

Remembering Friends

Richard “Dick” Theodore Dankworth, former athletics coach, died Dec. 24, 2008. Dick was born on Nov. 29, 1928 in Los Angeles, Calif. He served in the U.S. Marine Corp. from 1946 to 1948 after which he married his high school sweetheart, Carla Snoddy, on May 1, 1949. He moved to Reno in the summer of 1956 with his wife and their two sons, Gary and Jeff.

Dick earned his bachelor’s in education from Pepperdine University, where he was also a “Little All-American” football player. After graduating from college, he coached football and taught at Gardena, Hamilton and Hawthorne High Schools in Los Angeles, while earning his master’s degree. Dick was later recruited to become assistant football coach and head track and field coach at the University of Nevada. In 11 years as the University’s track coach, Dick recruited world-class athletes, won eight consecutive Far Western Conference Championships, coached 71 individual champions, 18 small college All-Americans and six internationally ranked stars. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1986.

Dick loved athletics, but pursued broader opportunities in higher education. Dick did graduate work at Stanford University and Utah State, acquiring his doctorate in education. Subsequently, he handled a variety of important administrative assignments at the University and served as a top executive to four University presidents. Dick was then tapped to take on one of his most important and toughest challenges, leading the University foundation as its chief fundraiser.

His success raising funds for the University attracted the attention of the National Judicial College located on Nevada’s campus. Upon retirement, Dick was persuaded to raise funds for the college. During those years, he was one of the busiest “retirees” in Reno. While continuing his “retirement,” Dick also became involved with Youth with a Mission’s (YWAM) University of the Nations. In working with YWAM, Dick helped the institution achieve what it needed most, administrative organization and increased funding for growth. He would also go on to develop YWAM’s first ever youth sports outreach camps. Because of his great faith and love of God, family and friends, Dick was deeply respected and loved.

Dick is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Carla, and his three sons, Gary, Jeffrey and Stephen. He and Carla have 10 grandchildren, Devon, Bria, Rachel, Jason, Brittany, Graham, Piper, Jon, Quentin and Annelise, and five great-grandchildren, Kendra, Carson, Bryan and Coral.

Rose M. Bullis ’33 (education), ’55M.A. (administration and supervision), Nevada’s first female school administrator, died on Jan. 19, 2009. Rose was born in Frantktown, Nev. in 1912. Her parents, Savina and Antonio Sala, owned a ranch in Washoe Valley which later became known as the Lightning W and Thunder Canyon Golf Course. Her early education was in a one-room schoolhouse on this ranch, built by her father.

In the 1920s, her parents sold the ranch and moved the family to Reno. Rose attended Southside Elementary, Northside Junior High, Reno High School and the University of Nevada, where she received a bachelor’s degree and teaching credentials in 1934. She later received a master’s degree from the University in administration and supervision. Rose taught at Billingshurst Junior High, Veterans Memorial Elementary School and Northside Middle School.

In the 1950s, Rose became the first female administrator in Nevada. She is credited with pioneering administrative positions for women in the district. In the mid-1960s, Rose was appointed director of school/community relations, a position she held until her retirement in 1979. She then volunteered at the University’s College of Education for 22 years, teaching graduate level classes and advising graduate students.

Rose’s accomplishments as an educator are numerous. She wrote *Let Freedom Ring*, a textbook for teaching patriotism and the history, developed and directed the district’s summer school program and directed the first local Headstart program. Her weekly television show, *Lifelong Learning*, aired on Channel 4 from 1964 until 2003.

Rose was a member of the National School Public Relations Association, American Association of School Administrators, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Delta Kappa, Soroptimist International of Reno and the Assistance League of Reno. She was also a founding



Rose M. Bullis '33



Brad Roberts

member of Reno Little Theatre. Her awards include a Distinguished Service Award from the College of Education, President’s Medal from the University, Soroptimist Woman of Achievement, PTA Excellence in Education News Reporting Award and the Nevada Education Hall of Fame. The Rose Bullis Center for Teaching and Learning is named in her honor.

Rose was preceded in death by her brother, Frank. She is survived by her son, Gary (Louise); grandson, Eric; granddaughter, Jennifer (Mark) and their son, John; and nephew, Frank, Jr.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Bullis Education Scholarship Endowment, account #175001. UNR Foundation, Mail Stop/0162, Reno, NV 89557-0162.

Brad Roberts, Presidential Medal winner, died on Feb. 13, 2008. Brad was born on Jan. 23, 1927 in New Rochelle, N.Y. to Bob and Grace Roberts. Brad graduated from The Governor’s Academy in South Byfield, Mass. and entered the U.S. Navy in 1945. After military service, Brad attended Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. where he graduated in 1950 with an AB in economics. To support his college education he sold men’s shoes door-to-door and was convinced that his idea to send direct mailings to prospective customers increased his sales. This was the beginning of his remarkable 35 years in advertising. In 1950, he moved to Chicago to join Swift and Company as a brand manager. That year he also married Jean (Hypes) his college sweetheart. In 1957, he went to work for Needham, Louis and Brorby as an account executive. In 1965 Brad was named to head the Los Angeles office of Needham. He retired from Needham in 1981 as vice chairman of the parent company and president of Needham West.

