Steinway at School of the Arts
dedicated to Andrea Lenz

For almost four decades, faculty emerita Andrea Lenz played the piano for thousands of rehearsals, recitals, concerts and student music juries at the University of Nevada, Reno. As a tribute to Andrea and her contributions to the University, the School of the Arts dedicated a new Steinway piano in her honor, while bringing Nevada one step closer to becoming an All-Steinway School.

“This wonderful instrument is a fitting tribute to Andrea’s many contributions to the University and advances our All-Steinway School initiative,” says Heather Hardy, dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

Andrea taught about 20 different courses and served as music department chair for six years. She received the dean’s award for creative activity and research in 2010.

The fundraising effort for the latest Steinway was assisted by Andrea’s husband, Scott Faulkner ’96M.M. (music), executive director of the Reno Chamber Orchestra. Andrea was presented with the piano during her retirement reception May 10. She performed for those who gathered, and the piano will remain at the school as a tribute to her legacy.

Since 2009, the school has been working toward becoming an All-Steinway School, a designation that includes more than 135 conservatories, universities, colleges and schools around the world. To be recognized as an All-Steinway School, 90 percent of its piano inventory must be Steinway instruments.

More than 80 donors have supported the effort with nearly $160,000 in gifts since 2009. To date, there are 17 Steinways at the School of the Arts, five of which have been purchased or donated as part of the initiative.

To learn more about supporting the All-Steinway effort and the School of the Arts, please contact Benjamin Korn, director of development, (775) 784-6873 or bkorn@unr.edu.

—Roseann Keegan

Larsen endowment benefits students in social work

During her 25 years of teaching at the University of Nevada, Reno, the late Barbara Larsen was a strong advocate for children and taught courses in both child law and social work. Larsen, an associate professor emerita of social work, was co-founder of the School of Social Work and served for several years as the school’s chair.

Barbara’s husband, College of Business faculty emeritus Larry Larsen, and her children, Lance, Kiersten, Erik ’86 (English), ’89M.A. (English) and Gretchen ’94 (criminal justice), have established the Barbara West Larsen School of Social Work Founder’s Endowment in her honor to benefit graduate or undergraduate students pursuing degrees in social work.

“Barbara was always student-centered and was honored as a Senior Scholar Mentor in 1990,” Larry Larsen says. “She remained grateful to the students she taught.”

Barbara was previously a professor at the University of Utah, a psychiatric social worker for the Nevada Health Department and appointed to the social work staff at the former Nevada State Hospital in Sparks.

“We are deeply grateful to Barbara’s dedication to the mission of the School of Social Work and her tireless efforts to support and prepare ethical social work leaders and practitioners,” says Denise Montcalm, associate professor and former director of the School of Social Work.

To learn more about supporting the Division of Health Sciences, please contact Christina Sarman ’00, ’11M.A., director of development, (775) 784-6009 or christinas@unr.edu. In southern Nevada, please contact Wendy Nelson, director of development, (702) 671-2240 or wbnelson@medicine.nevada.edu.

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Endowment pays tribute to the late Bill Eadington

The William R. Eadington Memorial Scholarship Endowment has been established by the Department of Economics on behalf of colleagues, former students and friends of the late Bill Eadington, who passed away on Feb. 11 after a struggle with pancreatic cancer. The scholarship will be awarded to an undergraduate or graduate student studying economics.

Eadington began teaching at the University in 1969 and was the founder of the Institute for the Study of Gambling and Commercial Gaming. He served as the organizer of the University’s ongoing triennial International Conferences on Gambling and Risk Taking, and was founder and co-moderator of the annual Executive Development Program for Senior Level Casino Executives.

In 1990, he was awarded a Foundation Professorship at the University, and since 2004, he held the Philip G. Satre Endowed Chair in Gaming Studies at the University.

“Bill was a great colleague to all of us in the College of Business,” says College of Business Dean Greg Mosier. “He was absolutely the best scholar in the world in his field of the economics and regulation of gaming.”

To learn more about supporting the College of Business, please contact Mitch Klaich ’02, director of development, (775) 682-6490 or mklaich@unr.edu.

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Family creates endowment to celebrate Liang-chi Hsu

The four children of faculty emeritus Liang-chi (Li) Hsu and their families have established the Dr. Liang-chi Hsu Graduate Research Endowment to honor their father’s accomplishments and his impact on student learning and research in mineralogy and geochemistry at the University of Nevada, Reno. The endowment will support graduate students enrolled in the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering.

“The idea started taking roots around his 80th birthday, and we surprised him with the endowment last Christmas,” says Rick Hsu ’90 (political science). “Dad was emotional and said he felt so humble.”

A native of Taiwan, Hsu graduated from the National Taiwan University in 1956 and received his master’s degree in geology in 1961. To help finance his education, he worked as a janitor and tutored the children of a family who hosted him. After graduating, he taught geology at the university.

“Li served the University for 28 years as a research minerologist, geochemist and professor of geology,” says Jeff Thompson, dean of the College of Science. “This endowment is a fitting tribute to the indelible mark he left on the University through his many years of dedication to science and higher education.”

Hsu served as a faculty member at the Mackay School of Mines and the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology from 1969 through 1996, where he was a specialist in the fields of experimental petrology and mineralogy, geochemistry, and petrologic and mineralogic instrumentation.

In the late 1980s and early 90s, Hsu served as chair of the Honors study board and director of the University Honors Study Program, promoting the scholastic status of high-achieving undergraduate students.

To learn more about supporting the Mackay School and the College of Science, please contact Char Hagemann, director of development, (775) 682-8791 or chagemann@unr.edu.

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