Enlarging journalism — and life

In Memoriam: Cole Campbell, Reynolds School of Journalism dean

By Deidre Pike ’98, ’02M.A.

That Friday morning, the couple had discussed hiring a private chef to cook a meal with wild salmon — a favorite entree — to celebrate their fifth wedding anniversary.

Cole Campbell, dean of the Reynolds School of Journalism at the University of Nevada, Reno, had just learned this would cost $250.

His wife, Catherine Werner, balked at the expense. Campbell’s response? Likely the characteristic grin — and a mischievous glint in his eyes.

“I think we should splurge,” he told his wife.

Werner wasn’t surprised.

“Cole often encouraged us to do things that were slightly beyond our means or ability,” Werner says. “He believed in living life each day as a celebration.”

Campbell, former editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and The Virginian-Pilot in Norfolk, Va., approached the world with gusto, from personal relationships to the lofty mission of repairing journalism. Hired as journalism dean in 2004, Campbell felt the profession — and the ideals that drove it — had suffered.

In November 2006, he moderated a Charles Kettering Foundation roundtable that addressed a report detailing the alienation people feel from politics, community affairs and the media. Campbell, once a senior associate at the foundation, hoped he could encourage new ways of thinking about the media, ones that gave citizens a voice.

“Journalism matters,” Campbell often said. “We must enlarge our conception of journalism beyond merely printing news to helping people make sense of their lives and their times.”

That Friday morning, after calling the journalism school to say he’d be 10 minutes late for a meeting, Campbell left home.

He never arrived at school.

The 53-year-old died Jan. 5, 2007, when his vehicle flipped over on icy McCarran Boulevard.

university faculty, staff and students as well as Campbell’s family and friends gathered in Nightingale Hall Jan. 24, the first week of the spring semester. Before Campbell’s memorial service began, a video showed scenes of him playing with his son Clarke, who turned 2 in February. In one scene, Clarke is dressed for Halloween. His dad helps him try out a slide.

Bagpipes played as Campbell’s family filed into the concert hall.

at the stage’s center, a table piled with books spilled over onto the floor. The dean, an avid reader and thinker, was never without a book or three. A fervent consumer of books on social, political and media issues, Campbell was known for overflowing bookshelves. His office was known as a maze of printed material piled on floor, table and
chairs. Campbell called this “intellectual mulch.”

Songs were sung, including “This Little Light” and “If I Had A Hammer.” Cole’s sister, Catherine Campbell, one of several speakers, humorously noted her brother’s “great passion” for books.

“We recognize that Borders and Barnes & Nobles everywhere are also mourning our loss,” she said.

Catherine Campbell spoke of her brother’s sense of humor. For their father’s 80th birthday, Cole had created a preacher costume out of a black turtleneck with white cardboard collar and a black tuxedo jacket. “He proceeded to recite a special version of the Lord’s Prayer, starting, ‘Our father, who art in Homestead Hills,’ which of course was where our dad was living at the time.”

Campbell had ended the prayer: “Can i get an amen, somebody?”

Their father, an Episcopalian minister, died in November 2006. He’d written a letter to his children, with advice that his son had already taken to heart: “Worrying is a waste of time and energy. apply yourself to finding possible solutions for your problems.”

LOOK ONLINE
Visit Cole Campbell’s online tribute: http://journalism.unr.edu
See what’s new at the Reynolds School of Journalism: http://www.unr.edu/journalism

When she finally ventured into Campbells’s home office after his death, Werner found her husband’s computer on—and a beta version of the Reynolds School graduate students’ OurTahoe.org website on the screen.

“Other than emails and phone calls, it is clear that the OurTahoe was the last thing Cole was working on,” Werner says. “He had gotten up early—as he often did—to get in quality work time before Clarke started demanding Daddy’s attention.”

The loss of the leader might have slowed progress on the innovative project—melding Web 2.0 technologies with the ideals of community-based journalism. Instead, students in the year-long interactive environmental journalism grad program are further resolved to bring the project to fruition.

“Cole was so excited about this,” says Donica Mensing, the program director. “It was finally a way for him to demonstrate his ideas. He’s been telling people that journalism should be seen as a social practice rather than a professional practice, that journalism should be about helping people govern themselves.”

One of the questions that Campbell wanted to test: What changes when news organizations shift from treating audiences as consumers and spectators to treating them as participants and citizens?

“Cole believed that if you speak to people differently, people will respond differently,” Mensing says. “If journalism is about public purpose, it can call a public into being. If there’s a problem, there will be people in the community energized by that problem.”

Mensing described the project as taking the energy of Internet innovations like YouTube and MySpace—and adding a place-based component.

“We see real opportunities for people all around the lake to discuss issues that impact their lives,” she says.

One afternoon this February, grad students were feeling deadline pressure as they worked to complete several aspects of the site — from a social networking map linking civic groups to PromiseTahoe, a website unit-
Campbell’s books were no longer piled on floors and chairs. Many had been boxed and put in storage — to be donated to a eventual journalism library bearing Campbell’s name.

The Reynolds School, McCarthy says, will continue on its newly charted course, becoming a school known for its “vigorous blend of theory, practice and critical thinking.”

One challenge will be to maintain the level of energy and excitement that Campbell left in his wake.

“We have lots of momentum,” McCarthy says. “And we have the people to put that to good use. Everyone here cares about the school, about journalism, about the students. How can we go wrong? I know that sounds Pollyanna-ish but I believe it.”

The day after Campbell’s memorial service, McCarthy spoke at the President’s Associates reception, honoring donors to the school, in the Linn Reading Room. She lauded new faculty and staff who keep the Reynolds School “ahead of the game.” She noted a rise in undergraduate enrollment. In Spring Semester 2004, the Reynolds School had 500 undergrads. This year, there are 619. Students have signed up for an array of new offerings, from interactive game design for journalists to entrepreneurship.

“In this generation, students are choosing to take major courses in more than one arena,” she says. “They get it.”

Campbell transformed the school by driving a culture of innovation and improvement, University Provost John Frederick said.

“He didn’t allow you not to be excited about changing,” Frederick says.

Campbell’s influence extended to the rest of the Nevada campus through his involvement on the Council of Deans.

“Cole contributed in so many helpful and unique ways,” Frederick says. “We could sometimes get caught staring at trees and not looking at the forest. Cole helped us see the forest.”

