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2008 Alumna of the Year
A serious and candid conversation with Annette Whittemore ’74 (elementary education/special education), the founding director of the Whittemore Peterson Institute for Neuro-Immune Disease, and the Nevada Alumni Association 2008 Alumna of the Year.

Annette is an engaging and absorbing advocate for the development of a unique institute under construction at the University of Nevada School of Medicine. After graduating from the University nearly 25 years ago and offering the perfect supporting role for her husband, Annette has ventured into a passionate and tireless effort to bring to her University and community a special research facility, clinic for patient care, and partnership for educational development with the School of Medicine and Department of Microbiology and Immunology.

Melanie Robbins ’06 M.A. (English) caught up with Annette in July to talk about her recent award and her role in the development of the institute. “She is an example of a vibrant and committed leader who represents the best of giving back to the University of Nevada, Reno,” Robbins says. “Our interview was casual and serious at the same time. Her focus was fun, but sharpened when we talked about her vision for the private and public partnership taking place on our campus.”

—Harvey Whittemore ’74 (prelegal)
now called ME/CFS. Dubbed chronic fatigue syndrome by Americans in the early 1980s, it is now believed that this is the same disease that was well characterized in the 1960s in the United Kingdom, and is classified by the world health organization as a neurological disease. About five years ago, I expressed interest to my daughter’s doctor, Dr. Daniel Peterson, about getting involved. He introduced me to another concerned parent and together we founded the HHV-6 Foundation, named for a fairly new virus. This virus has been implicated in ME/CFS, multiple sclerosis, epilepsy, and encephalitis. I realized that supporting research alone was not going to bring about the changes that patients so badly needed. I wondered aloud why huge numbers of extremely sick people were struggling just to find doctors. Accurate information, diagnostic tests and effective treatments were still missing from this field and yet there didn’t seem to be a cohesive voice of authority. Our governmental health agencies were ignoring the seriousness of the situation and refusing to support badly needed research. I thought I had to do something to try to change things. A small group of us had been asked to support a much smaller center project at the University of Washington. After much deliberation, we decided to seek support for this project in Nevada, where we already had excellent researchers, medical expertise, and a very large patient population. The idea grew to include a modern research facility.

What is special about the Whittemore Peterson Institute?

The Whittemore Peterson Institute will be located within a larger project, the Center for Molecular Medicine, which will be the new home for many of the University’s researchers. This facility will be located on the medical school campus in Reno to allow for a greater exchange of information between molecular scientists in the lab, and physicians and patients in the medical clinic. This center, an $80 million project, is being funded from combined money that includes private, state and federal resources. But the largest share is from the full cost recovery of research grants made available to the University by the legislature in 2005. This facility will open in 2010 and will provide a home for translational research—that is research that turns scientific discoveries into practical applications to improve human health. Working closely with the medical school will also allow us to support medical education of future doctors and serve the community through outreach activities. One of our greatest challenges is to educate the greater community about the serious nature of these diseases. They are systemic, progressive and most often disabling, like MS, lupus and diabetes can be, but unlike those diseases, people with ME/CFS, fibromyalgia, and atypical MS, don’t have effective treatment options.

The exciting news is that we aren’t waiting for the building to open to begin making progress. Our researchers are already forging ahead in the laboratory on campus, collaborating with top scientists at other institutions and writing grants to bring new resources into our University. It’s a great way to build both the research program and support education while helping our community. I feel a sense of urgency, a desire to know the answers right away. I’ve learned good science doesn’t work that way. But everyone we are collaborating with is passionate about their work, about helping people, and excited to be a part of an amazing program that is really the first of its kind in the nation. To be a part of building something from the ground up is a gift and a privilege. I feel incredibly blessed to be able to work with such gifted scientists, doctors and community members.

How is your family reacting to your new role?

My family is very understanding. I’m not the same 24-hour-a-day mom that I used to be.
Harvey and I have five wonderful adult children, and four precious grandchildren. When my children were young, I was lucky enough to be able to work at home, help in their schools, with their sports activities, and generally enjoy the time I had with them. Now they are sharing their extra time helping me. I probably wouldn’t have believed we could achieve these goals if it weren’t for the lessons I learned from my family, Harvey’s family and the examples exhibited by those at the Nevada Cancer Institute and the Ruvo Brain Institute.

My greatest inspiration and role model for the past 38 years has been my best friend and husband, Harvey. He’s never too busy, despite his enormous workload, to listen, advise, and even take on the role of best supporter. But the most important lesson I have learned from simply watching Harvey is the joy he gets from giving spontaneously and generously, of his time, his talents, advice and possessions. No matter how hard I try to improve, it always seems as though I can’t get close to his level of giving. His basic love for people and his belief, that “to whom much is given much is required” pretty much sums him up.

I always believed that this was a project that would ultimately be bigger than I could have dreamed. That seems to be coming true. If I had known all the challenges beforehand, I might have been too frightened to begin. When you do something like this without a road map, you have to have blind faith that you’re doing the best that you can, because nobody else is, and as long as you remain focused, and reach out for help when you need it, it will all come together. It’s an amazing journey. But it really couldn’t happen without the wisdom and leadership of many others who also believe in this mission, especially Dr. Daniel Peterson, Dr. Judy Mikovits, President Milton Glick, Governor Kenny Guinn, Senator Bill Raggio and Senator Harry Reid. We also appreciate Governor Jim Gibbons’ continued support and all the legislative efforts to make this a reality.

**What is the most important lesson you have learned?**

Receiving a great education at the University of Nevada, Reno was a good beginning, but a love for learning should never end. The message that I’d like to leave with everyone is: Become involved with the University in ways that you enjoy. Attend sporting events, the theater, musical programs, art exhibits, and seminars, or give to special projects and scholarships because a strong University makes for a stronger community. I love coming back to this campus. Harvey and I met here, in Manzanita Hall about two weeks after starting our freshman year. I tell him that it was our destiny to meet here. That first year we became best friends, and we were married at the end of our junior year. Even with no money we still knew we would be fine. That’s because we both knew that we’d find jobs after college. But, I never imagined that one day I would be helping to create a medical research institute on that very same campus.
Alumni Award Winners

Professional Achievement Awards

Gerald “Jerry” Wyness ’52 (physical education)
Jerry Wyness enrolled at Nevada in the fall of 1946 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force Reserve in May 1950. He served on active duty from April 1952 through September 1953 (Korean War). Jerry attended San Jose State, obtaining his teaching credential and master’s in 1955. He also taught and coached football and track at Coalinga, California High School and Junior College from 1954-61. Jerry also spent 24 years at San Francisco State University as a professor and athletic director from 1967 to 69. For 19 years, he served at Saint Mary’s College in Moraga, Calif. as an adjunct professor in the graduate sport management degree program. During his 49 years in higher education, Jerry wrote two college level textbooks, authored more than 30 articles and gave more than 60 professional presentations.

