal science) and her husband, Joshua, are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Katelyn Lee Ferguson, on April 16, 2011. Katelyn weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and stretched to 19.5 inches long.



Wade Gochnour '92



Charles Johnson '92



Jennifer (Starkweather) Hill '94

psychology) and her husband, **Mark '88** (mining engineering), '99MBA, recently celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary.

Matthew Sharp '89 (political science) was named Nevada's 2011 Trial Lawyer of the Year by the Nevada Justice Association. The association is a nonprofit consumer rights organization dedicated to improving the civil justice system. Matthew is a fifth-generation Nevadan and has been practicing law since 1992.

'90s

Wade Gochnour '92 (accounting) has been named by Mountain States *Super Lawyers* magazine as one of the top attorneys in Nevada for 2011 in the area of construction litigation. Only five percent of the lawyers in the state are named by *Super Lawyers*. Wade is employed by

Howard and Howard in Las Vegas.

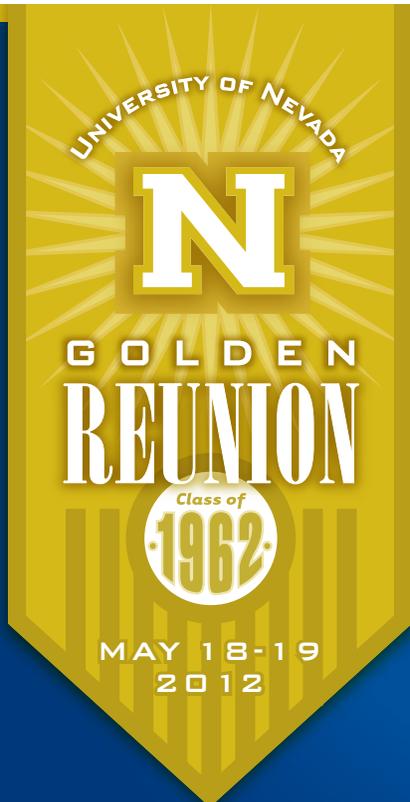
Charles Johnson '92 (criminal justice) is the third general manager in the history of the Las Vegas 51s, the Triple-A affiliate of Major League Baseball's Toronto Blue Jays.

Joy (Coombes) Willock '93M.Ed. (elementary education) has retired from teaching for Washoe County School District. Joy continues to stay busy tutoring and substitute teaching. She has made two trips to Europe and one trip to China during her retirement.

John Zebrack '93 (premedical), '01M.D. is an orthopaedic surgeon at the Reno Orthopaedic Clinic. John and his wife, Jennifer, have two children, Jane, 10, and Joshua, 7.

Jennifer Hagen '93M.D. works as the School of Medicine internal medicine program director in Reno. Additionally, Jennifer teaches coursework at the School of Medicine.

Jennifer (Starkweather) Hill '94 (journalism) has joined The Glenn Group as media director. Jennifer will be responsible for managing the agency's statewide media, including developing media plans and ensuring that all media work is on strategy, time and budget. She is also responsible for planning, negotiating and placing media at local, regional and national levels. Jennifer is also the vice president of the Women's Philanthropic Educational Organization, programming chair of the American Advertising Federation and a board member of the Hunter Lake Parent Faculty Association.



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Nevada Alumni Association What's your favorite Getchell Library memory or ghost story?



Sundance Bauman (current student) The flickering lights in the bottom floor where all the books were, made finding a library book one of the most harrowing adventures I've ever been on. I felt like I was in a *Silent Hill* movie sometimes.



Michael Connors '93 (journalism) Sparks. Senior year '93 just before finals, studying on the lower floor and a stalker runs through and the place exploded with yells and laughter.



Mary Ann Deeds '92 (human development & family studies) Simi Valley, Calif. That's where I met my husband, Todd Deeds '90 and we've been married for almost 19 years.



Roni Jo Draper '91 (physical sciences), '95M.Ed. (secondary education), '00Ph.D. (curriculum and instruction) Mapleton, Utah. Sitting too still in a stack reading and having the lights go out. Freaky.



Adrian A. Havas '93 (journalism) Las Vegas. I remember taking naps on the orange couches underground at all hours of the day. Hey, they helped me gather the energy to study for those finals!



Don Morrissey '78 (premedical) Salt Lake City, Utah. I recall 2 things ... They had a student "sit in" in the 70s to get the library to stay open late until midnight. It worked. A ROTC buddy from 1974-1978, Richard Ellis '78 (criminal justice) hung out in the library to read the Russian magazines there. After he graduated from UNR he rose through the ranks of special forces and military intelligence to become a general in charge of the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) before he passed away. So you never know who you are studying next to in the library and what life will bring you.



Nevada Alumni Association How many of you remember seeing The Mudsharks back in the day? Tell us your favorite Mudshark memory.



Jonnie Walker '98 (geography) Reno. I saw them play outside the JTSU (old one) and the Sundowners were there in "full force" and brought a couch.



