

HOME MEANS NEVADA

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Photo by Jean Dixon

Gridiron report: Wolf Pack football faces 'most challenging' schedule in history

Starting on the road against Nebraska and Northwestern is never an easy chore for any football team.

Then, just to make sure that the latter part of the schedule presents a formidable challenge, mix in a Homecoming game on

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Oct. 6 against perennial Western Athletic Conference power

Fresno State, followed by a road game the next weekend against BCS-busting Boise State and a very important Nov. 16 home game against Heisman Trophy hopeful Colt Brennan and the Hawai'i Rainbows.

It's no wonder that Nevada football coach Chris Ault has termed this year's Wolf Pack football schedule the "most challenging" schedule in school history. It's the type of

schedule that could, if the Pack plays well, propel them to their third consecutive bowl appearance. Nevada is coming off a victory in 2005 in the Hawai'i Bowl in Honolulu, Hawai'i, and a 21-20 loss to Miami in the 2006 MPC Computers Bowl in Boise, Idaho.

Nevada returns 14 starters and 44 lettermen from a 2006 season that saw the Pack finish tied for third in the WAC.

"This is a very strong football team and we have a very strong incoming class so we are very pleased," Ault said. "We need to identify the skills we need to develop. We need to create depth since



Photos by John Byrne

this is the most challenging schedule in history. This schedule will be challenging mentally and physically so it is critical for us to develop depth on both sides of the ball."

Academic Center will support success off the field

Wolf Pack student-athletes will walk through the doors of a new home for their academic pursuits in Fall 2008.

As the highlight of a June 28, 2007 ceremony, the University broke ground on the 8,000-square-foot Marguerite Wattis Petersen Athletic Academic Center, which will include a computer center, individual and group study areas, a student lounge, and tutoring and adviser offices. Academic services and programs for student-athletes have been housed in the Virginia Street Gymnasium, which was also home to Wolf Pack volleyball matches, the University Studies Abroad Consortium and some Department of Music



Photo by Jean Dixon

Representatives from the Marguerite Wattis Petersen and E.L. Cord foundations, PENTA Building Group, the Worth Group architectural firm, and the University shoveled the first Academic Center dirt.

and Dance faculty offices.

"This building will be the last critical piece for what will be the entryway for our

campus," said University President Milton Glick. "When people think about the image of this University, they will think about the Mathewson/IGT Knowledge Center, the Joe Crowley Student Union and the Marguerite Petersen Athletic Academic Center, which will connect with the E.L. Cord Academic and Athletics Performance Complex. This will be where the action is."

The academic center will be a two-story building located between Legacy Hall and the Robert Cashell Fieldhouse, both of which are directly south of Mackay Stadium. WorthGroup Architects designed the building, with PENTA Building Group handling construction.

Hot press for the N

The state's first hillside letter — the venerable University "N" on Peavine Peak — is featured in a new book, *Hillside Letters A to Z*.

The whitewashed, outlined N — 150 feet long and 140 feet wide — was originally created by University juniors Clarke Webster and Harvey McPhail in the spring of 1913.

"It did not seem right that Nevada spirit should show itself less plainly than either California to the West of us or Utah to the East," McPhail writes in the 1914 *Artemisia* student yearbook.



Photo by Jean Dixon

Corning's 204-page book includes the story of the letter's creation on the southeastern side of the slope, a poem about the landmark that appeared in *The Nevada Sagebrush* student newspaper and information on the letter's current caretakers.

The late James J. Parsons, longtime professor of geography at the University of California-Berkeley, in a 1988 article listed the N as the 13th university letter to be created on a U.S. mountain or foothill. It is estimated there are 43 landmark letters in Nevada.

National honor society recognizes student clinic

The honor society of American medical schools selected the University of Nevada School of Medicine's Student Outreach Clinic for a \$1,000 service project award. It was the second consecutive year the clinic, which provides much needed care for Washoe County's medically underserved population, gained national attention from the Alpha Omega

Alpha Society. Under the direct supervision of licensed medical school faculty physicians, students offer free monthly clinics providing general, children's and women's care.

