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Photo by Jean Dixon
Dear Nevada Alumni,

In May, the Nevada Alumni Association was honored to welcome the Class of 1958 back to campus for their Golden Reunion. Class members enjoyed a weekend of reunion activities designed to recognize this exciting milestone. Attendees enjoyed reminiscing about their days at Nevada and catching up on the last 50 years.

The same weekend, the Association added more than 1,800 new alumni to our family from the graduating class of 2008. Mike Dillon, Alumni Council treasurer/president-elect, and I were honored to congratulate graduates and present Alumni Association lapel pins.

July 9th through August 13th, I invite you to campus each Wednesday to enjoy Pack Picnics on the Quad from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. (see ad on page 48). Bring a picnic dinner and enjoy music, free bounce houses, face painting, games and much more. This is a wonderful event for alumni of all ages, as well as their families and friends, and is co-sponsored by Summer Session, COBAAA, Friends and Alumni of the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources and the Young Alumni Chapter.

Finally, don’t forget that Homecoming 2008 is set for Oct. 15 through Oct. 18. Please plan on returning to campus to see the exciting changes and reconnect with friends and faculty. There will be many events for all to enjoy.

For more information on all Nevada Alumni Association activities, please visit www.unr.edu/alumni.

Sincerely,

Cindy Buchanan ’95
President, Nevada Alumni Council
Emma Sepúlveda-Pulvirenti ’76 (Spanish), ’78M.A. (Spanish), a foreign language professor at the University of Nevada, Reno and columnist for the Reno Gazette-Journal and Ahora Newspaper, has written a book, Do You Hear My Accent When I Write? The Voice of a Latina Immigrant.

Lance Broadbent ’79 (geology) has recently accepted a position as check airman with American Airlines. He has been employed with American Airlines for 21 years. Lance lives with his wife and three children in Woodbury, Minn.

’80s

Gary Duhon ’80 (accounting) has been appointed senior vice president at Trammell Crow Company. In this role, Gary is responsible for managing the company’s development, investment and construction divisions.

Steve Ranson ’80M.Ed (educational administration) has been named editor for the Lahontan Valley News and Fallon Eagle Standard. Steve served as the sports editor for four years. He has served in the Nevada Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve for 27 years, working in a variety of journalistic and public affairs positions in the United States and Panama. Steve has two sons, Thomas, 22, and David, 20, as well as a daughter, Stephanie, 16.

Kathlynn Carpenter ’81 (journalism) is chair of Sacramento Community Policy Planning Commission and executive director of Sunrise Marketplace—Business Improvement District. Kathlynn enjoys spending time with her daughter, Hannah, 12, and her numerous Great Danes.

Diane (James) Prendergast ’82 (health education) has joined the certified public accounting firm of Kafoury, Armstrong & Co. as learning director. In her new role, she will develop and implement a learning program throughout the firm by coordinating, designing and delivering a staff curriculum. She will also monitor training plans and maintain staff continuing education records.

Donald A. Bernard II ’85 (speech communications) has been named to the Managing Wachovia Securities, LLC Premier Advisors Program. Donald will attend an advanced investment seminar in Colorado Springs, Colo., where he will be presented with this award, which is given to the top 2 percent of the firms’ 11,000 stockbrokers. Donald has been with Wachovia Securities since 1988. He currently lives in Reno with his wife, Sallie, and their three children, Brooke, Donald and Collin.

Deidre (Roberts) Smith ’86 (music) teaches at Truckee Meadows Community College and continues to work as director of the Keyboard Arts Academy. Deidre was married to Michael Smith in 2002.

’90s


Sylvia (Sylva) Ontaneda-Bernales ’93 (journalism) was named one of Maryland’s Top 100 Women. The honor, bestowed by Maryland’s
business and legal daily newspaper, *The Daily Record,* recognizes those women who demonstrate a high level of achievement through professional accomplishment, community service, leadership and mentoring. Sylvia is currently an attorney at Ober/Kaler.

*Tad Loren ’95* (marketing) has been named an associate for Grubb & Ellis/NCG. Tad’s responsibilities include providing real estate advisory services on a local, regional and national basis to a growing customer base in northern Nevada.

*Eric Statt ’95* (physical education), ’99M.S. (physical education) has been accepted at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Mich. to pursue his doctorate in biological sciences, with a specialization in sports biomechanics. Eric and his wife, Holly, have lived in the Minneapolis area since his graduation from the University. Both are looking forward to the beauty of the upper peninsula of Michigan and spending long winters in the abundant snowfall.

*Jonathon Aunger ’96* (health science) is a major in the United States Army and will attend the United States Army Command and General Staff College in August 2008.

*Tony Illia ’96M.A.* (English) recently won two Bronze Quill Awards from the International Association of Business Communicators. He received one award as managing editor of *Nevada Contractor* in the publications category, and a second award as editor and co-publisher of *Southern Nevada Real Estate Monthly* in the newsletter category. Tony writes a weekly column for the *Las Vegas Business Press,* and he is a regular contributor to the *Las Vegas Review-Journal,* *Architectural Record,* 944 Magazine, and *Engineering News-Record,* among other publications.

*Anjeanette (Coles) Damon ’98* (journalism) earned a master’s in public administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in June 2007.