Ron Stubbs '96 (animal science) Greeley, Colo. I remember when they opened up for the Dead Milkmen at Lawlor Events Center. There was a stage set up for a country show the next night, and Flipside Productions got to use it for the show.



Erin Taggart Frock '97 (journalism), '05 (counseling & educational psychology) Reno. I was in a group called Student Alumni Association (SAA) and we hosted this big national conference on campus. We hired The Mudsharks to play at High Camp at Squaw one night during the conference and it was awesome to see them and dance up there on top of the mountain! Love The Mudsharks!



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David Kitchen '96 (civil engineering) has been named a partner for Shaw Engineering. David has more than 16 years of engineering experience serving clients throughout northern Nevada and is a registered professional engineer in Nevada and California.

Donna Fletcher '96M.ED. (secondary education) and her husband are restoring the historic Bennett House in Deadwood, S.D. They plan to open the house as a bed and breakfast in June 2012.

Patrick Turner '96 (journalism) recently accepted the position of marketing manager with the Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum. The museum is a hands-on place for kids to forge lasting relationships with nature, science, art and history. It is scheduled to open in September 2011 in downtown Reno.

Randy Barnes '97 (premedical), '03M.D. and his wife, Lindsay, have two children, Lauren, 4, and Dylan, 2. Randy is the emergency department medical director for West

Valley Medical Center. He is also employed by Idaho Emergency Physicians at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center.

Mark Zacovic '97Ph.D. (educational leadership) has been named president of Cuyamaca College in Rancho San Diego, Calif. Prior to this position, Mark served as executive vice president of instruction and student services at Victor Valley Community College in Victorville, Calif. Mark is a 26-year veteran of the California Community College



Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglass

Kickin' it with K-von | Veggie-Delight

I walk into a sandwich shop and ask the lady behind the counter for a foot-long sandwich with all the vegetables, mustard and vinegar. She pauses, "What kind of meat would you like?" I tell her none, and with a look of disgust she warns, "If you don't eat meat you won't have any energy."

I think to myself, "So energy is derived from three slimy pieces of baloney?" I'm not a vegetarian, but in the past few years I have drastically decreased the amount of meat I consume. Instead of with each meal, as is the standard American practice, I have some chicken one day and will go about three days before having some fish, and so on. Energy levels are high and I've never felt better.

Plus I love to eat, so by cutting out the meat I'm able to load up on healthier items like fruit, vegetables, cereal,

rice, and protein shakes several times a day if I want. The best part is, when I started this, somehow after enjoying all those foods and flavors, I miraculously still managed to lose weight!

My pals and I were always the first to mock—for no reason in particular—any form of vegetarianism. I guess because it was different from how we were raised, it simply sounded stupid. Luckily, I had a light-bulb moment. Now planted firmly on the other side of the fence, I welcome a good debate and have gone head-to-head with friends and family, with me standing up for vegetables. Here are the standard objections:

I can't eat just vegetables, I need energy.

Picture in your mind a lion and now a squirrel. Both mammals, one eats meat and the other doesn't. Which

one has more energy? Which one is yawning and sleeping in the grass all day? Personally, after a large steak dinner two words come to mind . . . food coma.

If you don't eat meat, how do you get enough protein?

The short answer: From foods that have protein but are not meat. (What do I look like, Wikipedia? Google it yourself.) For me, nothing beats a protein shake with three ice cubes, a banana, and a spoonful of peanut butter. Blended not stirred.

I didn't climb to the top of the food chain to eat lettuce.

Ironically this one came from a close friend who hasn't climbed anything from what I can tell in the last decade. Let's face it, humans never really made it to the top of the food chain. Disagree? Head to the local zoo, strip naked, hop in any of the exhibits and show me exactly where you stand on the food chain.

You're just one of those fancy boys from California.

Nope, born and raised in Nevada.

For the most basic evidence of how we should eat just look inside your mouth. One glance at a tiger's teeth and you can instantly tell they are carnivorous machines ready to kill and shred through bone, tendons and cartilage. Now, look at your own miserable chompers. Unless you are a professional hockey player or in the third grade, you most likely have more than 28 teeth, but only four of them are even remotely sharp. The rest are for less deadly catches. Try eating accordingly for about two months and see if you like the results!

K-von '03 (marketing) is a Nevada alum and comedian. He'll be appearing at the Silver Legacy Comedy Club Dec. 28 - Jan. 1 for the New Year's festivities! Visit www.kvon.tv or www.facebook.com/KvonComedy for info. and ticket information.

system. He started his career as director of administrative services at Santa Barbara City College, where he also taught part-time in business administration.

Stephen Bemus '98 (journalism) is the vice president and operations manager of Systems of Nevada. The company offers security systems, vacuum systems and home theaters. Systems of Nevada is a family-owned company which was founded by Stephen's father, Joe, in 1989.

'00s

Louis Robinson '01 (finance and accounting) has joined Sierra Nevada Wealth Management as the managing partner and a registered investment advisor representative.

Rory Butler '02 (finance) was recently promoted to senior agent at the State of Nevada Gaming Control Board.

