“What’s a library good for anyway?”
Ask that question of newly-minted University of Nevada, Reno graduate Brett Hartley ’16, (History), and prepare for a plethora of praise for his former employer, the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center. Hartley worked in Special Collections, a slice of the Knowledge Center deemed by Hartley to be special, indeed.

“I liked how working there exposed me to resources I didn’t even know were available,” he says. “Such as video, audio, photos and documents. This is Special Collections. And all of it is available on the library’s website—everything that’s digitized can be found on the website.”

Hartley says he also likes the “cool,” not too stuffy atmosphere. “They’re forward thinking and they try to cater to younger audiences in a digitized era.”

He says the job perks weren’t bad either—this is where he learned the fine points of Adobe Photoshop software as well as how to scan and digitize materials.

“While Hartley is still trying to decide what his future holds, his heart lies in the world of baseball, a sport he’s played each year, from T-Ball through graduation in 2010 from Douglas High School in Gardnerville, NV.

“I was trying to consider jobs that I would enjoy while utilizing my degree (he majored in history and received a minor in cultural anthropology). I’ve decided that working at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY would be a good fit for me. I’m a history lover and a baseball fan and I wrote my senior thesis on the early history of baseball.”
Additionally, working in Special Collections opened other doors for Hartley as he tackled a class project about Glenn J. “Jake” Lawlor, who for more than five decades was one of the best known sports figures in Nevada, coaching nearly every sport at UNR before retiring in the 1970s.

Hartley says his boss and head of Special Collections, Donnie Curtis, suggested the topic and oversaw his progress as he spent an entire semester researching and then constructing a website about Lawlor that includes videos, photos, audio clips and interviews, nearly all found in Special Collections.

“Everything you need is right here,” Hartley says. “Primary and secondary sources are here, you don’t have to go anywhere else.”

One of the most intriguing artifacts he unearthed during his research is a scrapbook donated to Special Collections by Lawlor’s wife. “The scrapbook has an inscription in it that says, in part, that she hoped it would be used for student research. And I used it,” he says, with a full-size grin.

During his tenure at Special Collections, Hartley has worn many hats and enhanced his world view broadly. For example he was involved with the current Shakespeare exhibit, “Upstart Crow,” which is mounted in the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center through July 15, 2016.

“This experience helped me to realize what approaches need to be taken in exhibit design in regard to targeted audiences and accessibility.”

Besides that, Hartley researched Mackay Stadium for an endeavor called renohistorical.org, a mobile app and website that lets visitors explore the history of Reno through location-based essays, oral histories, archival images and documentary film.

No matter where life decides Brett Hartley will plant himself, it is obvious that his learning curve has been greatly enhanced through his experiences with Special Collections.

Letter from Jake Lawlor’s scrapbook

JAKE LAWLOR’S SCRAPBOOK

Erma Lawlor was her husband’s biggest fan. When the University honored Lawlor on May 26, 1972, she presented Lawlor with a scrapbook she’d compiled to capture both personal and career memories. Items continued to be added to the scrapbook until 1993. Mrs. Lawlor donated the Jake Lawlor Scrapbook to Special Collections University Archives, where it is preserved as a treasure trove of the University's sports history for future generations.

The scrapbook contains family and career photographs, including many photos of Wolf Pack athletes and coaches, along with game programs, telegrams sent to Lawlor about games, newspaper clippings, and various certificates. There are several letters to Lawlor from various University Presidents offering either congratulations or commiseration over the outcomes of key athletic competitions. Governor Mike O’Callaghan’s proclamation for May 26, 1972, to be Jake Lawlor Day in Nevada is also in the scrapbook.

In 1971, librarian Mary Ellen Glass interviewed Lawlor under the auspices of the University’s Oral History Project. The transcription of “Oral Autobiography of an Iowa Native: With a Close-up View of Nevada Athletics, 1926-1971,” is available in Special Collections and online.

Jake Lawlor’s Scrapbook is a priceless accompaniment to his oral history.
“Granny”, aka Dorothy E. Stepps Lazzarone, was always a reader and a lover of good books. In fact, during WWII, she served in the United States Navy as a Navy Wave, stationed at Camp Endicott in Rhode Island, where she was a librarian in the base library.

