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Alumni

Martha (Hansen) Jones (arts and science)

Margaret M. (Pearson) Gregory (home economics)

Martha P. (Herz) Cooke ’45 (psychology)

Vincent S. Keele ’46 (chemistry), ’55M.Ed. (guidance/counseling certificate)
Jan. 2012—Sparks, Nev.

Leroy A. Streshley ’47 (range management)

William J. Raggio ’48 (political science), ’11HDG (human letters)

Clair F. Earl ’55 (chemistry)

John J. Hanifan ’56 (business administration)

Donald D. Wicker, emeritus faculty of family medicine
Nov. 11, 2011—Henderson, Nev.

John E. Shevlin ’56 (civil engineering)
Feb. 6, 2012—Pleasant Hill, Calif.

William R. Ernst ’59 (accounting)

Margaret D. Calhoun ’61 (education)

William L. Harper ’61 (business administration)

Ronald V. Toomer ’61 (mechanical engineering)

Gerald A. Kitzmann ’62M.S. (physics)
Jan. 6, 2011—New Paltz, N.Y.

Claudia A. (Judson) Chesney ’65 (English)
Dec. 21, 2011—Sparks, Nev.

Janet S. MacDonald ’65 (accounting)

Jolene K. Stockwell ’66 (nursing)
Jan. 19, 2012—Sparks, Nev.

Charles R. Dickson ’71Ph.D. (psychology)

Craig I. Ihara ’72 (management)

Gary B. Schudlich ’72 (management)

William C. McCalla ’73 (predental)

Hollis L. Elder ’74 (nursing)

Emily A. (Norris) DeGiovanni ’77 (English)

James G. Sanford ’84 (accounting)

Norman J. Waller ’85 (agricultural education)

Le Roy A. Lindstrom ’86 (electrical engineering)

Mary T. Manti ’93 (nursing)

Mark A. McCoy ’95 (health science)

Ruth McKnight ’95M.A. (counseling and educational psychology)

Carol T. (Andt) Tweet ’95 (social work), ’97M.S. (social work)
Feb. 9, 2012—Sparks, Nev.

Donna L. Keislar ’96 (nursing)

Michael V. Colpo ’98M.A. (English)

Louise B. Fraser ’01 (social work)

Christopher S. Lane ’01 (criminal justice)

Faculty

Eugene M. Glick, emeritus faculty of obstetrics and gynecology
Jan. 9, 2010—Chico, Calif.

Robert M. Gorrell ’80HDG, emeritus faculty and former dean of the College of Liberal Arts

Dee W. Henderson, assistant provost of Extended Studies

Barbara W. Larsen, emerita faculty of social work
Dec. 8, 2011—Sparks, Nev.

Julie K. (Anderson) Schorr, nursing professor
July 28, 2011—Supply, N.C.

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Martha (Hansen) Jones (arts and science)

Martha Jones passed away Feb. 8, 2012, in Reno. She was born in Sacramento, Calif., on Nov. 3, 1912, to Charles Hansen and Lucinda Washington Hansen. In 1927, the family moved to Reno when Martha father purchased the Lindley and Company wholesale grocery branch store. Martha graduated from Reno High School in 1929, attended the University of Nevada for two years, and received her bachelor’s degree in public school music, piano and voice with minors in English and history from the College of Pacific in 1933. She earned her music teaching certificate in 1934. Because of the Great Depression, there were no music teaching positions open in California schools, so Martha returned to Reno and became a substitute organist at Reno-area churches.

In 1935, Martha married Clarence Jones ’31 (electrical engineering), who was working with Reno Newspapers, Inc. as a circulation manager. They had two daughters, Ann Carlson and Charlotte McConnell.

Martha became the regular organist for the First United Methodist Church in 1942 and retired in 1967. She served as church secretary for several years and held countless offices on the local, district and conference levels in the Methodist Church. For 12 years, she was the executive secretary of the Methodist Employed Women’s group for the 10 Western states. Martha served as executive secretary of the Reno Camp Fire Girls during the war years in the 1940s and in 1986 received the Friend of Camp Fire Award for 60 years of outstanding support. For 15 years, she was employed as a bookkeeper for the Nevada Engraving Company.

Martha belonged to a number of organizations and devoted a significant amount of time volunteering. She was especially proud of being the author of the History of the First United Methodist Church in Reno, which she wrote in 1968 and updated in a reprint of the book in 1980.

Martha and Clarence were generous philanthropists whose donations to the University of Nevada, Reno and the University of Pacific have been well-recognized. They helped fund the renovation of the former journalism building (now the Clarence and Martha Jones Visitor Center) and provided major support for the College of Education, the School of Medicine, the College of Engineering and the College of Liberal Arts. The Clarence & Martha Jones Special Collections and University Archives in the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center is named in their honor, and their names are engraved in the University’s Honor Court.

Martha was awarded the President’s Medal from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1985 and named Distinguished Alumna of the Year for University Service at University of Pacific in 1986. She was inducted into the Nevada Women’s Fund Hall of Fame in 1988 and became a Junior Achievement Laureate in 1995.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Clarence, and her brother, Charles Hansen. She is survived by her two daughters, Ann Carlson ’59 (business), ’78 M.Ed. and Charlotte McConnell, both of Reno; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation, Clarence & Martha Jones Scholarship, Mail Stop/162, Reno, NV 89557.

Robert M. Gorrell ’80HDG, emeritus faculty and former dean of the College of Liberal Arts

Gorrell, 97, a member of the Nevada Writer’s Hall of Fame who continued to write books following his induction in 2001, died at his Reno home on Christmas Day.

Gorrell’s career at the University began in 1945. Over the next 35 years, he was an English professor and department chair, dean of the College of Arts and Science and vice president for academic affairs. Growing up in Indiana, he had been a newspaper writer and printer. Early in his career, he was a Fulbright lecturer at universities in Sydney and Helsinki.

His honors included the National Council of Teachers of English Distinguished Lecturer, Nevada Humanities Committee Distinguished Scholar and the University’s Distinguished Faculty Award. In 2001, he was inducted into the Nevada Writer’s Hall of Fame.

For many years, Gorrell was best known for his enduring collaboration with fellow University English Professor Charlton Laird, The Modern English Handbook, first published in 1953.

Over the next several decades, The Modern English Handbook became a successful English textbook that was used on college campuses throughout the country.

As his academic career was winding down, Gorrell’s writing life continued to take off. From 1982–95, he penned the popular language and usage column, “Straight Talk,” in the Reno Gazette-Journal.

In addition to his newspaper column, Gorrell produced several books, including: Watch Your Language: Mother Tongue and Her Wayward Children; Murder at the Rose; and What’s in a Word: Etymological Gossip About Some English Words.

—John Trent ’85, ’87, ’00M.A.