Brian Pick '02 (journalism) has joined the Reno office of the Sacramento law firm of Downey Brand. He is a graduate of the University of San Diego School of Law and has been named a Mountain States Rising Star by *Super Lawyers* magazine in the areas of real estate, business and corporate law. Brian is currently serving as president of Building Winter Athletes, a local nonprofit organization designed to introduce children to skiing and snowboarding and to promote a healthy, active lifestyle.

Dan Gallagher '03 (information systems) has been promoted to executive vice president at Booyah Advertising, a digital advertising



Dan Gallagher '03

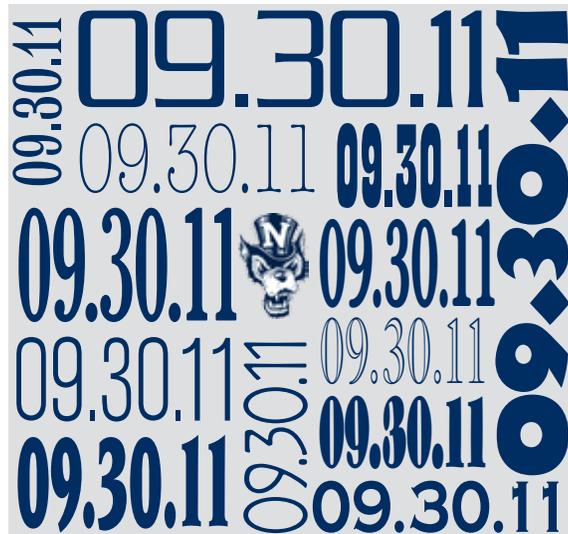


Lindsey Johnston '04

agency in Denver, Colo. Dan manages agency operations for media teams and oversees top client accounts like DISH Network, Teleflora and Vail Resorts. Dan's wife, **Kristen (Sakelaris) Gallagher '04** (nursing), is a public health nurse for the Tri-County Health Department in Denver.

Jeremiah Barlow '04 (political science) has opened his own law firm in Reno, focusing on estate planning. Prior to this, Jeremiah worked as a judicial law clerk for Judge Connie Steinheimer.

Lindsey Johnston '04 (journalism) was recently named advertising and promotions manager at the Smith Center for the Performing Arts in Las Vegas. Lindsay will oversee the implementation of advertising strategies for the facility.



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Jason Bullard '07



Kelly Peyton '11

Barry White '05 (journalism) has his own television show, *GameLine*. The show features some of the top stories in video game entertainment news and airs on *News 10* in the Sacramento-Modesto-Stockton viewing area.

James Graham '06 (civil engineering) is a partner in Celtic Lawn & Landscape. The company is based out of Carson City, Nev., and employs 21 people.

Ronald Johns '06 (general studies) retired in June 2010. Ronald worked for the city of Carson City for more than 28 years.

Jason Bullard '07 (accounting) has been named a partner at Schettler, Macy & Silva, LLC, Certified Public Accountants. Jason's experience in public accounting covers many

areas of the profession, including audit and taxation. He manages the firm's audits of governmental, private and not-for-profit entities and serves as a financial consultant to owners and managers of closely held businesses.

Victor Rameker '07MBA and his wife, Allyson, own Desert Winds, a boutique home builder that started in Las Vegas in 1994. In July 2011, Desert Winds celebrated the grand opening of their first northern Nevada community, Sonoma at the Vineyards in Sparks.

'10s

Kelly Peyton '11 (art) believes the Nevada state flower, the sagebrush, represents Reno and the art community. Kelly's sketch of a lone shrub with a round, halo-surrounded canopy and deep, tangled, colorful roots won the commis-

sion as Artown's official 2011 poster.

Heather Romans '11 (accounting) has joined Muckel Anderson CPAs as an associate accountant. Heather will prepare 401k and profit sharing plan audits, prepare individual tax returns, and assist with nonprofit and trust clients. Prior to her new position, Heather worked as an intern at AVA Logistics in Reno. She is a member of the Nevada Society of CPAs and volunteers with the Susan G. Komen Foundation, Court Appointed Special Advocates and Artown.

Submissions are due Oct. 28, 2011 and can be sent to: chatter@unr.edu. We edit all submissions for style, clarity and length.

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Chapter Updates



TOP: Wolf Pack football fans, coaches and former players raise money for current student-athletes during the Alumni Football Chapter's annual reunion golf tournament May 20 at Lakeridge Golf Course. LEFT: Members of Alumni Band 2010 say, "Don't be left behind, come to Alumni Band." ABOVE: Tuba players Aaron Harmon and Douglas "Skip" Staton travel from 1989 to say, "Come to Alumni Band. You don't want us to come looking for you."

Alumni Band Chapter

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

It's that time again! Time to find your mouthpiece, buy some new reeds and get your drumsticks back from the kids. Time to find your blue shirt. Time to review the meaning of "key signature" and what "drag turn left" actually means. Time to reminisce with your band buddies. Time to come to Alumni Band 2011! We will gather during Homecoming, Oct. 14-15. For more information and

to register, order a shirt or receive the monthly newsletter, contact Kiara Wolf at unrbandalum@hotmail.com or find us on Facebook.

