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Jack Van Sickle Foundation supports astronomy laboratory

Jack Van Sickle was a Carson Valley rancher known as a generous man who cared about leaving a legacy for the people of Nevada. The Jack Van Sickle Foundation recently provided a \$100,000 grant to the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation to name the astronomy laboratory in the new Davidson Mathematics and Science Center. The Foundation also supports the Pride of the Sierra Marching Band and the Fleischmann Planetarium and Science Center.

“Private support of College of Science programs and projects gives students opportunities and resources that enhance their education beyond what is made available through state funding,” says David Bennum, lecturer and vice chair of the physics department. “Especially in this time of restrictive budget concerns, this kind of generosity can make a huge difference in the quality of the experience students have while at the University.”

Physics Lecturer Melodi Rodrigue adds: “A donation of this size from the Van Sickle Foundation has helped to make possible the completion of the Davidson Math and Science Center, arguably the most important addition to science education at Nevada in decades.”

—Ken Kempcke

Update on the Pride of the Sierra

After word that the University’s marching band did not have enough funding to continue in the 2009-2010 school year, the community rallied to support the 110 member marching band.

“I’m just tickled to death,” said Alan Sullivan, associate band director. “We’re incredibly thankful to our community and to a lot of special people, including friends, alumni and foundations like the Jack Van Sickle Foundation and the Carol Franc Buck Foundation.”

Support from private foundations and community members has helped preserve a valuable University asset. Their generosity helps to ensure that the Pride of the Sierra remains a part of the University of Nevada, Reno experience.

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