

Staff Members Select Ten Best News Stories

Nevada Building Program News Accounts Lead Poll By Wide Margin

Joining in the final poll of the semester, members of the Sagebrush staff picked the outstanding campus news stories of the past two semesters as the 1940 school year drew to a close this week. The poll was featured by the number of first place votes accorded the building project stories as being the best to appear in the Sagebrush during the year. All but two balloting members chose the series as top story of 1940.

The stories, listed in the order of the number of votes each was given, follow:

1. University of Nevada building program—its beginning and subsequent developments.
2. The early-season surge of the Wolf Pack to the national scoring lead, followed by the team's sudden collapse at the end of the schedule.
3. Blue Key parking control—its inauguration and subsequent developments.
4. Conspiration enters the lives of Nevada students.
5. Marion Motley is convicted of a negligent homicide charge in California but is released on payment of a \$1,000 fine.
6. Regular student body elections last April.
7. Registration fees are raised; officials explain action to students.
8. Special election of student body president and senior class manager becomes necessary in January when Byron Hardie is unable to return to school.
9. The twenty-first annual Homecoming is celebrated.
10. The university's second annual Winter Carnival is presented.

Top Story Has Many Angles

The series of stories on Nevada's building program received its 1940 baptism of fire early last spring when Comptroller Charles H. Gorman announced that work would be held up while every effort was bent to secure a PWA grant to supplement the \$375,000 appropriated by the state legislature. The grant never materialized, however, and this summer university officials decided to proceed with the program with the money at hand. Plans were drawn up by local architects this summer and after a number of minor delays, work on the engineering building began at the end of November. The gymnasium met its greatest setback recently when engineers found that the proposed women's athletic field site did not provide a firm foundation. Students are at present awaiting the advertising and letting of bids for the construction of the gym in its new location behind the barracks.

Beginning the season with every prospect of winding up with the greatest record compiled by a Nevada football team in recent years, the Pack did an abrupt about-face following its 7-6 loss to Fresno and dropped the remaining three games on the schedule, to Idaho, College of Pacific, and San Jose State. The team was given much national publicity during the time it led the nation's scoring race.

Blue Key first broached the idea of traffic and parking control to the campus last spring, and under the leadership of President Bill Casey this fall put the plan into actual effect. The men's upperclass committee has proved invaluable in enforcing the service group's rules and fines.

Conspiration Hits Hard

The nation's first peace time draft deeply affected life at the university when more than 350 students and members of the faculty registered for military service, a number of them being placed near the top of the local list.

As was the case with "Elsie's knees" last year, students felt that the widely publicized case of Marion Motley was more of a news story off the campus than on. However, its many dramatic aspects, including the drive for funds on the campus, caused this story to be given several first-place votes.

Old Stand-by

The regular student body elections, always a good local news story, placed Ray Garamendi in the president's office over Joe McDonald by a fairly wide margin last spring. The vote was very heavy.

A pocketbook shock awaited returning students at the first of this semester when they found that their registration fees had increased almost threefold. Officials gave the reason for the move as added university expenses and lowered income.

Fails to Capture Interest

Illogically enough, last January's special student body election, occasioned by the injury of ASUN President Byron Hardie and his subsequent poor health, did not draw a great deal of campus interest, the staff members felt. David Hartman defeated Ross Ashley in the finals, and Ted Olsen was elected to Ashley's resigned senior class manager-ship.

The twenty-first annual Homecoming and the third annual Winter Carnival, because of the duration of the coverage each was given, both received enough ballots to make the big ten, the former barely edging out the Carnival story.

Aggie Farm Drive Gains Momentum

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Invitations to the meet have been mailed to the University of California, Southern California, Washington, Stanford, University of California at Los Angeles, Utah, Oregon, Washington State College, and Oregon State College.

Assisting McDonald in preparations for the meet are Paul Seaborn, Harriet Morrison, Betty Nash, Rose Arenaz, Sam Osgood, Franklin Stewart, Henry Jones, Bob Hartor and Bryn Armstrong.