Alumni Football Chapter

Jim Farley '99, jfarley47@verizon.net

The Alumni Football Chapter just concluded another successful reunion golf tournament May 20 at Lakeridge Golf Course. The funds raised allow Nevada Wolf Pack student athletes to attend summer classes, furthering our goal of attaining the top college

football graduation rate in the country! Several new "old" players were able to join in the festivities and visit with former teammates.

Football alumni interested in renewing their membership or contacting former football teammates should visit our social website at www.nevadaalumnifootball.com or contact Jim Farley at jfarley47@verizon.net.

The chapter is planning a 10-, 20-, 30- and 40-year reunion of the Wolf Pack teams from 2001, 1991, 1981 and 1971 for an upcoming home game. Look for details on our website soon!

Go Wolf Pack!



TOP LEFT: Jonathan Black '09, Cody Wagner '08, Valerie Lear '09, Thomas Coughlin and Mary Kate McCloskey attend the Greek Alumni Chapter's Reno Aces Poker Walk June 4 in Reno. TOP RIGHT: Members of the Greek Alumni Chapter prepare to "crawl" to the next pub June 4 in Reno. From L to R: Brad Naughton '07, Mike McDowell '03, Justin Klatt, Lyndsey Bunn, Jason Jarrett '05, Wyatt Aping '10, Jonathan Black '09 and Ricardo Robledo '09. TOP MIDDLE: Jason Jarrett '05, Chris Strader and Mike McDowell '03 are all smiles during the Greek Alumni Chapter's Reno Aces Poker Walk June 4 in Reno. LEFT: Graduates are recognized at the Native American Alumni Chapter's annual graduation reception May 4 at the Joe Crowley Student Union. RIGHT: Kari Emm '01, EJ Foust '10MM, Sherry Rupert '05 and Rachel Gonzales attend the Native American Alumni Chapter's Basque Dinner Social, July 15 at the Santa Fe Hotel in Reno.

Center for Student Cultural Diversity Alumni Chapter

Ellen Houston '95, '05M.A., thecenter@unr.edu

Center alumni and friends are invited to a dessert mixer Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. in the Center for Student Cultural Diversity, located on the third floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union. Check out our beautiful facility, mingle with fellow alumni, meet representatives from our student clubs and organizations and enter to win great raffle prizes! It's the night before the Nevada vs. UNLV football game, so wear your Nevada gear! RSVP to thecenter@unr.edu.

Did you use The Center during your time at Nevada? Are you interested in supporting the success of under-represented students? If so, please contact Ellen Houston, (775) 784-4936 or thecenter@unr.edu, so we can get your address and keep you up-to-date on our chapter events.

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College of Business Alumni Association

Melissa Molyneux '06, Melissa.Molyneux@colliers.com

The College of Business Alumni Association (COBAA) is pleased to announce that Melissa Molyneux has been elected president for the current year. The slate of board members also includes Kelly MacLellan '04, president elect; Anthony Puckett '08, vice president of development; Megan Brant '06, secretary/treasurer; Pam Ganger '98 and Pam Durfee '04, vice presidents of membership; and Matt Bradley '06, vice president of public relations.

Congratulations to our board members, and thanks to our alumni for their continued support.

We are looking forward to a great year, including our annual golf tournament in May 2012. For more information regarding membership or the golf tournament please contact Jane Bessette, alumni advisor, (775) 682-9144 or bessette@unr.edu. Check us out on LinkedIn and Facebook.

Fallon Alumni Chapter

Tina (Luke) Dakin '71, '84M.Ed., jtdakin@sbcglobal.net

Fallon alumni and friends had a successful summer of activities, including a bus trip to an Aces game in July and Brews and Brats in August. A roter bus to the Nevada vs. UNLV football game is planned for Oct. 8, as is a basketball roter bus later in the season. All money raised through activities supports the scholarship fund.

Keep up-to-date with chapter happenings on Facebook at "University of Nevada Alumni Association, Fallon Chapter."

Greek Alumni Chapter

Mike McDowell '03, mdmcdowell@gmail.com

The Greek Alumni Chapter introduced the inaugural Reno Aces Poker Walk this summer. The event combined a pub-crawl with poker and culminated in a Reno Aces baseball game, all while raising money for Greek scholarships. This fall promises to be eventful as well. Look for information about our Homecoming activities, happy hour socials and more. Find us on Facebook or at NevadaGreekAlumni.com and go Greek ... again.



TOP: The OSNAA committee (from L to R): Linda Clift '74, Mary Ann Lambert '82, Michelle Pelter '93, Cathy Butler '74, Michelle Kling '75, '94M.S., Patsy Ruchala, Jan Brady '63, '88MBA and Christina Sarman '00. BOTTOM: Deborah Pierce '86, vice president of the Sacramento Alumni Chapter, poses with Alphia following the Wolf Pack's victory in the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl Jan. 9 at AT&T Park in San Francisco.



