Dear Nevada Alumni,

The Nevada Alumni Council held its first Board meeting Feb. 2. As I reported to you in my last letter, one of our goals is to continue and expand on our strengths and find new ways to serve alumni. In doing so, it was determined to continue our focus on Membership & Marketing, Community Outreach, Student Involvement and refocus on our Chapters & Clubs.

Additionally, the Council kicked off this year with ALUMNIGHT event at the Joe Crowley Student Union on Feb. 1. It was wonderful to have so many alumni come visit the new building, reunite with friends, join the Alumni Association and alumni chapters and take advantage of the $10 gift certificates donated by the ASUN Bookstore. Thanks to all of you who attended!

In an effort to continue to offer benefits to the Nevada Alumni Association’s dues-paying members, we have added an exclusive members-only event. We invite you to enjoy Member Movie Matinees once a month for $2 per ticket in the Joe Crowley Student Union Theatre. Each member can buy up to four tickets. For a list of movies and information on purchasing tickets, please visit http://www.unr.edu/alumni/membermovies.htm.

Finally, the Nevada Alumni Association kicked off a membership drive in March. Please help us reach our goal of increasing membership by more than 500! Members continue to support the association with funding for programs and events. Join today by visiting http://www.unr.edu/alumni or calling (888) NV ALUMS. You will receive discounts to alumni events and savings offered by more than 195,000 local and national vendors.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the Nevada Alumni Association!

Sincerely,

Cindy Buchanan ’95
President, Nevada Alumni Council

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Bricks of the Student Union

’40s
Ruth Mary (Noble) Wattles ’44 (home economics) remembers that long before the Jot Travis Student Union or the Joe Crowley Student Union existed, there was a fundraising effort on campus to build a student union. During Ruth’s freshman year in 1940, a group sold bricks for 10 cents a piece and the proceeds, along with the bricks, were to go toward the new building. Unfortunately, the attempt to raise money was short-lived with the onset of World War II. By 1941, most of the men on campus had gone to war and in 1942, there were none left. “My freshman class was 220; my graduating class was 30,” she recalls. Ruth doesn’t know what happened to the bricks or the money. After she graduated in 1944, Ruth taught high school in Tonopah for two years before beginning a banking career in San Francisco, where she met her husband, Stuart Wattles. She now lives in Puget Sound, Wash. and remains busy with friends and family.

—Liz Lasater, student writer

Alums: Do you remember what happened to the brick drive in 1940? Send us an email, silverblue@unr.edu, or write: Nevada Silver & Blue, Morrill Hall/0007, University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV 89557-0007

’70s
Diane Ross ’71 (special education), ’75MSc (speech pathology) was appointed by the AARP’s Nevada State Office to serve on their executive council. Diane comes to AARP with more than 30 years of experience in health care as a speech-language pathologist and director. Diane is CEO and founder of The Continuum.
Marlene Olsen ’74 (journalism) of Olsen & Associates has been appointed president of Rotary Club of Reno and will serve through July 2008. Marlene became a Rotary Club member in 1991; she now oversees the largest club in Reno, with 210 members. Marlene is responsible for all functions related to the club, including the coordination of weekly membership meetings and monthly board meetings, as well as guiding the general direction of the organization.

Lori (Echevarria) Woodland ’75 (physical education) recently retired from Brigham Young University-Idaho after nearly 22 years of service as a faculty member, women’s basketball coach and director of the Physical Activities Program. In November 2007, Lori was inducted into the Ricks College Athletic Hall of Fame as the most winning basketball coach in the history of Ricks College, with more than 300 wins and a winning percentage of 77%. Lori won five National Junior College Athletic Association Region 18 Championships and finished in the top ten nationally four times.

Dennis Flannigan ’76 (accounting) has been promoted to chief executive officer of Great Basin Federal Credit Union.

Valerie (Rose) Glenn ’76 (journalism) has been awarded the Raymond J. Smith Civic Leader of the Year Award by the Reno, Sparks Chamber of Commerce.