Dr. Michael Patmas ’75 (biology), ’77M.S. (biology), ’81M.D.
Dr. Michael Patmas is a board-certified internist, physician-executive and clinician-educator. Starting practice in 1984, Michael has held faculty appointments at the University of Nevada, Reno, University of Pennsylvania, at Providence Portland Medical Center and at Oregon Health Sciences University. In July 2007, he became CEO of the Saint Alphonsus Medical Group, a 140-provider multi-specialty group. As CEO, Michael provides clinical and administrative leadership to the physicians while overseeing the financial, operational and clinical functions within. He is a Certified Physician Executive, Fellow of the American College of Physician Executives, and served on the American College of Physician Executives Board of Directors.

Felicia O’Carroll ’76 (accounting)
Felicia O’Carroll is a partner in the certified public accounting firm of Kafoury, Armstrong & Co. She began with the firm in 1976 and was the first woman in the firm elected to shareholder status. Felicia is an instructor for the Nevada Society of Certified Public Accountants and was recently appointed to serve a term on the Nevada State Board of Accountancy. She is currently the president of the Board of Directors of Health Access Washoe County, and the treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Food Bank of Northern Nevada. Felicia recently completed a six-year term on the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Board of Trustees and continues to serve on a number of committees as an emerita trustee.

Bernard Kwok ’81 (electrical engineering), ’84MBA
Bernard Kwok is Symantec’s senior vice president of the Asia Pacific and Japan geography, responsible for driving the company’s sales and business development across more than 17 countries. Bernard serves as the senior leader for the overall Symantec business in Asia Pacific and Japan.

David LaPlante ’93 (finance/economics)
David LaPlante is CEO of Twelve Horses, a full-service relationship marketing and messaging company. David brings 16 years of marketing, sales, customer relationship management and direct marketing applications development experience to Twelve Horses. He was named “Marketer of the Year” by Northern Nevada’s American Marketing Association in 2004 and was the recipient of the Reno-Tahoe Young Professionals Network’s “20 Under 40” award.

Outstanding Young Alumnus Award

Caesar Ibarra ’00 (accounting)
Caesar Ibarra graduated from the University of Nevada in May of 2000 with a bachelor’s of science in business administration, having majored in accounting. He immediately began his career with a local CPA firm, Muckel Anderson CPAs, where he interned during his junior and senior years at the University. Caesar is still with Muckel Anderson CPAs today, and was admitted as partner in August 2007. Caesar was named president of the College of Business Administration Alumni Association in Fall 2006. Caesar married his college sweetheart, Theresa ’99 (education) ’04M.Ed. (literacy studies). They have two children, Kaylyn, 5, and Mia, 2.

Seema Donahoe ’02 (journalism)
After graduation, Seema Donahoe went on to work at CLM Design where she designed for Tahoe Quarterly and Frontier Airlines in-flight magazine, as well as several hotel-casino and regional clients. She collected several Addy awards and a Maggie for her design work. From there, Seema went to International Game Technology and spent two years designing glass for popular IGT games. In 2007, she made a shift to human resources to pursue her passion for the community. As communications and community relations specialist, Seema’s focus is on building community partnerships with IGT employees. Since graduating, she’s been actively involved with the Young Alumni Chapter and is currently serving a term on the Alumni Council. Seema married her college sweetheart, Timothy ’03 (hydrogeology), in June 2007.

Scott Walquist ’02 (journalism)
Scott Walquist joined KPS|3 as an integrated marketing communications manager in February 2003 after graduating from the Reynolds School of Journalism in December 2002. Scott received...
his bachelor's in journalism with an emphasis in public relations and a minor in marketing. Prior to joining KPS3, he worked as a media services writing intern for the University's athletic department in 1999. In 2001, Scott became an intern in the University Relations office where he developed a keen sense for writing on a deadline and media relations. This position led to a spot on the Wolf Pack men's basketball team's stat crew, where he is still active today.

University Service Award

Ted Nigro
As a dear friend of the University, Ted Nigro has served on the Foundation Board of Trustees and been an integral part of establishing trusts to support the schools of medicine and nursing. Ted served as managing co-executor for the estate of Frances E. Dant, wherein the residue of her estate funded an endowment for the University's School of Medicine. He was final trustee of the Fred & Anne Anderson Trust, wherein several endowments were established for scholarships benefiting medical and nursing students. Ted spent a number of years on the University's School of Medicine's Advisory Board and the University's Foundation Investment Committee.

Jan Brady '63 (nursing), '86MBA
Jan Brady was awarded a Fleischmann Scholarship in home economics. She started at the University of Nevada in the fall of 1959. She transferred to Orvis School of Nursing in 1961 and graduated in 1963 with a bachelor's degree in nursing. Jan returned to the University in 1984 and earned her MBA in 1986. Jan has served her alma mater as president for the Human and Community Sciences Alumni Chapter, 1994–96; trustee for the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation, 2001–07; and emerita trustee for the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation, 2007–08. Jan currently serves on the Foundation's scholarship, special events and Vintage Nevada committees. Jan and Tom married in 1981 and they have three daughters and four grandchildren.

Julie Ardito '89 (journalism)
Julie Ardito is public relations director for the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada. Currently, she oversees a national public relations program to increase the profile of the region and to help recruit skilled professionals to the area. She has been greatly involved in the University of Nevada Alumni Council and Association, serving as president in 2006 and spending four years as vice president of membership and marketing. Julie annually emcees the College of Engineering dinner, as well as serves on the Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism Professional Advisory Board. She is also a regular guest lecturer at the J-School's PR and Ethics classes and mentors the Nevada interns at EDAWN.

Alumni Association Service Award

Bill Chaffin '66 (political science)
Bill Chaffin was instrumental in the establishment of the Sacramento Alumni Chapter and as president, his focus was on fundraising to benefit students. He was a University of Nevada Foundation Trustee and member of the Alumni Council. During his days at Nevada, Bill was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity, as well as ASUN president. As an ROTC graduate, he served three years in the Army (1st Infantry in Vietnam) and was awarded the Purple Heart. He has been an attorney in Sacramento for more than 30 years and co-authored three practice manuals: Premises Liability: Preparation and Trial of a Difficult Case in California, Insurance Litigation in California and Effective Discovery Procedures in California.

Dr. James Conkey '83 (biology)
Dr. Jim Conkey attended Nevada after four years in the Navy. Jim majored in biology with an emphasis on zoology and had many great experiences studying wildlife in Little Valley and Owens Valley in California. He feels strongly that his education at the University prepared him for graduate school and that it is now an optometrist in a group practice in Reno. Jim was nominated for the Alumni Council by his high school principal, Carl Shaff ’59 (elementary education), ’64M.Ed. (education), who has also been very active with the University over the years. The experience of serving on the Alumni Council has been extremely rewarding for Jim, and has enabled him to focus on engaging students with the association.