*Mark Demuth ’98M.S.* (environmental and natural resource science) has left his consulting business, MADCON, to become a principal with CDM, a consulting, engineering, construction and operations firm. Mark is currently working on an additional graduate degree in land use planning, as well as teaching as a member of the University of Nevada, Reno’s adjunct faculty. He served as a ReTRAC consultant for 12 years, until the project’s completion.

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**Do you know someone who BLEEDS SILVER & BLUE?**

**The Nevada Alumni Association is now accepting Alumni Council member nominations**

**Deadline: August 1, 2008**

The council meets four times a year and is the governing body of the Alumni Association. Call Amy Carothers at (775) 784-6620 or email acarothers@unr.edu for more information. Please use a separate sheet for additional nominations.

Name ____________________________________________ Class year ____________

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City ____________________________ State ____________ Zip Code ____________

Occupation __________________________________________

Telephone __________________________ Email __________________________
Bryan Smith '98 (English literature) was promoted to the position of senior news editor at RISI, a business news and information company headquartered in Boston with bureaus worldwide. A longtime journalist who wrote for the Reno Gazette-Journal while attending the University, Bryan has covered global commodities for RISI’s websites, newsletters, magazines and books out of its San Francisco office for seven years.

William Alexander '99 (psychology) has received a doctorate in psychology and cognitive science at Indiana University, Bloomington. William also spent six months in Okinawa City, Japan as a researcher for the Neural Computation Unit at the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology. He is currently a postdoctoral researcher in the Department of Brain and Psychological Sciences at Indiana University.

Sheri Russell '00 (accounting) has been promoted to senior manager at the certified public accounting firm of Kafoury, Armstrong & Co. Sheri joined the firm more than eight years ago. In her new role, Sheri will be responsible for new business development, tax preparation, staff training and managing several audit engagements concurrently. Her areas of expertise are government and benefit plan engagements.

Kent Choma '01M.S. (electrical engineering) has accepted the position of director of facilities management at Saint Mary's Hospital in Reno. Kent has more than 18 years of engineering, technical instruction and project and personnel management experience.

Christina Sherk '03 (biology) has joined Clear Creek Dental, the Carson City dental practice of Dr. Jack Harrington, as an associate dentist. Christina also works as an associate in the Reno practice of Dr. Roland Postlewait. She is a graduate of the Oregon Health Science University School of Dentistry.

Brian Fitzgerald '06 (civil engineering), a PBS&J employee, has passed the professional engineer exam and will apply for licensing in 2011. Brian is responsible for services for numerous clients, including the Reno-Tahoe International Airport, Truckee Airport, and Carson City Airport. Brian is an associate member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and an avid supporter of the University of Nevada, Reno Concrete Canoe Team.
Ryan Dixon ’98 (civil engineering), ’02M.S. (civil engineering) and Yvonne (Lum) Dixon ’96 (speech pathology), ’98M.S. (speech pathology) are proud to announce the birth of their fourth child, Alyssa Yvonne, on Feb. 16.

Maureen (Tinker) Dewey ’99 (nursing) and Bill Dewey welcomed twin boys on Nov. 13.

Chad Waters ’99 (marketing), ’06MBA and Amy (Jentarra) Waters ’01 (secondary education) announce the birth of their first child, Evan Joseph Douglas, born on Dec. 30.

Lucas Leavitt ’00 (geological engineering) and Linda (Dickie) Leavitt ’00 (marketing) are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Elle Mary, on Dec. 17 in Las Vegas.

Chris Maas ’01 (logistics management) and Ashley Maas are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Jordan Christopher, on Sept. 24.

Daniel Wallace ’01 (marketing), ’05MBA and Erin (Schaffer) Wallace ’02 (political science) announce the birth of their son, Riley Daniel, on March 25.

William Woolsey ’02 (computer science) and Rebekah (Newman) Woolsey ’03 (biochemistry) welcomed Robert William to their family Dec. 19.

Lori (Champagne) Sandoval ’03 (human development and family studies), ’07M.Ed (special education) and Robert Sandoval announce the birth of their son, Thomas Robert on Feb. 26.

Summer Session 2008 presents

Summer Concerts and Watermelon on the Quad!

Voted one of Reno Gazette-Journal’s “Best Family Outings” — free Watermelon Wednesday concerts on the Quad are fun for all ages. Bring a blanket and join us from 6-8 p.m. on these Wednesdays:

• July 9: Bongo Love
• July 16: John Philip Sousa (Reno Municipal Band)
• July 23: Disney (Reno Municipal Band)
• July 30: Guitar Woody and the Boilers
• August 6: Sol’Jibe
• August 13: Brant

Shine with us this summer!

Concerts are presented by Summer Session in partnership with the Nevada Alumni Association. Picnics sponsored in part by the Young Alumni Chapter, COBAAA, and Friends and Alumni of CABNII.

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Kara Bymers ’07 (civil engineering) has passed the professional engineer exam. Kara is employed by PBS&J, an architecture-engineering-construction services and program management consulting firm, where she assists with planning, design, bidding, and construction services. Kara is a member liaison for the University of Nevada, Reno Society of Women Engineers and a member of the Truckee-Meadows Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Rebecca Wikler ’07 (journalism) was hired by Olsen & Associates as a project coordinator. She had been an intern and a project assistant since February 2007. Rebecca assists with many Olsen & Associates accounts and handles logistics management for The Great Reno Balloon Race.