‘80s

Cynthia (Williams) deTar ’82 (predental) and Thomas deTar ’82 (premedical) have been busy raising their nine children in north Idaho. Cynthia serves on the board of the local swim team and is known as “Super Mom.” Thomas has been chosen chief of staff of the Kootenai Medical Center in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho and practices at St. Joseph’s Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic. The deTars hope some of their children, Beth, 22, Jude, 19, Will, 17, Marian, 16, Anastasia, 14, Joe, 13, Suzanne, 11, Maggie, 9, and Lucia, 6, will attend the University of Nevada, Reno.

Eugene Whitehead ’82 (social work) attended many of University of Nevada, Reno football games while living and growing up in Nevada, even trying out and briefly playing on the JV squad. Eugene lives in Washington and enjoys returning to northern Nevada in his leisure time. His last visit was in October 2007, when he attended the Nevada Day parade in Carson City. Of course he visited the prestigious University campus, where so much that was the past resonates into the present as if virtually unchanged.

Jack Prescott ’83 (agricultural economics) was named chair of the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada’s 2008 executive committee. A native Nevadan, Jack serves as Irwin Union’s Reno market president and has more than 20 years of banking industry experience in the region. He specializes in serving business owners, professionals, entrepreneurs and retail clients. Jack is a graduate of the American Bankers Association Graduate School of Commercial Banking. Prior to becoming a banking professional, he was a professional pilot for United Airlines, owned his own air charter business and managed a local manufacturing company. As well as serving as chair for the EDAWN, Jack is also a board member of the Reno/Sparks Chamber of Commerce.

Robert Freedman ’85 (English), ’87 (foreign affairs), an author and editor, has introduced his latest book, How to Make Real Money in Second Life, which tries to make sense of the exploding popularity of virtual worlds on the Internet. (See story on page 102).

Dan Biewener ’86 (speech communications) has accepted the position of vice president of marketing for Home Care Assistance, headquartered in Palo Alto, Calif. Home Care Assistance provides private live-in home care for seniors. In his free time, Dan enjoys flying aerobatics and writing electronic music, though seldom simultaneously.

Linda (Craig) Fine Conaboy ’86 (journalism) has been appointed editor of Washoe Family magazine. She is a veteran writer of northern Nevada publications, including R Life and Washoe Family magazines.
Machen MacDonald ’87 (journalism) has become a best selling author with his new book *The Power of Coaching... Engaging Excellence in Others!* Machen is the founder of the ProBrilliance Leadership Institute located in Grass Valley, Calif.

Nick Brunson ’88 (management) joined The Jenks Group as senior consultant for Nevada. The Jenks Group helps companies achieve success through pioneering strategic initiatives.

’90s

Lee Scarlett ’91 (history) has been nominated for Arkansas Builder of the Year 2007. Lee was also named one of the “40 under 40” by the *Arkansas Business Journal* and was elected chairman of the 2008 Parade of Homes. Lee lives in Arkansas with his wife, Scheri, and their three daughters.

Friends can contact Lee through his website http://www.celticcustomhomes.com.

Randy Gener ’92 (general studies) is a contributor to the second edition of *The Cambridge Guide to American Theatre*. For the book, Randy contributed to the first-ever topical entry in any encyclopedia, which chronicles Filipino-American theatre. This encyclopedic guide also contains Randy’s essays on nonprofit theatre in the United States, dance in the American theatre, Asian-American theatre, Cuban-American theatre, Puerto Rican American theatre, documentary theatre, as well as new and revised entries on playwrights, directors and theatre organizations. Randy is also a significant contributing essayist to *roMANIA* after 2000, the first-ever anthology of new Romanian drama published in the United States.

Lori Haney ’92 (accounting), branch relationship manager of the Carson City branch of City National Bank, has been promoted to senior vice president. Lori has worked for City National and its predecessor, Business Bank of Nevada, for eight years. She previously worked for Pioneer Citizens Bank and First Interstate Bank.

Jim Kubinec ’92 (prephysical therapy) is an assistant clinical professor at Palmer College of Chiropractic.

Carol Zanetti ’93 (criminal justice) published her memoir, *Legacy of Guilt*, in November 2007. It is currently available on Amazon.com. Carol was the first female to be elected editor of *The Nevada Sagebrush*. She now writes full time, and her poetry was recently accepted for an upcoming...
local anthology. Carol is active in social and ceremonial programs for Native Americans in the Nebraska penal system. She resides in Lincoln, Neb. near her granddaughters.