Moving to Nevada in 1983, Brad taught advertising at the University of Nevada, Reno’s Reynolds School of Journalism. In 1985, he took a two-year assignment as



Robert Whitemore '47



V. James "Jim" Eardley '63M.Ed

a lobbyist for the advertising agency business, serving as executive director of the Washington office of the American Association of Advertising Agencies. While there, he met and married his soul mate, Chickie.

Brad served on the University's Foundation board for two terms. He also served as chairman of the College of Business Advisory Committee and chairman of the Nevada Small Business Development Center. In 1996, Brad was awarded the President's Medal from the University. He and his wife have been nail-biting season ticket holders to Wolf Pack football, baseball and basketball games. A man of character, integrity and always quick with a smile, he will be missed greatly by all who knew and loved him.

Brad was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Grace, and his beloved first wife and the mother of his three children, Jean. Brad is survived by his loving wife and best friend, Vivian (Chickie); son, Brad Jr., and daughters, Kim and Sarah. Also surviving is his sister, Barbara, four grandchildren, Jennifer, John, Emmy and Zach; nieces and nephews, Leila, Mark, Peter, Susie, Chris, Stephen, Loyd and Billy. He also leaves behind his furry good pal, Ragamuffin. (According to Brad, life wasn't meant to be lived without a good dog by your side).

His family asks that you honor him by raising a glass of your favorite beverage and wish him Godspeed on his new journey.

Robert Whitemore '47 (economics), a longtime Nevada educator whose career stretched from Mineral County High School in Hawthorne to Las Vegas to Washoe County, died Dec. 28, 2008.

The son of a teacher, Robert was a lifelong advocate of education and instilled that passion for learning into his five children and generations of students whom he taught and counseled.

Robert was born July 24, 1925, in Grand Junction, Colo., and graduated from high school there at 15.

He attended Mesa College in Grand Junction and graduated at 17.

He joined the Army to serve in World War II and was assigned to the 44th tank battalion in the Pacific theater. The 44th participated in several liberation missions, including freeing the Allied internees at Santo Tomas Internment Camp in the Philippines.

After the war, Robert attended the University of Nevada, Reno. He graduated from the University in 1947, and earned a master's degree in economics at the University of California, Berkeley in 1949. He later earned a doctorate in educational psychology and counseling from Arizona State University.

Robert's first teaching job was at Mineral County High School in Hawthorne, where he taught English. While working on his Master's at Berkeley, he taught at Visalia Union High School in California, and then taught at Reno High School. At 31, he became the principal at Yerington High School.

In 1959, Robert joined the faculty at the University of Nevada where he was a lecturer in secondary education. After earning his doctorate at Arizona State in 1963, he worked for the Clark County School District before returning to Reno where he spent 10 years at the university as director of counseling and testing and as dean of the university's extension division.

He served two terms on the Washoe County School District's Board of Trustees, first elected in 1982, and was a strong advocate for vocational education. Throughout Robert's life, he counseled troubled youth and adults

Robert was an avid supporter of University of Nevada athletics and an avid fisherman, both affording him the opportunity to spend time with his children and grandchildren. At age 70, after returning from an Alaskan fishing trip that he called one of his lifelong goals, he took a ride on a Harley-Davidson motorcycle to fulfill another.

V. James "Jim" Eardley '63M.Ed (school administration), '86HDG died Dec. 25, 2008. Jim was born in Ruth, Nev. on June 20, 1927 to Vernon and Ruth Gardner Eardley. He was the youngest of six children and the only son.

Jim was reared in White Pine County and attended schools in Ely. He was only a teenager during World War II, but he enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he

served as a signalman on a troop transport ship. After completing his military service, Jim married his high school sweetheart, Barbara (Callahan) Eardley. A short time later, the young Eardley family moved to Logan, Utah where Jim attended Utah State. He received his bachelor's degree in 1952. For a short while, he pursued a dream and played semi-professional baseball in several leagues across the United States.

Eventually he turned to his true passion and began his career in education at Carlin High School in Elko County. He later moved to Sparks, Nev. with his family and was a teacher and coach at Reno High School. During this time Jim began working towards his master's degree at the University.

Jim would go on to become executive vice president of Western Nevada Community College. In 1979, he was appointed as the first president of a fledgling Truckee Meadows Community College. He served in this capacity until 1986. Upon his retirement, Jim ran successfully for a seat on the Board of Regents. During his 12-year tenure, he would often redirect debates by simply asking the one question that was his main philosophy: "What will this do for the students?"

So it is with little wonder that over the years he was awarded several honors for his service and dedication to students across the state of Nevada: first an honorary degree from the University; then in 2000, he was named as a Distinguished Nevadan; and finally in 2004, the V. James Eardley Student Services Center at TMCC was named for him.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents and sisters JaNeil, Maureen and Maxine. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Barbara, his children, Larry (Marlene), Jim (Diana) and Tracey (Darin); grandchildren, Mark (Denise), Lance, Brandon and McKenzie; and great-grandson, Mason. He is also survived by two sisters Merle and Faye, as well as several nieces and nephews.

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