LoRé and team train counter-terror unit in Yemen

Major Darren LoRé ’95 (general studies) along with a group of six Army soldiers spent six months in Yemen, beginning in October 2005, training that country’s counter-terror unit.

“It was the coolest mission I’ve ever had in my career,” LoRé says. Yemen is located directly south of Saudi Arabia and flanks a strategic water passage linking the Arabian and Red Seas. LoRé and his team’s work was a part of a regional strategy to help countries combat extremism on their soil, on their own accord.

LoRé became a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army after his participation in the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) while at Nevada.

His career as an infantry officer includes serving with the 82nd Airborne, as well as completion in the Army’s Ranger school. He was a company commander in the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks on Oahu. During his most recent tour on Guam, he led the training of more than 6,000 soldiers prior to their deployment to the Middle East and Africa.

While going overseas is never easy for soldiers or their families, LoRé’s was optimistic about his upcoming experience in Yemen.

“I was very excited because it’s not every day you get a mission where you’re free to make your own plans and you live in your own safe house,” he says. “It’s not common to have that kind of job. It was a very exciting opportunity and I was happy to get it.”

LoRé and his team trained for two months learning about the culture and customs of Yemen before being stationed in the capital, Sanaa.

He was delighted to live amongst an ancient culture where people still wear traditional garments. With no institutional obstacles in place, socialization with local members of the population came easy and friendships were built. LoRé and his unit took pains to blend in: They wore civilian clothing, their weapons were concealed, and LoRé even sported a beard. He learned something about humanity in those six months.

“People think they are so foreign, but people are people and there are universal values we all share,” LoRé says.

Since last summer LoRé has been in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas studying at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, which educates and develops leaders for full spectrum joint, interagency and multinational operations. In August he will begin a one-year deployment to Iraq. He is married to Cammy Elquist LoRé ’95 (journalism) ’95 (anthropology). Their son, Sendoa, was born this past August.

—Hae Mee Mun ’08
A much needed renovation to the porch and balcony of the Morrill Hall Alumni Center was recently completed. Overlooking the historic Quadrangle, the first-floor porch and second-floor balcony of the 122-year-old building were found to be structurally unstable. Work on the structural renovation was started in February and was completed in time for Commencement. Last year the entire roof was replaced. The last major renovation of Morrill Hall was undertaken in the 1970s.

The Main Building, which later became Morrill Hall, was the first building erected on the University campus. The site was chosen by the Board of Regents and built by Reno contractors the Burke Brothers with M.J. Curtis the appointed architect. Ground was broken on Aug. 2, 1885 with the building ready for occupancy on Feb. 15, 1886. Classes began in Morrill Hall on March 31, 1886 with 56 students and two faculty members.

As with many of the University’s projects, funding for the renovation came from both public dollars and private philanthropy. More than $50,000 in proceeds from the Bertha M. Standfast Morrill Hall Endowment was used for the renovation. The Nevada Alumni Association helps administer the Bertha M. Standfast Morrill Hall Endowment and voted to use funds from the Standfast Endowment for the balcony and porch renovation.

Established in 1997 with a gift from the estate of Bertha Rae Standfast ’24 (arts and science), the endowment provides for the preservation or maintenance of Morrill Hall. While at Nevada, Standfast was an honor student and received the Alumni Scholarship. She was president of Manzanita Hall and a member of Delta Delta Delta, the Sagebrush staff and Campus Players, where she appeared in several productions. Standfast went on to a career in education as an English teacher and later vice principal at Hollywood High School in Los Angeles. Standfast shared her very fond memories of Morrill Hall and her wish for its preservation with the executor of her estate before she passed away in 1984.

Nevada Alumni Association President Cindy Buchanan ’95 (finance) says of Standfast’s generosity, “It is remarkable to imagine that a Nevada alumna from the Class of 1924 would so fondly remember her days in Morrill Hall to provide for its preservation more than 60 years later. The balcony and porch are iconic and certainly were in dire need of renovation. We are honored to be able to fulfill Bertha’s wishes.”

—Keiko Weil ’87

Since classes began in Morrill Hall on March 31, 1886 with 56 students and two faculty members, the building has served as a timeless icon for the University. Morrill Hall’s preservation is made possible by endowed funds from Bertha M. Standfast ’24 (arts and science).

Chapter Updates

Alumni Band
Kiara (Donohue) Wolf ’92, ’97, unrbandalum@hotmail.com
Do you remember polyester jumpers and plumed hats? Were you seen by thousands wearing fringe? Do you find yourself humming the pep band arrangement of elevator music? Then chances are, you are one of us. If you marched at least one semester for the Wolf Pack Marching Band, please send us an email. You will receive a monthly newsletter, which includes updates, news about the John Montgomery Memorial Scholarship fund and information on Alumni Band and University events. No hats, ties or overlays required. Not even special shoes!

Friends & Alumni of CABNR
Susan Casey ’02, scasey@cabnr.unr.edu
Friends & Alumni of the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources (CABNR) held its sixth Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner. Downtown Reno was the setting for the gathering of more alumni and friends to celebrate the accomplishments of the evening’s two honorees: Bob Wilson received the Dale Bohmont Agriculturalist Award and Dr. William O. Champney was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

A few days earlier, Friends & Alumni of CABNR and Fallon Alumni chapters tailgated, then watched the nationally ranked Wolf Pack softball team complete its series sweep over nationally ranked Hawaii. About 50 friends and fans braved the frigid temperatures, as they enjoyed drinks and hot dogs (expertly grilled by Regent Jason Geddes).

