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## Letters to the Editor

The new Nevada Silver & Blue is outstanding. . . what a fun magazine to read.

Jim Nightingale '64 (civil engineering)  
Carmichael, Calif.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the staff and anyone else behind the new Silver & Blue! In design, content, writing and editing, it's a quantum leap beyond the old. It projects an image and a message that the University can be proud of. The new design is outstanding, but I am particularly impressed by the lively writing, no doubt guided and supported by your editing. In contrast with past issues, the new one reads as if people who have been on the staff for years were finally given the green light to use their best chops. I look forward to the next issue.

#### Tom King

Oral History Department  
University of Nevada, Reno

Just a note to express my delight with the new layout of the Silver and Blue! It is infinitely more readable, more professional, and less like some advertising slick. I don't recall ever sitting down to read an issue cover to cover, as I did tonight. Even my husband, who usually ignored it, took an extended peek! Thank you!

#### Harriett Warren

Reno

I just read through Silver and Blue and wanted to say that I enjoyed it very much. The make-over is really nice, great editorial, photos, art and not too long!

#### Trace Robbers

National Judicial College

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### DOCTOR SHORTAGE

I found your article regarding the physician shortage very interesting and timely. That said, I believe that perhaps you understated how critical the health care issue is about to become. Several significant facts might influence how quickly the crisis will evolve. From a population perspective, one of the most important issues on the near horizon is the rapidly increasing number of geriatric residents in Nevada. The geriatric specialist in Nevada is essentially nonexistent. And primary care will also become a relic in the next few years. As you touched upon, physicians are not going into primary care because of financial considerations. . . Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance "hoops" and restrictions. There will be a point in the very near future when critical mass will be crossed, and realistically, Nevada will not be able to provide adequate care for its residents. The crisis is currently acute in the rural communities. This was a very important article you wrote and more needs to be said.

#### Dr. Stephen Mark Shaw

Reno

### PUBLIC OFFICES

Silver and Blue, In response to your question on running for office, I was just reelected to my second term as Douglas County (Nevada) Assessor.

#### Doug Sonnemann

'79 BS, '82 MS (agricultural economics)

### MAKING THE ARGUMENT

#### To the Editor:

*Psst, hey you. Yeah, you. Can I bum a cigarette? Gee, thanks a lot. I've been getting so many dirty looks I felt bad about buying another pack. I'm surprised you're walking around so casually, smoking. Haven't you heard? The health-conscious Inquisitors are hunting down anyone who smokes and making them wear little cigarette badges. Yeah, so that way people will already form an opinion about you just from knowing you're a smoker. Wow, they even accused me of giving a baby lung cancer the last time I lit up at Bully's. Well, good smoke. Take it easy and watch where you light up. Be careful. They are on the lookout.*

The amount of hypocrisy dripping from the column "Make all public places smoke-free now" by Chris Pritsos in the Winter Edition of the *Nevada Silver & Blue* sticks to my sense of outrage like tar stains on my teeth.

Sincerely,

**Daniel Echebarria** (Smoker)

Campus Pharmacy

University of Nevada, Reno

To read the complete letter, go to our website:

<http://www.unr.edu/nevadasilverandblue/letters>

### LOOK ONLINE

When the legendary entertainer Bill Cosby speaks, everyone listens. Such was the case when Cosby addressed the Nevada men's basketball team earlier this season. Cosby wasn't the only American to take note of the ninth-ranked Wolf Pack's success. Alphie, the athletic program's mascot, was prominently featured in a national public service advertisement for college students. Plus, sounds from Senior Night at Lawlor Events Center and more pictures of the Wolf Pack's record-breaking season.

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Photo by John Byrne



Photo by Jean Dixon

### CORRECTIONS

The major for alumna Nicole Vance '96 was listed incorrectly in the Winter 2007 *Nevada Silver & Blue*. Vance's University major was business finance.

In the Class Chat brief on Waldo Walker's election as chairman of the Washoe Tribe, one of the tribe communities was omitted. The communities in western Nevada are Stewart, Carson and Dresslerville.