Included in the letter of invitation was a request for comments stating how, in the opinion of the Skiing directors of each school, the Nevada Carnival could be improved. No replies have been received as yet.

Regents to Hear
The board of regents has consented to hear the committee's arguments at its next meeting, which is now tentatively set for early in January, the regular meeting of the board. If the delayed plans for the gymnasium should become available before that time however, and the regents should meet to consider them, the farm return question will be taken up at that time, it was learned today.

Members of the committee reported that they have been sounding out legislative opinion on the question, and that they were preparing an itemized cost program which they indicated would be submitted for the approval of the regents or rejection by them.

Fraternity Skiers Point For Annual Meet Next Spring

Organization of fraternity ski teams headed the intramural sports program this week, with the annual interfrat meet scheduled for early next semester.

Date of the competition is indefinite, depending upon snow conditions on the slopes of Mt. Rose, locale of the annual intramural event. The course has remained hazardous so far this semester. Several frat boardman have entered practice, however, skiing in the mountains above the regular course.

A survey of relative prowess among the Greek skiers finds Sigma Nu with three returning members of last year's championship team in Lester Glessman, Bernard Smith, and Hugh Chessher. Robert McDonough, Floyd Edsall, Bill Peterson, and Paul Seaborn will attempt to fill in for Bob Cameron, ace point-getter on the Snake's 1940 team.

Beta Kappa will enter a threesome of veterans, with Sam Osgood, Gerald McCormick, and Charles Hendrickson comprising the nucleus of the board squad. The BK's won second honors in last year's meet.

Toby Larsen will carry the load for Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Bill Moran, Bill Nelson, Harold Sweet, John Mayse, and Nick Mastroyich will constitute the remainder of the Evans avenue outfit.

Sigma Phi Sigma will make a bid for points with Harry Plath, Charles Matson, Roy Anderson, and Bud Young comprising the team. John Hawkins, Willie Etchemendy, Scott Guild, Frank Stewart, and Tom Kent will represent ATO.

A freshman team will carry the Lambda Chi's colors, with John Beatty, Bill Eccles, and Ward Nichols entering the competition. Austin Imus is the only Phi Sig who has signified his desire to enter the meet.

NOTICE
Students now working under N. Y. A. may have their same positions next semester without making new applications if they want to keep them.—Dean Margaret E. Mack.

Carnival Date Set; Two-Day Fiesta To Open Feb. 1

The fastest-growing event of America's fastest-growing sport will be unveiled February 1, 2, when students representing the colleges and universities of the Pacific Coast trek to Reno for the third annual Ski Carnival, sponsored by the Ski Club and the students of the University of Nevada.

Termed by winter sports experts as "the coming attraction of the Pacific Coast ski world," the two-day meet will be held on the slopes of Mt. Rose in the high Sierras under the direction of Joe McDonald, senior student who was the director of last year's successful show.

"A diversified program covering the two days is in store for the visitors to the meet, McDonald said. It will include not only skiing but also various social functions designed to give out-of-town sports followers a real look-in on the spirit of hospitality of the Nevada campus."

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Cap, Scroll Holds Formal Initiation

Mary Ellen Bennetts, Marjory Gusewelle, and Margaret Hermansen were initiated into Cap and Scroll, the highest women's honorary society on the campus, at formal ceremonies Wednesday night.

Immediately following the initiation at Mazanita hall, the new members were the guests of honor at a banquet held at the Club Fortune.

Those present at the banquet were Dean Margaret Mack, honorary member, Mary Kormmayer, Eleanor Goldsworthy, and Kay Devlin, old members, and the new initiates.

Qualifications for membership in the society are based on good scholarship, activities, and leadership in campus affairs.

Gym Bids Held Up Month By Delay in Structural Plans

Another delay in the progress of the ultimate erection of a new gymnasium for the University of Nevada was added to a long list of previous postponements as it was announced this week that plans and specifications for the much-moved building would not be ready for advertisement of bids until early in January.