If you are interested in joining Friends & Alumni of CABNR, please contact Susan Casey.

COBAAA
Ro Lazzarone ’03, Ro@TheLazzaroneGroup.com
COBAAA recently partnered with College of Business Professor of Marketing, Judy Strauss, and her Advanced Marketing Management class on a membership drive project. The project format was modeled after Donald Trump’s popular television reality show, “The Apprentice.” As a result of the membership drive, the class signed up over 300 new members — raising almost $4,000 in membership dues, which will be used in support of scholarships, student organizations, endowments and other programs at the College. Thank you to Judy and her students for their creativity and all of their efforts! We would also like to thank all of the sponsors of our annual COBAAA golf tournament, which was held on May 15th. Finally, please mark your calendars for July 23rd, as COBAAA will once again sponsor the Disney-themed Pack Picnic on the Quad. Hope to see you there!

Fallon Alumni Chapter
Tina Dakin ’71, ’84, jtdakin@sbcglobal.net
April 20: Alumni and friends took a rooter bus to UNR for the softball game against Hawaii. It was a great UNR win! Go Lady Wolf Pack! May 18: An alumni group again traveled to Reno just for entertainment, visiting the Eldorado for dinner and a show. August 10: The Second Annual UNR Alumni Summer BBQ and Fundraiser will be held at the Norm Frey Ranch in Fallon. Call the Moons at (775) 423-6985 for details. August 30: Football rooter bus to the season opener, UNR vs. Gambling. Call Janice Schmidt (775) 867-4220 for details. March 28, 2009: Winterfest Dinner and Fundraiser. Please save the date.

For additional information regarding upcoming events, visit www.unr.edu/alumni and click “Connect” to find the Fallon Chapter. Please bookmark the site for reference.

International Chapter
Susie Bender ’03, bender@unr.edu
For international students, alumni and community members for a night of global entertainment, cultural cuisines and colorful country booths. Many international alumni made an appearance and participated in the annual event that has been organized for the past 26 years. On March 19, the International Chapter hosted a round-table discussion at Starbucks in the Joe Crowley Student Union to solicit ideas for future programs and activities. The International Alumni Chapter also co-sponsored the graduation reception for international students on May 9, 2008. If you have any ideas and/or would like to help organize an international chapter event, please contact Susie Bender.

OSNAA
Linda Clift ’74, orvis_alumni@hotmail.com
The Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association has two projects for 2008. Mark your calendars for a luncheon on Saturday, Sept. 27, at Lavender Ridge in Reno (more information to come). We will also fund our first scholarship, to be awarded in spring 2009. To join OSNAA, or to request more information, please contact Linda Clift.
Chapter Updates

Native American Chapter
Sherry Rupert '05, srupert@nic.nv.gov

The Native American Alumni Chapter hosted its first Mystery Bus Trip on March 29. The destination was JT’s Basque restaurant in Gardnerville. The social event was one to remember, with faculty, alumni and family all participating in the fun-filled event.

On May 7, the chapter hosted a reception for American Indian graduates and scholarship recipients at the Joe Crowley Student Union. The chapter was able to award two scholarships in the amount of $500 each to a current and incoming American Indian student. Special thanks to the Nevada Alumni Association for monetary support of the events listed above.

If you would like to become more involved or receive upcoming event information, please contact Kari Emm at (775) 784-4936 or kemm@unr.edu, or Sherry Rupert at (775) 687-8333.

School of Medicine Chapter
Dr. Louis Bonaldi ’75, ’77, labonaldimd@aol.com

Are you interested in reconnecting with the School of Medicine and your classmates? We welcome all alumni of the School of Medicine to join the newly reestablished UNSOM Alumni Chapter. Chapter officers met this past spring and discussed plans for fostering connections between UNSOM alumni, current medical students, faculty and the community. In addition, plans were discussed for future reunion events, including the 40th anniversary of the school in 2009.

If you haven’t recently updated your contact information, please contact the Nevada Alumni Association at (888) NV ALUMS to do so. We want to make sure you receive important communication from the UNSOM Alumni Chapter.

To become a member or inquire about getting involved in chapter leadership, please contact Christina Sarman, assistant director of development for the School of Medicine, at christinas@ unr.edu or (775) 784-6009.

Southern California Chapter
Chris Polimeni ’85, cpolimeni@fwg.com

Ed Schoenberg, scholarship chairman for the Southern California Chapter of the Alumni Association, gave a report about scholarship recipients at a board meeting in April at the home of Lois Evezich in Fountain Valley. Scholarship recipients were invited to the Annual Spring Reunion, held on June 7 at the El Torito in Newport Beach.

Upcoming events: the board is discussing a “send off” party for Southern California students who will attend the University, tailgate parties for all UNR games played in the So. Cal. area and the Holiday Party, which is usually held in Pasadena in December.

For information about the Southern California Chapter, email Jim Wright at j jimbob@verizon.net, Lois Evezich at snickie5@aol.com or Chris Polimeni at cpolimeni@fwg.com.