Deanna Ashby-Gescheider ’93 (journalism) was named marketing and sales director for Alpine Meadows Ski Resort and Homewood Mountain Resort. Along with a passion for winter sports, Deanna brings extensive experience within the craft of strategic marketing and public relations.

Jason Forga ’94 (civil engineering) was promoted to senior civil engineer in November 2007. He has worked in the Landfill Management Division of San Diego County since 2004.

Sherry Cavanagh ’95 (French/international affairs) is in the middle of her first year of a general surgery residency at the University of California, San Diego. Sherry graduated from the UCSD School of Medicine in June 2007, and would love to hear from friends from the University of Nevada, Reno.

Anthony Lorenzi ’95 (civil engineering), ’97MS (civil engineering) has joined PBS&J, an engineering consultation firm, as project manager. Anthony will lead project teams for various clients, overseeing design, budget and client development. Anthony has more than nine years of comprehensive experience in civil engineering and pavement management.

Jennifer (Ritorto) Newmark ’95 (environmental and natural resource science) will serve as the new administrator for the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources’ Natural Heritage Program. Jennifer has been a biologist with Natural Heritage since 1999, serving most recently as a supervising biologist. She received her master’s degree in biology from Boston University.

Stephanie Clemo Hanna ’96 (journalism) has joined Platinum 1st Mortgage in their Reno office as a mortgage consultant. Stephanie has over six years of experience in the mortgage banking industry. She serves on the Alumni Council for the University of Nevada, Reno and on the local advisory board for the Alzheimer’s Association of Northern Nevada.

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Kristen (Campbell) Ivey ’97 (art), owner of The Studio, LLC, a Reno/Tahoe-based interior design firm, has launched a new division of her business with an innovative interior design website. What’sWrongWithMyRoom.com went live in January 2008, and will serve do-it-yourselfers nationwide. Homeowners who e-mail photos of problem spaces will receive an online consultation and recommendations. Kristen, who has a master’s degree in business, organizational management, has worked on projects in Reno, Carson, Lake Tahoe, Las Vegas and northern California. On a day-to-day basis, Kristen works with architects, contractors and custom builders to help her clients achieve their goals.

David Taylor ’99 (journalism) was recently promoted to vice president, marketing and public relations director for Nevada Security Bank. David is responsible for marketing, public relations and community relations for Nevada Security Bank and its branches in northern Nevada, along with Silverado Bank, the California division of Nevada Security Bank, located in Roseville and Rancho Cordova.

’00s
Joan (Turner) Atkins ’01 (criminal justice) married her college sweetheart, Brian Chase Atkins, in June 2007 at David Walley’s Resort in Genoa, Nev. It was a beautiful wedding, with close friends and family. Joan works at the University of Nevada, Reno. Brian is currently employed with UPS, while completing his degree at the University.

Kari Emm ’01 (political science) began a new position in August 2007 as the outreach and retention coordinator for the University of Nevada, Reno Center for Student Cultural Diversity.

Ghita Heath ’02 (biology) graduated cum laude from Palmer College of Chiropractic, Florida, in December 2007 with a doctor of chiropractic degree. Ghita passed all four Chiropractic Board exams and has accepted a position in her home country of Denmark.

Alex M. Hilgenberg ’02 (finance) is opening a 3,370-square-foot Anytime Fitness franchise location in Fernley. A former sales manager in the Las Vegas and Phoenix regions for Automatic Data Processing Inc., Alex hopes to take advantage of Fernley’s “dearth of gyms”
and its ever-increasing manufacturing and industrial workforce.

**Brian Landrus ’02** (applied music) has signed a contract with Cadence Records. Brian currently has a CD with George Garzone, and he will record a new trio CD in early 2008.

**William “Willie” Edwards ’03 Ed.D.** (curriculum and instruction) was promoted to associate professor at Missouri Southern State University in August 2007. Willie has made several trips to Pakistan in order to provide professional development support on behalf of the International Reading Association’s International Development Program.