The latest delay was attributed to slow progress on the heating and structural engineering plans by Hunter and Hudson, San Francisco engineers. The architects for the gym are DeLongchamps and O'Brien, Reno. They said today that they were about as far with their work as they could go before receiving the designs from their San Francisco collaborators.

Expected December 16
University authorities had expected the plans to be available by December 16, with a meeting of the board of regents having been tentatively scheduled for December 21, but with further delay in availability of the plans, the meeting was postponed.

Removal of the building from the proposed tennis court site to its original position facing North Virginia street between Hatch Station and the barracks was given by the architects as the principal cause of the slow progress. The change of building sites necessitated a complete revision of structural and heating plans.

Basement Due to Start
There was good news with the bad this week, however, as Comptroller

Faculty Approves Granting Of Credit Hours For CAA Pilot Training Class

Grading System Ruling Is Made

Status of students receiving an "E" in courses due to the fact that they were unable to take final examinations because of illness was clarified at a faculty meeting yesterday.

Under the ruling put into effect when the change in the grading system was announced, any student receiving an "E" in a subject could receive no grade higher than a "D" when all work was made up.

However, the recent flu epidemic has caused several students to miss classes, and many of those ill were unable to report for finals. The faculty has therefore specified that a grade of "E" should be followed by a statement of whether the grade is given for poor work in the course or because of the illness of the student.

The faculty ruled further that any student receiving an "E" caused by illness would be allowed to take any grade that he may earn in a subject, and that the "D" clause in the former ruling would not apply.

Charges normally made for the removal of a condition will not apply to students receiving the grade because of illness.

Any changes in the ruling will not affect students receiving conditions because of poor work. Any "E" received will be placed on the student's permanent transcript, but when the condition is removed, the "E" will be crossed out and the permanent grade substituted.

Dr. Hartman Ends Year Of Service As Nevada President

One year ago this week, a quiet, pleasant-spoken scientist took the oath that made him president of the University of Nevada. Since that ceremony, many changes have taken place on the campus that mark that day in December, 1939, as an important step forward for the institution.

Applying the same methods to university administration that made him a man of note in his field of science, Dr. Hartman, has removed Nevada from the bracket of schools that you "go to when you can't get in any place else," and placed it in a leading position among the Pacific Coast's educational institutions.

Among the many changes inaugurated by Dr. Hartman, the change in the system of handling students as individuals and a complete revision of the schedule of grades are the most outstanding.

Students are now given the opportunity of conference with some professor experienced in the handling of younger men and women and equipped to aid in the smoothing of problems, both scholastic, and personal.

Grades have been standardized and

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New C. E. Building Ahead of Schedule As Work Is Rushed

Construction of the engineering building was being speeded by workmen this week as they rushed to get as much of the new structure erected as possible before the heavier storms of winter set in.

To date, nearly all the foundation columns have been poured, with over 160 cubic yards of cement having been used. The structural foundation steel for the basement is nearly all set in, and workmen on the building expect to begin pouring the basement floor within ten days, it was announced today by M. R. Peterson, Sacramento contractor, who is erecting the new addition to Nevada's engineering facilities.

To Pour Floors

Peterson said that he expected to be able to pour the floors, which are all to be of concrete, within 15 days of each other. Present plans provide for the erection of the floors, building of the roof as soon as possible, and then proceeding with the outside brick and stone wall work. The building is to be heavily reinforced with structural steel, made partly necessary because of the heavy weight of the equipment to be installed.

The building, upon completion, will be a three story structure with a basement half excavated, half above the ground. It is to be finished in brick trimmed with Indiana limestone. The front of the building will resemble the Mackay School of Mines building, except that the new engineering structure will have a three column facade of limestone, topped by a matching stone portico. The entrance will be on a direct line with the front of the Education Hall across the campus.