Kiara Wolf ’92 (music), ’97M.Ed. (elementary education)
Having earned a bachelor's in music and a master's in elementary education at Nevada, Kiara taught in Washoe County for seven years before family health issues necessitated a move back to Las Vegas. Back in the heat, Kiara taught for six years for the Clark County School District. In 1999, Kiara, along with Dawn Etcheverry Miller ’94 (music education), took over the Alumni Band and built it into a large, active chapter. In 2000, Kiara was elected to the Alumni Council, where she served two terms. Kiara married fellow University alumnus Kelly Wolf ’92 (music education). They have two daughters, Karina and Karissa.

Outstanding Chapter of the Year

Fallon Alumni Chapter
Established in the early 1980s, the Fallon Alumni Chapter had three goals: to celebrate their common University of Nevada heritage, raise money to fund scholarships for students attending the University and promote the University to local, Fallon area, parents and students. The Fallon Chapter traditions include the Mystery Bus Ride, culminating in a dinner at the end of an unknown trail; a “Step-N-Out” package, featuring a trip to Reno for dinner and a show; and the Athletic Rooter Bus to Wolf Pack men’s football, basketball and baseball games and to women’s softball, basketball and volleyball games. The Chapter takes most pride in its scholarship program, which awards four $1,000 scholarships a year to qualifying students. To date, nearly 100 have been awarded.
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Veterinary Medical Association’s Teaching Excellence Award and the North American Outstanding Teacher Award from the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges.

Frank Y. Jackson ’70 (political science) was recently nominated by Governor Schwarzenegger and confirmed as an associate justice of the Second District Court of Appeal, Los Angeles. He was sworn in to his new position by Chief Justice Ronald M. George of the California Supreme Court.

Jarrett Griffin ’72 (history) recently retired after 34 years at the University of California, Davis, most recently as senior adviser for undergraduate admissions. Jarrett and his wife, Tandy, have relocated to Leavenworth, Wash., where they are active in the community and enjoy backpacking, skiing, hunting, cycling and sailing their boat, Morning Mist, around the Pacific Northwest with their two golden retrievers, Fiona and Ailan.

Jared Chaney ’75 (journalism) has been named executive vice president of corporate communications and advertising at Medical Mutual of Ohio. Jared is chief adviser to the company regarding internal and external communication.

Michael Martino ’80 (social services corrections) has been selected for induction into the Latino Hall of Fame at this year’s Adelante Awards. Mike is a longtime advocate for Hispanic youth. He is being recognized for his work as a community outreach program manager for the Juvenile Services Department and as a member of the board of directors of Nevada Hispanic Services.

Kevin Paff ’81 (renewable natural resources) was recently selected as the senior natural resources program manager for the northwestern division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In this position, Kevin oversees the recreation and environmental stewardship programs at over 78 lakes in 12 states. Kevin and his wife, Shanna, reside in Vancouver, Wash. with their daughter, Denae, and son, Austin.

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Jeffrey Pepple ’82 (managerial sciences) was appointed general manager of Spa Resort Casino in Palm Springs. Jeffrey first joined the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians as director of finance at Spa Resort Casino in 1999.

Robin Joyce ’83 (journalism), ’04M.A. (journalism) has been named chair of the new dean’s council for the Reynolds School of Journalism. The council will serve as a working group of professionals to assist Dean Jerry Ceppos and to promote the school’s mission and programs. Robin is president of Joyce & Associates, a public relations and political consultation company based in Las Vegas, and is finishing a second master’s degree in Christian leadership at Hope International University. He also serves as a part-time pastor at Canyon Ridge Christian Church in Las Vegas.

Cindy (Zeng) Ferrell ’88 (biochemistry), ’92M.D. has been named the pediatric residency program director at Oregon Health and Science University. The pediatric program has 39 residents and two chief residents. Cindy received her master’s in education from the University of Southern California in 2003 and has interests in curriculum development and competency-based medical education. She continues as a pediatrician and attending physician at Doernbecher Children’s Hospital.

Mike Dini ’91 (journalism) recently became advertising and public relations manager for Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort in Mount Pleasant, Mich. and Saganing Eagles Landing Casino in Standish, Mich., both enterprises of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

Timothy Shields ’91 (accounting/computer information systems) has accepted a tenure track from Chapman University, where he will have appointment with Agyros School of Business and Economics. Timothy and his family now reside in Orange, Calif.

Paige Coatney ’92 (social psychology) is employed as a protective service worker in San Diego County in child welfare services and was recently transferred to the teen unit to help prepare foster youth for emancipation. She has been happily married to Shawna Marie Livingston since 1998.

Kevin Dunn ’94 (health science/premedical) has finished his residency and now lives...
in Las Vegas. Kevin and his wife, Cassandra, are both general surgeons. They recently celebrated the birth of their second child, Grace, who joins big brother Logan.

Thomas Lowder ’97 (physical education) was awarded a two-year grant from the National Institutes of Health to study the role of exercise on regulatory T cells in asthma. Thomas is a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Kristie (Alexander) Howlett ’98 (nursing) has received a master’s of science from the University of California, San Francisco. Kristie majored in nursing with a focus in oncology. She has accepted a position as a clinical nurse specialist for cancer services at Sutter Roseville Medical Center in Roseville, Calif.

Timothy Garcia-Jay ’98 (environmental policy analysis) has joined Urology Nevada Ltd. as chief executive officer. Timothy will be charged with both the northern and southern offices.

Daniel Rushin ’98 (accounting) has been promoted to senior manager for the Certified Public Accounting Firm of Kafoury, Armstrong & Co. Daniel will be responsible for the planning and execution of financial statement audits and federal compliance audits.

’01s

Jerri (Williams) Conrad ’01 (journalism) was appointed to the board of directors for the Nevada Humane Society of Reno. Jerri holds an MBA from the University of Phoenix.

Julie (Tholl) DeJan ’01 (general studies) has been named executive director for the Angel Kiss Foundation, a local nonprofit organization benefiting families battling pediatric cancer.

Liane Lee ’01 (criminal justice) works as a legislative officer for the city of Las Vegas in the Government and Community Affairs Department. She is responsible for lobbying on behalf of the city on local, state and federal issues.

Josh D. Luke ’03Ph.D. (educational leadership) was named chief executive officer of Western Medical Center Anaheim, a 188-bed acute hospital in Anaheim, Calif.

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’08s

Lauren Basic ’08 (general studies) was named Big Sister of the Year for the community-based mentoring program, Big Brothers, Big Sisters. Lauren was matched with Little Brother, Jacob, 8, while she was a student at the University.

Ananda O’Brien ’08 (journalism) has been named assistant account executive at MassMedia Corporate Communications. She will be responsible for creating press materials, handling media relations, planning events and coordinating social media plans.

Amy Stechman ’08 (accounting) has been hired as staff accountant for the Certified Public Accounting Firm of Kafoury, Armstrong & Co. In her new role, Amy will perform financial statement and compliance audits, as well as individual federal income tax returns.

