From the President

Dear Nevada Alumni,

1994. That’s the year I became an alumna of this great institution. Much has changed over the past 17 years, but one thing remains ... the pride I feel when I step onto campus, when I hear our cannon firing to signify success in Mackay Stadium, or simply when I reflect on how this institution helped shape the person I am today. I met my husband while attending the University, and I made lifelong friends and business contacts.

There is no better time to reconnect with old friends than during Homecoming. Two years ago, my sorority, Pi Beta Phi, held a reunion for grads of the 1990s during Homecoming. We reminisced about endless nights building our Homecoming floats, rehearsing our skits and decorating our house. I love to see many of those traditions alive and well today.

This year’s activities include long-standing traditions such as the Homecoming Gala, the Bonfire and Pep Rally, and of course Wolf Pack Football taking on New Mexico. Old Guys Nights returns better than ever with a concert from The Mudsharks and MC Pickle and The Juice at The Little Waldorf.

Also this fall, start each home football game at the Nevada Alumni Association’s pregame parties at Legacy Hall, starting two hours prior to kickoff and all ages are welcome. And “Rivalry Weekend” starts at Somersett Golf & Country Club Friday, Oct. 7, the day before the Nevada vs. UNLV football game. Don your blue and hit the greens! Please visit www.unr.edu/alumni to view all of our Alumni Association events.

It is hard to believe that my term as president is coming to an end. The past year has been memorable and there is much to reflect upon. The loss of our president, Dr. Milton Glick, was devastating to our students and alumni alike. President Glick was an amazing advocate for this University and for higher education. I feel honored to have had the opportunity to get to know President Marc Johnson. He came into this position at a very difficult time and has proven to be an exceptional leader.

The Nevada Alumni Association has worked diligently over the past year to grow our alumni membership, and to bring the community and the campus closer. Our student recruitment events have significantly impacted freshman class enrollment as well as our outreach efforts to alumni outside of northern Nevada. I’d like to thank the Alumni Council, the executive officers and, especially, the staff who work tirelessly throughout the year to keep the Alumni Association a top-notch organization! It has been an honor to work alongside these dedicated individuals.

The University has emerged from the past year stronger, and I am convinced that with the support of our students, alumni, community and community leaders, we will continue to see this institution achieve great things. We all have much to be proud of.

Once Nevada, Always Nevada.

Sincerely,

Julie Rowe ’94
President, Nevada Alumni Council
logic exploration, water and natural resource policy consulting firm. She is also a partner in MinQuest Inc., a minerals exploration company that she and her husband helped to launch in 1998. Naomi formerly worked as executive director of the Truckee River Flood Management Authority.

‘80s

Kimberly Page ’80 (biology), ’83M.S. (biology), ’87M.D. is a neurosurgeon and the owner of North Valley Neurosurgery in Redding, Calif. In addition to raising twin teenagers, Kim educates children about brain and spinal cord injuries and also gives lectures to local doctors as part of Mercy Medical Center’s educational program.

Thomas Melancon ’82 (managerial sciences), ’89M.A. (counseling and guidance personnel services) completed his training to become a certified mediator practitioner in September 2007. From May 2009 to the present, Tom has served as the program manager for the Seattle Federal Executive Board’s Alternative Dispute Resolution Group, the largest and most successful shared neutrals program in the Puget Sound, Wash., area.

Tracey (Lane) Delaplain ’83 (premedical), ’87M.D. is teaching at the University of Nevada School of Medicine Student Outreach Clinic. Tracey’s son, Patrick, is in the Class of 2014 at the School of Medicine.

James Ashton ’84 (mining engineering) has been named by Scorpio Gold as the manager of Mineral Ridge Gold Mine in Esmeralda County, Nev. Jim previously worked as the chief engineer for Frontier Golds Northumberland Project in Nye County, Nev.

Anthony Offutt ’84 (physical education) has retired after 28 years of service in the U.S. Army. Anthony received his commission from the University of Nevada, Reno ROTC.

Robin (Bunch) Sweet ’84 (journalism) was appointed state court administrator and director of the administrative office of the courts by the Nevada Supreme Court Justices in May. Robin has worked for the Nevada Supreme Court for 11 years.

Donald A. Bernard II ’85 (speech communications) has qualified for the Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated’s President’s Council. The council consists of 135 of Stifel’s top-producing financial advisors who achieved a specified level of annual production. Stifel Nicolaus currently employs approximately 2,000 financial advisors, including affiliates.

Deborah Rife ’85 (computer information systems) and her husband, Jeff, are pleased to announce that their son graduated from the University in May. Ryan Rife ’11 (accounting) is one of the Outstanding Seniors recognized by the College of Business.