Werner remembers her husband’s frequently used term: “Journalism enlarged.”

Campbell wanted to know how conventional journalism’s practices and lessons could be expanded and adapted to work better, she said.

“But I think that concept of enlargement really applied to all aspects of his life,” Werner says. “He was always pushing the envelope, striving to improve things and make our relationship, our home, the journalism school, the University, journalism... the world a better place.”

“These efforts weren’t always appreciated or understood, but that never daunted him. Even in the face of criticism he persevered and soldiered on to do what he thought was right.”

At the memorial service, Werner asked a few friends and family members to talk about Campbell’s devotion to the Hebrew idea of Tikkun Olam, the human responsibility to heal and help the world.

“Cole believed in this concept very deeply and demonstrated his commitment to it in every thought and action he took,” Werner says. “He helped heal people’s self-confidence by letting them know he valued and believed in them. Cole helped repair an ineffective model of journalism by being a relentless champion of new thinking, new methods and new means of citizen engagement.”

“Journalism enlarged. Life enlarged. Cole Campbell.”

Memorial fund

A fund in memory of Cole Campbell, dean of the Reynolds School of Journalism, has been established with the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation. Campbell’s sister, Cathy Campbell, will match gifts up to $10,000. To make a gift online, visit http://giving.unr.edu/giveonline.aspx, click on “Give online,” fill out your personal information and then designate the Cole Campbell Memorial Fund as the beneficiary.

For details, call Kristin Burgarello, the school’s director of development, at (775) 784-4471 or email her at kburgarello@unr.edu.
Catching the ‘butterfly blues’ in the Sierra

It’s common for plants to pass genetic characteristics to other plants, but exceedingly rare to find evidence of such species hybridization in animals. Some scientists have even debated if such crossover is possible. That’s why a study conducted high in the Sierra that included a University of Nevada, Reno researcher is considered so important.

Matthew Forister, a College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources researcher, was part of a group of scientists who discovered an unusual type of speciation in the summer of 2006: a hybrid species of butterfly with a lineage almost a half million years old.

In a finding published in *Science* magazine and covered in national publications such as *The New York Times*, Forister and his fellow researchers found a critical link between two types of butterflies living in the Sierra. The *Lycaeides melissa* butterfly lives on the eastern slope of the Sierra and the *Lycaeides idas* lives to the west. Forister’s team found that a third species of *Lycaeides* has evolved in the upper alpine reaches of the Sierra above 7,500 feet. The team used molecular genetics to show that the “new” species carries genes from both parental species. The scientists estimate that some 440,000 years ago the *L. melissa* and *L. idas* came into contact in the Sierra. Their offspring, perhaps due to climate change, was cut off from the rest of their clan, and eventually evolved into a unique and genetically distinct species. The “new” species of butterfly — the males are a bluish color while the females are brown — represents one of the most convincing cases of hybridization in animals.

“The alpine butterflies actually have wings that look like the butterflies from the eastern Sierra,” Forister said. “But their mitochondrial DNA more clearly resembles those from the western Sierra. Ultimately, what we’ve studied highlights the importance of natural selection, and the more general idea that we are still learning many of the ways in which species are formed.”

Flanzraich, 21, recently landed a prestigious summer internship with the Associated Press. 2006-2007 marked the second year she served as editor of the campus’ award-winning student newspaper, *The Nevada Sagebrush*. Under Flanzraich’s leadership, the ‘Brush won several national awards and was a Pacemaker finalist. Like any true journalist, Flanzraich says the reward isn’t in the awards, but in the work: “Our real focus isn’t on awards, it’s on putting out a good paper every week,” she says.

Yamboliev, 21, received the Herz Gold Medal during Winter Commencement ceremonies in December. The Herz Gold Medal is the University’s oldest and most prestigious student award, and is given to the graduating senior with the highest grade-point average. Yamboliev plans to pursue the “interrelatedness” of her “two apparently diverging paths” of science and literature in graduate school. A 4.0 student, Yamboliev was a member of the Honors Program and spent a semester studying in France as a member of the International Club.

Taylor, a 24-year-old senior on track to graduate in May 2007, is the founder of the new TradRack.com website, an online store and forum for rock-climbing enthusiasts. Taylor says the site, which has shipped products to climbers as far away as Australia, Korea and the flat desert country of Qatar, focuses on traditional or trad climbers who enjoy big-wall ascents such as at Yosemite. A mountaineer who lived in a tent for two years during his first college experience at Utah State in Logan, Taylor has applied to the University of Nevada School of Medicine. He wants to start a bioengineering company.
Understanding disability
Edina Jambor brings feeling to her teaching

Edina Jambor knows what it’s like to not be deaf. Because she lost her hearing at age 15 in an automobile accident, she remembers being in touch with a world full of sound.

The social psychology doctoral candidate is the only deaf student pursuing her doctoral degree at the University of Nevada, Reno and is one of few deaf university instructors nationwide. For more than five years, Jambor’s American Sign Language classes have helped students learn how to communicate with people who need interpreters for the deaf. In Spring 2007, her first non-elective, upper-level course, Disability Issues, challenges more than 40 students to think about what life is like with a disability.

Along with co-teacher and interpreter Mary Anne Christensen, Jambor has students describe how their goals would change if they became disabled and assess the assistive devices and services they would need to be successful. Students also evaluate laws protecting the disabled and hear from guest speakers who talk about living with their disabilities.

“It’s a huge honor for me to teach this class,” said Jambor, a College of Health and Human Sciences instructor. “It is a challenge, but I know the rewards will be great.”

Final brushstrokes on a new home
University painter Lee Green puts a coat of Nevada blue on a dugout at the new Christina Hixson Softball Complex. The Wolf Pack softball team was slated to play its first game on the new field, on the east side of Evans Avenue across from the Peccole Park baseball stadium, in March 2007. Idlewild Park, three miles west of downtown Reno, has been the home of Wolf Pack softball since the program was reinstated in 2003 after a 14-year hiatus. The program’s move to an on-campus setting comes just a year after Nevada won its inaugural Western Athletic Conference Tournament title and earned its first berth in the NCAA regional playoffs. The softball complex is on the site of the old Bishop Manogue High School baseball field.