Wolf mates

Aqueelah (Thompson) LaGrone ’03 (psychology) and Carl LaGrone, Jr. ’04 (liberal arts) were married June 6 at Mackay Stadium, the first-ever wedding hosted in the facility. Aqueelah is an academic adviser at the University, and Carl teaches within the Washoe County School District. They met as undergraduate student-athletes at Nevada; Aqueelah was a member of the women’s basketball team, while Carl was a member of the football team. Together they share a blessing in their two-and-a-half year old son, Carl LaGrone III.

Erik York ’96 (management) and Kate (Senfield) York ’05 (accounting) were married at the Plantation Golf Course in Maui, Hawaii on May 13. Erik runs a family business and Kate is a CPA at Solari and Sturmer, LLC. The couple resides in Reno.

Homecoming Bonfire 2008

Friday, October 17th at the North Parking Lot at UNR
It kicks off at 6pm! Be there and get fired up for Homecoming!
Kellie (Creekmore) Guild '92 (business education) and David Guild would like to announce the birth of their son, William Robert, on March 6. He joins big brother, Matthew, 3.

Sheila (Genio) Looney '92 (accounting/computer information systems) and Mark Looney '94 (electrical engineering), '95M.S. (electrical engineering) would like to announce the birth of their son, Cayden Daniel, on Dec. 14, 2007. Cayden joins big sister, Gabrielle, 10, and brother, Brandon, 7.

Karena (Nygren) Zevely '93 (interior design) and James Zevely are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Lynnea Marie on May 23.

Daniele (Woodward) Espinosa '96 (psychology), '05M.A. (literacy) and Shawn Espinosa '95 (conservation biology) are proud to announce the birth of their second son, Noah Raymond, born Nov. 12.

Stephanie (Clemo) Hanna '96 (journalism) and John Hanna '96 (computer information systems) are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Collin Royce, born July 2.

Joell (Stiner) Key '96 (criminal justice) and Jimmy Key would like to announce the birth of their son, and future University of Nevada, Reno golf team member, Jackson Robert on Nov. 21, 2007.

Monette (Romero) Greer '97 (chemical engineering) and Brian Greer '97 (mechanical engineering), '99M.S. (mechanical engineering) are pleased to announce the birth of Jordan Pierce on March 31. He is also welcomed by big brother, Tyler.

Janelle (Silva) Heinrich '97 (health education) and Scott Heinrich would like to announce the birth of their son Andrew Scott on Jan. 29. He joins big brother Jacob, 3.

Lauren Sankovich '98 (accounting) and James Bashista are proud to announce the arrival of Jake Steven on June 3. Jake and the family are home and loving every minute together.

Cheryl (Foster) Roth '00 (biology) and Eric Roth would like to announce the birth of their son Aidan Marcell on Jan. 7, 2007.

Erin (Omohundra) Farber '01 (journalism) and Nick Farber '02 (criminal justice) announce the birth of their son, William Joseph on April 25.

Susie (Fleming) Garaventa '01 (Human Development and Family Studies) and Ryan Garaventa are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Dominic Joseph on April 29.

Amy McFarland '02 (health ecology), '04M.A. (public health) and Patrick McFarland '97 (journalism) are happy to announce the birth of Sean Patrick, born June 18. He joins big sister, Kaylee, 2.

Jennifer (Richards) Mitchell '02 (elementary education) and Timothy Mitchell are pleased to announce the birth of their first child Barry Michael, born on Feb. 22.

Mui (Ngu) Condon '02 (French) and Patrick Condon announce the birth of their son, Charles Say on March 21.

Lou Wright '03 (criminal justice) and Amy (Meek) Wright '03 (nursing) are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Avery Elizabeth on April 9.

Jason Jarrett '05 (computer science) and Carrie Thorpe are pleased to introduce Kalea JC born Aug. 2, 2007.
Goetz’s remarkable career stems from a Nevada education

Jack Goetz ’43 (electrical engineering) will argue that there is nothing glamorous about engineering, but if his life has lacked anything it is ennui.

Goetz has seen many things change. When he graduated at the end of 1942 with a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering, there were only 856 students at the University. Today there are close to 17,000.

Now he participates in volunteer work with the University engineering program and, even though he is turning 90 this December, he is still an active member of the Nevada Alumni Association.

Following his graduation, he was recruited by the NACA Ames Aeronautical Laboratory at Moffett Field, Calif., where he worked for several years as an assistant electrical engineer with free flight and wind tunnel programs meant to qualify military aircraft for handling properties prior to acceptance for service use. “After a few years of that, I moved back East to get into the electronics industry,” Goetz says.

In 1949, Goetz accepted an offer to work with the IBM Electronics Laboratory at Poughkeepsie, N.Y., where his experience with electron tube development and manufacture fitted in with that firm’s interest at the time in developing large scale electronic computers. Goetz became a senior electrical engineer and manager with IBM and had continued involvement in the procurement of computer-reliable components and devices able to operate in various environments, including space. In this latter capacity he participated in several NASA programs, including Gemini and Apollo computer applications.

During this period, Goetz was able to meet with several prominent figures in the NASA space programs such as Wernher von Braun and other rocket physicists and astronauts engineers.

“That’s the interesting thing about engineering,” Goetz says. “You never know who you will meet around the next corner.”

During his work at IBM, Goetz and his wife, Dorothy, had four children. They also have five grandchildren. He finally retired from “Big Blue” after 30 years, and spent five more working for the IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) Standards organization in Manhattan, before again retiring to return to the West. While with the IEEE, Goetz represented the United States on several technical committees of the IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission) at overseas meetings. “The IEEE really took me into world travel,” Goetz says.

“We chose Reno to go back to because we thought it was a good place to live,” he says. Goetz had remained in contact with the University over the years, and he was interested in helping students, especially those in engineering studies, from his experience. He has also remained active in University Club and Alumni Association scholarship endeavors. When not participating in these events, he still finds time for a hobby he has had for almost a lifetime: ham radio.

—Josh Culpepper, Class of ’09 (English and French) is an intern with Nevada Silver & Blue.
Chapter Updates

Alumni Band
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The Alumni Band invites all members—anyone who marched at least one semester for the Wolf Pack Marching Band—to join us at Homecoming this year. This will be the 11th gathering of the Alumni Band. For more information about the group, Homecoming events, our monthly newsletter, scholarship opportunities or to update your information, please contact us via email. To learn how you can help the current University band, visit www.savenvband.org.

COBAAA
Russ Gardner ’90, ’96, rgardner@nevadacpa.org
The College of Business Administration Alumni Association would like to thank the following companies for sponsoring the 17th Annual College of Business Administration Alumni Association Golf Tournament: Irwin Union Bank, FSB; Muckle Anderson CPAs; Wells Fargo Bank; US Bank; International Game Technology; Grant Thornton; Intraform and AIG Sun America. Thanks to these great sponsors, this year’s tournament was an enormous success!