Native American Alumni Chapter

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

The Native American Alumni Chapter hosted its annual graduation reception May 4 at the Joe Crowley Student Union for all American Indian students graduating from the University. Graduates received an honorarium stole to wear during commencement and enjoyed food and dancing.

NAAC coordinated a Basque social event July 15 at the Santa Fe

Hotel in Reno, where food and good company were plentiful. NAAC sponsored a Pack Picnic on the Quad Aug. 10 at the University. Our annual Homecoming tailgate will be Oct. 15. All event proceeds fund scholarships for American Indian students attending Nevada.

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, (775) 687-8333 or srupert@nic.nv.gov.

Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association

Jan (Pritchard) Brady '63, '88MBA, lvcrrswrds@aol.com

It's membership time! In July, you received an email or letter from Cathy Butler '74 and Michelle Kling '75, '94M.S. If you haven't already, please consider joining or renewing your membership today. Our annual fall event will be held Sept. 28 in the William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building. Nursing graduates will enjoy wine, appetizers and socializing, along with guided tours of the new home of the Orvis School of Nursing.

After awarding \$500 to a senior nursing student for the fall 2011 semester, the OSNAA steering committee focused its efforts on endowing a scholarship. Once the fund reaches the \$10,000 mark, it will provide a perpetual source of funding. Please join us in making a contribution, either on a monthly or one-time basis, to help reach our goal. In these difficult financial times, students need scholarships more than ever—and Nevada needs nurses more than ever!

Visit www.unr.edu/alumni/chapters and select Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association for information on membership, our annual event or scholarship endowment efforts.

Sacramento Alumni Chapter

Steve Park '99, spark@ccareynkf.com

The Sacramento Alumni Chapter celebrates the advancement of our vice president, California Highway Patrol Lieutenant Deborah Pierce '86. A lifetime member of the Nevada Alumni Association, Deborah has been named commander of the California Highway Patrol's Donner Pass Commercial Vehicle Inspection Facility effective Sept. 1. In addition to a bachelor's in accounting from Nevada, Deborah has a master in public administration from California State University, Hayward, and is pursuing a doctorate in homeland security leadership and policy, criminal justice administration and business management from Northcentral University. Deborah is a lifetime member of Delta Sigma Pi, one of the largest national professional fraternities organized to foster the study of business. She is also a proud season ticket holder for Wolf Pack football.

The Sacramento Alumni Chapter meets the second Tuesday each month at noon for lunch. For information, contact chapter president, Steve Park at (916) 367-6345 or spark@ccareynkf.com.

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Pack Picnics on the Quad

The 2011 Pack Picnics on the Quad were once again a favorite summer event for all ages. The series of six concerts throughout July and August brought out more than 2,000 alumni, friends and family to enjoy music and the historic University Quad.

(1) Shannon Martin '02, Aaron Schaar '99, '01, Amy Arias '03, Danice Wilkins '02, '07, '10, John Luick '98 and dog Prudhoe, Shannon, Mark, Collin and Alex Henke and Trisha Baird.

(2) Jen Ripley '95, Marnie Mattice '90, Riley Anderson, Darren Ripley '94, '00, Stacy Anderson, Pete Anderson '86, August Ripley (7), and Logan Beier (7).

(3) Trish Hermesky '04 with her daughter Jillian, Cameron Norcross '00, Steve Hermesky with son Jaxon and Jennifer Norcross with daughter Madison.

(4) Shana Rheault '02, '05, Eleanor Clark '92, Lana Olson '02, Crystal Pickett '00, Ida Roberts '00 and Carla Beier '92.

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Emeriti Faculty Reception

On Aug. 16 more than 150 University of Nevada emeriti faculty and their guests returned to campus for an annual reception hosted by President Marc Johnson and the Nevada Alumni Association. Attendees recognized newly inducted emeriti faculty and received a University update from President Johnson.

- (1) Nevada Alumni Council President-elect, Jeff Pickett, speaking at the reception.
- (2) Faculty emeritus, Dr. Willem Houwink and President Marc Johnson.
- (3) Diane '82 and Keith Loper (faculty emeritus) and Ken (faculty emeritus) and Diana Braunstein.
- (4) Emeriti faculty Jim Kidder and Donald Jessep.
- (5) Emeriti faculty and guests in the Honor Court enjoying remarks from President Johnson.