Young Alumni Chapter
Stephani Foust ’01, YACPresident@gmail.com

The Young Alumni Chapter held their annual Beerfest scholarship fundraiser on April 29th at the Grand Sierra Resort. Thanks to the wonderful support of the Nevada Alumni Association, the Grand Sierra Resort, All City Live, the various beer vendors and our many volunteers, the event was the most successful one to date. We doubled the number of ticket sales, allowing us to award more undergraduate scholarships in the coming year. A great time was had by all, and we are already gearing up for next year! YAC holds social events once a month for members and non-members. Check out Nevada Chatta or www.unr.edu/alumni/connect for updates or to become a member for only $10 a year. For more information, contact Stephani Foust.
The love of movies that began for Chris Ford ’93 (journalism) and Jason Newmark ’94 (criminal justice) at the former Keystone Theatre resulted in making a film of their own.

Ford, writer and producer, and Newmark, co-producer and production coordinator, recently released their first movie, *The Village Barbershop*. Ford says they fell into the film industry because of the impact movies have had on them.

“My parents remember where they were when JFK was shot,” Ford says. “I remember where I was when I first saw *Star Wars*—the Keystone Cinema, two-thirds of the way back—I’d just had three teeth pulled.”

Ford was motivated to begin writing the screenplay after an encounter with a dreamer who talked about someday writing a script.

“That guy was a good 10 years older than me at the time and I said to myself, ‘If I don’t write something now, I’m going to be that guy in 10 years still talking about it,’” he says.

Newmark has been an amateur filmmaker since he was a child.

“I shot videos with my brother since I was little,” Newmark says.

*The Village Barbershop* is about a “terminally irritable” man who is stuck in a Reno rut of haircuts and hot dogs, Ford says. After the death of his partner, a “spitfire young girl” enters his life and his shop. Together, the old man and the young girl find their way back to what is important.

Newmark didn’t truly believe that a student from Reno could get a career in the film industry:

“I was always interested in studying film, but frankly, always thought it was a pipe dream,” Newmark says.

Both Ford and Newmark delved into various fields during their student days at Nevada.

“I started off in engineering, moved to art, then ultimately journalism with an emphasis in advertising,” Ford, who minored in art and English, says.

Newmark dabbled in business and journalism, but ended up with a criminal justice degree, all the while maintaining an interest in filmmaking. He learned public poise from one of his criminal justice professors.

“Matthew Leone taught me to have confidence in my writing abilities, and most importantly my presentation skills,” Newmark says.

Ford’s advertising professor, Bourne Morris, inspired him to realize his potential to contribute something unique to society.

“I was blown away by her experience,” Ford says. “It was her presence at Nevada that empowered me to think I could graduate from the ad program and go out and do something great.”

Currently, *The Village Barbershop* is moving through the film festival circuit with hopes of gaining distribution.

“Just like colleges,” Ford says, “the better festivals are hard to get into and have an overwhelming number of applicants. The best festival we’ve been accepted to was Cinequest, where it world-premiered.”

The Cinequest Film Festival was recently named one of the top 10 festivals in the world by the *Ultimate Film Festival Survival Guide.*

*The Village Barbershop* received the Cinequest Audience Award for best feature film at the Silicon Valley festival.

The goal for having the movie run in film festivals is to generate enough positive reviews to sell the movie.

“Theatrical distribution is the holy grail of independent film making,” Ford says.

The movie also appeared in the Sonoma Valley Film Festival in April, and has been accepted at the Newport Beach Film Festival and the Santa Cruz Film Festival.

A university steeped in tradition. A family tree rooted in mining.

You could say the Newman family has been mining the University of Nevada’s rich educational resources for over fifty years. It all began with Harold (Hal) Newman who first attended the University in 1956 to follow in his father’s footsteps and pursue a career in mining. Since then, seven of his ten children have chosen to attend Nevada for their continuing education, each pursuing his or her own degree in a wide range of disciplines, including English, science and education – and each sharing the same enthusiasm as their father who started it all.
How many University of Nevada, Reno alumni make up your family tree? Let us know, and you could all be featured in the next issue of Nevada Silver & Blue. For details, visit www.unr.edu/alumni or call 888.NV ALUMS.
**Remembering Friends**

Carl W. Backman, professor emeritus, died Feb. 16, 2008 at age 84. Carl was born in Canandaigua, NY during a family fishing trip, and was raised near Buffalo in Tonawanda, NY. He dropped out of high school during the depression to work in the family grocery store. At age 19, he was awarded a scholarship to Oberlin College in Ohio, which he attended for one year before enlisting in the Army.

Carl was assigned to reconnaissance and intelligence during World War II, but poor eyesight and illness plagued his tour of duty. His military experience profoundly shaped his skepticism about the value of war, believing that the majority of people who die in conflict have little investment in political ideologies. Following the war, Carl met and married co-ed Shirley Bennett when he returned to Oberlin. Carl abandoned plans to become a Presbyterian minister, opting instead to study crime, then friendship, and eventually social psychology.

He completed graduate work in sociology at Indiana University and taught for four years at the University of Arkansas. In 1955, Carl began a distinguished academic career at the University of Nevada performing research and teaching for five decades. Carl is credited with co-founding, with professors Gerald Ginsberg and Paul Secord, an interdisciplinary doctoral program in social psychology in 1967. He wrote or co-authored six books and numerous articles, and collaborated with fellow scholar Paul Secord to write the text *Social Psychology*, widely considered one of the landmark works in the discipline.