For the second consecutive year, "The monies from this grant will keep our women's health services operational for the next year," said Dr. Daniel Spogen, professor and chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine in Reno and Student Outreach Clinic faculty director.

LOOK ONLINE

Learn more about the Student Outreach Clinic at <http://www.unr.edu/med/students/SOC>.

Faces on the Quad

HEATHER SANDERSON AND WINIFRED SCHAROSCH

Reno, Master's (Elementary Education); Reno, Prebusiness



Sanderson and Scharosch are each recipients of the University Balloon Race Scholarship Committee's \$2,000 student award. The committee, in its 21st year, selects two students annually to receive scholarships based on grade-point average, financial need and community service. Sanderson, who has worked for eight years as a children's librarian at the Duncan-Traner school library, began a 16-week internship at Spanish Springs Elementary School in July 2007. She hopes to teach fifth- and sixth-graders. Scharosch, a stay-at-home mom for many years, intends to declare a marketing major in Spring 2008 and design programs that attract casino customers. An employee in the promotions department at Gold Ranch Casino, she is determined to get her degree — a goal she set for herself almost 30 years ago when her son was in kindergarten.



LYLA FADALI

Reno, Mathematics

A summa cum laude University Honors Program graduate in May 2007, Fadali turns the right-brain, left-brain notion upside down. The 22-year-old speaks French and Arabic, plays the harp and has completed undergraduate research in biomass wastes. She also conducted research on Lie groups, studying mathematical objects and structures' continuous symmetry. Fadali, who will study for a doctoral degree at the University of California, San Diego, also practices a two-handed, Korean sword martial art.



LAURA GARCHAR

Reno, Geological Engineering

A 20-year-old senior, Garchar completed close to 400 hours of research in the NASA Student Internship Program at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md. Garchar participated in an intensive, 10-week summer program in which she assisted her mentor with an ongoing aerospace research project. A member of the University's Honors Program, Garchar has hopes for a career in planetary sciences. On campus, she is studying the Desert Queen geothermal system in Nevada's Hot Springs Mountains.

Joe Crowley Student Union

New campus 'living room' opens

The University campus is getting stickier.

"A sticky campus is a vibrant, welcoming and comfortable environment that encourages students to stick around when they get out of class and become fully engaged in the University," said President Milton Glick. "It is an electrified campus atmosphere where students go not just to take classes, but to gather and learn from each other."

"Right now our highest priority is to increase success in student retention and graduation rates," he said. "Creating an engaging environment for students is a key to that success."

To that end, the north campus is being transformed into what Glick describes as the University's "living room" with the addition of the Joe Crowley Student Union and the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, construction projects launched during the administration of former University President John Lilley. Adding to the transformation is the Marguerite Wattis Peterson Athletic Academic Center, slated to open in 2008, (see story on page 36) and a new central plaza area.

"Just as a living room is the central place for a family to congregate, this area will become the hub of our campus," said Glick.

The Joe Crowley Student Union opens this fall, and events are being planned to showcase the new facility to the public the weekend of Nov. 15. The four-story, 167,000-square foot, environmentally friendly, "green" building is close to Lawlor Events Center, Mackay Stadium, Lombardi Recreation Center and Fitzgerald Student Services. It is the direct result of a project spearheaded by the Associated Students of the University of Nevada.

"The new student union was completely initiated and funded by the students," said current ASUN President Sarah Ragsdale. She credits former ASUN President Alicia Lerud and her cabinet for getting the project off the ground in 2001 and innumerable dedicated students for their tireless efforts in the years since. "Student leaders have spent countless hours and resources turning this idea into reality, and we're extremely excited and proud of the result," said Ragsdale.

The building features a two-story bookstore; sports grill with recreation room; 7,500-square-foot food court; 1,200-seat grand ballroom; 220-seat theater; 2,000-square-foot student organization center; and outdoor seating area with a setting for speakers, concerts and activities.

