From the President

Dear Nevada Alumni,

Once Nevada. Always Nevada. And what better time to show pride in your alma mater than returning to campus to celebrate Homecoming 2010, October 3-9.

This year's activities include long-standing traditions such as the Homecoming Gala, honoring the 2010 Nevada Alumni Association award recipients, the Bonfire and Pep Rally, Old Guys Nights and Wolf Pack Football taking on San Jose State. Please visit our website at www.unr.edu/alumni to view the entire list of events.

Also this fall don’t forget to start each home football game by stopping by the Nevada Alumni Association’s pregame parties in our new location at Legacy Hall. Nevada Alumni will be taking over this beautiful Athletics facility outside on the patio as well as inside the building. These events start two hours prior to kick off and all ages are welcome.

The Nevada Alumni Association has worked diligently over the past year to bring the community and the campus closer through organized events as well as bringing alumni and students together through mentoring. We continue our efforts to bring our chapters closer together as well as grow our alumni membership. I’d like to thank the Alumni Council, the Executive Officers and especially the staff for an incredible year of achievements!

Finally, this past year as Alumni Council President has been an amazing experience. The Council members, staff and alumni have shown true devotion to the University during these ever changing times. The Council has worked closely with the University Foundation, President and his staff over the past year and as a benefit of this close working relationship, has had the privilege of watching these individuals handle and resolve tough issues with grace and dignity.

The University has emerged from the past year even stronger and more beautiful than before. And I believe that much of that is attributed to the dedication and hard work of Alumni and University staff.

Sincerely,

Lauren Sankovich ’98
President, Nevada Alumni Council
Ron Cooney '72 (English) has just published his first book, a collection of humorous pieces loosely based on “items of great historical insignificance.” Titled Lost Lies of History, Volume 17, it is available through bookstores and Amazon.com. Ron credits retired University professors George Herman, Roberta Coon, Anne Howard and Bob Diamond as great teachers from whom he learned a ton.

Edward “Ugly Ed” Feinhandler ‘72 (journalism) won the 2009 Points of Light Nevada Senior Volunteer Award. Over the years Edward has used his “ugly” face to raise money for local charities including United Blood Services. He has given more than 13 gallons of blood and 681 platelet donations since 1970 and has raised over $15,000 for bone marrow testing.

Randolph Townsend ’73 (physical education) has been appointed to the Nevada Gaming Commission by Governor Jim Gibbons. Randolph, who served as a state senator from 1983 until 2010, is currently director of NorthStar Investors Inc. of Reno.

Robert “Bob” Balzar ’75 (electrical engineering) has been named vice president of energy efficiency and demand response for the Tennessee Valley Authority. Bob comes to TVA after serving as director of conservation resources for Seattle City Light since 2007. He headed residential, commercial and industrial conservation and demand response programs for the municipal utility system that serves nearly a million Seattle, Wash. residents.

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Thomas J. Hall ’65 (finance) helped show 100 students of all ages what flying is all about at the Young Eagles Flight Camp at Stead Airport. The Reno Air Racing Foundation teamed up with the local chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association and the Reno Area 99s to host the camp. Among the aircraft were two helicopters from the Nevada Army Guard Aviation Battalion, a RAVEN helicopter from the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office, a Cessna Turbo 182 belonging to the local Civil Air Patrol wing, as well as a 1930s Navy biplane trainer brought in by the Sierra wing of the Commemorative Air Force. In addition, a dome from the Challenger Learning Center was available at the camp, offering students simulated space missions.

Susan (Carey) Cuddy ’69 (nursing) recently retired from the U.S. Navy Nursing Corps as a captain after more than 37 years service to her country. She now works part-time at Catholic Mid Center in Manchester, N.H.

Edwin Morrow ’69 (geology) has been appointed president and CEO of Liberty Coal Energy. He holds a bachelor’s from the University with post-graduated study in finance and mineral economics. Edwin has held positions of increasing responsibility in the mining and minerals industry.

Dianne (Dieter) Speegle ’70 (nursing) recently retired from her role as assistant superintendent of special education for the Sierra Sand Unified School District.

Jared Chaney ’75 (journalism) has been named chief marketing officer in addition to his current post as chief communications officer and executive vice president for Medical Mutual of Ohio in Cleveland. Jared, a former San Francisco ad executive, helped rebuild this company from a near-mutiny in 1998 after it split from the Blues, nursed it through the untimely and tragic death of its CEO in a 2008 plane crash, and now the choppy waters of health care reform.

