William N. Pennington ’08HDG (humane letters)
A gaming industry pioneer, entrepreneur and one of the University’s leading philanthropists, William Pennington helped build Circus Circus into a gaming and entertainment powerhouse in Nevada. Together with his business partner, William Bennett, they expanded their gaming enterprises in the 1970s to include the Excalibur, Luxor and Mandalay Bay resorts in Las Vegas. He gave millions of dollars through the William N. Pennington Foundation in support of education, medicine and other charities, including construction of the Pennington Medical Education Building and the new William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building on the Reno campus. A native of Lebanon, Kan., Pennington and his family moved to Piedmont, Calif., in 1934, where he attended high school and later the University of California, Berkeley. He became a bomber pilot during World War II, thus spawning a lifelong interest in aviation. He moved to Reno in 1962, eventually starting a company that designed and built electronic gaming devices—the first of its kind in the world. Pennington was honored in 1997 as a Distinguished Nevadan and with an honorary degree in 2008.

James Taranik
James Taranik served 29 years in the Nevada System of Higher Education as president of the Desert Research Institute, dean of the Mackay School of Mines and director of the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering. In 1982, he became the dean of the Mackay School of Mines. Taranik’s vision helped shape the school, and before leaving to accept the position of president of DRI in 1987, Taranik helped raise $28 million for the school, which paid for the Laxalt Mineral Research Building and retrofitting of the historic Mackay School of Mines Building to make it earthquake resistant. After 11 years at DRI, he returned to the University as a Regents Professor and Arthur Brant Chair of Geophysics. Prior to coming to Nevada, he served as NASA’s chief mission scientist on Space Shuttle Columbia’s second flight.

FACULTY
Dr. John N. Chappel, professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences, emeritus
March 9, 2011—Reno, Nev.
James M. Hoyt, professor of business administration, emeritus
May 1, 2011—Reno, Nev.
ALUMNI
Edward J. “Jack” Horgan (attended two years in 1930s)
March 12, 2011—Reno, Nev.
Yvonne A. (Siard) Hager ’37 (secondary education)
Alice M. (Wade) Marean ’41 (home economics)
April 11, 2011—Clovis, Calif.
Hilma L. (Wikstrom) Lyon ’41A.A. (elementary education certificate), ’74 (elementary education), ’78M.A. (counseling and guidance)
Fritzi J. (Neddenriej) Huntington ’43
March 10, 2011—Glenbrook, Nev.
Charlotte (Mason) Wilcox ’43 (journalism)
Kathryn W. (Kelly) Duggin ’45 (business education)
March 21, 2011—Las Vegas, Nev.
Douglas H. Trail ’48 (agriculture)
April 16, 2011—Boise, Idaho
Genevieve M. (Swick) Paroni ’48 (chemistry)
April 24, 2011—Post Falls, Idaho
George E. Yuri ’48 (agriculture)
May 21, 2011—Fernley, Nev.
Ida M. (Kellough) Gigidone ’48 (sociology)
Donald A. Damkroger ’49 (mining engineering)
May 3, 2011—Havertown, PA
James R. Barkley ’49 (mining engineering)
Walter B. Johnson ’50 (metallurgical engineering)
May 26, 2011—Decatur, GA
William H. Zenklusen ’50 (mechanical engineering)
April 15, 2011—San Lorenzo, Calif.
Robert A. Winkel ’54 (business administration)
April 14, 2011—Reno, Nev.
Michael Pintar ’55 (general science), ’68M.Ed (school administration)
March 6, 2011—Carson City, Nev.
Marion (Paine) Reeves ’57 (elementary education)
May 24, 2011—Bedford, Texas
Vernon G. Pursel ’58 (animal science)
May 27, 2011—Highland, Md.
Arthur ‘Cheilton’ C. Leonard ’63 (economics)
April 5, 2011—Carson City, Nev.
Barbara G. Koelsch ’64 (elementary education)
Feb. 25, 2011—Boise, Idaho
Jwood Raw ’65 (school administration)
Mark K. Boscovich ’70A.A. (electronic tech)
April 15, 2011—Sun Valley, Nev.
James D. Christman ’71 (physical education)
March 18, 2011—Sparks, Nev.
Joseph E. McBee ’72 (elementary education)
May 24, 2011—Reno, Nev.
Opal N. Trent ’73 (English)
Bertha (Holt) Shipley ’76M.Ed. (educational administration/ higher education)
May 26, 2011—Sparks, Nev.
George J. Pasco ’76A.A. (electronic tech)
March 31, 2011—Sparks, Nev.
Estela Delgado ’79 (social services corrections)
April 28, 2011—Reno, Nev.
Lynette S. Winn ’81M.S. (nursing)
March 14, 2011—Sparks, Nev.
Jack T. Reviglio (Honorary Alumnus of the Year 1982)
April 23, 2011—Sparks, Nev.
Jean R. Sokolowski ’83 (journalism)
Philip W. Thomas (journalism)
Feb. 28, 2011—Carson City, Nev.
Nancy J. (Richare )Helsel ’85 (management)
March 26, 2011—Sparks, Nev.
Odile Frost Brady ’85 (music)
April 8, 2011—Reno, Nev.
Cheryl K. Graves ’87M.D.
April 10, 2011—Sierra Valley, Calif.
Randall C. Cahill ’92 (educational leadership)
April 4, 2011—San Clemente, Calif.
Judy M. (Vaughn) Vickers ’93 (psychology)
Elaine F. (Bedard) Parker ’94Ph.D. (English)
Sheryl A. Ross ’94 (social work), ’99M.A. (counseling and educational psychology)
March 29, 2011—Reno, Nev.
Sheila Lewis ’96 (human development & family studies)
Lacey R. Siebert ’08 (nursing)
April 17, 2011—Jackpot, Nev.