Carl’s colleagues often described him as egalitarian, and appreciated that his influence “rubbed off” on his peers, students and family. During his University tenure, Carl also served as president of the Pacific Psychological Association, which was instrumental in desegregating northern Nevada casinos. He is remembered as an unassuming gentleman who fought only for peace and justice. Carl also served as a visiting professor at UCLA, Oxford University, Nijmegen University (Holland) and the University of Melbourne (Australia). Backman served for two years as program director for Sociology and Social Psychology at the National Science Foundation in Washington, DC. His allegiance remained at the University where he served as department chair of sociology and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Even in retirement, he regularly led graduate seminars in the interdisciplinary program.

Helen Louise Eustachy ’50 (education) died Jan. 12, 2008 at the age of 79. Louise was born in Elko, Nev. and lived in Reno, Nev. until graduation from the University in 1950. She later married George Eustachy in 1953 while living in San Francisco. The family moved to Arcadia, Calif. in 1965 where Helen continued to pursue her true gift and passion, teaching, for 20 more years.

Upon retirement, she and George moved to San Clemente, Calif. where they enjoyed lots of golf. Helen is survived by her adoring husband, George Eustachy, children, Dinae Bowen, Larry Eustachy, Marilyn Jasco, Nan Wysong, and eight grandchildren. As a Godly and grateful woman she will be greatly missed.

Frederick Martin Leon, co-captain of the 1949 Wolf Pack football team and a Collier’s Far West selection, Richard Victor Tilton, a member of the Wolf Pack football team from 1946-49, and Alex “Al” Phillips, a member of the 1946 football team, passed away this spring.

Leon, 82, passed away on March 20 in San Diego. Leon played for the Wolf Pack from 1947-49, appearing in two bowl games in 1947-48, playing tackle on both offense and defense. He was co-captain of the Pack’s 1949 squad, and also a letter winner in boxing as a lightweight. Prior to his time at Nevada, Leon served in the Navy during World War II, and as a nose gunner and flight engineer flew in 39 patrols of at least 2,000 miles each and participated in five major battles. Drafted by the Green Bay Packers, Leon turned instead to a career as a well-respected senior aeronautical design engineer with Rohr Corp. in southern California. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Lucy, three children and several grandchildren.

Tilton, 80, of Reno, passed away on March 12. Tilton, in addition to being a four-year letter winner for the Wolf Pack, also served overseas in the Army from 1950-52. Remembered as a “Nevada character” by his family, he is survived by two sons, daughter, and several grand- and great-grandchildren.

Phillips, 86, of Tulsa, Okla., passed away on April 17. He received his bachelor of arts degree from Nevada before serving as a pilot in the Navy during World War II. He received eight air medals, two distinguished flying crosses and two silver stars. He later formed San Juan Oil and Exploration Co. in Tulsa, and was an avid supporter of University of Tulsa sports programs. He received that institution’s prestigious Centennial Citation. Al is survived by his wife of 55 years, Nancy; five sons and daughters and numerous grand- and great-grandchildren.

—John Trent ’85/’87, ’00M.A.
Charles Ernest Tam '50 (electrical engineering) passed away Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, at West Hills Hospital in West Hills, Calif. at the age of 83. Charles was born Jan. 4, 1925, in San Francisco to Ernest and Dulcie Tam. He was raised in San Francisco where he graduated from St. Ignatius High School in 1943.

Following high school he entered the U.S. Navy for the duration of World War II. Upon his return from his duties in the Navy he completed his degree at the University of Nevada, Reno. On Jan. 27, 1951, Chuck married Geri Clays after meeting at a Wolf Pack football game in 1949. They lived in several places including San Francisco, Sacramento and Walnut Creek. They moved to Bellevue, Wash. in 1969 and in 1973 they settled in West Hills, Calif. The two were married for 56 years.

In his leisure time Chuck enjoyed salmon fishing, traveling first class, poker night, football, a well prepared meal and spending time with his family and Labrador Retriever, Georgie Girl. His family remembers him as a loving husband, father and grandfather, who possessed a wonderful sense of humor, great attention to detail, and as a man who made friends wherever he went. Chuck is survived by his loving wife, Geri, children, Katie Devine (Larry Devine), Lisa (Dennis) Mitchell and Steve Tam (Borianna). He was preceded in death by his sons, Christopher in 1988 and Michael in 2001.

John J. Quintana ’56 (civil engineering) passed away on March 4, 2008 at his home in Agate Bay, Calif. John resided in Agate Bay, starting a construction company, Quintana Construction in 1962. In 1990 he became a rancher. He ran two ranches, one in Loma Rica, Calif., and his summer ranch in Sierra Valley, Calif. John served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War.

John is survived by his wife of 52 years, Corrine, son, Gary, daughter, Carol W. Johnson, brothers, Frank and Ed, grandsons, Shaun and Randy; grand-daughter, Jessica Miller (Paul Miller), great-grandchildren, Tyler Williams, Garret Williams, Ellie Williams and Dare Miller.