COBAAA would also like to congratulate the following distinguished alumni for their achievements: Jan (Pritchard) Brady ’88M.B.A., Bernard Kwok ’84, J. Caesar Ibarra ’00, David LaPlante ’88M.B.A., Bernard Kwok ’84, J. Caesar Ibarra ’00, David LaPlante

Fallon Alumni Chapter
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The Fallon Alumni Chapter was just named the first-ever Outstanding Chapter of the Year! What an honor! We will accept this award at the Homecoming Gala on Oct 15. The Fallon alumni will also participate in Homecoming, our plans have not been determined as of this writing.
The chapter recently awarded four $1,000 scholarships for the 2008-09 school year. Congratulations to our recipients!

On Aug. 10, the Second Annual UNR Alumni Summer BBQ and Fundraiser was held at the Norm Frey Ranch in Fallon. On Aug. 30, a Fallon football rooter bus headed to the season opener, Nevada vs. Grambling. Our Winterfest Dinner and Fundraiser will be on March 28, 2009. Please save the date.

For additional information regarding upcoming events, visit www.unr.edu/alumni/connect and select the Fallon Chapter. Please bookmark the site for future reference.

Football Alumni Chapter
Jim Farley ’99, jfarley47@verizon.net
The Nevada Football Alumni Chapter held its annual golf tournament May 30 at Lakeridge-Golf Course. More than 120 former players, coaches and football supporters played in the tournament. A special thanks to our hole sponsors, players and contributors for another successful tournament. Upcoming alumni events include home football BBQs and a tailgate at the Nevada vs. UNLV game. If football alumni are interested in joining the chapter, please email Jim Farley.

Friends & Alumni of CABNR
Susan Casey ’02, scasey@cabnr.unr.edu
When you think of wine country, chances are you think of Napa, Tuscany... and perhaps soon, northern Nevada. To that end, the friends and alumni of the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources came out to support the college’s 2008 Wine Tasting and Raffle June 11 at the college’s Valley Road Experimental Vineyard and Winery. About 150 attendees tasted wines from six tables, some of which included vertical tastings (comparing wines from year to year) and comparisons of wines from well-watered and drought-stressed grapes.

Visitors toured the vineyard and asked questions of Grant Cramer, professor of biochemistry and molecular biology. They also enjoyed appetizers and a raffle, with prizes such as gift certificates to Wolf Pack Meats, a private tour and tasting at Ferrari-Carano Winery, trips, wine starter kits and micro-vineyards.

Proceeds from the event benefited the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology’s wine and grape research and the college’s Student Travel Award, which makes funds available for CABNR students to travel to professional meetings and competitions.

Mackay Alumni Chapter
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The Mackay Alumni Chapter has just finished its inaugural year, which included a week-long celebration of Mackay’s Centennial, beginning with the return of Mackay Town and culminating at the Centennial Gala. Over the summer, we regrouped and geared up for a membership drive this fall. We are also planning our next social event, which will occur sometime around Homecoming. Keep in touch by contacting mackayalumni@unr.edu for more information. If you are interested in joining our chapter, please visit www.unr.edu/alumni/connect and select the Mackay Alumni Chapter. Congratulations to our newest Mackay Alumni Chapter members, the graduates of the Class of 2008! Welcome!
Native American Alumni Chapter

Sherry Rupert ’05, srupert@nic.nv.gov

The Native American Alumni Chapter is excited for the new 2008-09 planning year. Due to numerous demands, another Mystery Bus trip will be held Oct. 4, sponsored by Native alumni Frank and Sandra Joe. Everyone is welcome! It’s sure to be even better than the last trip. The chapter is also hosting a Homecoming tailgate on Oct. 18, thanks in part to Native alums Sherry and Ben Rupert. A new event the chapter is tentatively organizing is a youth basketball tournament on Thanksgiving weekend. Proceeds from the tournament will assist the chapter in providing scholarships, events and outreach to Native communities. The chapter is appreciative of any assistance (i.e. donations and volunteer help) for the tournament.

The chapter would like to give special thanks to those alumni who have been able to sponsor events. Without their sponsorships, these events would not have possible. If you would like to become more involved or receive upcoming event information, please contact Sherry Rupert at (775) 687-8333 or srupert@nic.nv.gov, or visit www.unr.edu/alumni/observe.

Sacramento Alumni Chapter

Bill Chaffin ’66, chaffin@larsenchaffin.com

On July 17, we celebrated the 12th anniversary of our chapter with a buffet at the Zinfandel Grille. Our guest speaker was Eli Reilly, newly elected ASUN president and a Sigma Nu. Not surprisingly, we had a large turnout of Sigma Nus for Brother Eli. Joe Bell, past ASUN president and a Nevada County lawyer, did the honor of introducing Eli.

Kyle Ramos completed his term as chapter president, and his successor was announced as Bill Chaffin (the only candidate).

Many thanks to Nevada alumni Pam Miller and her UNLV husband, Scott, for hosting a wine tasting featuring their El Dorado County vintage Single Leaf wines.

We meet for lunch the second Tuesday of each month. Email Bill Chaffin for time and place.

University Club

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The University Club held their annual picnic July 16. Former chapter president, Dave Reynolds, once again graciously opened his home for this event. More than 100 attendees enjoyed great food, fun and friends, as well as poolside entertainment by the Silver Dollar Chorus. During the event, the chapter took the opportunity to renew memberships and raise money for their scholarship fund. The University Club is planning a pre-game party before the Nevada vs. New Mexico football game on Oct. 11 and a Holiday Brunch on December 3 at the Arlington Gardens Country Restaurant.

University of Nevada School of Medicine Chapter—UNSOM

Dr. Louis Bonaldi ’75, ’77, labonaldimd@aol.com

Are you interested in reconnecting with the School of Medicine and your classmates? We welcome all alumni of the School of Medicine to join the newly reestablished UNSOM Alumni Chapter. The chapter hopes to create connections between UNSOM alumni, current medical students, faculty and the community. Please visit http://www.medicine.nevada.edu/alumni/alumniassoc.asp to become a member and to update your contact information.

If you have any questions about the School of Medicine, the alumni chapter or are interested in getting involved in chapter leadership, please contact Christina Sarman, assistant director of development and alumni relations at christinas@unr.edu or 775-784-6009.

USAC

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USAC alumni have been very active this summer! Coordinating with the USAC office on campus, our alumni have been meeting with 22 visiting Basque, Spanish and Costa Rican scholars and professors to practice their Spanish and help the visitors with their language skills. Our alumni have attended many events to get to know them, including barbecues and visits to nearby tourist locations like the Nevada Art Museum and Fleischmann Planetarium. We have enjoyed continuing our commitment to learning about new cultures and forming international connections.