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For more photos of all of our Gatherings visit: www.unr.edu/silverandblue

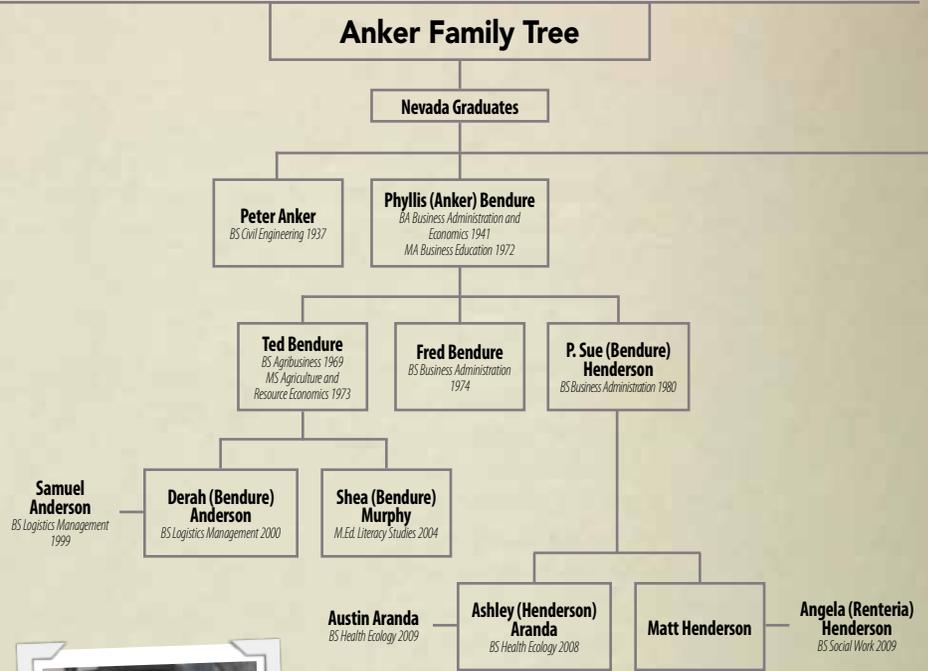
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Anker Family Tree



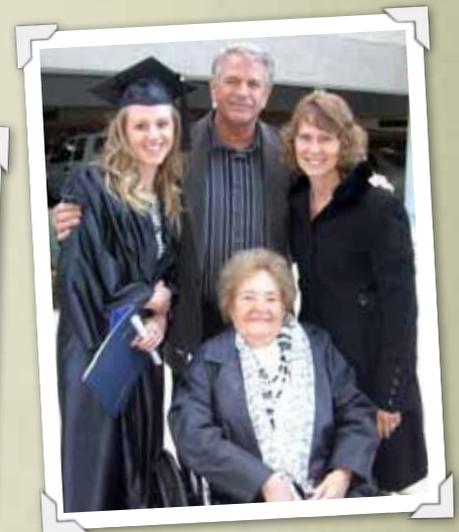
Frances (Burke) Anker, president of Saddle and Spurs, circa 1946.



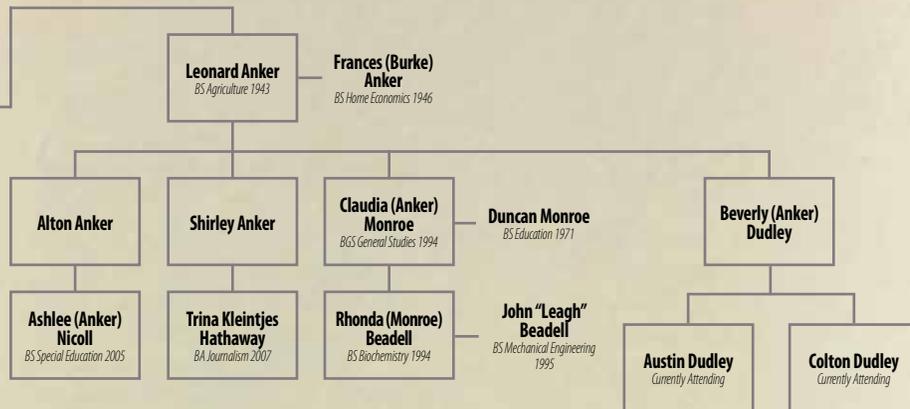
Phyllis Anker in her Mackay Day dress in front of Manzanita Hall, circa 1937.



Leonard Anker in front of the Lambda Chi Alpha house, circa 1943.



Ashley (Henderson) Aranda, Steve Henderson, Sue (Bendure) Henderson, Phyllis (Anker) Bendure, graduation 2008.



BACK ROW: Duncan Monroe, Fred Bendure, Shea Bendure Murphy, Derah Bendure Anderson, Sam Anderson. MIDDLE ROW: Leagh Beadell, Claudia Anker Monroe, Ted Bendure, Phyllis Anker Bendure, P. Sue Bendure Henderson, Ashley Henderson Aranda. BOTTOM ROW: Rhonda Monroe Beadell, Trina Kleintjes Hathaway, Angela Renteria Henderson, Austin Aranda (not pictured: Ashlee Anker Nicoll).

How a Nevada family tradition came full circle.

For one Nevada alum, graduation day in 2008 was just as special as it was back in 1941. When Phyllis Anker-Bendure, age 92, first attended the University of Nevada, Reno along with her brothers Peter and Leonard, she never could have guessed that her family would continue the tradition into the 21st century. In fact, with December 2008's graduating class, the last of her grandchildren graduated from Nevada, making one amazing Nevada family tree—and one very proud grandmother. According to Phyllis, "Education doesn't cost ... it pays!"