**Heidi Sabol ’03** (nursing) joined the U.S. Navy and participated in relief work during Hurricane Katrina, serving two to three thousand evacuees. Heidi was then deployed to Kuwait to work inside tents in 130-degree heat. She is now overseas in Guam. Since joining the Navy, Heidi has worked in telemetry, pediatrics, labor and delivery and has obtained experience in the operating room, emergency room and intensive care unit.

**Mark Dunagan ’03** (English) has joined McDonald Carano Wilson LLP in Reno as an associate. Mark, who will primarily practice business and real estate law, earned his law degree from the University of California, Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law.

**Erin Krueger ’05** (marketing) has joined Grubb & Ellis NCG as office manager and executive assistant for the land division. Erin will oversee the day-to-day operations of the staff, its specialty divisions and the coordination of all marketing and administrative activities. She will also develop all marketing materials, monitor land sale transactions and produce quarterly and annual reports on northern Nevada land trends.

**Sarah (Holloway) Porter ’07** (journalism) joins Ding Communications of Reno as an account executive. Sarah will share responsibilities for several Ding Communications clients, including Signature Lawn and Landscape, Bidart-Ross Financial Services and Pizza Plus.  

**John Ahdunko ’06** (information systems) has joined First Independent Bank of Nevada as branch manager of its new Spanish Springs branch, which opened in January 2008. John will oversee business development at the new branch.

**Jeanette Goree ’04** (journalism), ’07MA (educational leadership) and Matthew Smith (current Ph.D. candidate in educational leadership) were married on January 5, 2008 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Reno. The reception was held at the new Joe Crowley Student Union—the first wedding hosted in the facility. Jeannette and Matt are members of the administrative faculty at Nevada, and met as colleagues in residential life and housing. Jeannette is now the programming and marketing coordinator for the new Union, and Matt is the assistant director of student activities with ASUN.

**Carlos Ledon ’01** (chemical engineering) and Sarah (Warner) Ledon ’00 (elementary/special education) announce the birth of their daughter, Michaela Maria Ledon on Jan. 9, 2008. She joins older sister, Calista, and big brother, William.

**Nicholas Di Meo ’07** (English) and Juliane Di Meo are pleased to announce the birth of Benjamin Michael on Oct. 24, 2007. He joins big brother Nicky.
Alumni Band
Kiara Wolf ’92, ’97
unrbandalam@hotmail.com
What ever happened to...YOU? Did you march at least one semester for the University of Nevada Wolf Pack Marching Band? Then we are looking for you! The Alumni Band Chapter has a monthly e-newsletter, an annual gathering, provides scholarship money and helps members find each other. Please update us on births, marriages, new jobs, moves, etc. so your friends can share in your good news!
Watch for our chapter web page on the Nevada Alumni Association website! Remember, friends with hat head are friends for life.

Alumni College Chapter
Doug Byington ’55, ’64
dbyington7@aol.com
Save the date for Alumni College XIX, July 15–17, 2008!

COBAAA
Ro Lazzarone ’03
Ro@TheLazzaroneGroup.com
COBAAA’s annual golf tournament will be held Thursday, May 15 at noon at Lakeidge Golf Course. We encourage participation from anyone interested in supporting the College of Business or just looking to enjoy a day of golf and fun! Opportunities for participation include playing in the tournament, as well as providing various sponsorships and/or donations for raffle prizes, tee prizes and silent auction items — all of which help to promote your company! Funds raised will be used in support of scholarships, student organizations, endowments and other programs at the College. For more information, please contact Jane Bessette at (775) 784-4912. Hope to see you there!

Fallon Alumni Chapter
Tina Dakin ’71, ’84
jtadin@bceglobal.net
In January, the Fallon Alumni Chapter headed to the Nevada-Boise basketball game. Although Nevada lost, our group netted over $1,000 for scholarships!

Upcoming events for 2008 include: a rooter bus to a Nevada baseball game (contact Elmo Dericco), on May 18, a Dinner and Show Package at the Eldorado in Reno (contact Ernie/Shelia Pontius or Mike/Dee McGinness in Fallon); on May 30, a Western BBQ at the Norm Frey Ranch in Fallon; and on August 10, a Football Alumni Chapter annual Golf Tournament at Lakeridge Golf Course. Alumni interested in participating should contact Tom Matter by email at tmatter@panconinc.com. Football alumni interested in renewing their membership should contact Jim Farley. The Football Alumni Chapter would like to thank all who helped make last season’s Game Day BBQ’s a success.