WOLF PACK HALL OF FAME
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Wolf Pack Hall of Fame carries with it special memories that inductees and Wolf Pack sports fans never forget. Memories that include 2006 inductee, the late John Ramatici, left, who was honored along with fellow Nevada athletics greats Chris Singleton, Brock Marion and Ali McKnight last fall. Nominations for 2007’s Wolf Pack Hall of Fame induction class are being accepted. Nevada athletes who are 10 years removed from their graduation date are eligible for nomination. Coaches or individuals who have helped further the athletic department’s success are also eligible for consideration. Nomination letters should include the nominee’s name, address, telephone number, years of participation at Nevada, a list of athletic honors while at Nevada, professional, Olympic or other post-collegiate athletic experience if applicable, community honors and activities, and a contact number for the individual who has submitted the nomination.

A nomination form is available by writing: Dick Trachok, athletic director emeritus, University of Nevada, Department of Athletics, Legacy Hall/264, Reno, NV 89557-0041 or by calling Trachok at (775) 682-6932.

Nominations are due by May 31

Deaf instructor Edina Jambor’s Disabilities Issues course brings the important topic front and center.

Photo by Jean Dixon
**Professor shares her energy from the governor’s office**

When Hatice Gecol was a little girl in Turkey, she dreamed that one day she would do big things. Now Gecol is not only internationally known for her research in biodiesel fuels, she is director of the Nevada State Office of Energy and Gov. Jim Gibbons’ energy and science adviser.

Gibbons appointed the University chemical and metallurgical engineering professor to the post Jan. 24, 2007, because of her work with alternative energy programs. Gecol developed a way to produce clean-burning diesel fuel from waste cooking oil and biomass produced ethanol. University shuttle buses and other vehicles have been fueled by the renewable biodiesel in research projects funded in part by both the Environmental Protection Agency and Washoe County.

Gecol will serve on the governor’s executive staff and will advise on all aspects of energy policy and development. She will also work closely with the Nevada Department of Energy to promote greater energy independence throughout the state.

While she serves as the state energy adviser, Gecol will be on leave from her position as an associate professor in chemical and metallurgical engineering. An assistant professor in that department from 2000 to 2006, she will continue her involvement in research projects. Gecol also hopes to teach a course at the University during the fall semester.

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**School gives students close look at justice system**

Sociology and criminal justice majors at the University of Nevada, Reno now have the chance to collaborate with two of the nation’s most respected judicial education organizations.

Students in the new School of Social Research and Justice Studies will share their experiences in the classroom and community with judicial education faculty and administrators in the National Judicial College and National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, both independent organizations based on the Reno campus. Within the school, students in the sociology and criminal justice departments also can contribute to the body of knowledge generated by the 15-year-old Grant Sawyer Center for Justice Studies, which encourages collaboration between the National Judicial College, the National Council and the University’s judicial studies program, one of only two degree-granting programs for judges in the nation.

“The new school also offers students more opportunities for involvement with research relevant to the justice system,” says interim director Jim Richardson, who also heads the unit’s Center for Justice Studies.

“We plan to develop more upper-division and graduate offerings to complement the current offerings from the criminal justice and sociology departments.”

The school, opened Jan. 1, 2007, is part of the College of Liberal Arts. The National Judicial College, formed in 1963, is the nation’s top judicial training institution and has awarded more than 70,000 professional judicial education certificates. The National Council, headquartered on the Reno campus since 1969, provides technical assistance and research to the nation’s courts, judges and staff.

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**A NEVADA FIRST — swimmers, divers win WAC**

The Wolf Pack women’s swimming and diving team capitalized on four months of momentum this season to win its first Western Athletic Conference championship Feb. 19 in San Antonio, Texas. The team’s inaugural WAC title followed a perfect record in 18 regular-season dual meets. Nevada outpointed Hawai‘i, the 2006 conference champion, 810.5 to 730, at the Palo Alto Natatorium.

Nevada swimmers and divers had finished in second place in WAC tournament competition three times since the program joined the conference for the 2000-2001 season. The Wolf Pack also collected several postseason honors following the meet. Head Coach Mike Shrader earned his second WAC Coach of the Year honors, duplicating an accomplishment he garnered in 2002.

Freshman swimmer Margaret Doolittle, pictured above, who won the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke events, was selected as the conference’s top first-year athlete in the championships. Teammate Kim Kabesh won the award last year as a freshman.
Scholarship donors devote major legacy gift to juniors, seniors

In 1997, Leonard and Sally Detrick created a merit scholarship that helps Nevada community college students transfer to the University for their junior and senior years. Now the couple has established a Charitable Remainder Unitrust to enhance their scholarship endowment.

The Detricks graduated from the University of the Pacific and have been longtime residents of the Reno-Tahoe area. They have a long and distinguished history of supporting higher education in both California and Nevada.

Legacy or “planned” gifts have always played a vital role in shaping the University. The charitable remainder trust is a trust that allows an individual to make a charitable gift, receive a charitable tax deduction, receive income payments throughout a lifetime and enjoy potential tax benefits. It can be among the greatest tax and estate planning tools available. Many people find that they can experience the joy of stewardship during their lifetime by placing assets in a life income plan such as the charitable remainder trust.

The University’s Planned Giving office is here to help you find the best method of giving.

To learn more about techniques for gift planning and how to establish a legacy at the University, contact Bob Eggleston or Lisa Riley at (775) 682-6016 or email beggleston@unr.edu.

Hoepner Professorship helps engineering faculty dig in for learning

Rose Hoeper has created the College of Engineering’s first professorship. The Ralph E. Hoeper Professorship, an endowed fund, will help the University recruit and support the work of outstanding faculty and students. Support for faculty is key to strengthening student success at the University.

Rose is the wife of the late Ralph Hoeper ’51 (electrical engineering), a pioneer of the independent Foresthill Telephone Company in rural northern California.

Hoeper and his wife purchased the company in 1940 when it was just a handful of telephone lines. Together they led it and the local community into the digital age. As his classmates did during his days at Nevada, Hoeper’s phone industry peers enjoyed his no-nonsense demeanor and the way he would often get in the trenches to install new equipment. Ralph Hoeper died in 2001.

For information on endowing a professorship and supporting faculty who have demonstrated excellence in both teaching and scholarship, contact Bruce Mack at (775) 784-1352 or email bmack@unr.edu.

Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

Leonard and Sally Detrick love to read thank-you letters from their scholarship recipients in their home in south Reno.

Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

Rose Hoeper next to her and her husband’s names, which were engraved into the Sierra Granite pillars of the Honor Court last June.
Scholarship fund honoring Pack basketball star to help Nevadans

The family and friends of 1940s Nevada athletics Hall of Famer Jim Melarkey ’47 (civil engineering) have contributed more than $100,000 to create the James E. Melarkey Scholarship Endowment Fund to support Nevada students in their academic endeavors.

Wolf Pack basketball fans will remember Melarkey for his clutch jump shots and reverse layups and, as a leader in 1946, in one of the greatest victories in Nevada basketball history, a 55–49 upset over St. John’s in front of 18,000 fans at New York’s Madison Square Garden. Melarkey, who died in November 2006 at the age of 84, also competed in track and field and was inducted into the Nevada Athletic Hall of Fame in 1976.

Melarkey accomplished far more in life than just athletic triumphs. He went on to a successful career as a fuel distribution firm owner in Reno, employing many University of Nevada students at his Flying A service station at Liberty and South Virginia streets. Now future generations of students at the University will benefit from Melarkey’s contributions and the generosity of his friends and family.

For information on making a gift to the Melarkey Scholarship Endowment or creating your own legacy, contact Bruce Mack at (775) 784-1352 or email bmack@ unr.edu.

Mallory Foundation gifts spur growth of high-tech research

Long before the rest of the country realized the benefits of doing business in Nevada, the Mallory family moved its automotive company to the state in 1969. Although founder Marion Mallory Sr. had only a fourth-grade education, he had a natural talent for mechanical processes and held more than 200 automotive patents in the United States and Europe.

Jean Mallory, Marion’s daughter, established the Mallory Foundation in Carson City in 1991. Since that time the foundation has generously supported the university. Both Marion and Jean Mallory have passed away, but the foundation’s officers continue the family’s legacy by supporting several campus projects that advance technology in the Silver State. The foundation supports many initiatives, including:

- The Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center: When it’s completed in summer 2008, this will be one of the most technologically advanced libraries in the country. Students will be able to tap into the latest computing and information technologies in a lab for multimedia project development. They will also have access to state-of-the-art smart classrooms with connectivity to classmates, professors and other scholars around the world.

- The Davidson Mathematics & Science Center: Opening in 2009, the center will provide an advanced research and learning environment in mathematics and science. The future home of Nevada’s College of Science, it also will help attract the best math and science students, faculty and researchers.

- Mobile Engineering Education Laboratory (ME2L): This program supports volunteers who take engineering and science experiments into northern Nevada classrooms to enhance elementary, middle and high school curricula. Through the mobile laboratory, students get a “hands-on” look at how science and engineering concepts work.

“The timing of the Mallory Foundation’s gifts could not be better,” said Ted Batchman, College of Engineering dean. “Our K-12 outreach is ready to move to the next level and the Mallory funds will allow us to hire a part-time director. The Mallory Foundation trustees understand the need for K-12 and higher education partnerships like this one.”

For information on making a gift for any of the above projects, or to find out about other campus endeavors, contact Bruce Mack at (775) 784-1352 or email bmack@ unr.edu.
Dear Nevada Alumni,

The Nevada Alumni Association enjoyed a very exciting slate of events during fall and early winter. Our organization welcomed more than 720 new alumni into our family during the Dec. 9, 2006 Commencement.

The association continues to build a strong relationship with the student government, and our dues-paying membership program is at an all-time high with more than 1,550 members. Likewise, the association’s volunteer database has doubled. In addition, we had two of the most successful pregame events prior to men’s basketball games.

When the Wolf Pack competed in the Pete Newell Challenge in San Jose, Calif., the Alumni Association reserved a local restaurant and welcomed more than 200 fans to the party. At the Battle in Seattle, more than 400 guests filled the skyline level of the Space Needle for a private Wolf Pack gathering, and then followed the team to Key Arena for an exciting win against Gonzaga.

In January the Alumni Council held its first 2007 meeting, hosting President Milt Glick as he presented his legislative agenda. The board heard the results of a Morrill Hall Restoration Study and addressed member development activities.

As Alumni Council president, I identified my 2007 priorities, including: researching and identifying ways to connect current and future alumni to the University and the Nevada Alumni Association, increasing association membership, and partnering with the University’s Marketing and Communications Department. The Alumni Council includes some of the best and brightest marketing professionals in Nevada and has much to offer.

Finally, the Nevada Alumni Association continues to make an effort to communicate via email. If you do not currently receive event updates, please call the Office of Alumni Relations at (888) NV ALUMS and update your email address.

Sincerely,

Randy J. Brown C.P.A. ‘89
President, Nevada Alumni Council

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Kelly Bland ’91
Todd Cabral ’91
Jeff Champagne (ASUN President)
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Jim Conkey ’83
Roger Diedrichsen ’71
Dawn Etcheverry-Miller ’94
Jason Frierson ’96
Kerri Garcia ’92
Carlos Ledon ’01
Judy Machabee ’91
Lisa Lyons-Maioney ’88
Patrick Martinez ’95
Marlene Olsen ’74
Marcedes Parsons ’84
Stephanie Pesek ’97
Lauren Sankovich ’98
Chris Vargas ’95
Charlie Walsh ’86

’60s
Jim Megquier ’61 (chemistry) and his wife, Lynn (Walsh) Megquier ’61 (education), are staying very active attending University of Nevada, Reno activities, traveling, fishing and enjoying their six grandkids. Jim and Lynn retired five years ago.

Larry Struve ’64 (political science) is the interim director of Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Nevada. He is also representing Religious Alliance in Nevada in the 2007 Nevada Legislature. His wife, Colleen (Quinn) Struve ’69 (English), ’76M.A. (English), retired from the Washoe County School District in August 2006.

’70s
Dr. Michael Fischer ’71 has been appointed director of the state Department of Cultural Affairs by Gov. Jim Gibbons ’67 (geology), ’73M.A. A graduate of Reno High School who was born and raised in Reno, Michael is a member of a number of local organizations. On being appointed director, he said, “It’s something that I’ve looked forward to doing my entire life and a job that will become a labor of love for me.”