As luck would have it, it was at the library that she met her future husband, Al, who was also stationed there.

Dorothy welcomed her husband’s Italian heritage into her life and became a master of Italian cuisine. In fact, she was one of the original chefs for the Eldorado Resort Casino’s annual Italian Festival and participated every year until 2012, when she handed her cooking duties to her granddaughter, Gina.

Sports played a big part in the Lazzarone family and “Granny” was always supportive, cheering at her children’s, grandchildren’s and even great grandchildren’s games.

Dorothy passed away in 2014 at age 92, leaving her large family with enough memories to fill all of her 92 years. As a lasting tribute to “Granny”, her son Dale and daughter-in-law Bobbi thought it fitting to establish an endowment with the Special Collections department housed within the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center—the Dorothy Lazzarone Endowment for Special Collections.

The endowment will act as a legacy to Dorothy and will help support the place she loved so much. According to her daughter-in-law, Bobbi, she especially enjoyed the Book Arts Collection housed in Special Collections.

“Special Collections doesn’t have the glory and the flamboyance of the sports programs, but it’s part of our Nevada heritage and contains such exceptional materials that go back generations and generations, all in one place,” says Bobbi.

At press time we received news of the passing of Al Lazzarone ’47 (economics) on June 12. He was 93.
“This is the kind of place I wanted to study in,” Ryan Bayfield says during a recent interview as he recalls his experiences at the University of Nevada, Reno’s DeLaMare Science and Engineering Library. “There were people there who actually wanted to help me. It’s a hands-on kind of place. There needs to be a place where science happens—you know, science doesn’t happen quietly.”

Bayfield, 25, a 2015 Nevada graduate, is unabashedly passionate about DeLaMare. Although this may seem strange coming from a student who obtained his bachelor’s degree in business administration, Bayfield sees the hours he spent working and playing at DeLaMare, as well as his undergraduate degree from UNR’s College of Business, as a partnership—a finely tuned marriage of his university experiences.

This collaboration, Bayfield says, works brilliantly at his new job in Pasadena, CA, at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory—think Mars Rover—where he’s tending to the business side of things, with responsibilities that include purchasing and inventory, while also taming laser cutters and soon, 3D printers—skills he learned at DeLaMare.

Bayfield’s affiliation with DeLaMare began with zombies, a subject which led him to a meeting with library head, Associate Professor Tod Colegrove, and ultimately, a job there. “I originally came to DeLaMare Library to talk to Tod about our club, Humans vs. Zombies. We needed an emblem and Tod suggested we 3D print it.”

And when Colegrove came up with the idea of zombie games, Bayfield was hooked, and the rest of his education commenced.

Bayfield enthusiastically praises the library and Colegrove, whom he says is now his friend too, with his immersion in the science of this library. He says what DeLaMare offers is inspiration…and tools.

“By having the tools, the community follows; then the collaboration starts to happen. What I learned at DeLaMare was just as valuable as what I learned in my business classes. I credit the entire library with my learning curve. The energy and the progressive attitude are what contributed to my achievements after college.”
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BURNING INQUIRY X2

Thank you to Dr. Gary Johnson and Crimson Rose who presented this year’s Burning Inquiry lectures.

In March, Dr. Johnson, Associate Professor with the University of Nevada School of Medicine and Burning Man doctor, shared stories about the medical evolution at the event and surviving the playa.

Crimson Rose, a founding board member of Burning Man and “the godmother of fire arts”, discussed the Art and Culture of Fire Dance that sprang from Burning Man and around the world.

OUTREACH TO STUDENTS

In partnership with the Writing and Tutoring Center, the University Libraries Coffee and Cookie night was a huge success. Over 600 students enjoyed not only coffee and cookies but also research, writing and tutoring assistance.