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**Nevada Alumni Association** It’s Wolf Pack Welcome Week! What advice would you give to incoming freshmen?

- **Richard Viloria '08 (sociology) Reno** Don’t let your studies take over your life. Part of the process is finding out who you are outside of the classroom!
- **Reena Arias '10 Las Vegas** Join a Greek House and try to bring back The Breakaway!
- **Darrick Bissell '05 (management) Reno** Not everything is black and white; a lot of life and studies are in the grey area.
- **Whit Thornton Wall '08 (journalism) Incline Village** Schedule spring semester classes in the afternoon to take advantage of the POWDER DAYS!
- **Lonnie Klaich (friend) Reno** With independence comes responsibilities & rewards, versus being dependent. Reach for the stars. Own your world!
- **Colin Beck '01 (journalism) Reno** Get involved on campus. There are many different clubs and organizations that cater to just about everyone. It’s a great way to meet people, make new friends, network for your future and learn about the University. Joining one of the many clubs or serving in the student government will only help to enhance your overall college experience.
- **Lori Pierce '02 (English) Loveland, Colo.** I agree with Colin. I'd also add taking a class just for fun or interest every once in awhile, and don't hesitate to visit the tutoring center if needed!
- **Calvin Ginyard '00 (political science) Fort Lauderdale** College is about experiences. Keep your mind open sing dance laugh cry and love. If you do that you will have memories to cherish forever.
- **Ellen Wofford Houston '96 (journalism) Sparks** Hang out at the Center for Student Cultural Diversity on the 3rd floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union!
- **Douglas G. Adams '89 (criminal justice), '92 (social work) Fernley** Take some time now and again and explore the campus! Appreciate the old buildings on the Quad, both inside and out. There are a lot of neat things to see. Take in the change of colors in October, the campus is a beautiful place!
gulf, he spent July in Washington, D.C., working out of the service’s national office. Steve is a former Sagebrush editor (1978-79) and member of the Sacramento Alumni Chapter.

Thomas Wilson ’79 (electrical engineering) is pleased to announce the acceptance of his son to the University of Texas College of Engineering. His son will major in petroleum engineering.

’80s

Janice (Novak) Fedarcyk ’80 (criminal justice), ’90MPA (public administration) has been named as assistant director in charge of the FBI’s New York Division. Janice is currently serving as special agent in charge of the Philadelphia Division.

Deborah (Davis) Pontius ’80 (nursing), ’91M.S. (nursing) has been busy serving on the national board of directors for the National Association of School Nurses. Becoming active in national school nurse policy, working with the top minds in the field, has been the highlight of her career. She also continues as an adjunct instructor for Orvis School of Nursing, and has taught many continuing education classes, Western Nevada College classes, as well as certified nursing assistant classes for high school students.

Kristen “Kris” (Short) Freitas ’81 (health education) is currently working as a counselor at Douglas High School and is happy to announce she has three daughters who will all be attending the University.

Susan (Hyne) Fernhoff ’82 (accounting) recently reactivated her real estate license and is excited to announce the upcoming graduation of her daughters Jennifer and Lori from the University. Her other daughters, Cami and Danielle, are a senior in engineering and a junior in pre-med, respectively.

Joanne (Nedohon) Potter ’82 (nursing) just celebrated her 28th anniversary at Saint Mary’s Regional Medical Center in Reno. She works in labor and delivery and is proud to mentor Orvis School of Nursing students every year.

Wolf mates

Adam Kiefer ’05 (political science) and Christine Pike ’09 (elementary education) were married on March 13, 2010 at Canyon Gate Country Club in Las Vegas. In attendance were Christine’s Pi Beta Phi sorority sisters and Adam’s University of Nevada Wolf Pack football teammates. Adam is currently pursuing his MBA at the University of Nevada.
Kicking it with K-von | Packin’ heat

Recently, while making a 24-hour turnaround trip from Nevada to Florida, my dad encouraged me to take his small, red duffel bag. “It’ll be easier to haul around than your rolling suitcase and it’s a short stay,” he said. I filled his bag with just the necessities (one pair of underwear, one shirt, one pair of jeans, and a shower kit) and off to the airport I went.