Labs Provided

The basement will contain the much-needed testing laboratories which university authorities have so long sought for the college of engineering. A fluid mechanics laboratory and special tank-built testing sump is to be provided. A cement testing laboratory, road material testing lab, general material testing lab, and adequate storage rooms have been planned. Also included will be a modern, well-equipped engineering shop, an instrument room, and a lecture room, rounding out the basement facilities.

Five offices and four lecture rooms will take up the first floor. On the third floor will be installed four drafting rooms of the latest design, equipped with the utmost in modern fluorescent lighting. There will be one large master room and three smaller rooms for advanced work.

A blue print room, equipped to turn out the most complicated of modern engineering designs, will be installed on the top floor, as will a well-stocked engineering library, a student conference room and a lecture room and two offices.

The roof of the new structure is to be asbestos shingles. Upon completion, the entire civil engineering department is to be moved from its present quarters into the new building. An increase in laboratory space for the mechanical engineers will thus be provided.

President Leon W. Hartman said that despite the enlargement of the engineering facilities, he anticipated no increase in the teaching staff of the college of engineering.

Beekays Honor Christmas Graduates With Dinner

A farewell banquet honoring five members leaving the university this semester was held Monday night by Beta Kappa.

Honored were Dudley Davis, graduating, Fred McIntyre, called to U. S. army duty; Eugene Rowland, ranching at Doyle, Cal.; Don Townsend, taking a position with the General Electric Co. in New York, and Henry Morehead, who will take a position with an aircraft company. Ralph Moyer, past president, was presented with a gold watch fob gavel.

Miss Eva Adams Visits Nevada Campus

Miss Eva Adams, private secretary to Senator Pat McCarran, visited friends and teachers on the Nevada campus this week.

Miss Adams, who is now enjoying a vacation from her duties in the nation's capital, has been visiting friends and relatives in all parts of the state. She formerly was an instructor in English here, and obtained a year's leave of absence to take the position as the secretary of the senior senator from Nevada.

TO VISIT IN SPOKANE

Professor and Mrs. Warren O. Wagner will spend the Christmas holidays visiting friends and relatives in Spokane, Washington.

Sophomore Standing To Be Required For Student Participation

Stepping into line with other colleges and universities in the Nevada-Utah region of the Civil Aeronautics Authority, the university faculty gave final approval of a plan for the establishment of a college aeronautic ground school course and credit rating for students taking civilian pilot training at a meeting held last evening.

Preliminary sanction of the plan was given by the university engineering faculty Wednesday evening when a definite proposal was submitted for discussion by Clark Amens, university coordinator of civilian pilot training and ground school instructor.

Registration Plan Set For Operation

Registration for the spring semester will begin in the gymnasium Monday, Jan. 6, with the freshman and sophomore classes making out their "railroad" tickets on that day.

Tuesday the junior and senior students will register. According to Dean Robert Stewart, chairman of the faculty committee on registration, the same system will be used that was put into effect for the first time last fall. Students will start out receiving blank registration forms and will wind their way around the long tables until they reach the deans of their respective colleges for final approval of programs.

Comptroller Charles H. Gorman said that fees for the spring semester would be exactly the same as those for the first college term. The newly-created \$6 hospital fee and the new \$5 incidental fee will be charged, he said. He also reminded students that the student body fee is now \$12.50, the sum approved last year by the students.

Army Life Around Corner For Speers At Semester's End

The first Nevada student in imminent danger of being inducted into the armed forces of the nation under provision of the selective service act appeared this week in the person of Blake Speers, senior student from Sparks.

Speers is to graduate at Christmas, his exemption from compulsory duty in the draft army ending midnight, Dec. 31. It is believed by authorities of draft board two for Washoe County that if Speers does not volunteer or enter some other branch of the nation's armed forces, that he will be inducted sometime during the first two weeks in January. He has already successfully passed his physical examination.

Draft board officials said that they were awaiting momentarily a call for their second quota, which would include Speers. They said no other university students had been assigned draft classifications, and that no further questionnaires had been sent out.