Young Alumni Chapter

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In June, the Young Alumni Chapter honored those who first started our chapter at Old Timers Night, an annual event that brings together current and former members. Then we rocked out with Sal’s Jibe in August, when we co-sponsored a Pack Picnic on the Quad. Homecoming events will keep us busy in October, as we participate in Pack the Wal’ on the eve of Homecoming, an event where old friends can relive their glory days at Nevada. The Homecoming Gala on Oct. 15 will also be a special day for us as we congratulate our past president and Outstanding Young Alumni—Seeima Donohoe. Our annual Mystery Bus Dinner in November will be an event you won’t want to miss—friends, food and suspense—all the makings of an incredible night! For more information on our upcoming events, or on how to get more involved in our chapter, contact Stephani Foust or visit www.unr.edu/alumni/yac.
Ali McLanahan sits extra still while getting her face painted by Cuddles the clown. Her parents are Laurie (McNulty) ‘86 (accounting) and Steve McLanahan. David Danna-Douglas. Jean Neddenriep ‘89 (general studies) and Marie Edwards ‘58 (education). Theresa (Sloan) Ibarra ‘99 (education), ’04M.A. (education) and her sister Debra (Sloan) Cuddy ‘99 (education), ’05M.A. (education) and their kids enjoy the picnic. Kristy (Erickson) Middleton ‘00 (health education) and her daughter Lexi. Chris Irvine with Christy Lew ‘00 (nutrition and biology), Jennie (Lew) Mercer ‘02 (nutrition) and Winston the dog. Crespin ‘98 (Spanish) and Danielle (Van Foeken) Esquivel ‘98 (French) and their sons. Troy and Stephanie (Beck) Herrera ‘96 (journalism), Fred and Ericka ‘94 (pre-physical therapy) Williams. BACK ROW: Christopher Robb Riddell ‘00 (speech communications) Mike ‘02 (criminal justice) and Katie (Erickson) Keating ‘97 with their kids Michael, Matthew, Joseph and Gracie.
Making history in Nevada. One graduate at a time.

The Mack family has quite a history with the University of Nevada. From Judge Charles Mack who helped contribute to the building of the University to renowned historian Effie Mona Mack, this is one family that has had a major impact on Nevada’s heritage. As they look to the future, they are hopeful that the long tradition of having a Mack family member attend the University of Nevada will continue. With several sons and daughters approaching their college years, it’s only a matter of time before that rich family history – like the Mack family tree itself – grows even more.
How many University of Nevada, Reno alumni make up your family tree? Let us know, and you could all be featured in the next issue of Nevada Silver & Blue. For details, visit www.unr.edu/alumni or call 888.NV ALUMS.
**Remembering Friends**

**Betty (Howell) Woodburn ’36** (psychology) died on June 29, 2008 with her three daughters by her side. Born in Reno, Betty’s family was truly one of the great pioneer families who settled in the Truckee Meadows. Her grandfather, James W. Haines, was one of the signers of the Constitution for the state of Nevada in 1864. Betty attended the University of Nevada and was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority.

After graduating from the University, Betty married William Woodburn in 1938. Betty loved playing golf as a member of the Hidden Valley Country Club and was a recipient of the "Hole In One" Award. She and her bridge buddies never missed their weekly game.

Betty was a wonderful and caring mother with a fabulous sense of humor. She was truly the original “Energizer Bunny”! Over the last five years, she survived a heart attack, a broken hip and several small strokes. But she was never ready to give up and she always insisted on taking trips, which she did thanks to her daughters. The day before she passed she had her hair done and took a drive to Virginia City!

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, William Woodburn, brothers, Eugene, Jack and Haines. She is survived by her daughters, Patricia, Mary Liz (Ross), Sarah (Gerry); grandchildren, Mark (Liz), Chris, Lance, Erica (Newt), and Ryan; and five great-grandchildren, Cody, Connor, Lexi, Newton and Hope, as well as several nieces and nephews.

A special thanks to Ida Jacobs and Heidi Elswick (her caregivers) for taking such good care of her and Noe Martinez, who made her home and garden so beautiful!

**Lt. Col. (ret) Allan C. McGill ’41** (journalism) died July 17, 2008 at Anne Arundel Medical Center, Annapolis, MD. He was 90.

McGill was the son of the late Neil and Ozella McGill and grandson of W. N. McGill, prominent Nevada rancher, livestock owner and business executive from Ely. The town of McGill was built on the site of the grandfather’s home ranch.

“Mac” McGill was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army in 1942. During WWII, he served in the Pacific campaign with the 19th Regiment of the 24th Infantry Division. He was awarded the Combat Infantryman’s Badge and Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster. Upon leaving the Army, he returned to Reno and served as a reporter for the Reno Evening Gazette covering the Nevada state legislature.

In 1950 he was recalled to active military duty and was assigned to the Public Affairs office in Seoul, Korea, and then on to the Information Office of the Far East Command, Tokyo, Japan. He continued his military career serving as an instructor at the Army Information School at Ft. Slocum, N.Y. One of his greatest challenges was serving as information officer for Berlin Command, Berlin, Germany. He concluded his military career at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, retiring in 1966.

Following his retirement from active duty he pursued a career in the Civil Service, retiring in 1983.

McGill is survived by his sons, Allan C. II and David, his wife Sally, sister Kathleen, and grandchildren Russell, Erin, Conor and Nicole.

In lieu of flowers the family requests any donations be made to the Allan C. McGill Memorial Scholarship Fund through the University of Nevada. Donations should be sent to the following address: Allan C. McGill Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Kristin Burgarello, Reynolds School of Journalism / MS 310, Reno, NV 89557.

**Gordon Candee Mills ’46** (chemistry) died Jan. 24, 2008 at Fleet Landing, Atlantic Beach, Fl. Gordon was born in Fallon, February 13, 1924. Two days after graduating from high school in June of 1941, at the age of 17, he was injured in a farming accident; the accident resulted in paralysis from the knees down. After a long re-cooperation, he was ultimately able to walk with braces. In the fall of 1942, he enrolled at the University. In 1946, he met Mary Jane Medlin and they married in 1947. He continued his education at the University of Michigan where he obtained his doctorate in biochemistry.

In 1950, the couple moved to Memphis, Tenn. where Gordon was a research associate in the biochemistry department at the University of Tennessee Medical School. In 1955, he accepted a position at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, where he taught medical and graduate school until he retired in 1989. During his tenure he attained the position of full professor within the Department of Human Biological Chemistry and Genetics.

During Gordon’s career he authored over 65 articles on biochemistry. In 1957, he authored a paper on glutathione peroxidase, an enzyme, and was later credited with the discovery of it, having written at least five articles on it before anyone else. He was a member of numerous scientific societies and served as president of the Sigma Xi Chapter at University of Texas.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Mary Jane Mills, and is survived by two sons, David (Julia) and John, a daughter, Melinda (John), four grandchildren, Jack, Kyle, Markena and Lauren and a great-granddaughter, Kabel.