Don Wood ’72 (accounting) recently completed a rigorous five-course program to attain the designation of Certified Risk Manager. As director of risk management for Sunsweet Growers Inc., Don oversees grower accounting, property and casualty insurance, claims administration, and natural condition fruit inventories. Don is a member of the Nevada Alumni Association and the University’s Alumni Football Association. He lives in the Yuba City, Calif., area with his wife, Debbie, and their family.

Diane (Langlinais) Miller ’73 (special education) and her husband, Lee, are living in Silver Springs, N.M. After 32 years of teaching special education in Montana and Nevada, Diane retired in 2005. Lee retired as a high school industrial arts teacher and coach. Daughters Crista, who works at the Mirage Resort in Las Vegas, Nev., and Morgan, a sophomore at the University of Montana, Missoula, are doing very well.

Mary (Germain) Burnham ’75 (art) is proud to announce that her son is currently attending the University of Nevada, Reno.
After 30 years of service, Bill Crawford, Jr. ‘76 (civil engineering) has retired from the Nevada Department of Transportation. While at the agency, Bill served as the chief bridge engineer. He is now working for the CH2M Hill consulting firm in Reno.

Bret Stephenson ‘79 (journalism) recently wrote From Boys to Men: Spiritual Rites of Passage in an Indulgent Age. In his book, Bret shows readers how older cultures used rituals and rites of passage to sculpt teen boys into healthy young men. He also offers insight into how we can reintroduce these practices to create a society with happy and healthy adolescent boys. Bret is the executive director of the Labyrinth Center in South Lake Tahoe, Calif.

‘80s

Dr. Geoffrey Chiara ’82 (predental) has been appointed to the Nevada State Board of Optometry by former Gov. Kenny Guinn. Geoffrey is the chief of optometry at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Las Vegas, Nev., and an assistant professor at the Southern California College of Optometry in Fullerton.

David Stipech ‘85 (journalism) has been named the new station manager for KUNR-FM 88.7 Public Radio. During his diverse career in the radio industry, David has done on-air broadcasting, local market sales and management. With expertise in human relations, he is also a speaker and consultant on employee training, leadership development and team-building.

Lori Friel ’86 (computer information systems) has been named director of academics for the Nevada Athletics Department. Lori comes to Nevada after five years as the director of academics at Ohio University in Athens. Prior to working at Ohio, she was an academic adviser at UNLV for 11 years.

John Boyd ‘88 (accounting), who works as an Edward Jones financial adviser based in...
Reno, has accepted an invitation to increase his limited partnership holdings in the Jones Financial Co., the holding company for the St Louis-based financial services firm. John is honored to have the opportunity to increase his ownership in the firm. “Knowing that I share ownership of the company I work for is tremendously rewarding,” he says.

After editing or contributing to five books on the joys of recreational vehicles, Adrienne Kristine ’87 (sociology), ’91M.A. (English) has just completed her first electronic book: Frugal RVing or Pinching Pennies without Getting Bruised and Other Advice from the Road. She says everyone who reads this book, whether a potential or experienced RVer, will discover ways to save space, weight, time, money and the environment. The e-book is available for download at www.rvhometown.com.

’90s
Dirk Beekman ’90M.S. (animal science) recently accepted the position of vice president of product development for Pierre Foods. In his new position, Dirk will be guiding the development group to grow the business to $1 billion in sales within 18 months.

Patrick Ronan ’94 (health education) serves as chief of staff of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Prior to this position, Patrick served as the agency’s associate commissioner for legislation. He received his MBA from Johns Hopkins University in May 2006. He asks former classmates to contact him at Patrick_ronan@hotmail.com.

Shannon Stubblefield ’98 (human development and family studies), ’01M.Ed. (special education) is pleased to announce the birth of their son, Arvin Rohit Chaudhuri, who was born Sept. 20, 2005, in Silver Spring, Md.

Alumni Association & Chapter Meetings

| April 4 | 12 p.m. • Fallon Chapter Meeting |
| April 8 | 6 p.m. • YAC Meeting |
| April 10 | 8 a.m. • COBAAA Meeting |
| April 11 | 12 p.m. • Sacramento Chapter Lunch Meeting |
| April 12 | 4 p.m. • Past Alumni Council President Meeting |
| April 14 | 12 p.m. • Native American Chapter Powwow |
| April 15 | 12 p.m. • Native American Chapter Powwow |
| April 18 | TBA • University Club Dinner Program |
| April 19 | TBA • International Chapter Reunion |
| April 20 | 11:30 a.m. • University Club Board Meeting |
| April 21 | TBA • International Chapter Reunion |
| April 27 | 6:30 p.m. • Young Alumni Chapter Beer Fest |
| May 1 | 5:30 p.m. • Friends & Alumni of CABNR |
| May 2 | 12 p.m. • Fallon Chapter Meeting |
| May 3 | 11 a.m. • Nevada Alumni Council Meeting |
| May 4 | TBA • International Chapter Reunion |
| May 8 | 12 p.m. • Sacramento Chapter Lunch |
| May 9 | 5:30 p.m. • Friends and Alumni of CABNR Meeting |
| May 10 | 11:30 a.m. • Alumni Council Executive Committee Meeting |
| May 17 | 6 p.m. • Senior Scholar Awards Reception |
| May 18 | 12:30 p.m. • Golden Reunion Registration |
| May 19 | 2 p.m. • Golden Reunion Campus Tour |
| May 20 | 4 p.m. • Commencement (Graduate students) |
| May 21 | 6 p.m. • Golden Reunion Dinner |
| June 6 | 12 p.m. • Fallon Chapter Meeting |
| June 12 | 5:30 p.m. • Friends and Alumni of CABNR Meeting |
| June 14 | 6 p.m. • YAC Meeting |
| June 20 | 8 a.m. • COBAAA Meeting |
| June 21 | 12 p.m. • Sacramento Chapter Lunch Meeting |
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| July 29 | 12 p.m. • Fallon Chapter Meeting |
| July 29 | 6 p.m. • YAC Meeting |
| July 30 | 8 a.m. • COBAAA Meeting |
| July 31 | 12 p.m. • Sacramento Chapter Lunch Meeting |
| Aug 10-12 | Alumni College XVIII |
| July 11 | 6 p.m. • University Club Annual Picnic |

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Wolf Club

Aniruddho Ray Chaudhuri ’99Ph.D. (cell and molecular biology) and Rupali Chaudhuri ’98 (nutrition) are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Arvin Rohit Chaudhuri, who was born Sept. 20, 2005, in Silver Spring, Md.
2007, Nevada Alumni Association
Award Nominations

Nominee’s Name _____________________________________________
Nominee’s Phone ____________    Graduation Year _____________

Suggested Award: (check one)
☒ Professional Achievement Award    ☐ University Service Award
☒ Alumni Association Service Award  ☐ Alumnus of the Year
☒ Outstanding Young Alumnus Award

Nominee’s Address ___________________________________________

Your Name __________________________________________________
Address _____________________________________________________
Telephone ______________   E-mail _____________________________

Please include supporting material of no more than four pages with this form.