Doug Fletcher ’69 (economics), ’72 MBA died April 11, 2008. Born in Rockford, Ill. to Dorothy and Fred Fletcher, the family returned to Reno, and Doug completed his high school education at Reno High School in 1961. Doug’s family roots dated back to Virginia City (circa 1860). Doug pursued higher education and after graduating from the University in 1972 earned a J.D. from the McGeorge School of Law in 1975.

Doug had several successful careers. As an engineer, he worked for Pan World Engineering and Nevada Bell. During his notable career as legal counsel, he was operating trustee for the William Lear Motors Co., Mapes Hotel and Casino, and the Horseshoe Club Casinos, among others. Socially and professionally, Doug touched the lives of many people through his membership and participation in: Sigma Nu Fraternity, State Bar of Nevada (Environmental Law Committee), the University Graduate School of Business (committee advisor), Northern Nevada Bankruptcy Bar Association (founding member), the Prospectors Club and Washoe County Youth Foundation (director).

Doug will be remembered for his great love for tennis and skiing. He was a certified member of the P.S.I.A. and the U.S.S.A. skiing organizations and demonstrated his passion through coaching and instruction of people of all ages and abilities during his years of skiing. He helped to found the Hot Kids Ski Team, which has inspired the current junior racing program. He was a member of the Reno Ski and Recreation Club (general counsel), served as adviser to the University of Nevada Ski Team and founder and director of the Sierra League of Reno. After retirement, he could be found at the tennis courts or on the ski hill. He passed away doing what he loved best, and we all hope to remember him with a great smile as he cruised his favorite hills.

Doug is survived by his fiancée, Susie; his brothers, Charlie and Bernard; his children, Adrian, Lauren, and Robin; and grandchildren, Rohan and Varun. His family wishes to thank Dr. James Atcheson and Dr. Eric Boyden for their continued help and care. And finally, they also wish to thank all of their many friends for their support and heartfelt well-wishes at this time of grief.
Fred Anderson: Father of the School of Medicine

The University of Nevada School of Medicine has a father. He was a special man who gave birth to a program, as well as a building to accommodate all of the aspiring doctors in Nevada and beyond.

Fred Anderson was born Jan. 17, 1906 on a small ranch in Secret Pass, Elko County. Those who knew him only as an adult may be surprised to learn that the sophisticated, urbane and distinguished surgeon was a product of rural Nevada who spent most of his boyhood and youth on ranches in Elko and White Pine counties and in the copper towns of Ruth and McGill, working variously as a cowboy, a “soda jerk” and as a laborer on the “bull gang” for the copper company. Fred graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1928 with a bachelor’s degree in zoology. He had the privilege of being the mentee of Peter “Bugs” Frandsen, for whom Frandsen Hall was named. With his assistance, Fred obtained the Rhodes Scholarship and attended the highly acclaimed Oxford University. With his elite education, he was accepted into Harvard Medical School.

He returned to the Silver State, where he set up a medical practice. It was a success from the beginning, but before it could get firmly established World War II broke out in Europe and Fred volunteered for service in the army. He served from October 1941 until December 1945.

Although medicine was his primary activity, Fred’s interest in the University of Nevada and its Alumni Association projected him into a major role in the development of the Nevada System of Higher Education. Elected to the Board of Regents in 1956, he served for 22 years, four of these as chair. His service corresponded to the period of the University’s greatest growth, and he took a leading role in the development of many of the new programs and in the establishment of new buildings. As a regent, his work culminated in the development of the School of Medicine or more correctly, the School of Health Sciences. The title, “Father of the School of Medicine,” given to him by the school’s first graduating class, is quite appropriate, as was the naming of the first building at the school, the Anderson Health Sciences Building. Fred passed away at age 97 in 2003. Here are some of his recollections, in his own words:

College Days

“I came down to the University of Nevada as a pre-med student in 1924, not very solvent, but with a little help from home. While attending the University, I was active in Campus Players and the Blue Key service organization. I was editor-in-chief of the University newspaper, the Sagebrush, which paid my senior year expenses and even allowed me to buy a car; assistant editor of the yearbook, the Artemisia; did small bits in Campus Players; and was a member of the InterFraternity Council. I was elected to Phi Kappa Phi in junior year, became a Coffin and Keys member also in my junior year, and was a chairman of the Premedical Society.

“I went over to England in the fall of 1929. At Oxford we took parallel courses to those at the second year in the United States, but in a slightly less organized fashion and with some other things thrown in.

“Among my most vivid recollections of this year are autopsies. Each of us had to do 12 or more autopsies and write reports on them. The cadaver could be examined only to the extent approved in the permit. Some authorizations might allow explorations through the chest or abdominal incisions, and in some cases autopsy material could only be studied through organs that could be reached through the mouth or rectum. In can remember some of us trying to do a complete autopsy from the anus to heart and lungs through the anus, and by means of long rubber gloves we did them. Also, we were thrown into the emergency room under supervision of a middle-aged nurse, or sister as they were called there, to patch up minor wounds, do dressings, inject varicose veins and anything not serious...
enough to require a doctor’s skill.

“When I went to Harvard Medical School in my junior and senior year, I worked both of those years. I worked taking tickets at football games, and as a subject in physiological experiments. I gave transfusions as often as they’d let me and got paid for that.

Election to the Regents

“Sometime during 1955, I was invited to a meeting of Coffin and Keys, the group to which most of the student leaders and campus student achievers belonged, and of which I had been a member when a student. This group requested that I file for election to the Board of Regents in 1955, which I did.