Lisa (Fitzsimmons) Dettling ’86 (speech communications and journalism) has been promoted to director of customer service at Saint Mary’s Health Plans in Reno. Lisa has 23 years of experience in the health care field.

Timothy Alameda ’86 (special education) retired from the City of Reno Fire Department after 28 years of service. He has accepted a position as fire marshal for the North Tahoe Fire Department.

Glenn Brown ’86M.S. (animal science) spent 16 months in Iraq helping farmers. Glenn worked for the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Agriculture in areas east and west of Baghdad during 2009 and 2010.

Joseph La Mancusa ’86M.D. completed his neurology residency at Ohio State in 1991. Joseph and his wife, Trisha, have been married more than 20 years and have four children. He has been in private practice for his entire career.

Jeffrey Mohlenkamp ’86 (management) has been named director of the Nevada Department of Administration. Jeffrey will be responsible for putting together and overseeing the budgets of state agencies and the $6.3 billion biennial budget.

Terri (Sprenger) Farley ’88M.A. (journalism) lives in Reno with her husband, Cory. Terri is the author of the young adult book series Phantom Stallion and is an advocate for wild horses.

Lisa (Ramsey) Evatz ’89 (elementary education), ’93M.A. (counseling and educational
Alaina (Kearns) Vengco ’03 (journalism) and Dante Vengco ’00 (health science) would like to announce the birth of their son, Maddox Kekoa, born April 12, 2010. Maddox joins big brother, Phoenix Kai, 2.

Daniel Welsh ’99 (social work) and his wife, Tricia, welcomed Brixton Wayne Welsh on Aug. 6, 2010. Brixton joins big sister, Brooklyn Parks Welsh.

Misty (McKitrick) Wells ’07 (elementary education) and Shay Wells ’07 (criminal justice) proudly introduce their first child, Tristan Dean Wells. Tristan was born Aug. 26, 2010.

Heather (Werner) Penrod ’00 (English), ’03M.A. (English) and Nathan Penrod ’05 (computer and information engineering), ’08M.S. (computer science) would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Addeline Alana Penrod, born Sept. 24, 2010.

Seema (Bhardwaj) Donahoe ’02 (journalism) and Timothy Donahoe ’03 (hydrogeology) joyfully welcomed their first child, Priya Regina Rose, Dec. 3, 2010.

Whitney (Waldroup) Hovenic ’02 (psychology), ’08M.D. and her husband, Tom, welcomed the birth of their daughter, Giuliana Sophia Hovenic, Jan. 11, 2011, (not pictured).

Ryan Russell ’03 (criminal justice) and his wife, Sarah, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Kennedy Elaine Russell on March 11, 2011. She joins big brother, Parker David.

Peter Drakos ’07M.S. (geology) and his wife, Joanna, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Anastasia Irina, born March 23, 2011.

Kristen (Sakelaris) Gallagher ’04 (nursing) and Dan Gallagher ’03 (information systems) are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Kaiden Angelo Gallagher. Kaiden was born April 18, 2011, weighing in at 7 pounds, 14 ounces and measuring 20 inches long. The family resides in Thornton, Colo.

Melissa (Jones) Ferguson ’05 (animal science) and her husband, Joshua, are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Katelyn Lee Ferguson, on April 16, 2011. Katelyn weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and stretched to 19.5 inches long.
psychology) and her husband, Mark ’88 (mining engineering), ’99MBA, recently celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary.

Matthew Sharp ’89 (political science) was named Nevada’s 2011 Trial Lawyer of the Year by the Nevada Justice Association. The association is a nonprofit consumer rights organization dedicated to improving the civil justice system. Matthew is a fifth-generation Nevadan and has been practicing law since 1992.

’90s
Wade Gochnour ’92 (accounting) has been named by Mountain States Super Lawyers magazine as one of the top attorneys in Nevada for 2011 in the area of construction litigation. Only five percent of the lawyers in the state are named by Super Lawyers. Wade is employed by Howard and Howard in Las Vegas.

Charles Johnson ’92 (criminal justice) is the third general manager in the history of the Las Vegas 51s, the Triple-A affiliate of Major League Baseball’s Toronto Blue Jays.

Joy (Coombes) Willock ’93M.Ed. (elementary education) has retired from teaching for Washoe County School District. Joy continues to stay busy tutoring and substitute teaching. She has made two trips to Europe and one trip to China during her retirement.

John Zebrack ’93 (premedical), ’01M.D. is an orthopaedic surgeon at the Reno Orthopaedic Clinic. John and his wife, Jennifer, have two children, Jane, 10, and Joshua, 7.

