



# ALUMNEWS

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“Anyone can criticize, condemn, and complain but it takes character and self-control to be understanding and forgiving.” —Dale Carnegie

Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art... it has no survival value, rather it is one of those things the give value to survival.—C.S. Lewis

**Alice and Andrew** by Sheila Burson

Dear Alice and Andrew:

NOW THAT I HAVE STARTED AT MY NEW UNIVERSITY, I HATE IT! THE CLASSES AREN'T WHAT I WANTED, CALIFORNIA IS TOO HOT, AND I REALLY WANT TO LEAVE. WHAT CAN I DO?

Unhappy and showing it



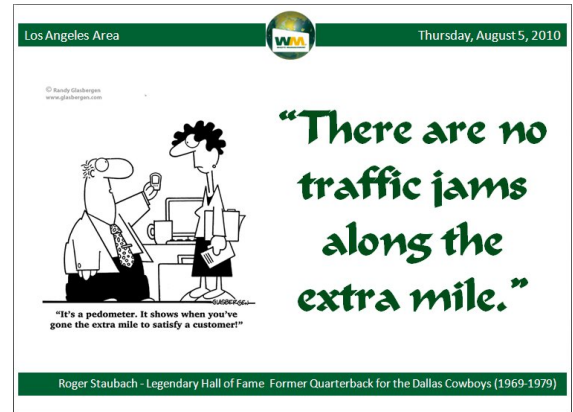
Andrew:

Well, you could do what a friend of mine did. He stuck it out for the first semester because his folks paid all the fees for him. But in the meantime, he started applying to several other universities that he thought might have more of what he was looking for. It really was a pain, though, because then he had to go through the admissions process all over. Are you sure you want to do that?

Alice:

Have you thought that it could be just old-fashioned homesickness? The first week or two of any new school can be pretty stressful. Being friendly with your classmates helps, as well as joining clubs on campus (you did that with Phi Theta Kappa, right?), and volunteering at various events in your new community also helps (check out [volunteermatch.org](http://volunteermatch.org) for ideas). We can't help the weather, but next semester pick your classes just as soon as possible. In fact, start researching which ones you want to take now so that you'll be on top of things for next semester. You'll be fine. Just hang in there a little longer.

## The Extra Mile



If something is worth doing, it is worth doing right. Take the extra time and effort to do things right and a little better than last time

### ALUMNI PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Fellow Members~

September makes me think of fall and the upcoming holiday season. One thing we as members for NCRAA and the Nevada/California Region have to look forward to very soon is our 2010 Leadership Conference being held this year in Irvine at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on November 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. This year is going to be great due to the extra Honors in Action (HIA) component which starts on Friday November 5<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. NCRAA will be conducting our Power Series breakout sessions such as *"The Power of Transition: Transferring to Higher Educational Institutions"*. There will be contests, dancing and an ice cream social where the Alumni and the Regional members can get to know each other! We will put the flier up on our website, [ptkalumni.org](http://ptkalumni.org). If you are interested in coming and would like to be a part of the fun, please contact us at [nvcaraa@gmail.com](mailto:nvcaraa@gmail.com). We have some good news for those NCRAA members who want to come for the weekend and help out so, contact us by September 30<sup>th</sup> for the Alumni Special Offer...Mark your calendars!! I hope you to see many of you there!

*Once a Kappan, Always a Kappan!!*

~Jesse Lyn Clark