Officials of both boards warned those students who have been put in class 1-D, deferred until May 15, that if they failed to return to the university for the spring semester they would be subject to immediate induction in the first available draft vacancy.

Mrs. Rhodes Explains New University Grading System For Nevada Students

Semester grades will be out about the first of January, Registrar Jeanette C. Rhodes said today, and with them will be inaugurated Nevada's new grading system.

The new alphabetical system, which supplanted the numerical grading scale used for years at this university, was officially put into effect at the beginning of the fall semester, but the students will become formally acquainted with it when they receive grades in about two weeks.

Combining into four passing grades—A, B, C and D—what formerly were six, ranging from 1 to 3.5, the new system has raised several problems. A fifth grade, E, will be used to designate a condition. Students receiving that grade have the alternative of raising it to a barely passing D or receiving a failing F. A new faculty ruling has made it possible with students receiving an E because of the flu to attain a higher mark. F is failure under the new system, and is unchangeable.

For those seniors who are worried about the effect the new grading system upon the graduation requirement, that they have 252 grade points above the old mark of 2.5, or the new grade of C, Mrs. Rhodes pointed out that all students who had received grades un-

der the numerical system were in reality better off than before.

The faculty ruled at a recent meeting that every grade a student who received grades under the old system that was above 2.5 would be credited with four credit points. While pointing out that these students were "getting the best of the deal" by his method, the ruling was made because it was felt that it was the fairest way of translating the old grades into the new system.

Thus, a senior who now has 63 hours of 2.5 or above already has the 252 quality credits required for graduation. Any student wishing to determine his quality credit standing with reference to the number grading system has but to multiply by four the number of grades he has above 2.5. Under the new system, students must achieve 252 quality points, with the grade credits awarded as follows: A—4, B—3, C—2, D—1. There has been no ruling as yet as to the value of E, as that grade represents a condition, and must be removed.

In determining honor roll standings, the grades will be given numerical equivalents equal to the credit points. The grades will then be added and averaged for the honor roll standing.

Students completing and passing examinations given by Beeman last Friday were Leonard Anker, Harold Baird, Grant Cloud, John Du Pratt, Chesley Freemonth, Thomas Kent, Robert McElwee, Bill Moran, Francis Nagle, Glenn Ransom, John Rodgers, Jim Rokous, Walter Schmidt, Joe Weihe, Lee West, Helen Westall, Mel Wilder and Geraldine Hardman.

Students who have passed separate flight examinations thus far are Howard Norton, John Rodgers, Harry Mornston and Emery Conaway.

Students Praised
M. E. Beeman, district ground school supervisor from Salt Lake, examined advanced ground school students enrolled in the present program last week and complemented Nevada students upon their high examination results.

Profes Head Committees
Two faculty members were appointed chairman of Kiwanis committees recently, as that group made plans for their activities during the coming year.

Dean Reuben C. Thompson was appointed chairman of the churches and spiritual aims committee, while Coach Jim Bailey will head the Kiwanis athletics committee for the coming year.

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THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS

I know there is a Santa Claus!
I know, because a child of seven told me so just last Sunday.
And he ought to know, because he made this startling discovery all by himself.

His parents had told him that Santa Claus didn't exist, and they told him because they couldn't afford to spend those precious dollars needed for food and clothing on such insignificant things as toys.

His older brothers and sisters knew there wasn't a Santa Claus. They found out the hard way. But you couldn't fool him. Santa Claus was standing right there across the room and smiling just like he was supposed to.

This child was one of the honored guests at a Christmas Party given for unfortunate children by one of Nevada's fraternities. His home was not the kind of home you and I have known. His clothes neat and clean though they were, were patched. But underneath he was a better man than I am because he had the power and faith to believe in something fine and good. In spite of the deprivation that was apparent upon his features, he believed. And, believing, the world will know a better citizen when he grows up.

This boy was too worldly-wise to believe in a legendary figure such as Santa Claus has become. He'd been around enough to know that the picture of Santa Claus was the figment of somebody's imagination. True, but he believed in a greater thing than that. Down-trodden by the circumstances over which he had no control, entering the world and facing his problems with three strikes on him, he had the backbone to face that situation and smile and say "There is a Santa Claus."