“It was an eye-opener when I made my campaign for regent in 1956, the last year when there were statewide elections. I had some information cards printed and hit nearly every town in the state in one statewide tour, in some places staying with friends. I used no newspaper or television ads or programs, but did talk to some service clubs and other organizations. Altogether I spent $250 on the campaign.

Medical School Beginnings

“A letter from Kevin Bunell, who was assistant director of the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education [WICHE], informed me that he had had a phone call from Art Palmer of the Nevada Legislative Council asking questions concerning the success of Nevada students in gaining admission to medical school. Art Palmer undoubtedly was calling at the behest of Senators Lamb and Brown, who were opposed to the school, to see if he could get testimony against the school. However, Bunell was favorable toward it. He conveyed that information with a statement that a medical school in the state surely would make a substantial difference in numbers of entering medical students and ratio of doctors to population, and would, in his opinion, be a desirable thing.

“Representatives from the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare and foundation members—such as Kellogg and Commonwealth and Carnegie and other foundations—had been going through here and were impressed with our research programs and the many supporting programs in our 100-year-old University, especially our premedical, psychology, engineering, nursing and other areas. These were the years when the United States, in general, was thought to be short of doctors—particularly family doctors—by the Public Health Service, by the American Medical Association and by everyone concerned who did studies. There was much sentiment in Congress and money and encouragement by the accreditation officials for starting even two-year medical schools where states were unable to start four-year ones. “I was still chairman of the Board of Regents at that time, and on Feb. 11, 1967 I stepped down from the president’s chair and made the following motion: I move that both medium and long-range planning be instituted to provide for the development of a health sciences center associated with the University of Nevada in Reno, and in conjunction with Washoe Medical Center and other health facilities in the area.

“Perhaps the thing that affected the [legislature’s decision to approve the medical school] more than anything we did was that Howard Hughes—who had not long before that moved to Las Vegas, bought the Desert Inn and occupied the entire top floor—communicated with our governor, Paul Laxalt, by letter, offering us a sum of $6 million. Hughes’s interest in the Medical School continued, and he was a major factor in its realization.”

This oral history was initiated by Mary Ellen Glass in 1978. The process was interrupted shortly thereafter to be resumed and completed by Tom King, professor and director of the Oral History Program, between 1983 and 1985.

William O’Brien, Silas Ross and Fred Anderson place items into a box for the Anderson Health Sciences Building cornerstone ceremony in 1972.
What I’ve Done With My Life

By Cheryl Hug-English ’78 (biology), ’82M.D. Harry English ’77 (biology), ’81M.D.

Cheryl Hug-English ’78 (biology), ’82M.D. has spent the last 20 years of her medical career working at the University of Nevada School of Medicine. She has served as medical director for the Student Health Center since 1994, and also serves as associate dean of admissions and student affairs. Harry English ’77 (biology), ’81M.D. is practicing with Associated Anesthesiologists of Reno. Harry and Cheryl met during their undergraduate years at Nevada. They became engaged during medical school and were married the week after Cheryl took her boards and the week after Harry took his surgery final. They have been married for 28 years.

What is your fondest memory from your days at the University of Nevada, Reno?

Our days at the University are very memorable. We both graduated from Nevada and went on to attend medical school at the University of Nevada School of Medicine. We both have many good friends from our time as undergraduates and as medical students.

We have fond memories of games and concerts in the old gym, exciting (and sometimes cold!) football games, marathon study sessions in the library, and coffee breaks at the student union. We also like to remember the good friends from activities we participated in, like Lambda Chi Alpha and Pi Beta Phi. We’ve watched this institution grow and evolve over the years. We take great pride in the core mission of high quality education that this University stands for.

I (Cheryl) feel privileged to be able to come to work every day and interact with bright and talented students, who keep me motivated and inspired. I love walking on campus and seeing the excitement of new buildings, new energy, and new students experiencing their own college adventures.

I (Harry) enjoy the opportunity to stay active with students, as well. I take care to talk with preprofessional student groups and precepting medical students. We both continue to be active alums and love attending various sporting events to cheer on the Wolf Pack.

We really enjoy time with our family and friends. Harry continues to be an avid golfer and tries to keep up with our son, Christopher, on the golf course. And Cheryl continues to try to hit tennis balls without getting much better! We love summers at Lake Tahoe and enjoy our winter snow.

What have you done that you’re most proud of?

Together, we’re most proud of our three children, Christopher, Ashley, and Alysha. Christopher is 24 and graduated from Nevada in December 2007 with a degree in philosophy. Ashley is 21 and is a junior at Nevada. Alysha is 19 and has recently started her academic pursuits at Nevada, as well. We are thrilled that all three of our children will graduate from the University of Nevada, Reno. They will be the fourth generation of our family to attend and graduate from this institution.

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

To new students beginning their academic pursuits in higher education we say, “Take hold of your dreams and your passions—Experience adventure and explore your paths!” The University of Nevada, Reno has brought us great joy and continues to be a central part of our lives.

We feel lucky to be a part of such great tradition, educational opportunity, and academic culture. The people we have met through the University of Nevada, Reno and University of Nevada School of Medicine continue to be a great part of our lives. How fortunate we are to know all the administrators, faculty, and friends who have enriched our lives over the years.