"This will completely change the way we plan events," said Ragsdale. "We anticipate a huge draw and a full calendar with concerts, movies, barbecues, and intellectual events such as debates, seminars, and lecture series highlighting professors and alumni."

Ragsdale notes the student union will be a place for students to be both active and passive, with informal seating on every floor, and windows overlooking views of the Sierra Nevada. "It's a much needed place for students to simply hang out and have open dialogue and discussion, shop at the bookstore, or read in a lounge chair."

Glick agrees this is all a critical part of the college experience. "It's not just about buildings, it's about rethinking our approach to student life and student programming," he added. "If we just think of them as buildings, then we have failed. To fulfill our mission, these must be places where students and the community congregate to have learning



Photo by John Byrne

The entire Crowley brood — Joe and Joy Crowley and their children and grandchildren — recently donned hardhats and toured the student union.

'Just call me Joe.'

experiences that expand minds and cause greater engagement in the University and in their studies.”

The Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center is slated to open in Aug. 2008. Just south of the Joe Crowley Student Union, the five-story, 295,000-square-foot center will be one of the most technologically advanced libraries in the country. With International Game Technology, Chuck and Ann Mathewson presented a combined \$10 million gift to the project.

On the south end of campus remains the beautiful and traditional Quad. Still surrounded by buildings that host classrooms and administrative functions, it may

become a bit quieter as student activities migrate north.

“This is the beginning of a true campus town environment, a place where the University meets with the community,” said Glick. “The entrance off North Virginia Street will serve as the new gateway to the campus, and I believe that when people enter the University grounds they will more fully feel the intellectual energy of our campus.”

Ragsdale agrees: “We take incredible pride in our school, and our hope is that people walking onto our campus will get the feeling of... I'm in Wolf Pack territory now!”

— Christine Haynes

Keeping union 'green' topped student priority list

The building inspired and paid for by students reflects considerable student input in its design. Top on the list for students involved was a desire to incorporate environmentally friendly elements into the building's design. The new Joe Crowley Student Union represents an integrated design process, which considered how the design elements would interrelate to create an overall “greener” building. For example, the building's white roof reduces the cooling load which allows the building to have a smaller chiller, resulting in less energy consumption.

Other “green” highlights include:

- Day lighting system to reduce artificial light use to minimize energy consumption
- Very low water use fixtures in bathrooms, reducing potable water use
- High efficiency, fritted window glass
- On-site cistern containing water from the building's cooling towers to be used for irrigation
- Pervious pavers to help capture and infiltrate storm water back into the ground, eliminating one storm drain and proportionally reducing the water flow to the storm water system

When it came to naming the new student union in 2005, the undergraduate and graduate student organizations agreed. “The students’ recommendation to name our union after Dr. Crowley is a tribute to a man whose contributions have affected and will affect generations of students to come,” said then-ASUN President



Jeff Champagne.

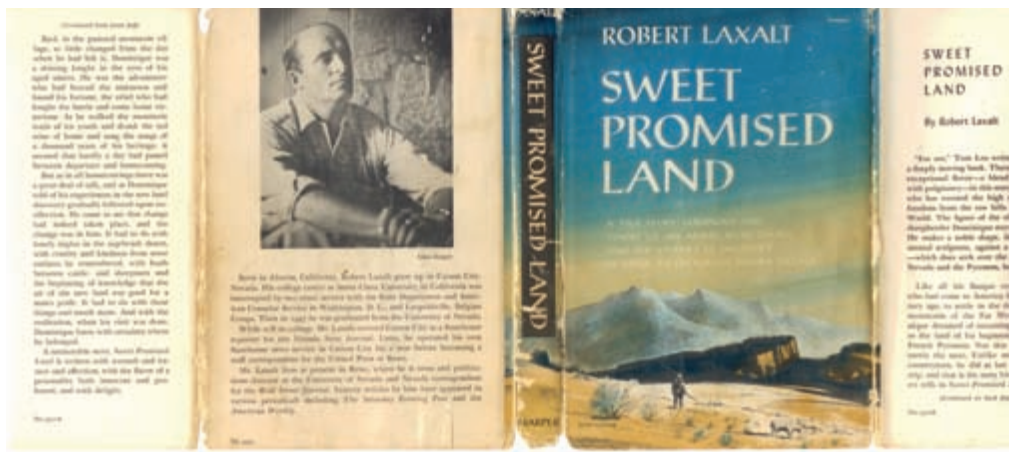
Joe Crowley is a soft-spoken, approachable and beloved man, renowned for his self-deprecating sense of humor. He joined the University's political