I believe in Santa Claus because a great man told me so—B. A.

TWO STAMPEDES

Band wagons and stampedes are easy things to get into but hard to get out of, so for the last two or three months we've been standing back and keeping a wary eye on two of them, streaming by in opposite directions on each side of us.

To our right and rushing toward a great darkness is the biggest and most dangerous of the two. Led by puffing, red-faced, middle-aged businessmen from the city and terbacky-chewin', beard-bobbin' farmers, it earnestly strives to eliminate, or at least investigate, any and all ideas or ideals which do not fit perfectly into the stereotyped slots cut for them by our father's forefathers.

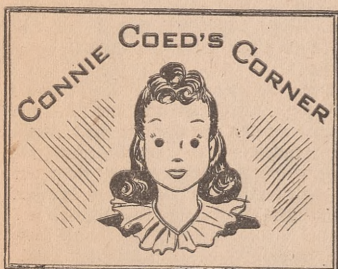
"Americanism," pant the red-faced ones, "must be preserved at all costs."

"Yes, by cracky," support the beard-bobbers, whereupon they both proceed to devote all their energy to smashing all minorities except the Republicans, who are a bit too numerous to be handled so roughly. A grand and glorious ideal these earnest patriots strive for—an America where all ways but the American way are wrong, only no one seems to know what the "American" way is except that it's something we all ought to strive for with such fervent good-will that we trample all those who chance to fall in our path to the goal.

On our left and streaming toward a brilliant light that has a tendency to blind those who look toward it, is the procession of American youth, led by the editors of our so-called "radical" college newspapers, who have had the sheer effrontery to decry the stupid intolerance and prejudices of their elders. Standing for the rights of the minority, of all minorities, they hurl their defiance in the teeth of investigations, signs which proclaim that "boats are leaving for Europe every day," and the proclamations of their elders that they "will brook no opposition to the will of the majority."

So far, as we've said, we've managed to keep pretty well clear of the swirl of both stampedes. Whichever rush you choose to join is your own business. It is neither our duty nor our right to attempt to influence you in such a matter.

May we merely observe in passing, however, that we're getting very, very tired of being continuously pushed back into the environs of a very rigid line and, that having been brought up in the country, we're very fond of light!



Well, gals, we're finished! Finals are over, first semester is completed, books are closed for good. The clothes problem goes on, but those are New Year worries.

A much-needed vacation is here, with its long hours of sleep, dates with no "two-o'clock dead lines" to make, and hours of blissful loafing.
Now, right now, is the time to make

the most of sixteen days of no acute worries, no sad nights of studying until three and four, cramming for psychology tests or math exams. Yippee, for vacation!

Connie knows, it's hard to leave Joe, Pete, or Johnnie, but bury your feelings. Stop worrying! "Absence makes the heart grow fonder," and then, your romances will bloom once more like a Christmas poinsetta after a very cold, frosty exam week.

Good luck in these holiday romances, and may your clothes-horse ride you to bigger and better boy friends. See you next year, and it isn't far off.

A very Merry Christmas, especially for you!

CONNIE.

"Mother, are there any skyscrapers in heaven?"
"No, son. Engineers build skyscrapers."

PROSPECTING

WITH SMOKY EVANS

There were a bunch of little kids watching the glitter and roar and warmth of a downtown toy department. And as we stood there in deepest envy of the kids, and only deep envy of the toys, something clicked.

These little kids did not ask the reason or the why of this wonderment. They just absorbed it with their eyes and ears and all of them, swamped in the joy of the occasion.

Behind them, truly in the shadows, was a sober, paunchy little guy with a cigar, his hat back on his head. He too was looking at the toys. But you could tell that they weren't toys to him but things for sale, and these were not little kids in the throes of Christmas, but buyers. And no doubt he wondered if he couldn't help a bit—by making a cheaper toy and more money.