How many University of Nevada, Reno alumni make up your family tree? Let us know, and you could all be featured in an upcoming issue of *Nevada Silver & Blue*. For details, visit www.unr.edu/alumni or call 888.NV.ALUMS.



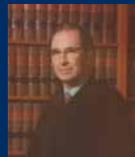
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June 15, 2011 – Las Vegas, Nev.

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Theodore A. Butler, professor of agricultural and industrial mechanics
June 4, 2011 – Fallon, Nev.

Artie Z. Joy, Cooperative Extension educator, Northeast Area director
June 21, 2011 – Ely, Nev.

ALUMNI

Beatrice (Patterson) Rey '32 (home economics)
April 16, 2004 – Zephyr Cove, Nev.

Martha J. (Winter) Lyon '40 (education)
July 4, 2011 – Tucson, Ariz

Cameron M. Batjer '41 (history), chief justice of the Nevada Supreme Court, Alumnus of the Year 1991
June 1, 2011 – Reno, Nev.

Verna J. (Bradbury) Broili '41 (home economics)
Aug. 1, 2011 – Reno, Nev.

Eva L. (Cecarrelli) Scarselli '41 (French)
June 15, 2011 – Sparks, Nev.

William E. Etchemendy '43 (Spanish)
June 17, 2011 – Reno, Nev.

Dorothy E. (Jones) Goetz '44 (arts and science)
July 14, 2011 – Reno, Nev.

Jane R. (Littlefield) Trail '48 (sociology)
June 20, 2011 – Boise, Idaho

Robert E. Barrett '53 (arts and science)
May 28, 2011 – Colorado Springs, Colo.

Florence (Caprio) Daily '53 (education)
July 10, 2011 – Reno, Nev.

Kenneth R. Robbins '57 (journalism)
June 23, 2011 – Sparks, Nev.

Gary G. Harrigan '58 (accounting)
June 15, 2011 – Reno, Nev.

Dorothy A. (Thornburg) Freeman '60 (counseling and guidance)
June 5, 2011 – Reno, Nev.

Camille (Johnson) Phillips '60 (business education)
April 26, 2009 – San Marcos, Tex.

John F. Seeliger '60 (business administration)
July 3, 2011 – Reno, Nev.

Arthur C. Vaughn Jr., '60 (music education), '67M.A. (music)
June 1, 2011 – Sparks, Nev.

Paul H. Huffey '61 (education)
June 19, 2011 – Las Vegas, Nev.

Tom F. Pardini '61 (sociology)
July 19, 2011 – Carson City, Nev.

Sharon (Flaster) Clark '64 (management)
June 18, 2011 – Las Vegas, Nev.

Martha (Howe) Pool '64 (elementary education)
May 7, 2011 – Reno, Nev.

Daniel H. Cline '67 (foreign affairs)
July 5, 2011 – Jonesboro, Ark.

Jane E. (Beloso) Avansino '69 (zoology)
July 12, 2011 – Reno, Nev.

Terrie Lee (Christensen) Mills '70 (history)
May 24, 2011 – Oak Harbor, Wash.

Dana B. Pennington '75 (animal science)
June 6, 2011 – Carson City, Nev.

James L. Strandberg Sr. '75 (criminal justice)
July 28, 2011 – Kona, Hawaii

Mark H. Jeppson '83 (special education)
July 18, 2011 – Sparks, Nev.

Franklin S. Follmer Jr. '87MPA
July 18, 2011 – Reno, Nev.

Jocelyn E. Mancebo '07 (general studies)
June 25, 2011 – Compton, Calif.

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As founding director of the Savitt Medical Library, Joan Zenan, faculty emerita, continues to be a champion of the University Libraries, its collections and dedicated faculty and staff. Joan recently established an endowment to support professional enrichment activities for the faculty of the University Libraries. She also established the Joan S. Zenan Medical Library Endowed Discretionary Fund to support new or ongoing medical library projects and programs.

During her 28 years at the University, Joan was a tireless advocate for the medical library. Under her guidance, the library met the medical information resource needs not only of the School of Medicine, but also as the National Library of Medicine's designated Resource Library for the state of Nevada.

Zenan completed her undergraduate and graduate work at the University of California, Los Angeles. In 1974, she moved to Alaska to be the founding librarian of the Arctic Environmental Information Data Center, a research institute funded by the Alaska Governor's Office and affiliated with the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

In 1976, she came to Nevada and spent a year as the Life and Health Sciences librarian before becoming the School of Medicine's first librarian. Zenan spent one year at Columbia University Health Sciences Library completing a management internship in medical library directorship.

In addition to her library duties, Zenan was heavily involved in campus politics, serving as Faculty Senate chair in 1984-85 and dozens of committees over the years. In 2000, she received the Regents Award as Outstanding Faculty Member, and in 2008 she was honored with the Dean's Distinguished Service Award from the School of Medicine.