science faculty in 1966, was named interim president in 1978, and named to the permanent position later that same year. He served 23 years as the University's 13th president, stepping down in 2000.

His tenure as president marked a period of tremendous growth and development for the University and the state. Along the way, Crowley remained steadfast in his commitment to the role of student government and to the University's land-grant mission to serve Nevada. Crowley's work included establishment of the Core Curriculum, which added breadth and vigor to the institution's academic offerings; promotion of international education through his support for the University Studies Abroad Consortium; revitalization of the Honors Program as well as creation of the Presidential Scholar Program, which attracted bright minds from throughout the state and the country; support of the Upward Bound and Talent Search grant competitions, which made Nevada more affordable for low-income and first-generation college students; and his continual search for greater knowledge as a teacher and scholar.

A military veteran and published author, Crowley also served as president of the National Collegiate Athletic Association from 1993 to 1995.

He and his wife, Joy, have four children and seven grandchildren, all living in Reno.



The original dust jacket from a first edition copy of *Sweet Promised Land*, published in 1957.

FRESHMEN LEARN THE VALUE OF

'Sweet Promised Land'

When the letters began arriving in the mail in late July, many members of the University's class of 2011 were introduced to one of the most respected names in Nevada writing.

"The timing couldn't have been more perfect," President Milton Glick admitted, noting that by happy coincidence the Class of 2011 Summer Scholar Project — an effort to welcome freshmen to campus through an important piece of Nevada literature — featured Robert Laxalt's classic book, *Sweet Promised Land*, considered one of the finest books of its genre. *Sweet Promised Land* is also celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

The Class of 2011 Summer Scholar Project asked all freshmen to read *Sweet Promised Land* over the summer. Faculty, staff and administrators then met with the students in August during orientation week for study groups that discussed Laxalt's book.

Laxalt, known as Nevada's greatest writer, passed away in 2001 at age 77. But his 17 books — and in particular, *Sweet Promised Land*, considered to be his finest work — continue to live on.

LOOK ONLINE

For more information on the Summer Scholar Project, visit http://www.unr.edu/features/sweet_promise/

"This was our entering freshmen's first opportunity to participate with faculty, staff and administrators in an academic setting as they begin their college career, and I can't think of a better book to serve as the centerpiece," Glick said. "Our mission to enliven curiosity, cultivate critical judgment and encourage our students to make an informed contribution to the development of American society is well-served through the reading and discussion of *Sweet Promised Land*."

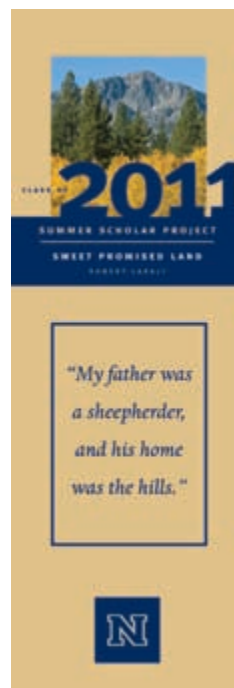
"Robert Laxalt and his family will always have a special place on our campus. What better way to honor a great writer and a great Nevadan than to have Nevada students reading, discussing and learning from his greatest work?"