Here were two representatives of the earth's largest tribes; those who enjoy life, and those who are too busy taking something out of it. Those kids would prefer existence to be nothing but rounds of laughter, good eats, sunshine, friends, games, dogs, hills, clouds, Christmas, and a warm place to sleep. You probably agree with them, and add enough useful work to keep the ball rolling.

The contrast with reality is so painful that we must ask, why couldn't it be the first way—the child's way? The little guy with the cigar answers that question. Even in that happy place, he was thinking only in terms of take.

Of course, he'll give presents, and they'll have little cards with deer and Santa Clauses on them, but they won't be CHRISTMAS presents. And if he got one with a night sky over an ancient city, and three shepherds pondering a fateful star, he still wouldn't get it. Probably because sheep-herders are poor and never buy much except beans.

And then—we remember we were warned, nearly twenty centuries ago, by a man who was born in that ancient city. It was all so simple, and he lived its simplicity. He just gave a little more than he took, to be sure everyone had enough, whether it was work when he was a carpenter, or tolerance when he was a man. If everybody had enough, no one would waste time merely taking, would they?

Well, while you are trying that one to see if there are any lumps in it, we're going to visit the toy department again. Anybody would do that, unless like the little guy with the cigar, he is so engrossed with the bare getting of

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:
'Tis raining outside and I am burning inside, thus I take this opportunity to take issue with your paper, as you suggested in an editorial several weeks ago, and will put forth a bit of criticism.

To some this berating is not worth the time it takes me to compose and write it, but to me it is of major importance.

Did the gal (I know it was a gal through my slight connections with this paper) ever listen to the admonitions of Prof. Higginbotham of the journalism department in regards to getting the spelling of proper names correctly? Ask her for me will you? If she did her head must be somewhat similar to a megaphone, it goes in one side and comes out louder on the other, probably comes out in far different shape than it went in.

My first name consists of five letters, two a's, two l's and an n. Admitted there are several accepted ways of spelling the same name, but mine has appeared in various and sundry public places (much in the manner of a fool's) on this campus. This gal insists on getting only four letters in the name, and as far as I'm concerned she had just as well get them all wrong as to omit just one.

She unearthed my supposedly well-concealed middle name and perhaps through studies in geography and civics she retained the correct spelling of it, although it incorporates no less than nine alphabetical symbols in its length. A trifling bit of time that she might have taken in referring to this year's, last year's or even the year before that masthead of the Sagebrush would prob-

ably have given her no end of information on the correct spelling of proper names, connected with the members of this staff. Why don't you make your reporters do a little research on such matters? If a reporter can't do anything else correctly, he or she should at least be able to get one's name spelled correctly as numerous publications are issued yearly with the sole purpose of listing the cognomens of the residents of some specified district. Put the aforesaid reporter hep to such matters or I shall sue for punitive damages, I know you have no money.

In closing may I ask the reporter in question how she would feel if I wrote a story about her, eliminating all libel, slander and other blasphemy, and left the first c off of her given name? Those in the know will see the connection.

Col. Robert Brambila Visits Nevada Campus

Col. Robert N. Brambila, class of '97, was a recent visitor to the university. He has been retired for several years, before which he was stationed near Newark, New Jersey, with the U. S. Army.

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Wolf Pack To Open Basketball Play At Dedication Of New Virginia Gym

Team Polishes Attack To Repulse Invasion Of Chico State Jan. 10, 11

Coach Charles Schuchardt and his latest edition of the Pack basketball team open the 1940-41 playing season tomorrow night, playing at Virginia City where they will baptize under fire both that city's new gymnasium and this year's hoopmen. The Pack will meet the Virginia City town team, composed of former high school and college players.

With flu, injuries and scholastic difficulties presenting obstacles, Coach Schuey said today that he was sure of victory in tomorrow night's encounter. Although nearly all of last year's first string was lost through graduation or ineligibility, Schuey has been working on a lot of "good boys," and he declares that Nevada's going to fool these wise guys this year.