Native American Chapter
Sherry Rupert ’05
srupert@nic.nv.gov
The Native American Alumni Chapter (NAAC) is off to a busy spring! In January, we raised enough money to purchase our first banner. The Chapter is co-sponsoring and well into the planning stages of the 4th Annual University of Nevada, Reno Powwow, May 3–4 at the Manzanita Bowl. On May 7, the NAAC will host our annual Graduation Reception in the Joe Crowley Student Union to acknowledge the achievements of the 2007-08 Native American graduates. During our May events, we will recognize two students receiving Chapter scholarships. If you would like to become involved or receive upcoming event information, please contact Kari Emm at (775) 784-4936 or kemm@unr.edu, or Sherry Rupert at (775) 687-8333 or srupert@nic.nv.gov.

Football Alumni Chapter
Jim Farley ’99
jfarley47@verizon.net
The Football Alumni Chapter will be hosting our Annual Golf Tournament on May 30 at 8 a.m. at Lakeidge Golf Course. Alumni interested in playing in the tournament should contact Tom Matter by email at tmatter@panconinc.com. Football alumni interested in renewing their membership should contact Jim Farley. The Football Alumni Chapter would like to thank all who helped make last season’s Game Day BBQ’s a success.

OSNAA
Linda Clift ’74
orvis_alumni@hotmail.com
The Orvis School of Nursing celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a gala on January 26, at the Siena Hotel in Reno. Over 200 special guests, faculty, alumni and students attended. The guest speaker was Maurizio Trevisan, MD, MS, the new Executive Vice Chancellor and CEO of the University of Nevada Health Sciences Systems. It was a very special evening, which was enjoyed by all. OSNAA leadership forms were handed out in hopes of recruiting volunteers to carry our organization forward.

Young Alumni Chapter
Stephani Foust ’01
stephanif@unr.edu
Already, 2008 has proven to be a successful year for the Young Alumni Chapter. We beat the cold weather in February with our first Winter Warmer event at the Chocolate Bar, where YAC members enjoyed sinful food and drinks, as well as good company. In March, we headed to the Bowling Stadium for some fun on the lanes, and our members showed off their true king pin skills. The YAC annual Beerfest scholarship fundraiser will be held Friday, April 25 at the Grand Sierra Resort. Advance tickets are $25 and can be purchased at www.yacbeerfest.com. Tickets include a sampling of various beers, appetizers and live entertainment. This is an event you won’t want to miss!
Mike Reid ’73 and Alex Willis ’79 get ready for kickoff at the Football Alumni Game Day BBQ.

Tom McCarthy ’85 mans the grill at the Football Alumni Game Day BBQ.

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Andrea Pressler '97 (psychology) and her father, David Pressler '71M.S. (agriculture) '81MPA (renewable natural resources).

Stefanie '96 (marketing) and Sean McCaffrey '96 (history).

Kelly '07M.A. (geography) and James Norman with their baby, Zoe.

Blythe Forman '00 (general studies) and her son, Liam.

Amber Johnson '01 (animal sciences), Christy Lew '00 (biology), Lori Troyer '99 (business) '05M.A. (education), Jason Troyer, Mindi Neugebauer and Tammy Neugebauer.

Diane Hoops '82 (medical science), Lim Webster '81 (biology), Mimi Richards '82 (education), Richard Jay '84 (economics), and Carol Pallesen '71 (political science) '77 (art).

The new Joe Crowley Student Union and the soon-to-be-completed Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center comprise the heart of the new gateway to the University.
COBAAA volunteer Kelly Newcomb ’04 (marketing) stamps passports for Joyce ’61 (business education) and Frank Sharp ’60 (prelegal).

Mahendran Thivakaran ’04 (civil engineering) trying on a wolf hat.

LOOK ONLINE
For more photos from AlumNight, visit http://www.unr.edu/nevadasilverandblue
A family’s love for Nevada.