Laxalt's connections to the campus are strong. He was a 1947 graduate of the University with a degree in English. He joined Nevada's faculty in 1954 as director of news and publications. He founded the University Press in 1961, and served as a journalism and writing instructor — influencing an entire generation of the state's writers — and for the final

two decades of his life was the University's writer-in-residence.

His advice to his students? They were words that still resonated as campus study groups convened in August for the Summer Scholars Project.

"Take your writing seriously," Laxalt would tell his students, "but never take yourself too seriously."



◀ The Reynolds School of Journalism sponsored commemorative bookmarks that accompanied the books provided to the Class of 2011 to honor the schools' friend and colleague. The bookmark serves as an invitation to attend the 2007 Robert Laxalt Distinguished Writer Program, Oct. 24. Support of the project is being provided by the Center for Basque Studies in the amount of \$15,000, which was raised through private donations to provide copies of *Sweet Promised Land* for each incoming freshman student. Additional funding was provided by Athletics.

'Bob was passionate about encouraging new generations of writers.'

— Rosemary McCarthy, interim dean of the Reynolds School of Journalism.



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11:30 am to 1:30 pm
University of Nevada, Reno Quad
Don't forget to wear **blue!**

HOMECOMING 2007

The Nevada Alumni Association and ASUN encourage you to catch the "Blue Flu" on Friday, October 5th from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Leave work for an hour or two, and attend our Free Community BBQ on the Quad!



For a complete list of Homecoming events, go to www.unr.edu/alumni.

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Russ & Peggy Boynton make good chemistry

Every donor's unique values and experiences shape his or her philanthropy. Russ Boynton '70 M.S. (chemistry) and his wife Peggy '60 (chemistry) have been gracious benefactors of the Physical Sciences Library on the University of Nevada, Reno campus for more than 35 years.

Russ received his bachelor of science in 1958 from the University of California, Berkeley, and in 1960 Peggy received her bachelor of science from the University of Nevada, Reno, each majoring in chemistry. The couple married in 1960 and moved to Orinda, Calif. where Russ began work with Chevron. He took a leave of absence in 1966 to pursue his master's degree in chemistry from Nevada.

While Russ was at the University, the chemistry library was very small. "I had to travel back to the San Francisco Bay Area to do basic research," he says. "After graduation, we wanted to make sure that no student of chemistry would ever have to travel to do basic library research."

Russ and Peggy were brought up to believe

that you should give back whenever you can. "We may not be able to build a library and stock it with books all at once, but by donating every year, a collection can be built," said Peggy.

"Unless you are very wealthy, you cannot give millions. Give what you can afford, and your gifts will mount up."

The Boyntons' budget each year includes their philanthropy. "We are lucky enough to be able to make a yearly contribution to the University. We could not be more proud of what the chemistry department has done with our donations and we feel that we have made a difference."

Brenda Mathenia, head of the DeLaMare and Physical Sciences Libraries, affirms that the Boyntons have indeed made a tremendous difference. "The Boynton's generous



Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

DeLaMare librarian Brenda Mathenia helps biochemistry student Mark Lemos. Last spring, Mark was a finalist in the Nevada Lt. Governor's Award for his business plan that integrates clean, renewable, alternative energy for Nevada's future.

gifts provide much needed funding to purchase texts and unique resources," she says. "The resulting collection is a testament to Russ and Peggy's commitment to high quality education and demonstrates a profound understanding of the critical role libraries play in the long term success of students."

The University Libraries are forever grateful to the Boyntons for making philanthropy a part of their family budget and part of their enduring legacy on campus.

To learn more about supporting the University's libraries, please contact Director of Development Millie Mitchell at (775) 682-5682 or email mimitchell@unr.edu.

Hart Foundation gifts continue to keep Nevada competitive

To everyone who knew them during their lifetime, it was clear that Thomas and Thelma Hart were devoted to each other. Together they made a home in Reno and in their estate plans provided for a foundation that would continue to make the region that welcomed them, a better place.