**Frank H. Delaplane ’63** (journalism), a former newspaper executive who served as managing editor of the Nevada State Journal and the Reno Evening Gazette, died Aug. 4, 2008 at the age of 79. Frank, who was the younger brother of former San Francisco Chronicle columnist Stanton Delaplane, was a reporter in San Francisco and Reno and then became managing editor of the Reno papers. He later served as news editor for the Gannett News Service in Washington.

Frank was born in 1929 in Appleton, Wis., and served in the U.S. Navy from 1946 to 1950. He then majored in journalism at the University of Nevada, Reno, working his way through college as a pit boss in casinos.

After graduation, Frank worked as a reporter for the San Francisco Chronicle, and then moved to Reno in 1957 to work on newspapers there. “He was an instinctive investigative reporter,” said Warren Lerude, a Nevada journalism professor who hired Frank as a reporter when he was managing editor of the Reno Evening Gazette.

“Some people are good reporters, and some are good writers. He was both,” Lerude said. Frank so impressed his editors that they promoted him to management and he became managing editor for both papers.


He is survived by his wife, Gaye, and a son, Franklin, both of Reno.

**Betty Jo (Ange) Manhart ’64 M.S.** (fashion merchandising) died February 29, 2008 from cancer. Betty Jo was born October 2, 1929 in Orlando, Fla., daughter of Joseph and Gertrude Elizabeth Ange. When Betty Jo was only six months the family moved to Albuquerque, N.M., where she lived until she married Robert A. Manhart on July 2, 1949. She received her undergraduate degree in home economics from the University of Arizona, Tucson in 1957 and later obtained her master’s of science from the University of Nevada, Reno. In 1974 she went on to obtain her doctorate in Home Economics Curriculum and Instruction from the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque.

Betty and Bob moved to Reno, Nev. in 1961 and lived there until Bob retired from the University in 1986 as a professor of electrical engineering. Betty Jo was head of the home economics department at Clayton Junior High School.
David A. Cooper ’68 (journalism) died June 18, 2008, at City of Hope in Los Angeles County at age 69. David had the courage to fight tough battles. On Sept. 25, 1957, he was one of two dozen paratroopers of the famed 101st Airborne Division who escorted the nine, frightened black teenagers up the front steps of Central High School in Little Rock, Ark. Following military service, David enrolled at the University of Nevada, Reno where he continued his fight against discrimination. In 1963, as a senator from the student union board, David helped pass Assembly Bill 338 that prohibited discrimination in all public and private establishments for public use.

David held a bachelor’s in journalism from the University of Nevada, Reno and a master’s in journalism from the University of Southern California. Following graduation, he was news director/anchor for KTNV-TV in Las Vegas. Later, he founded and led Cooper Burch and Howe, an award-winning firm in Nevada for more than 10 years. His agency began the boom for the Palace Stations and ran campaigns for numerous elected political officials.

David also served as a member of the U.S. Senate staff for the Senate Committee in Washington D.C., where he specialized in investigative and legislative activities related to urban transportation, court reform and housing needs for citizens in the district. Later, he worked in radio in Nev., and Washington D.C., he was a congressional correspondent for National Public Radio on “All Things Considered,” and filmed a pilot show titled “That’s My Baby” for Animal Planet. In 1983, David moved to Los Angeles and, inspired by his love of movies, established Aries Productions. In 1984 he worked for passage of the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact.

In the latter part of his life he took his love of advertising and became a professor at California State University, Fullerton; Otis College of Communications and Pepperdine University in California.

David is survived by his wife, travel companion and best friend, Bonny; his sons, David Cooper Jr. and Justin Cooper, whom he admired; his beloved daughter, Marceline Cooper Ayres; son-in-law, Andrew Ayres, and granddaughters, Adelaide and Eliza Ayres. David also leaves behind his two pugs, Pearl and Duke, cases of unread books and films that he will miss seeing.

On behalf of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation we are thrilled to announce the charter members of the Nevada Legacy Society

The Nevada Legacy Society at the University of Nevada, Reno honors a special group of individuals who are partners in planning for the future. By designating Nevada as a recipient of deferred gifts through their financial and estate plans, these thoughtful friends are helping to build our Endowment and provide a never-ending source of support so that the University can continue to increase student success.

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In recognition of their vision and generosity, Legacy Society members are guests of honor at an annual Nevada Legacy Society event, receive invitations to other key university events, receive a copy of our Nevada Legacy Planner newsletter featuring the stories and generosity of our Legacy Society members as well as helpful information on charitable gift planning, and are listed in our annual Honor Roll of Donors publication (unless anonymity is requested).

To learn more about options for planned giving and how you might become a member of the Nevada Legacy Society, contact Lisa Riley or Bob Eggleston at (775)784-1352 or e-mail us at plannedgiving@unr.edu. All inquiries are strictly confidential.
Looking back sixty years

The autumn of 1948 was an exotic time for one freshman from Pioche, recently graduated from the Lincoln County High School. He came to the big city of Reno (population about 30,000) with keen anticipation.

Our class was greeted with a welcome called “Hello on the Hill,” a dazzling sequence of orientations and invitations from deans and social groups.

In those days, it was a privilege, not a normal expectation, for a young man to go to college. It was assumed that young women could do so, but career opportunities were very limited. The process was expensive—the anticipated cost was about $1,000 per year. Fortunately the student from Pioche had a generous scholarship that covered most expenses. Even in “The Biggest Little City in the World,” a frugal student could get by on about $100 per month.

Lincoln Hall, built in the 1890s, was the most economical place to live for a freshman. But it was crowded as never before. Veterans from World War II had returned in droves, using their GI Bill benefits that a grateful and generous government had provided in appreciation of their services.

The boy from Pioche found himself in a third-floor room (intended for two men) with two seasoned veterans of the recent war. Wonderful young men, recently returned from the work of the Greatest Generation, they were ready for a good time as they studied. The newcomer studied and heard vicariously about his roommates’ experiences.

In 1948-49, there was one place to eat on the campus. It was known formally as the Manzanita Dining Hall, which had been there for generations. There was always one menu, served from behind a counter, by a woman and a chef, who saw that we all got fair shares. We were probably still in the shadows of the Great Depression and the Great War. The quantity of food was generous enough, but not like mother’s. We called it the Gow House, which did not please Nellie, the manager.

We went to classes in Morrill Hall (philosophy), Stewart Hall (political science), and in the army surplus Quonset huts down in the hollow where Scrugham Engineering now stands. That was the English Department’s turf. Freshmen crowded into those khaki-colored, metal barracks to hear some of the finest lectures ever given on the wonders of literature and language. (And the professors did not even have PowerPoint or recordings or DVDs.)

Faculty offices were usually at a desk in the classrooms, often tiny monk-cells, but sometimes in the older buildings with rotating bookcases that would hold esoteric volumes. Two of these can still be seen in the Prupas Family Study in Morrill Hall.