The Cobb family has deep roots in Nevada’s rich history. Three generations of Cobb relatives have attended the University, beginning in the 1930’s. Since then, many family members have continued the tradition. While each has pursued his or her own interests – including advertising, teaching, military service, law, business management, journalism, healthcare, accounting and more – they all share a love of their alma mater.

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 Silver & Blue. For details, visit http://www.unr.edu/alumni or call 888.NV ALUMS.
A couple’s love for each other.

Glen Contreras moved to Reno from Vista, California in 1969 to begin school at Nevada. That very same year, Gail Guetersloh moved from San Francisco into Nye Hall and started classes. A chance meeting between the two while cross-country skiing on Mount Rose led to romance – and by 1977, the two were married. Today, their daughter, Stephanie, attends the University, following in her parents’ footsteps and sharing in their passion for Nevada.
Remembering Friends

William O. “Bud” Bradley (friend) 
died Jan. 17, 2008. Bud was born to Dr. Grover and Estelle Bradley on Feb. 27, 1924 in Kimberly, Nev. Bud was raised and educated in Ely. It was there he developed a deep appreciation for eastern Nevada, a love for aviation and the Nevada outdoors. After graduating from White Pine High, Bud attended Stanford University and left Stanford to join the U.S. Navy Air Corps as a pilot and flight instructor during World War II. In 1945, Bud was honorably discharged from the Navy and returned to the University of Nevada, Reno, where he was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. Bud was admitted to the George Washington University Law School, graduating in 1950 with honors. Bud began his law practice as a water-right’s lawyer, helping Nevada ranchers and ultimately moved into the field of injury litigation. In 1954, Bud married Joan Sheaff of Holcomb. In 1955, Bud founded what is now the law firm of Bradley, Drendel & Jeanney with his partner John Squire Drendel. In 1960, Bud co-founded the Nevada Justice Association. In 1970, Bud received national recognition when he was featured in Time Magazine as one of the nation’s preeminent personal injury attorneys. In 1972, he was recognized by his colleagues as one of the top 100 lawyers in America and was inducted into The Inner Circle of Advocates. Bud’s commitment to community has led to many literary, computer lab and capital development projects with the local elementary and high schools, and the University of Nevada. His dedication to education was recognized through the University of Nevada, Reno President’s Award in May, 1993. Bud was also presented with an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws from the University of Nevada. His dedication to education was recognized through the local elementary and high schools, and the University of Nevada outdoors. After graduating from White Pine High, Bud married Joan Sheaff of Holcomb. In 1955, Bud founded what is now the law firm of Bradley, Drendel & Jeanney with his partner John Squire Drendel. In 1960, Bud co-founded the Nevada Justice Association. In 1970, Bud received national recognition when he was featured in Time Magazine as one of the nation’s preeminent personal injury attorneys. In 1972, he was recognized by his colleagues as one of the top 100 lawyers in America and was inducted into The Inner Circle of Advocates. Bud’s commitment to community has led to many literary, computer lab and capital development projects with the local elementary and high schools, and the University of Nevada. His dedication to education was recognized through the University of Nevada, Reno President’s Award in May, 1993. Bud was also presented with an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws from the University of Nevada. His dedication to education was recognized through the local elementary and high schools, and the University of Nevada.

Joan (Metcalfe) Cope (friend) 
died in May, 2007. Joan was the University of Nevada, Reno’s biggest promoter. She worked on campus starting in the 70’s until her retirement in the early 90’s. She worked in the dean's office of the College of Arts and Science, the math department, the President's Office and the Dean of Student’s Office. She praised the University often and loudly. She was an avid Wolf Pack fan and would often travel to support them. Her deceased husband and two children are graduates of the University. A scholarship benefiting classified employees has been started in Joan’s name. Donations may be sent to the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation, Mail Stop 162, Reno, Nevada 89557 for the Joan Metcalfe Scholarship.

