Homecoming Bonfire

The Oct. 14 Homecoming Bonfire, which was attended by several hundred students, alumni and friends included a new twist this year—fireworks—along with traditional favorites like face painting, bounce houses and photo booths. Special thanks to IGT for donating the wooden pallets used to build the bonfire.

(1) Current Nevada students Cody Kingsbury, Kelley Diesfeld, Chase Duhon and Sarah Smitherman.

(2) Paul Teska, Jr., Alyssa Grienner, Joseph Pelham and Marina Thomassian.

(3) Fireworks light up the sky during the Homecoming Bonfire.

(4) Vincent and Teresa Payne.

Homecoming Pregame

Nevada fans packed the Nevada Alumni Association’s Homecoming Tailgate Oct. 15 in Legacy Hall. Following the party, the Wolf Pack solidly defeated the New Mexico Lobos 49-7.

(5) Lenore Reinhard and Bill Reinhard ’95MBA, ’05Ph.D.

(6) TOP ROW: Deb Pierce ’86, Al Herak and Diane (Sekiguchi) Hoops ’82. BOTTOM ROW: Laura Jenkins ’99, Bill Chaffin ’66 and Lorena Chaffin.

(7) Ryan Johnson ’99, Avery Johnson and Julia (Soderman) Johnson ’02.

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Homecoming Gala

The 2011 Homecoming Gala was held Oct. 13 in the Joe Crowley Student Union Ballroom. We honored alumni and friends for their professional achievements and dedication to the University.

(1) Alumna of the Year Sara Lafrance ’73, with husband, Leonard and their daughter, Lisa Stevens.

(2) College of Science Distinguished Alumnus Bill Honjas ’93 (second from right) with family: Cameron, Erin Henry, Will, Laura, Lisa and Emily.

(3) Luther Mack, Carina (Zollinger) Black ‘90, ’92M.A, ’97Ph.D., Greg Black and Frank Hawkins Jr. 81, recipient of the Professional Achievement Award.

(4) John Carothers, vice president for Development and Alumni Relations, with Suzanne Pennington and her daughter Jill Gianoli. Suzanne accepted the posthumously awarded University Service Award for her husband, William N. Pennington ’08HDG.

Homecoming Halftime with award winners

Nevada Alumni Association award recipients were recognized on the field during halftime.

(5) Alumni Association Service Award recipients Louis Bonaldi ’75, ’77AAMD and Lisa Lyons ’88, ’97M.D.

(6) The Reviglio family gathers on the field with University President Marc Johnson to honor the late Jack T. Reviglio, who was posthumously given the University Service Award.
Alumni Bowling Night

More than 100 alumni and friends attended Alumni Bowling Night Sept. 16 at Wild Island Family Adventure Park. “Kids” of all ages enjoyed bowling, mini golf, go karts and the laser maze.

(1) Hayden Conway, Ethan Pickett, Emma Reeves and Ally Pickett.

(2) Skyler McAnany, Tristan Morrice, Marcelle Morrice ’05, ’10M.Ed. and Stan Morrice ’94.

(3) Garth Lerg, Tyler Lerg, Sammuel Lerg, Andrew Lerg, Becke Lasa and Rosemary Lerg ’09.

(4) Nicolas Di Meo ’07, ’10M.A. and Nicky Di Meo.

(5) Matt Johnson, Alex Johnson, Max Johnson and Amy Poggensee ’97.

Alumni Golf Day

A field of nearly 60 players teed off during the Nevada Alumni Association’s inaugural Alumni Golf Day Oct. 7 at Somersett Golf & Country Club. The golf event kicked off Rivalry Weekend, and included visits from Wolfie Jr. and Nevada Wolf Pack Cheerleaders. Special thanks to event sponsors Silver & Blue Outfitters and Slice of the Peak.

(6) Tom Matter ’94, ’01MBA, Wolfie Jr., Jeff Scheneman ’97 and Chris Vargas ’95.

Oregon Pregame

More than 200 alumni and friends celebrated the start of football season with the Nevada Alumni Association Sept. 10 in Mallard Park at Autzen Stadium in Eugene, Ore. Special thanks to GeICO for sponsoring this fun-filled event.

(1) Bob ’83 and Connie ’88 (Mace) Fry, Alex ’81 and Amanda Flangas and Tim Lukas.

(2) Reno Mayor, Bob Cashell ’76HA and University of Nevada President, Marc Johnson.

Emeriti Faculty Pregame

The Nevada Alumni Association’s annual Emeriti Faculty Pregame Party was held Dec. 3 in Legacy Hall. Former faculty members enjoyed lunch followed by the Nevada vs. Idaho football game. Faculty members who hadn’t seen each other in years enjoyed catching up about their families, their hobbies and their days at the University. Special thanks to Nevada Athletics for donating tickets to the football game.

(3) Karen Bowman, Jim Binks and Vicki Erickson ’83 MBA.

(4) Bob Kersey (faculty emeritus), Ken Kersey and Ginnie Kersey.

(5) Dick Trachok ’49, ’54 M.A. (faculty emeritus) and Fran (Sumner) Trachok ’47.

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Southern Nevada Alumni Gathering

On Sept. 30 more than 300 alumni and friends gathered at the home of Scott ’89 and Jill (Pelan) Gragson ’90 for the inaugural southern Nevada alumni mixer. The Gragsons surprised the crowd with entertainment from a past Beer Barrel favorite: Chris Talbot ’96. The event ran well into the late hours of the night with attendees asking “When are we going to do this again?” as they walked out the door. The event committee, made up of more than 30 alumni and friends in Las Vegas, hopes to make this a yearly event hosted by different alumni in the area. Special thanks to our amazing host committee who worked so hard to make the evening a success.

(1) Scott Frost ’88 with event hosts, Jill (Pelan) Gragson ’90 and Scott Gragson ’89.
(2) Guests enjoy music outdoors during the reception.
(3) Sam McMullen ’73 and Mary-Ellen (Cain) McMullen ’73 with John Carothers, vice president for Development and Alumni Relations.
(4) Wolf Pack Host Committee members Amanda Hawkins ’05, Jason Demuth ’03, Denise (Koval) Cashman ’83 and Dorothy (Howell) Huffey ’61.
(5) Tom Mullin ’06, Lauralie Ezra ’05, Christal Allen ’04 and Tim Mullin ’06.
Basketball Pregame Party in Las Vegas

Nevada alumni gathered in Las Vegas Nov. 14 to support the Wolf Pack Men’s Basketball team as Nevada took on UNLV at the Thomas & Mack Center. Coach David Carter was on hand prior to the game to chat with Nevada fans and get them excited for the game.

(1) Bryce Burdick ’06, Todd Carney ’06, Douglas Brooks ’06, Bonnie (Fairchild) Bryan ’61, Senator Richard Bryan ’59, Jim Curran ’03, Jim Blamire ’06 and Jarrod Dean ’06.

(2) Nevada Men’s Basketball Coach David Carter gets Wolf Pack fans fired-up for the game.

(3) Scott ‘88, ’93M.D. and Jill (Johnson) Fielden ’91, Scott Machabee ’90 and Rob Stillwell ’89.

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