There were other places of wonder on the campus. The Clark Library—a three-minute walk from Lincoln Hall—had an amazing reading room endowed with high windows and well-stocked bookshelves. The portraits of past presidents of the University graced the walls, hanging between the windows like the images of saints in a cathedral. (These portraits now reside in the Walter Van Tilburg Clark room in Morrill Hall, a smaller but more intimate venue.)

In that reading room, one could find volumes that demanded hours of concentration. There was no way to Google or Yahoo the subject you wanted. In those dark ages before laptops or internet or photocopy machines or downloads or whatever, it was pencil-on-paper when a good idea appeared in some book. But our essays still got written.

The president’s home was on the campus, located near Morrill Hall at about the point of the western entrance to the Sara Hamilton Fleischmann Building. President John O. Mosley, a distinguished-looking southern gentleman with a gracious wife, had some freshmen in for afternoon tea, a few at a time. It was not completely comfortable on our part, but it was a good learning experience.

Then there was Friday night. We could relax. If you wanted a date with a girl in Manzanita or Artemisia Halls, you had to call well in advance, and think of a place to have a Coke and sandwich. Few of us had cars, so it had to be within walking distance. But all the movie
houses were nearby downtown. And there was a strict rule that she had to be back in her dorm by 10 p.m., or both of you were in BIG TROUBLE.

On Sunday, the Gow House was closed because Nellie needed a night off. On those evenings a covey of freshmen and sophomores would trek downtown to the Wine House on Commercial Row, a charming old eatery near the railroad station managed by the Fracovich family. It was possible to have a beer, and nobody knew. We never invited the girls there, at least as far as I knew.

Sometime in that era, I don’t remember exactly when, Hollywood sent a couple of movie crews to the campus to film movies about what the idyllic campus life was like in rural America. Some students made a few bucks as extras in films.

In that time of blessed memory, television had not yet reached Reno. It first became available here in about 1952.

There was football! Nevada was already building a formidable national reputation when the 1948 freshmen arrived. The Wolf Pack anticipated an invitation to a bowl game because its passing team was one of the best in the nation. Coach Joe Sheeketski was a hero in Reno. Boosters pledged much money to pay room and board expenses of the team on the campus.

Then, partway through the season, disaster struck. The Nevada eleven lost a game to St. Mary’s they were supposed to win, presumably because a fierce windstorm ruined the Pack’s passing game. Rumors spread in the national press that the Reno team had been tainted by gamblers’ money, and the boosters subsequently failed to honor their pledge of support money for the team.

The president and controller were also fired late in the year in the midst of a scrap in the legislature in Carson City. It was an eventful year in terms of University politics, but most of these events passed over the heads of us students, who were preoccupied with other things. Turmoil in academia is like a passing thunderstorm, getting little attention from the youngsters who are well sheltered, but roiling the faculty and much of the public.

On the lighter side, we had the Wolves Frolic. This was a lively variety show, produced with student talent, usually on the stage of the State Building in downtown Reno. (The University campus did not have an auditorium capable of handling such overflow crowds.) The acts were noisy and naughty, but they gave only the faintest suggestion of what was to be offered ahead on the stages of Nevada and the nation. Those of us who were well sheltered, but roiling the faculty and much of the public.

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We have focused here on a couple of semesters in the 120-year lifespan of Nevada’s first institution of higher learning. Located first in Elko in 1874, the University Preparatory School moved to Reno in 1886, beginning its collegiate work a year or so later. If we look backward from the autumn of 2008 to 1888, we might reflect that 1948-49 was the halfway point in our institutional history, so far.

The freshmen of 1948 did not know it, but they were being launched not only into new careers but also into a new half-century of the American experience. Before we graduated, our country was deeply involved in a Cold War that had turned hot in Korea. Nuclear testing had begun in Nevada and was expanding elsewhere. New racial tensions and a long-overdue civil rights movement were underway. A technological revolution of unprecedented dimensions was ahead of us. We approached the future with optimism and most of us prospered.

Cheers and good luck to the incoming students in the fall of 2008.

Jim Hulse, native Nevadan and emeritus professor of history, is internationally renowned for his outstanding teaching and wide-ranging intellectual pursuits. He earned a bachelor’s in journalism in 1952 and a master’s in history in 1958, both from Nevada. From 1954 through 1958, he worked for the Nevada State Journal, leaving to attend Stanford University, where he earned a doctorate in history in 1962. He returned to Nevada, beginning as an assistant professor of history, and ultimately being promoted to full professor. The Board of Regents named him the University’s Outstanding Faculty Member in 1993. In 1997, he retired following 35 years of service. Hulse is the past holder of the Grace Griffen Chair in history. He has authored six books.
What I’ve Done With My Life  
By Frank Randall ’56

After graduation from Nevada, Frank Randall ’56 (business administration) worked at Dean Witter & Co. in Reno from 1956 to 1959, before moving to Southern California. Frank has worked as a bank director and as director of an international medical corporation. He is retired from the U.S. Naval Reserve as lieutenant commander. Frank first came to Nevada as a teenager, working odd jobs at Lake Tahoe during summer vacations. He was named University Alumnus of the Year in 2005.

What role did the University have in the choices you have made in your life?

The education I received at the University enabled me to get my start in business and as a stockbroker. That business required interest in virtually everything that is happening anywhere in the world at all times. That interest has carried on and I find it difficult to ignore current events in business and politics that others might not find relevant, even though I am not as personally involved anymore.

My hope is that the Knowledge Center will provide the facility for research for students in all the disciplines offered at Nevada. It is certainly well named and will be a true storehouse of knowledge for decades of students to come.

What have you done that you are most proud of?

I will answer that after stating that what I am most proud of is my family.

My wife, Joan, is someone who has introduced me to so many sides of the arts, literature and philosophy that I had not thought much about before, being previously more interested in Wall Street and real estate.

My children are both something to be proud of when I think of their accomplishments. My son is highly regarded among his fellow faculty where he teaches. My daughter is well on her way to becoming a successful artist and she and her partner are involved in rehabilitation of the historic district of the small Midwestern town where they live. I can’t leave out my grandchildren, who are all receiving top grades at school and are interested in extracurricular activities.

I am also proud of the building complexes I built that employ many hundreds, and which I have since sold. I am proud to be involved in many land conservation organizations and hope someday to do something big in that field. I was able to provide the impetus for saving some of the undeveloped land in my hometown, South Pasadena, Calif. while serving as a city councilman. Finally, my ability to give financial help in the fight against animal exploitation has also been most gratifying.

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

My advice to graduates is to be very selective in where they work and in what industry they choose. If they have the time and opportunity to intern before graduation, they should do so. If they find something that they are very attracted to, the initial salary and location should not be the determining factors.

Frank Randall stands proudly in front of the Randall Rotunda at the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center opening reception on Aug. 7.