Dr. G. Tom Shires (former professor) 
died at the age of 81 on Oct. 18, 2007. Tom was a nationally acclaimed surgeon who operated on the Texas governor wounded in the same attack that killed President Kennedy in 1963 and whose research altered the treatment of trauma, surgical and burn patients in the United States. Tom, who attended to Gov. John B. Connally in addition to Kennedy’s assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, died at his home in Henderson, Nev. For the last 10 years Tom has been professor of surgery and director of the University of Nevada School of Medicine’s Trauma Institute in Las Vegas. In the 1960s, Tom’s research led to the now common practice of giving saline solution to surgical and trauma patients. By 1963, Tom had become chief of surgical services at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas. Tom earned his a medical degree at the University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School and served two tours of active duty in the U.S. Navy. For 10 years beginning in 1965, Tom was a consultant to the surgeon general of the Army. Tom helped to establish major burn centers at Parkland, Harborview Medical Center in Seattle and New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical College. Last year, Tom received a federal grant to develop technology that would allow doctors working on wounded soldiers to give faster blood transfusions and prevent hypothermia. In addition to his son Blain, Tom is survived by his wife, Dr. Robbie Jo Martin; daughter, Jo Ellen Shires; and a son, George Thomas III. Information about memorial donations will be posted at http://drandmrsshires.com.

Ned Westover ’38 (electrical engineering) 
died in Otis, Ore. Nov. 27, 2007, at the age of 90. In his will, the accomplished photographer and Nevada alumnus left his complete collection of photographs, slides, and equipment to the University Libraries Special Collections Department. Over the years, Ned had already given over 800 large-format photos to Special Collections that he had printed and framed himself. Because of these gifts, many people in the library and elsewhere on campus have felt the presence of Ned Westover, who graduated from Nevada in 1938. He was an engineering student and a photographer for The Sagebrush and Artemisia. After graduation, Ned became a real estate project developer. During his long and fruitful retirement, he photographed many people and places around the world. Some of his best photos were taken in India.

Ellen M. (Turnquist) Butler ’47 (education) 
‘64M.Ed. (school administration) died March 26, 2007 at the age of 81. A native Nevadan, Ellen was born July 18, 1925 in Ely to Oscar Carl and Ann Victoria Turnquist. She graduated from White Pine County High School in 1943 and the University of Nevada in 1947. She taught business classes at Douglas High School for 32 years, retiring in 1981. She was senior class adviser and adviser for the school yearbook for many years. She was a member of Eastern Star for over 50 years. Ellen was a resident of Carson City. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert W. Butler, in 1979 and two brothers, Edward and Richard Turnquist. She is survived by her niece, Christie Turnquist.

Marjorie (Simon) Tavernia ’49 (psychology) 
died on Nov. 29, 2007. Marge was born on March 21, 1928, in Las Vegas the eldest daughter of Ralph and Marie Simon. She graduated from Las Vegas High School in 1945. At the University of Nevada, Reno she was a member of Pi Beta Phi and was a life-long member. She enjoyed spending time with her Pi Phi friends. She was a resident of Sparks for more than 50 years. She was a wonderful grandmother, caring friend and the greatest mom in the world. She was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her loving children, Celeste and Gary Johnson, Paul and Tina Tavernia, Carol and Steve Driscoll, Aileen Tavernia, Anne and Craig Betts of Reno, brother, Jay and his wife, Nancy Simon, sister, Beverly and her husband, Stan Hansen; grandchildren, Michelle Johnson, Brian Johnson, Sean Driscoll and Christopher Driscoll, and Sophia Lewis, as well as several nieces and nephews. Marge
was committed to higher education for young women, and in her honor her family has established a Pi Beta Phi scholarship fund for the University of Nevada, Reno in her name: Marjorie Simon Tavernia. Donations may be sent to the Reno Alumnae Club treasurer at 1250 Grand View Ave, Reno, NV 89503.

