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From the President

Ensuring a healthy Nevada

As Nevada grows and matures as a state, health care and research are key to providing a high quality of life for our citizens. The University of Nevada, Reno is home to the state's medical school and bears a large part of the responsibility for ensuring a healthy Nevada. Our new health sciences precinct in the north part of the campus gives visibility to our commitment and will provide the facilities needed to do cutting-edge research. The build-out of the Health Sciences Division will be an important part of this effort. The new Center for Molecular Medicine is a public-private partnership with support from University research indirect costs, the Whittemore Peterson Institute and the Nevada Cancer Institute.



Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

*Milton Glick with John McDonald,
Vice President Of Health Sciences*

We are also taking important programmatic steps to ensure that this build-out will create the type of cross-disciplinary collaboration that will have maximum impact for the people of Nevada. With new knowledge and discoveries occurring in the health sciences, it seems only natural that we, as an institution, should be taking the lead in helping to translate these advances to our citizens. The first decade of the 21st century has made it abundantly clear that the future of the health sciences is tied to the intersections of many disciplines, with more and more scientists and researchers realizing that their work can and should be in partnership with others. The Health Sciences Division greatly improves the University's ability to meet the state's short-term needs—graduating more doctors and nurses to care for the country's most rapidly growing population base—as well as, in the long-term, to create the partnerships and teamwork that take scientific insights and transform them into the best possible health care, treatment and outcomes for the people of Nevada.

In a broader sense, our new medical precinct is emblematic of a movement on our campus toward what I have called a "sticky campus". I have said before that our new facilities (the Joe Crowley Student Union, the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, the Davidson Mathematics and Science Building) are transformative: They form the basis for a sticky campus—a place where people come and engage. These facilities are key to our core missions of instruction and research. We want to build an environment where the best students come, learn and graduate. We want facilities that attract the best scholars. New, expanded facilities represent more than new square footage for our campus—new space is symbolic of the kind of university we want to be, and the kind of faculty and student scholars we want to attract to our university.

It is my hope that we have communicated that the University cannot be successful if it is separate from the community. The University has almost 20,000 students, faculty and staff—not to mention a significant alumni base in Washoe County. In numbers alone, we make a significant impact on the economy. But this impact reaches well beyond purchasing power and wages. Our teaching and research enterprise make us an economic anchor for the region, and our contribution is *knowledge*. We need your support, and in return we will give you the best that we have to offer: the best graduates—graduates who will build a new economy and transform the great industries that built this state; research that enhances the quality of life in Nevada; and a partner to work hand-in-hand with business, government, industry and the citizenry.

It is the ideas and the knowledge that ferment in the University, the talent we produce, and the ability to transform lives, not just of our students but of the entire community, that drive me and my colleagues to enhance this fine University and the quality of life in Nevada; to make this a point of pride for the region and an economic and intellectual magnet.

Without you, we can operate but we cannot *innovate*—we cannot transform society.

Without your investment, we can continue to be good, but we cannot be great.

Sincerely,

Milton D. Glick

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