You can also nominate online at www.unr.edu/alumni/
her engagement to Jeff Thomas. The couple will be married April 28, 2007. Shannon is the disabilities specialist for Southern Alameda County Head Start.

'00s

Bill Stobb ’00Ph.D. (English) has been working as an assistant professor of English at Viterbo University in La Crosse, Wisc. Recently, Bill’s poetry collection, Nervous Systems, was selected in the National Poetry Series. The book, which is due out in June 2007, reflects Bill’s studies at the University of Nevada, Reno, and includes many poems written in and around Reno, including such exotic locations as Keystone Cue and Cushion and the Black Rock Desert. According to Bill, “The book reflects a work ethic toward poetry that I acquired from professionals like Steve and Susan Tchudi and Scott Slovic, English professors who really show their graduate students how to work successfully as publishing professors.”

Rajan Zed ’01MBA has been appointed to a three-year term on the Regional Transportation Commission’s Citizens Advisory Committee. The committee provides input on policy issues relative to public transportation, the regional street and highway system, and transportation planning. Rajan also serves on the governing board of directors for the Northern Nevada International Center, the board of directors of the Nevada World Trade Council, the advisory board for Reno’s police chief and is a fellow of the Institute of Professional Managers and Administrators of Britain. He lives in Reno with wife, Shipa, a community volunteer; son, Naveet, a youth activist; and daughter, Palkin, an accomplished author of two published books.

Machalah Proffit-Higgins ’02 (criminal justice) graduated cum laude from Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law. She recently finished a federal appellate clerkship at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. Machalah is currently working as a litigation associate at the Washington, D.C. office of Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal, L.L.P.

Dano Kraig P. Fernandez ’03 (criminal justice) plans to graduate in June 2007 with a master of criminal justice administration degree from Norwich University in Northfield, Vt. Dano is currently a military police/security specialist for the Office of the Military, Nevada Air National Guard 152nd Security Forces Squadron at Reno-Tahoe International Airport. He also works as an on-call youth counselor for the Carson City Department of Juvenile Probation.

Joshua Wenner ’04 (finance) was recently named one of the top sales representatives for Iron Mountain Incorporated, the world’s largest information management company. A resident of Manhattan Beach, Calif., he has also founded Wenner Ventures and the World Smile Project. Joshua enjoys spending time on the beach, enjoying the sun and starting companies.

ALUMNI COLLEGE XVIII

The Art & History of the Sierra’s Eastern Slope
July 10-12, 2007

Join the Alumni College Chapter as we visit Lake Tahoe, tour museums in northern Nevada and California and enjoy an evening at the ballet.

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Alan Hopper

Don King Productions, public relations director

Alan Hopper ‘85 (journalism) has always been a bit of a perpetual motion machine, whether it was as a disc jockey/vice president for student activities during his time as a student at the University of Nevada, Reno, or today with Don King Productions. Hopper, 45, is a third-generation Nevadan who has risen from the mail room at the William Morris Agency in California to where he has been for the past seven years — leading public relations for King’s world-renowned boxing events as well as for King himself. Hopper is a nominee for one of boxing’s most prestigious awards, the Marvin Kohn Good Guy Award, presented in April in Atlantic City, N.J., by the Boxing Writers Association of America.

1. What’s it like to work with Don King?

A: Don is like the Energizer Bunny. He just keeps going and going. At 75, he works harder than any of his employees. My job is to write all the press releases for our boxing matches and coordinate most of Don’s interviews and appearances. It’s like working in a three-ring circus, but I wouldn’t trade it for the world. He’s a very unique American, and if everybody knew what a good-natured guy he is, they’d like him more.

2. You were involved in a number of different campus activities, including some student government responsibilities as well as working in the local radio market (who can forget “Senator Hopper” — a bow to his student senate service — on the airwaves of Reno). What do you remember of that time?

It was one of the great creative periods in my life. I was attending the University, where I was elected by the students to run all activities for the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, had my own office in the student union, business cards and a university car at my disposal. Simultaneously, I was a part-time broadcaster at rock station KOZZ-FM when it had the highest ratings (audience share) ever in Reno. Professionally, I was learning things about budgets and the nature of “real world” business that most kids are introduced to after college. It shaped everything for me that came after that time, and I’ve never forgotten where I come from.

3. You’ve always seemed like a person who genuinely loves what he’s doing, whether it was at Reno High School, at Nevada or as your professional career evolved. Where does that enthusiasm come from?

People have always accused me of drinking too much coffee, but my zest for life was inherited from my mother, Beverly Hopper, later known as Beverly Rule, a second-generation native Nevadan. Former University President Joseph Crowley told me he always marveled at my mother’s energy and enthusiasm. They were great friends. She was involved in the Parent Teacher Association, ran for state senate in 1972 — when some thought that wasn’t lady-like — and helped form one of the first drug-abuse programs for teenagers in northern Nevada.

4. Will boxing rebound to the position it held in American sports consciousness during the 1920s with Jack Dempsey, the ’50s with Sugar Ray Robinson, Rocky Graziano and Rocky Marciano, and in the ’60s and ’70s with Ali and Frazier?

Boxing has been huge in our country going all the way back to July 4, 1910, when one of the biggest prizefights ever was staged in Reno as Jack Johnson faced James Jeffries. Many factors have contributed to the reduction of boxing’s overall reach. Television has contributed to more people watching the sport, but this has reduced the number of matches. Americans love the heavyweight division, and many big young men with athletic talent today often opt for football or basketball. The lower-weight divisions are still tremendous, but many people are still waiting for the next dominant heavyweight to emerge. I also have a personal theory that the recent rise in popularity of mixed martial arts “cage fighting” can be attributed in part to the fact this sport more resembles many of the video games kids grow up with today than traditional boxing.