Today the Hart Foundation's trustees continue the Harts' legacy by supporting several campus projects. The projects listed below allow the University to continue its mission of developing a high level of service culture to students pursuing a higher education. The Hart Foundation supports many campus initiatives including:

MARGUERITE WATTIS PETERSEN ACADEMIC CENTER

This new facility will better empower the Wolf Pack Academic and Compliance Service Team to spend more time where it counts — in the center, ensuring that students are making the most of their education. Tutoring, class advisement, career counseling and life skills training are just a few of the services that will be housed in this building.

LATINO RESEARCH CENTER

The Hart Foundation's latest gift was made in support of this

center, which is a unit of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. The research center aids in the advancement of the state's Latino community through education, research, advocacy and outreach, relevant to the region.

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA MEDICAL SCHOOL BUILDING

Nearly 1,500 physicians who practice medicine throughout Nevada and the United States began their studies in this building on the north end of campus. Beginning with the entering class of 2007, class size will increase from 52 to 62 students.

GRADUATE STUDENT COMPUTING LABORATORY

This laboratory is available to graduate students around the clock, and has extensive state-of-the-art facilities for performing research, such as high-performance computers and peripherals. Facilities like this aid graduate students in their pursuit to publish research results in journals and at conferences.

To learn more about supporting programs or facilities like those above, please contact Associate Vice President of Development Bruce Mack at (775) 784-1352 or email bmack@unr.edu

Reynolds Foundation awards \$1.5 million for endowed chair in journalism

The Donald W. Reynolds Foundation has approved a grant of \$1.5 million to the Reynolds School of Journalism and Advanced Media Studies at the University of Nevada, Reno.

The grant establishes a permanently endowed position named the “Fred W. Smith Chair in Journalism.” The chair, named in honor of the current chairman of the Las Vegas-based Reynolds Foundation, is to be occupied by the dean of the Reynolds School of Journalism.

“The Donald W. Reynolds Foundation is pleased to provide funding for an endowed chair that will help the Reynolds School of Journalism attract the best possible candidates to fill the vacant dean’s position,” states Foundation chairman, Fred W. Smith. “The earnings from the endowment will give the new dean additional resources to build upon the momentum created by the late Cole Campbell. Our ultimate goal is for the Reynolds School to be recognized for excellence in the areas of education, research and preparation of students for professional practice.”

University President Milton Glick expressed his appreciation for the grant. “We are very grateful for the generosity of the Reynolds Foundation and are delighted with their decision to honor Fred W. Smith with this chair,” said President Glick. “The Reynolds School of Journalism is at the cutting edge in a rapidly changing profession. With the

strength of the school augmented by the chair, it positions us to attract the leading candidates in the nation to be the next dean.”

“This endowment enriches the school and the dean’s position in a marvelous, expansive way,” said Rosemary McCarthy ‘85M.A. (journalism), interim dean of the Reynolds School of Journalism.

“We are deeply grateful to the Reynolds Foundation for its continued support of the school and its endeavors. The gift will support the dean and thus support

the school in its interests in innovative media and scholarship.”

The Donald W. Reynolds Foundation is a national philanthropic organization founded in 1954 by the late media entrepreneur for whom it is named. Headquartered in Las Vegas, it is one of the largest private foundations in the United States.



For more information on supporting the Reynolds School of Journalism, please contact Director of Development Kristen Burgarello '97 (journalism) at (775) 784-4471 or email kburgarello@unr.edu.

2007 ALUMNA OF THE YEAR

Mary-Ellen McMullen



Love of the University of Nevada, Reno is a family tradition for 2007 Nevada Alumni Association Alumna of the Year, Mary-Ellen McMullen '73 (education).

When she was just 13 years old, her family moved to Reno from the East Coast so that her father, Edmund Cain, could serve as dean of the College of Education at Nevada. As a result, the University was always a part of her early life and a natural place for her to pursue her undergraduate studies.