Impressed with my brilliant decision to carry a superlight bag, I skipped the baggage check line and walked directly to my gate. Placing my belongings on the x-ray machine, I got behind a short line of people. We walked through the metal detector with ease. While waiting on the other side I notice the TSA officer using his computer monitor to scrutinize one of the bags on the belt. “Must be that weird guy that went through right before me,” I thought. At this point, the officer starts shouting, “BILLY, CALL THE SUPERVISOR, I GOT ONE!”

I was impressed. Apparently the TSA had found someone trying to smuggle something illegally onto an airplane. Bad news for that creep ... good news for America! “Thank you,” I thought with great nationalistic pride. “What are your plans? Who were you going to visit? Why are you at the airport?”

As a member of the SAE fraternity, I’ve been in trouble many times before, but this seemed different. Finally, I begged them to tell me what the problem was. Apparently they found a bullet rattling around in the bottom of my bag. It was smaller than a BB and I had to look closely to verify that it was indeed a .22 caliber shell. This makes sense because my father is licensed by the Sheriff’s Office to carry a handgun and he goes to the shooting range regularly.

But before I could explain, it was time for more questions ...

**TSA:** Do you know it’s illegal to bring artillery on a flight?

**Me:** Artillery?

**TSA:** Yes, and you should know what is in any bag before you bring it on the plane.

**Me:** I know but it was an accident! My dad is not only licensed, but he’s from Lovelock, Nevada. We have bullets everywhere at home. In fact, he could have one of those in the bottom of his shoe right now and he wouldn’t know it.

**TSA:** Well just this once we understand a mistake could happen, but we will have to put you on the list.

**Me:** THE LIST??!! NO, please don’t do that, Sir! I’m very sorry ... but I certainly do not want to be on ANY lists!

Despite my plea, they took my ID, typed something into a computer, and with that I was officially put on “The List.” Able to leave, and now sprinting, I boarded my plane with seconds to spare. I sat down frustrated, panting and sweating bullets (no pun intended). All I could think was, “Great, now I look even more suspicious.” But something kept bugging me. I mean, sure, they found a .22 bullet ... so take it away, TSA! I didn’t need it and it was an accident ... but it’s not like they found a gun! The rest of my flight I thought of different demands: a Reno boy with a bullet could make on a passenger jet.

“EVERYBODY LISTEN UP; this is a bullet, and I have a very good arm, and I will throw it at someone. I have a few demands. First of all I want my own row. Second, shut that baby up! Finally, I get some more orange juice someone is getting hurt. And not a small cup full of ice, I’m talkin’ a full can ... DO YOU HEAR ME?!”

K-von ’93 (marketing) is a Nevada drummer and comedian. After two seasons on MTV’s “Disaster Date,” he’s now performing for universities and hosting events across the nation. His full schedule is on www.K-vonComedy.com

Lori (Fuller) Claus ’83 (nursing) currently works as a house legal nurse consultant for a large medical malpractice law firm, defending hospitals and nurses throughout the state of Nevada. Prior to her current position she worked as an intensive care unit nurse.

Jennifer (Duxbury) Cunningham ’83 (managerial sciences) has been named executive director of marketing for the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority. Jennifer most recently worked as director of sales, advertising, entertainment and casino marketing at Circus Circus Hotel Casino. She also has worked with Silver Legacy Hotel Casino, The Peppermill Hotel and Casino and as director of marketing for RSCVA’s National Bowling Stadium.

Stephanie Tyler-Jackson ’83 (political science), a veteran telecommunications executive and former Nevada state senator, was named president of AT&T Nevada. Stephanie will oversee more than 1,500 employees statewide and will be involved with new technology deployment and infrastructure investment. Additionally, she will lead the company’s regulatory, legislative and community affairs activities in Nevada.

Carol Harvey ’84 M.S. (nursing) currently works as an orthopedic clinical nurse specialist and a professor of nursing in the Registered Nursing Program at Cypress College in Cypress, Calif.

James Vogt ’85 (electrical engineering) has been named as senior vice president and general manager of Blue Coat Systems, Inc., Cloud Services business unit. James brings more than 25 years of experience in senior management positions at leading technology companies and will be responsible for expanding the unit, refining and executing its vision and product strategy, and developing routes to market.

Grant Holman ’86 (management) has been busy running his business, Grant’s Grooming, for 15 years. He also recently purchased his dream home that he shares with his lovely wife.

Dawn (Carter) Pappas ’86 (nursing) recently completed a nursing refresher at TMCC. She is currently a registered nurse contractor for the Renown Wellness Center.