William F. (Bill) Pillsbury ’50 (civil engineering) died on Jan. 23, 2008 after a short battle with cancer. Bill was born on July 7, 1925 in Oakdale, Calif. to Eva, Pearl and William McKinley Pillsbury. He was raised in Vallejo, Calif. He distinguished himself as an Eagle Scout, Master Councilor of DeMolay, and in track and field. He graduated from Vallejo High School in 1943. Bill served as a second lieutenant and navigator in the Army Air Corps during World War II. On Nov. 25, 1944, Bill married his high school sweetheart, Nadine McKinney, and began their life together in Sacramento. After graduating from the University in 1950 Bill managed several municipalities in California and serving as City Engineer and Assistant City Manager for South Lake Tahoe. Bill founded his own consulting firm, William F. Pillsbury, Inc. in 1966. Bill was the consulting civil engineer on many notable projects including Tahoe Keys, Tyrolian Village and Uppaway at Lake Tahoe. In 1974 Bill formed Sierra Environmental Monitoring, Inc. which specialized in chemical analyses of water and wastewater for various private and public entities. Bill was a member of the Reno South Rotary Club, St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation, Board of Trustees and the College of Engineering Advisory Board at the University. He was also a life-time member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He was an avid sportsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing and exploring Nevada and the West. He received the James G. Scrugham Medal for professional achievement from the College of Engineering in 2007. Bill is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Nadine, daughter, Fran Sloane (Doug), son, Dr. Clark Pillsbury (Karen). He is also survived by grandchildren, Todd, Scott (Erin), and Courtney Sloane, Brad (Stephani), and Matt Pillsbury, great grandchildren Ashlyn and Zackary Sloane, and sister, Bette Coker, and several nieces and nephews. The family would like to give a special thank you to Bill’s doctors and Circle of Life Hospice for their kind and loving care. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Class of 1950 Civil Engineering Scholarship Endowment. Donations may be sent to the University of Nevada Foundation, Mail Stop 162, Reno, Nevada 89557.

Kenneth R. Olinhouse ’51 (mechanical engineering) died Nov. 22, 2007. Kenneth was born August 2, 1923 in Pioche, Nev. to Alice and Ralph Olinhouse. He married Josephine Martschena on August 14, 1949 in Elko Catholic Church and shortly after, moved to Orem, Utah to work for U.S. Steel at Geneva. Kenneth served in World War II from 1942-1946 as a seaman in the Coast Guard. After World War II, he entered the University graduating in 1951. Kenneth retired from U.S. Steel spending his retirement consulting for Geneva and enjoying his small fruit farm in Orem. He was active in the Elks, and served as board member for Orem Water Board. He was an avid hunter and an accomplished horseman, including establishing the horse program at Tresfoil Girl Scout Camp in Provo Canyon. Kenneth is survived by his wife, Josephine of 58 years and four children, Christine (Jianfeng Dong) Olinhouse, Patricia (Mark) Gempeler, Marganta (Shawn Lowery) Moody, Thomas Kenneth (Lindy) Olinhouse, 10 grandchildren and 2 great grand-children, his sister, Lois (Lee) Obermiller from Corpus Christi, Texas and brother Leonard (Gidget) Olinhouse from Beaver Dam, Ariz.

The family would like to thank the community of support during the past 4 years of his illness.

Jack B. Selbig ’60M.Ed. (school administration) died Nov. 7, 2007. Jack was born in Waterloo, Iowa, to Theo Rita Butler and Charles Burroughs Selbig in 1919. After graduating from Waterloo High School, he attended and graduated from State College of Iowa. In 1941, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps serving in the Pacific Theater and Trinidad until he was discharged in 1945. During his Army career, he met and married Virginia Wedeking. Their two daughters were born. After one year in Lone Tree, Iowa, he moved his young family to Hawthorne, Nev. Jack was a teacher, coach, counselor and vice principal at Mineral County High School. After graduation in 1960 from the University of Nevada, Reno, he did post-graduate work at Arizona State University, University of Iowa and University of California, Berkeley. Jack joined the University in 1965 as a counselor and foreign student adviser. In 1970, he was promoted to director, Counseling and Testing Center, and continued as foreign student adviser as well. He retired in 1979. Jack is survived by two daughters, Kathryn (William) Bunch and Cora Towe. Jack is also survived by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The family was blessed to have an opportunity for a five-generation visit and picture with his newborn great-great-grandson in June. Jack enjoyed the outdoors, and taking daily walks along the beaches in and around Monterey Bay. It was his wish that his ashes be scattered in that area. A scholarship is being established in his memory at the University of Nevada, Reno. Donations may be sent to the University of Nevada Foundation, Mail Stop 162, Reno, Nevada 89557 for the Jack B. Selbig Scholarship.