"I've witnessed a lot of changes since those days. I was in the College of Education majoring in English and minoring in journalism. Most of my education classes were

in the Thompson Education Building, which is now just the Thompson Building. When I was a senior, the college moved into the "new" education building which is now Edmund J. Cain Hall, named after my father, who oversaw the construction of the building. Now, of course, we have the magnificent Raggio Education building."

Beginning in 1968, the Alumni Association has honored an alumna/us each year whose life reflect the ideals and mission of the University of Nevada, Reno in community activities, professional accomplishments, personal life and service to the University and Association.

During her time as a student on campus, Mary-Ellen was active in student government. She was elected to student Senate and then the Activities Board. As it turns out, this is where she met her husband of, now, 33 years, Sam McMullen. He was serving as student body vice president.

If you know someone who you think should be on this list in the future, please contact the University of Nevada, Reno Alumni Association at (775) 784-6620 or (888) NV ALUMS.

Soon after graduation, the young couple was off to Washington, D.C. where Mary-Ellen worked for Sen. Howard Cannon and Sen. Alan Bible while attending George Washington University to obtain a master's

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Photos Courtesy of Mary-Ellen McMullen

'As a student being involved in Student Government, as a young alum giving my time and efforts for the Alumni Council, and now as a member of the Foundation helping to create and sustain a culture of giving financially to the University so that it will continue to prosper, all are things that I have enjoyed being a part of.'



EDMUND J. CAIN

Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

degree in women's studies. Sam attended Georgetown University Law School. "I was thrilled to come back to Nevada and teach alongside Dr. Ann Howard. Her Women in Literature class inspired my passion to learn more about the role of women in all disciplines."

Upon graduation, teaching was just the beginning of a new chapter in Mary-Ellen's portfolio of service at Nevada. After returning from Georgetown, she has served as acting assistant dean of students; special school recruitment

coordinator; director of annual giving for the Foundation and publications/public relations coordinator for the Nevada System of Higher Education.

Her volunteer activities for the campus have included the Alumni Council, where she served as first vice president from 1982-1984, as well as chairperson of many committees. Today, she is currently in her second six-year term as a trustee of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation. "My long-term involvement and support of

the University is encouraged by the fact that so many great people make this University great," Mary-Ellen shares. "Nothing that happens here is because of any one person. All of us together can really have an impact and make a difference. I know that I received a great education at the University, and I know how important it is in this time of rising educational costs to provide a quality education to the people of Nevada. I want future students to have the same opportunities that I had." ■

Mary-Ellen at Nevada

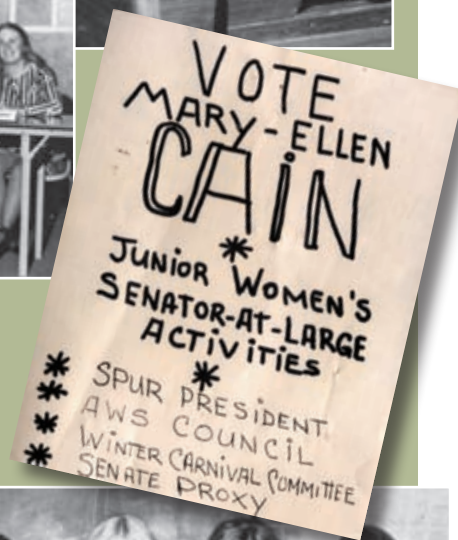
I have so many favorite campus memories from my time at Nevada:

▶ Attending N. Edd Miller Day and honoring our University president at a time when all other campuses across the country were protesting.

▶ Becoming friends with Frankie Sue Del Papa, Dan Klaich, Jim Hardesty, Bill Cobb, and of course my husband, Sam McMullen. All of them were people that even in college we knew were going to be leaders in their fields in our state of Nevada.

▶ Working with Dean Cecelia St. John, a friend and mentor who cares so deeply about our University.

▶ As president of Pi Beta Phi trying to keep the men of Coffin and Keys from climbing through the windows of the sorority house to say hello in the early morning of their initiation. I was not successful!