Joan retired in 2004 and remains actively involved with the campus community and serves on the board of directors for the Friends of the University Libraries. She was named an Honor Court Silver Benefactor in 2010.

What is your fondest memory from your days at Nevada?

I have two: One was opening the new Savitt Medical Library in 1978. The second was being elected Faculty Senate chair and testifying in the Nevada Legislature about the University's budget. I met the governor and many of the



Photo by Darby Weber

Joan Zenan at her home in Reno.

legislators—it was exciting and interesting, and a high point in my career at the University.

We opened the first library for the School of Medicine the day it became a four-year school. A library designed for a two-year program now had to serve a four-year program.

We found that 80 percent of what our faculty and staff needed was provided by 20 percent of existing information available, which the library housed or had access to via interlibrary loan, and a good, service-oriented staff. There was next-to-nothing that we couldn't obtain for our patrons.

The Savitt Medical Library is now serving the four-year program, but it's not the big collection that's important—it's the service aspect of being able to get the information when students and faculty need it.

I was also fond of many promising medical students who worked at the library. It was an opportunity for them to earn some money and it helped the library immensely. Two of those employees later became my physicians.

What have you done that you are the most proud of?

I am very proud of opening the first library for the medical school, overseeing its two expansions, and later opening the new Savitt Medical Library in the Pennington Medical

Education Building. Very few medical librarians get the opportunity to open one—not to mention two—libraries. Those experiences made for an exciting and very fulfilling career.

I am also proud that I was elected Faculty Senate chair. There had been only one other librarian elected to that office in the University's Faculty Senate history. I was appointed or asked to serve on many committees, and I became quite involved in the University workings in an effort to build relationships between the School of Medicine and the rest of campus. I had a very broad connection with departments and colleges throughout the University because of all my committee work.

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

Start by building a network in your field, hopefully before you graduate. Complete internships and externships in your field. Join networking clubs in your area, such as the Reno-Tahoe Young Professionals.

Keep your resume up-to-date for your field or fields of interest and expertise.

If you don't love what you are doing, change jobs or change fields.

Joan S. Zenan



Evelyn Semenza English bequest honors Reno pioneer family

Evelyn Semenza Honts English '36, circa 1942, Nevada Semenza Christian '24, Lawrence Semenza '25, Rena Semenza Safford '26, Edwin Semenza '30 and Grace Semenza '35.

Evelyn Semenza English '36 (history), the youngest child of Reno pioneers John and Louise Semenza, recounted in an article for the Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism: "We all followed words our father told us: "The world is full of mediocrity, but I want you all to achieve.""

The Semenza children heeded their father's advice. The children—Nevada, Lawrence, Rena, Edwin, Grace and Evelyn—all went on to successful careers after receiving their degrees at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Before her passing last year at age 95, Evelyn established a planned gift to honor the memory of her parents and siblings through seven scholarships in areas of study important to her family: business and social work, music, theatre, education, journalism, accounting and medicine.

As a student at Nevada, Evelyn was a member of Pi Beta Phi, Cap and Scroll, Campus Players and the staff of *The Nevada Sagebrush*. After graduating, she became a school teacher in rural Nevada before continuing her career

in California. She worked for the Air Defense Command, the precursor to today's modern Air Force, and later returned to teaching. She taught for 30 years in Pasadena, Calif., where she was known as a philanthropist and tireless supporter of the arts.

The family patriarch, John Semenza, was an immigrant from Italy who crossed the Bering Strait to mine the gold fields of the Klondike in Alaska. Later settling in Reno, he married his wife, Louise, and owned a grocery store on Center and Second streets, where Harrah's Reno is located today.

The eldest child, Nevada Semenza Christian '24 (journalism), was one of just five female members of the University's first journalism graduates and the only female in her class to enter the field of journalism. She lived and worked in China and moved 38 times in her life. She remains one of the most distinguished graduates of the Reynolds School of Journalism.

Lawrence Semenza '25 (business) taught economics at the University before going to

work as an accountant for legendary Nevada pioneer and former Nevada Regent George Wingfield. Semenza was often referred to as the "Silver State CPA."

Rena Semenza Safford '26 (arts and science) was a respected and beloved kindergarten teacher in Reno and later in Marin County. The musically gifted soprano was featured in her brother Ed's productions and on CBS Radio.

Edwin "Ed" Semenza '30 (foreign affairs) was a Reno insurance executive and original founder of the Reno Little Theater in the 1930s. He directed numerous plays and was able to cajole performances from many notable northern Nevadans.

Grace Semenza '35 (English) had a distinguished career in public service in Nevada, Oregon, California and finally Washington state, where she directed a statewide adoption program for which she received national recognition.

—Roseann Keegan

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Each year, the *Reno Gazette-Journal* honors Reno-Tahoe's young up-and-comers with the "Twenty Under 40 Awards." In 2010, seven of those outstanding community leaders were also University of Nevada graduates. We're proud to see our Wolf Pack alumni thriving, and even more proud to call them card-carrying members of the Nevada Alumni Association.



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