Hawley MacLean ’89 (speech/theatre), president and chief executive officer of MacLean Financial Group in Reno, has been appointed to the board of directors for the Reno Tahoe Winter Games Coalition. The group is promoting the region as the next North American region to host an Olympic Winter Games.

Edward Schoenberg ’89 (counseling and guidance) is excited to announce the graduation of his son, Daniel Schoenberg ’10 (music), from the University on May 15.
‘90s

John J. Savage ‘91 (physical education), UCLA head baseball coach, has been named the national Coach of the Year by CollegeBaseballInsider.com. John guided the Bruins to a 51-15 record and their first-ever appearance in the finals of the College World Series. After leading UCLA to a program-record 22-0 start in early April, John helped the Bruins engineer an exciting postseason run, highlighted by an NCAA Super Regional series victory over Cal State Fullerton followed by a berth in the best-of-three championship series in Omaha, Neb. Savage has earned his first trip to the College World Series in nine seasons as a head coach (three years at UC Irvine, followed by six at UCLA).

Kerri Garcia ‘92 (journalism) has formed a consulting company, Kerri Garcia Public Relations. Kerri’s background includes more than a decade of experience in public relations, employee communications, public affairs and project management in the corporate communications, agency and nonprofit arenas. She has designed award-winning communications programs and campaigns in the areas of media relations and publicity, internal communications, community relations, promotions, event planning and crisis management.

Randy Gener ‘92 (general studies) recently won the 2010 Deadline Club Award for Best Arts Reporting in New York—printed, broadcast or otherwise disseminated in 2009. Randy won for “Fomenting a Denim Revolution,” which appeared in the May/June 2009 international theatre edition of American Theatre magazine. The article chronicles the plight of the guerrilla artists of Belarus Free Theatre who perform underground in Minsk while arguing openly for regime change.

Matt Bender ‘93 MBA (business administration) has been appointed to the advisory board for Rare Element Resources Ltd. Matt is currently senior study director for Newmont Mining Company, responsible for early stages of project engineering and economic studies. He has more than 22 years of experience in the mining and mineral processing fields, which include precious metals, base metals and industrial mineral operations, and process design and engineering.

Stephanie (Burgess) Stoebe ‘93 (German) is currently working as a reading specialist at Round Rock High School. She is pleased to announce the retirement of her husband, Walter Stoebe, after 21 years of active duty in the U.S. Army.

Chad Brown ‘94 (political science) has been named regional vice president of Transamerica Retirement Services southern region. He will oversee all sales and distribution activities in western and central Texas and will be based in Austin, Tex. Chad joins Transamerica from Nationwide Financial Services, Inc., where he served for the past five years as regional vice president of sales.

Molly (Malone) Rezac ‘94 (psychology) has been appointed to the STEP2 board of directors, a private, nonprofit treatment program providing services to women and children throughout northern Nevada. Molly, an employment lawyer and member of the firm’s litigation practice group, represents employers in litigation matters, including discrimination claims under Title VII, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Alumni mentoring program finds a perfect match

Alexandr Bajenov, a senior working on his bachelor’s in electrical engineering, had few business connections in Reno. No surprise, since he had come all the way from Russia to attend the University. That’s when the Nevada Alumni Association’s Mentor Program and alumnus Mark Iverson ‘90 M.S. (computer science) stepped in to offer Alexandr the opportunity to network and connect with professionals in the area. Alexandr, interested in entrepreneurship and starting his own technology-related company, found the perfect match. Alexandr was able to observe and participate in the day-to-day operations of a small startup company. The match was so perfect that shortly after Alexandr’s mentor experience ended, Mark offered him an internship with the company. Mark explains: “As a startup with very limited funding, and in uncertain economic times, it’s been difficult finding and attracting the required expertise. With a strong background in higher math, physics and electrical engineering, I saw an opportunity for Alex to help with the mathematical modeling. He has done a very good job, showing independent thinking and analysis, and the ability to apply what he has learned in his classes. It’s been a very positive experience for both of us.”

It’s connections like these that give students the opportunity to grow beyond the classroom and give alumni the opportunity to share wisdom and give back to their alma mater. The Nevada Alumni Association is currently accepting new mentors.

—Lindsey Niedzielski ’06
Thomas Burbey ’96Ph.D. (hydrology/hydrogeology) has been awarded a Fulbright grant. The Virginia Tech geosciences researcher will travel to France this fall to study fractured rock hydrogeology. Tom, associate professor of geosciences in the College of Science, will conduct research along with his French counterparts at a site in Ploemeur, France. His research focuses on fluid flow and aquifer-system dynamics in complex fractured and faulted systems.