5. If you had stayed in Reno following graduation, what do you think you’d be doing today?

I’d probably have been the town drunk — or at least it seemed like a popular pursuit for many of the people I ran with around the time I left town when I was 23. Seriously, I was very interested in entertainment as a career. The company in Reno that did entertainment best was Harrah’s Club, and I was always attracted to that company. Unfortunately, Bill Harrah died when I was in high school. Harrah’s and Reno were never the same after the properties and car collection he owned were sold. He was the best thing that ever happened to Reno. He thought big and achieved great things.

John Trent ’85/’87, DDM A, is a University public relations director.

Questions With...
Alumni Band

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Does polyester hold special memories for you? Do you know the meaning of band prep? Did you march up the hill and then run down to get to the D.C. before it closed? Do you ever wonder what happened to those people who shared those special experiences with you? Now you can find out. Send us an email, and sign up to receive the monthly Alumni Band Newsletter. Better yet, send an update about yourself so your friends know what happened to you! To make sure your address is updated with the University and you are coded as an Alumni Band Member, contact the Nevada Alumni Association at (888) NV ALUMS. That way, you'll receive information regarding this year's 10th Alumni Band gathering at Homecoming.

Bay Area Chapter

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The Bay Area Alumni Chapter is back and re-energized. Following our pregame party at the San Jose Bar & Grill in San Jose, Calif., on Jan. 11, 2007, our group headed to The Event Center to watch Nevada beat San Jose State, 72-63. For more information about the chapter's upcoming events, or if you'd like to get involved, keep an eye on the "Alumni in the Bay Area" group page on www.nevadachatta.com or email Sara McGinness.

COBAAA Chapter

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The College of Business Administration Alumni Association (COBAAA) exceeded its goal of raising $50,000 during the year-long celebration of the college's 50th anniversary in 2006. Thank you to our alumni and friends for their generous support. Some of those funds are being used to support scholarships and the Office of Career Services, as well as the renovation of the Ansari Business Building's second floor lounge, scheduled to reopen in spring 2007. Also this spring, save Thursday, May 3 on your calendar for the annual COBAAA golf tournament at Lakedge Golf Course. Finally, our membership drive is underway. Annual membership is only $15, and is the perfect way to reconnect with your school. For membership details, contact Dan Oster at (775) 336-4665.

Mackay Alumni Chapter

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The Mackay Alumni Chapter is pleased to join the Nevada Alumni Association. We are slowly getting our feet wet, but have already had two successful events. We held the first event in December 2006 at the Mackay Mines Building in conjunction with the Northwest Mining Conference. In February 2007, the chapter headed to the Great Basin Brewery for a social, which coincided with the Mackay Advisory Board meeting earlier in the day. Our first membership meeting, set for April 19, will be held in conjunction with the Mackay Annual Banquet. Feel free to contact us if you'd like to attend the meeting.

Native American Chapter

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The Native American Alumni Chapter recently assisted in planning the third annual University of Nevada, Reno Powwow. The event, to be held April 14-15, 2007, is a collaborative effort between the chapter, the Center for Student Cultural Diversity and the Nevada Alumni Association. Each year, the powwow includes traditional food, dancing and American Indian vendors.

Sacramento Chapter

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The Sacramento Chapter is alive and well. Members meet at noon on the second Tuesday of each month. Contact Laura Jenkins to reserve your place at the table. January's annual
International Chapter
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This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Night of All Nations at the University. To celebrate this momentous occasion, we are organizing an International Alumni Reunion around the event. Night of All Nations is Friday, April 20, at Lawlor Events Center. The International Alumni Reunion activities will begin with a reception on Thursday, April 19, and run through Saturday, April 21. For more information about the International Chapter, update your contact information online at www.unr.edu/alumni/UpdateUs.aspx.

University Studies Abroad Consortium Alumni Club members and friends had a great time at the Welcome Back Barbeque, held in August 2006 at Reno’s Rancho San Rafael Regional Park.

Mystery Dinner Bus Trip was a huge success, as 44 alumni and guests enjoyed the charms of the Sacramento River Delta. Our first stop for appetizers was CJ’s in Franklin (Elk Grove, Calif.). We then took some very small and dark, delta levee roads to get to the Spindrift Restaurant on Brannan Island for prime rib and salmon. Thanks to the efforts of Kyle Ramos ’76 and Eppie Johnson ’51 in planning the bus trip. The chapter raised more than $1,000 for the Eppie Johnson Scholarship Endowment that benefits University students. Remember to get your reservations in early for the 2008 trip.

University Studies Abroad Consortium
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The USAC Alumni Club had a fabulous time at Reno’s Rink on the River and the Chocolate Bar in December 2006. After breaking in our skates, we were on the rink for about two hours. We met new people and bonded over falling on the ice. It was a fun experience with no major injuries to report. For many of us, it was our first, but not our last, time at the Chocolate Bar. We enjoyed chocolate with everything, from desserts to drinks. The first USAC Leadership Conference took place Feb. 4, 2007, at Heavenly Ski Resort in Stateline, Nev. The event encouraged University students and staff, as well as the community to become aware of significant global issues. The conference also included a scavenger hunt and time spent watching the Super Bowl and, of course, hitting the slopes. For details about chapter events, contact Marika Dimitriadis.

Young Alumni Chapter
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The Young Alumni Chapter has had a strong start to 2007. Our sold-out events began in January with our annual Baugna Calda Dinner at the Coney Island Bar, followed by Wine, Tapas and Jazz Night at Enoteca Wine Cellar in February and Martini Madness in March. Supporting the Pack was also on the social calendars of young alumni, who attended pregame festivities at Scruples Bar and Grill for the Feb. 17 ESPN Bracket Buster event, featuring Northern Iowa at Nevada. Beer Fest is just around the corner, and the chapter is aiming to make it bigger and better than ever. We return to the Eldorado Hotel Casino April 27, 2007, for an evening of beer, music, fun and fund raising. The chapter is ready for another fantastic year, so don’t miss out on a moment of the fun. Join or renew your membership today.
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Few families show their Pack pride as well as the Boerlins and the Darneys.