Jennifer Hagen ’93M.D. works as the School of Medicine internal medicine program director in Reno. Additionally, Jennifer teaches coursework at the School of Medicine.

Jennifer (Starkweather) Hill ’94 (journalism) has joined The Glenn Group as media director. Jennifer will be responsible for managing the agency’s statewide media, including developing media plans and ensuring that all media work is on strategy, time and budget. She is also responsible for planning, negotiating and placing media at local, regional and national levels. Jennifer is also the vice president of the Women’s Philanthropic Educational Organization, programming chair of the American Advertising Federation and a board member of the Hunter Lake Parent Faculty Association.
Nevada Alumni Association What’s your favorite Getchell Library memory or ghost story?

Sundance Bauman (current student) The flickering lights in the bottom floor where all the books were, made finding a library book one of the most harrowing adventures I’ve ever been on. I felt like I was in a Silent Hill movie sometimes.

Michael Connors '93 (journalism) Sparks. Senior year ‘93 just before finals, studying on the lower floor and a streaker runs through and the place exploded with yells and laughter.

Mary Ann Deeds '92 (human development & family studies) Simi Valley, Calif. That’s where I met my husband, Todd Deeds ’90 and we’ve been married for almost 19 years.

Roni Jo Draper '91 (physical sciences), '95M.Ed. (secondary education), '00Ph.D. (curriculum and instruction) Mapleton, Utah. Sitting too still in a stack reading and having the lights go out. Freaky.

Adrian A. Havas ’93 (journalism) Las Vegas. I remember taking naps on the orange couches underground at all hours of the day. Hey, they helped me gather the energy to study for those finals!

Don Morrissey ’78 (premedical) Salt Lake City, Utah. I recall 2 things ... They had a student “sit in” in the 70s to get the library to stay open late until midnight. It worked. A ROTC buddy from 1974–1978, Richard Ellis ’78 (criminal justice) hung out in the library to read the Russian magazines there. After he graduated from UNR he rose through the ranks of special forces and military intelligence to become a general in charge of the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) before he passed away. So you never know who you are studying next to in the library and what life will bring you.

Nevada Alumni Association How many of you remember seeing The Mudsharks back in the day? Tell us your favorite Mudshark memory.

Jonnie Walker ’98 (geography) Reno. I saw them play outside the JTSU (old one) and the Sundowners were there in “full force” and brought a couch.

Ron Stubbs ’96 (animal science) Greeley, Colo. I remember when they opened up for the Dead Milkmen at Lawlor Events Center. There was a stage set up for a country show the next night, and Flipside Productions got to use it for the show.

Erin Taggart Frock ’97 (journalism), ’05 (counseling & educational psychology) Reno. I was in a group called Student Alumni Association (SAA) and we hosted this big national conference on campus. We hired The Mudsharks to play at High Camp at Squaw one night during the conference and it was awesome to see them and dance up there on top of the mountain! Love The Mudsharks!

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I walk into a sandwich shop and ask the lady behind the counter for a foot-long sandwich with all the vegetables, mustard and vinegar. She pauses, “What kind of meat would you like?” I tell her none, and with a look of disgust she warns, “If you don’t eat meat you won’t have any energy.”

I think to myself, “So energy is derived from three slimy pieces of baloney?” I’m not a vegetarian, but in the past few years I have drastically decreased the amount of meat I consume. Instead of with each meal, as is the standard American practice, I have some chicken one day and will go about three days before having some fish, and so on. Energy levels are high and I’ve never felt better. Plus I love to eat, so by cutting out the meat I’m able to load up on healthier items like fruit, vegetables, cereal, rice, and protein shakes several times a day if I want. The best part is, when I started this, somehow after enjoying all those foods and flavors, I miraculously still managed to lose weight!

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The short answer: From foods that have protein but are not meat. (What do I look like, Wikipedia? Google it yourself.) For me, nothing beats a protein shake with three ice cubes, a banana, and a spoonful of peanut butter. Blended not stirred.

**I didn’t climb to the top of the food chain to eat lettuce.**

Ironically this one came from a close friend who hasn’t climbed anything from what I can tell in the last decade. Let’s face it, humans never really made it to the top of the food chain. Disagree? Head to the local zoo, strip naked, hop in any of the exhibits and show me exactly where you stand on the food chain.

**You’re just one of those fancy boys from California.**

Nope, born and raised in Nevada.

For the most basic evidence of how we should eat just look inside your mouth. One glance at a tiger’s teeth and you can instantly tell they are carnivorous machines ready to kill and shred through bone, tendons and cartilage. Now, look at your own miserable chompers. Unless you are a professional hockey player or in the third grade, you most likely have more than 28 teeth, but only four of them are even remotely sharp. The rest are for less deadly catches. Try eating accordingly for about two months and see if you like the results!