Brian Janes ’97 (resource management), second lieutenant in the Nevada Air National Guard, is one of 12 students nationwide who completed a four-week accelerated officer’s training course in Wichita Falls, Tex. The course provided students with tactical skills to coordinate logistics, contingencies and deployments for aircraft maintenance. Brian is currently a project manager for PBS&J’s water resources division.

Anna (Leddy) Catlett ’98 (journalism) has been promoted to the director of client services for R&R Partners. In this role, she will oversee R&R’s diverse account services teams across the firm’s multi-state offices. She will also continue to manage all Las Vegas-based hybrid accounts that intersect public affairs, public relations, and traditional and guerrilla marketing.

’00s

Melissa (Geerdes) Deitz ’00 (journalism) was recently promoted to media director for The Glenn Group, a Nevada-based full service marketing communications firm. As media director, Melissa is responsible for overseeing all media activities for a variety of clients, including developing media plans and ensuring that all media work is on strategy, time and budget.

David Freeman ’01 (biology), ’06M.D. (medicine) has accepted a position as an eye surgeon at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Reno. He finished serving as chief resident for the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, which was recently ranked as one of the top-10 residency programs for eye surgery in the country. He will be returning to northern Nevada with his wife, Whitney (Jacobs) Freeman ’01 (marketing), and newborn son, Nolan. David is honored to be serving those who have served this country by performing cataract, glaucoma and plastic surgeries of the eye.

Marcus K. Johnston ’03Ph.D. (geology) has been promoted to manager, Nevada exploration for Victoria Gold Corp. Marcus was employed as a geologist at Newmont before joining Victoria Gold Corp.

Tim Parelli ’03 (finance) has completed his first year as a financial adviser for the Wealth Consulting Group in Las Vegas. Tim is off to an incredible start and looks forward to continued success as his career progresses.
A visit to the University of Nevada, Reno can be much more than a tour of campus. The Nevada Bound program allows prospective students to make the most of their day with a packed schedule that includes a complete tour of campus and all residence halls, a meeting with academic representatives and an informal discussion with current students and an admission coordinator, while enjoying a complimentary lunch at the Downunder Café. Nevada Bound combines practical information with the experience of real University life.

To reserve a spot in the Nevada Bound program for someone you know, please contact the Office for Prospective Students at (866) 2NEVADA or (775) 784-4700, option 1 and ask about Nevada Bound, or sign up online at www.unr.edu/nevada-bound

**NEVADA BOUND!**

$49 The NEVADA BOUND PROGRAM Includes:

- Roundtrip airfare to Reno (from LAX or Las Vegas)
- Shuttle service to and from campus
- Academic interest session
- Residence hall tour
- Campus tour
- Q & A session with current students
- Lunch at the Downunder Café

University of Nevada, Reno
Lindsey Johnston ’04 (journalism) has been promoted to senior account executive for The Glenn Group, a Nevada-based, full-service marketing communications firm. In her new role, Lindsey manages the strategic development of advertising campaigns and promotions for clients and has extensive experience managing accounts in the gaming/hospitality industry.

Carl Gatson ’05 (general studies) has recently obtained an executive certificate in financial planning from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He is also a certified Six Sigma Green Belt from Six Sigma Partnering, LLC.

Brian Fitzgerald ’06 (civil engineering) has passed the California Professional Engineer exam. Brian is responsible for assisting with planning, design, bidding and construction services for PBS&J clients including the Reno-Tahoe International Airport, Truckee Airport and Carson City Airport. Brian also received a bachelor’s in architecture from Kansas State University. He is an associate member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and an avid supporter of the University’s Concrete Canoe Team.

Jennifer “Jen” Hylin ’06 (animal science) graduated from the Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine on May 9. Jen is a fifth-generation, native Nevadan and has started her practice at the Pyramid and Spanish Springs Veterinary Hospitals.

Jacquelyn Long ’09 (accounting), ’10MACC (accounting) has been hired by Kafoury, Armstrong & Co. as a staff accountant in the firm’s Reno office. In her new position, Jacquelyn will be responsible for work on external audits for governmental and non-governmental clients as well as tax preparation.

Megan Stanphill ’10 (journalism) has been hired at Swift Communications as an advertising designer in Carson City.