It's easy to see that Nevada has been a big part of the Boerlin and Darney families for decades. With over 27 Nevada graduates and attendees in their family tree, they've proven to be a lasting part of our university's heritage.
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 the Nevada Silver & Blue. For details, visit http://www.unr.edu/alumni or call (888) NV-ALUMS.
Remembering Friends

Ellen 'Pat' Vale Riley '47 (journalism) died Dec. 2, 2006, at the age of 79. A Yerington, Nev., native, Pat was a member of Theta Theta Chapter of Delta Delta Delta sorority and active in a number of student activities while attending the University. After receiving her master of arts degree in education/administration from San Francisco State University in 1974, Pat’s career path took her in a variety of directions, including reporter, public relations executive, educational administrator and realtor/broker. Upon retirement, she moved to Prescott, Ariz., where she wrote many articles for the travel section of the Prescott newspaper as she ventured through the continents. Pat enjoyed sports, was a member of the Church of Spiritual Living, loved the outdoors and treasured the memories of hunting and fishing with her father. Her gift with words was truly remarkable, and her wonderful memory and sense of humor made her a great storyteller. Pat loved her family and friends and will truly be missed by all who knew her.

Robert Tompson ’49M.S. (mathematics) died peacefully Jan. 6, 2007, minutes away from his 87th birthday. Following World War II, Robert moved to Reno and obtained his master’s degree in mathematics. In 1953, he earned a Ph.D. in mathematics from Brown University. He returned to Reno in 1956, joined the faculty at the University of Nevada, and taught for 35 years. During that time, Robert was instrumental in the formation of the Desert Research Institute, led the development of the University’s first computer science curriculum, taught on exchange in India, and served 10 years as mathematics department chairman. Robert was a gentle and thoughtful man, a sports fan and a volunteer at University track meets. He enjoyed swimming in Lake Tahoe, where he spent his summer vacations for more than 30 years. Robert enjoyed hitting golf balls at the driving range and exploring dusty Nevada back roads. Following retirement from the University in 1991, Robert attended to his home, garden and family with extraordinary dedication. Robert is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Mary; son, Andrew; and granddaughter, Madeline. He was a fixture in his community and will be missed. Donations may be sent “In memory of Robert Tompson,” in care of the Alzheimer’s Association of Northern California and Northern Nevada, 2065 W. El Camino Real, Suite C, Mountain View, CA 94040.

Lee DeLauer ’50 (business administration) died Jan. 25, 2007, at the age of 81. A longtime Nevada resident, Lee served as a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. Lee received the Purple Heart military decoration for his service during a battle in which his tank was shelled in

AN EXCERPT FROM JOHN RAMATICI’S JOURNAL

“I used to imagine that if I wasn’t as busy as I was (work, flying, cycling, etc.) that time would slow down and not seem like it was slipping away. Well I was wrong. For the past year or so I really have had the opportunity to do very little. No more or less than I chose to do. And time is still passing by. However, it seems now that I have a little more accounting of where it’s gone.

“I have talked to a lot of people lately about fear and faith. You would think that if one would have faith that there would be very little to be fearful of. Well unfortunately, it’s not that easy. Faith is believing in something that is really unknown. Fear is being scared of something that is unknown. I’ve attempted to increase my faith by learning more. It’s helped, but most of the stuff I read took place so long ago that you still have to have some faith. In the end I think that faith is a decision. If you decide to have faith, to be faithful. It’s much easier to be less fearful, and to believe that what lies in our future is good.”

John Ramatici ’83 (managerial sciences) died Feb. 4, 2007, at age 46 after battling Lou Gehrig’s Disease for almost a year and a half. John was a 2006 inductee to the Nevada Wolf Pack Hall of Fame and a former Kodak All-American linebacker with the Wolf Pack. He competed for Nevada in 1980-81, remaining the Wolf Pack career leader in tackles for a two-year period with 279. John was a vice president of Don Ramatici Insurance in Petaluma, Calif. He is survived by his wife, Michelle, and their son Natale. John also had three children from a previous marriage, Kyle and Jake Ramatici and Brittany Freitas. He is also survived by parents Don and Jan Ramatici; sisters Donna Ramatici, Susan Powers and Joan Johnson; brother Paul Ramatici; and several aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces. Memorials in John’s memory can be made to the Hospice of Petaluma or the ALS Association, Greater Bay Area Chapter.

Look Online

John and Michelle created a website journal after his diagnosis in August 2005: http://jndmramatici.com
Guam. While a student at the University of Nevada, Lee was house manager for the Sigma Nu fraternity and president of Coffin and Keys. He also started the training table program that fed the Wolf Pack football team at the Blue Silver restaurant. Lee, who served as University of Nevada Alumni Association president in 1956-'57, worked as an accountant in Reno before he became a casino executive for Harrah’s from 1955 to 1974. He is survived by his son Mike, daughters Debbie and Diane, and his grandchildren Nicole and J.D. Drakulich. Donations may be made to the Veterans Hospital Transitional Care Unit, 1000 Locust St., Reno, NV 89502.

John James, a longtime University associate professor of geography and state climatologist, died Jan. 15, 2007, at the age of 73. John started his work in Nevada as a research associate for the Carson City-based Forest Institute for Ocean and Mountain Studies in 1971. His career at Nevada spanned more than 30 years, and he led climatological studies for the state from 1981 until his retirement in 2004. In an on-campus interview in 1998, John said he loved living and working in northern Nevada: “There are a lot of states where the weather is important, but I can’t think of a better place to study it than in Nevada. We’re so dependent here on our weather, from the ski resorts to the casinos to the quality of life here in our valley and throughout our state. If we don’t pay attention to our weather, our state suffers because of it.” He is survived by his sons Mark and Lee, and daughter, Cathylee, as well as by five grandchildren. John’s wife, Lois, died in 2003. Donations can be made to the Keep Memory Alive Foundation, 9101 W. Sahara Ave., PMB 105-117, Las Vegas, NV, 89117.

Cole Campbell, dean of the University’s Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism, died Jan. 5, 2007, in an automobile accident. A longtime proponent of journalistic change, Cole looked for ways to enhance the relationship between journalism and democracy. He questioned how journalism as a profession, institution and business could help citizens make sense of their lives. Before joining the Reynolds School in July 2004, Campbell was a senior associate of the Charles P. Kettering Foundation, an organization that studies the democratic process. He was the former editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and The Virginian-Pilot in Norfolk, Va. For a closer look at Campbell’s life, see the story on page 44.
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