Kickin’ it with K-von | **Veggie-Delight**

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Picture in your mind a lion and now a squirrel. Both mammals, one eats meat and the other doesn’t. Which one has more energy? Which one is yawning and sleeping in the grass all day? Personally, after a large steak dinner two words come to mind… food coma.

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K-von ’03 (marketing) is a Nevada alum and comedian. He’ll be appearing at the Silver Legacy Comedy Club Dec. 28 - Jan. 1 for the New Year’s festivities! Visit www.Kvon.tv or www.facebook.com/KvonComedy for info. and ticket information.
Stephen Bemus ’98 (journalism) is the vice president and operations manager of Systems of Nevada. The company offers security systems, vacuum systems and home theaters. Systems of Nevada is a family-owned company which was founded by Stephen’s father, Joe, in 1989.

Rory Butler ’02 (finance) was recently promoted to senior agent at the State of Nevada Gaming Control Board.

Brian Pick ’02 (journalism) has joined the Reno office of the Sacramento law firm of Downey Brand. He is a graduate of the University of San Diego School of Law and has been named a Mountain States Rising Star by Super Lawyers magazine in the areas of real estate, business and corporate law. Brian is currently serving as president of Building Winter Athletes, a local nonprofit organization designed to introduce children to skiing and snowboarding and to promote a healthy, active lifestyle.

Dan Gallagher ’03 (information systems) has been promoted to executive vice president at Booyah Advertising, a digital advertising agency in Denver, Colo. Dan manages agency operations for media teams and oversees top client accounts like DISH Network, Teleflora and Vail Resorts. Dan’s wife, Kristen (Sakellaris) Gallagher ’04 (nursing), is a public health nurse for the Tri-County Health Department in Denver.

Jeremiah Barlow ’04 (political science) has opened his own law firm in Reno, focusing on estate planning. Prior to this, Jeremiah worked as a judicial law clerk for Judge Connie Steinheimer.

Lindsey Johnston ’04 (journalism) was recently named advertising and promotions manager at the Smith Center for the Performing Arts in Las Vegas. Lindsay will oversee the implementation of advertising strategies for the facility.

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Nevada Alumni Mixer in Las Vegas

Friday, September 30, 2011 • 6:30 p.m.

Scott ’89 and Jill (Pelan) Gragson ’90 Residence

$25 per person

To purchase tickets visit
www.unr.edu/alumni/events

RSVPs are required.

Space is limited to 300 guests.

Special thanks to the event Host Committee

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Diana & Sean Sullivan
W. Larry Swecker
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Daniel P. Wadhams
Ellen Whittemore
Edward A. Wilson
Barry White ’05 (journalism) has his own television show, GameLine. The show features some of the top stories in video game entertainment news and airs on News 10 in the Sacramento-Modesto-Stockton viewing area.

James Graham ’06 (civil engineering) is a partner in Celtic Lawn & Landscape. The company is based out of Carson City, Nev., and employs 21 people.

Ronald Johns ’06 (general studies) retired in June 2010. Ronald worked for the city of Carson City for more than 28 years.

Jason Bullard ’07 (accounting) has been named a partner at Schettler, Macy & Silva, LLC, Certified Public Accountants. Jason’s experience in public accounting covers many areas of the profession, including audit and taxation. He manages the firm’s audits of governmental, private and not-for-profit entities and serves as a financial consultant to owners and managers of closely held businesses.

Victor Rameker ’07 MBA and his wife, Allyson, own Desert Winds, a boutique home builder that started in Las Vegas in 1994. In July 2011, Desert Winds celebrated the grand opening of their first northern Nevada community, Sonoma at the Vineyards in Sparks.

‘10s

Kelly Peyton ’11 (art) believes the Nevada state flower, the sagebrush, represents Reno and the art community. Kelly’s sketch of a lone shrub with a round, halo-surrounded canopy and deep, tangled, colorful roots won the commission as Artown’s official 2011 poster.

Heather Romans ’11 (accounting) has joined Muckel Anderson CPAs as an associate accountant. Heather will prepare 401k and profit sharing plan audits, prepare individual tax returns, and assist with nonprofit and trust clients. Prior to her new position, Heather worked as an intern at AVA Logistics in Reno. She is a member of the Nevada Society of CPAs and volunteers with the Susan G. Komen Foundation, Court Appointed Special Advocates and Artown.

Submissions are due Oct. 28, 2011 and can be sent to: chatter@unr.edu. We edit all submissions for style, clarity and length.