Mark H. and Maria Davis Denzler ’78 (renewable natural resources) have established an endowment to benefit the University’s DeLaMare Science & Engineering Library in honor of Maria’s parents and celebrated Nevadans, Jack ’50 (physical education) and Mary Davis ’46 (history). The endowment will provide advanced technology, technological improvements and support for the current makerspace. In 1972, Jack was founding president of the still-unbuilt Western Nevada Community College and was later director for the Western Nevada Development District and founder and president of the North American Boxing Federation. Mary was both a high school Spanish teacher and taught at the University as well. Jack passed away in 2009, while Mary passed away Aug. 9. To learn more about supporting the University Libraries, please contact Millie Mitchell, director of development, (775) 682-5682.

Photo: The late Mary Davis ’46.

Librarian, Michelle Rachal, offering research assistance

Undergraduates enjoying their cookie pick-me-up
On Wednesday, May 4, the University Libraries hosted a celebration for the graduating seniors who were part of the University Libraries team. Each student was presented with a certificate and a University Libraries lapel pin from Dean Kathy Ray, along with acknowledgement of their contributions. All told, 29 library student assistants graduated with degrees in a wide variety of fields, from engineering to business to nursing.

The student assistants who work in all departments within the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center and DeLaMare Science & Engineering Library are invaluable. Whether a student is delivering the mail or helping with poster printing in One, they serve as an integral part of the Libraries’ team, keeping the building running smoothly and ensuring the needs of the customers (students, faculty, and community members) are being met.

Many of the student assistants are the first point of contact for library patrons, which means their customer service skills must be top notch. The students go through training within their individual departments to ensure they know how to handle whatever comes their way. To list the numerous contributions each student provides would fill this entire newsletter, but it’s safe to say the assistants are the backbone of the library.

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**Information Technology:** Tracy Williams, William Wheeler, Johnathon Kenerson and Steve Smith, Vice-Provost for Information Technology

**ERAS:** Cammi Carpenter, Marcus Teissedre, Danielle Smith, Stephanie Trujillo

**DeLaMare Science and Engineering Library:** Left to right, front row: Tara Radniecki, Alisa Huckle, Jazmin Arevalo, Christina Gallegos, Sarah Lopez, Kaylin Arnold, Kelly AugustBack row: Tod Colegrove, Dean Kathy Ray and Maria Duque-Lueck
2016 LIBRARY STAFF GRADUATES

The graduates are listed alphabetically by last name with their library department and degree earned.

**College of Science and College of Business:**

Travis Duhn, TLT, B.S. Finance and Economics
Megan Filbin, Building Operations, B.S. Economics and Marketing
Jack Friebel, DeLaMare, B.S. Biotechnolog
Riley Kellermeyer, @One, B.S. Neuroscience
Jonathan Kenerson, Building Operations, B.S. Finance and Economics
Sarah Lopez, DeLaMare, B.S. Neuroscience and Mathematics
Danielle Smith, ERAS, B.S. Accounting and International Business
William Wheeler, TLT/IT, M.B.A.

**College of Engineering and Division of Health Sciences:**

Jazmin Arevalo, DeLaMare, B.S. Public Health
Kelsey Dearing, Building Operations, B.S. Human Development and Family Studies
Christina Gallegos, DeLaMare, B.S. Human Development and Family Studies
George Helgerson, Building Operations, B.S. Civil Engineering
Kyle Lee, Network Operations, B.S. Computer Science, Engineering
Tyler Maggert, @One Media, B.S. Mechanical Engineering
Kaitlin Reggiardo, Basque, B.S. Speech Pathology
Lauren Speer, Building Operations, B.S. Nursing
Marcus Teissedre, ERAS, B.S. Social Work

**Reynolds School of Journalism and College of Liberal Arts:**

Alexa Ard, @One, B.A. Journalism
Kaylin Arnold, DeLaMare, B.S. Psychology
Kelly August, DeLaMare, B.S. Geology
Kenneth Bissett, MCD, B.A. Journalism
Chace Calvert, @One, B.S. Psychology
Jeremy Campbell, Telecommunications, B.A. History
Austin Clinton, ERAS, B.A. Digital Media
Gabreella Friday, @One, B.S. International Affairs
Rocio Hernandez-Zarate, MARS, B.A. Journalism and Spanish
Daniel Madrigal, Library Services, B.S. Geography and Psychology
Jessica Ramirez, Basque, B.S. Communication Studies and Spanish
Levi Rojas, DeLaMare, B.A. Women’s Studies
INTRODUCING OUR NEW BASQUE LIBRARIAN