Photos Courtesy of Mary-Ellen McMullen

2007 Nevada Alumni Association Award Winners

Alumna of the Year



Mary-Ellen McMullen '73 (See page 44.)

Professional Achievement Award



Jay Kornmayer '74
(*economics*)

A Nevada native, Jay began his career with Wells Fargo in 1973. He has managed the company's Gaming Division, a national specialty industry business line, since its inception 25 years ago. Jay leads a team of more than 40 banking professionals, who bring the broad spectrum of Wells Fargo products and services to clients in 28 states. Jay also volunteers his time to a number of community and business organizations.



Jeff Codega '76
(*civil engineering*)

Jeff's Reno-based company, Jeff Codega Planning & Design, was established in 1992 and is the area's leading provider of signature planning, surveying, civil engineering, landscape architecture and construction administration services. JCP/D has created many of northern Nevada's most recognizable and successful industrial, commercial, residential and public works projects including Caughlin Ranch, Montreux, Somersett and the Silver Legacy.



Karole Morgan-Prager '84
(*journalism and political science*)

Karole is the vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary of the McClatchy Company, which is headquartered in Sacramento, Calif., and publishes 31 daily newspapers and approximately 50 non-dailies. Prior to joining McClatchy in 1995, Karole was associate general counsel at the Times Mirror Company and an associate at the Morrison & Foerster law firm in Los Angeles. Karole attended law school at UCLA.



Maureen Mullarkey '88
MBA

Maureen began with International Game Technology as a financial analyst. She progressed quickly to manager of finance in 1991; director of finance in 1993; vice president of finance in 1996; CFO and vice president of finance in 1998; CFO, vice president of finance and treasurer in 1999; CFO, senior vice president and treasurer in 2001; and became CFO, executive vice president and treasurer in 2003.



Ty Windfeldt '01
(*health science*)

As director of marketing for Hometown Health, the health insurance division of Renown Health, Ty oversees all functions of the marketing department, customer services and provider relations, including new business development, key account management, direct sales and retention, networking and relationship building, and contract negotiation. During his tenure with Hometown Health, Ty has increased its market share to more than 40 percent.

University Service Award



Ronald Zideck '59
(*business administration*)

Ronald R. Zideck believes in strong relationships between Nevada business, education and government. He is currently a member of the University's Legislative Steering Committee, and previously held the position of director of planned giving for the Office of Development and Alumni Relations. In January 2007, he was appointed to the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation's Board of Trustees.



Kevin Melcher '79
(*physical education*)

In 1980, Kevin relocated to Elko to begin a career of teaching, coaching and administration with the Elko County School District. He has continued to support and serve the University through participation on the Alumni Council, Elko-area University activities, membership on University advisory committees, and he is currently a member of the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Advisory Committee.



Robert Buss, Friend

For more than 15 years, Bob has been the chairman of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Audit and Finance Committee. During that time, he has seen a nearly ten-fold growth in the Foundation's investment portfolio. Since he and the late Joseph McMullen developed the Investment Policy and the Procedures charter for the portfolio, assets have increased from \$8.3 million in 1989 to over \$90 million today.

Outstanding Young Alumnus



Carla Higginbotham '97
(*speech communications*)

Carla graduated in 2003 from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in the top 5 percent of her class. After law school, Carla returned to Reno and served two judicial law clerkships, later becoming an associate attorney at the Nevada law firm of McDonald Carano Wilson, LLP, where she specializes in appellate work and complex civil litigation.



Romeo Lazzarone '03
(*marketing*)

Romeo has been in the insurance and financial services industry for more than four years. He is a registered representative for New York Life and a financial services professional and broker for The Lazzarone Group. Romeo is a member of the New York Life Insurance Company's Executive Council and active in the community. Romeo is the president of the University of Nevada College of Business Administration Alumni Association (COBAAA).



Michael Klaiich '82
(*accounting*)

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