By Linda Fine Conaboy

Before the plane from the Basque Country carrying Iñaki Arrieta Baro and his family landed last year in Reno, not one of them had ever been in the United States. Instead, the entire hiring process for the newest librarian at the University of Nevada Reno’s Basque Library was conducted via Skype.

Visualize then, the feelings he and his family—wife Eli and daughter Elaia, 4, shared as they trooped down the concourse to retrieve their luggage. “We were tired after the long flight and the first things we saw were the gambling machines. My daughter thought it was Christmas,” he laughs. “There were lights everywhere and it was only September.”

Imagine also, arriving in Reno with absolutely no idea where they would live; however, with the help of co-workers, the family found a place to live and purchased a car. Elaia is in pre-school, and Eli, who has a background in public relations, is a stay-at-home mom.

Arrieta Baro, 40, says his career ambitions didn’t always include being a librarian, but he developed a library habit at an early age in his hometown of Herrani, in the South of San Sebastian, Spain.

With a post-graduate degree in Basque studies as well as libraries, he brings a wealth of knowledge to Reno and says he’s proud to a part of the Basque Library, the importance of which is two-fold, he says.

“The book collection here is the largest outside of the Basque Country. Even more important is the archival collection. There are unique materials here. Even in the Basque Country you won’t find a unique collection like ours.”

He says the North American Basque Organization, Inc. (NABO) now stores their entire archival collection at the Basque Library. “We are reaching out to them. We want to help them preserve their heritage by collecting materials from families and clubs and maintain it here.”

“Imagine,” he says, “there are less than 3 million people in the entire Basque Country. Isn’t it amazing that there’s a library here celebrating the Basques?”

Arrieta Baro behind the scenes in the Basque Library

Jon Bilbao Basque Library Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas
FROM RENO TO THE WHITE HOUSE
DELAMARE LIBRARY’S COMMUNITY OUTREACH

DeLaMare Science & Engineering Library reminded our community of the library’s services in May at the StartUp Faire held in Spanish Springs. Engineering Librarian, Tara Radniecki, with a student Tech Wrangler from DeLaMare, provided information on patent and trademarks, prototyping options and demonstrations, consultation services, and unique DeLaMare equipment and collections.

Chrissy Klenke, Earth Sciences and Maps Librarian, will be representing Nevada at the White House during the National Week of Making June 17-23, 2016. She was chosen for this honor based on her work as the Executive Producer of the Reno Mini Maker Faire and an active member of the Maker Faire Community. The National Week of Making brings together individuals from around the country who are leading efforts to empower, support and inspire makers. Klenke’s work naturally flows from the well-known Makerspace in DeLaMare, where staff work with students and faculty to discover the power of making with laser cutters, 3D printers, Arduino, Makey Makey, Raspberry Pi, and more.

July 9th, 2016, Klenke and team will be producing the third annual Reno Mini Maker Faire. The Faire will be included as part of the Truckee Meadow’s community Artown event. The event is a showcase of invention, creativity and resourcefulness demonstrating the breadth of DeLaMare’s reach.

THE ROAD TO OFFICE:
CAMPAIGNS, ELECTIONS, AND GOVERNANCE

Opening August 1
Third Floor,
Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center

Politics is once again in the air, permeating our airways and our lives. Travel back into our political past through a new exhibit highlighting the campaigns of Nevada’s men and women as well as those successfully gaining public office.
Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center Exhibits

**Whittemore Gallery**
*Media Technology: Past & Present*
Through Mid-July

**Engineering Solutions**
Opening August

**3rd Floor & Special Collections**
*Upstart Crow, Shakespeare in Northern Nevada*
Through Mid-July

**The Road to Office:**
*Campaigns, Elections and Governance*
Opening August

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