Lineup Announced
The starting lineup as announced for the game will be Motley, Vaughn, Ross, Taylor and Walker. Much of the Nevada attack is built around the sharp-shooting ability of Marion Motley, who among other things weighs about 210 pounds and does a bit of football playing for the Pack during the regular season.

Ross and Motley have come up from last year's freshman team. Taylor is a veteran letterman and Vaughn and Walker have played junior varsity ball and have been outstanding in interfraternity competition.

The game will be the main feature at dedication ceremonies for the new gymnasium Saturday night. The first game will match the Stewart Indians and the Virginia City high school five. Game time has been set for 8 o'clock.

Several Out
In this first game Nevada will be minus the services of Dick Miller and John Lemich, who left today for home

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Close Fight Seen In Handball Race

With pre-season dope pointing to a hot race in the interfraternity handball tourney, final results of the competition are expected to have an important bearing upon the crucial Kinnear Trophy race.

Barring unforeseen happenings, the Beta Kappa doubles team of Ralph Moyer and Leland Tucker, undefeated in last year's competition should repeat with a win in the sport this year. The first place reward of forty points would place the BK's within striking distance of the SAE's who lead the Kinnear scramble with a grand total of 180 points.

Added to the possibility of a win in the doubles, the fact that Tucker took a third in the singles last year must be taken into consideration. These two factors combine to give the Beekays a good chance of standing high when the curtain is drawn on handball.

Should the darkhorses of the competition, Dean Stice and Lyle Roush, come through with a win, Lambda Chi Alpha would lead the Kinnear race with 195 points in the case of a doubles win and would remain in second place with a win in the singles. Little is known of the abilities of the Lambda Chi entries, but both are said to have had considerable experience in the sport.

All the advance dope can be thrown into a mix-up if Lefty Mayer, Phi Sigma Kappa, champion in singles for the past two years, enters into the forthcoming contest. The Phi Sig champion must also be taken into consideration in doubles competition. Last year Mayer teamed with Charles Brock to take third in doubles.

Other entries who must be counted upon to show well in the points are the ATO representatives, Bill Andrews and Leon and Willie Etchemendy. Andrews placed fourth in singles competition last year.

Warren Salmon will represent Sigma

Ex-Nevadans Are Air Corps Grads

Five former Nevada students will graduate from Kelly Field as second lieutenants in the U. S. army air corps tomorrow.

The five, John Etchemendy, Mitchell Cobega, Donald Kinkel, Floyd Wilkstrom, and Craig Tranter, will receive their wings as a climax to a training period undergone since last May.

Information that could be obtained about the graduates indicates that each of the men will serve for two years in the air corps, following which they will be assigned to the reserve corps.

According to reports, Cobega will receive a position as an instructor in the primary training school at Randolph Field.

Nevada Faculty Approves Addition Of New Courses

Several new courses that will be added to the university curriculum received the sanction of the faculty at the first general meeting of the teaching staff yesterday.

A course in zoology, several aggie courses, and subjects added to the summer school session last June were approved by the professors.

Summer surveying was accepted as a four-hour credit course.

Nu in the singles; Roy Anderson, Sigma Phi Sigma; John Gabrielli, Independent, and Jim Shepley and John Radovich will play for SAE.

No schedule has been announced as yet but will be available at the opening of the spring semester.

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Exams, Flu Retard Frosh Basketeers

Exams and flu took heavy toll of the frosh basketball players this past week, and as a result the few practices held were limited to working out the defensive formations to be used in coming games and to perfecting set plays.

With the average turnout per night being less than fifteen players, Coach Jim Bailey has been unable to form a workable squad from the members on the roster. So far the squad has been inconsistent in play. Few of the players have been to all practices, so Bailey has no idea as yet just what the first and second teams will be.

During the past week, the yearlings have been scrimmaging among themselves, with different combinations seeing action in each scrimmage. No one combination has shown the necessary ability to carry the Cubs through the tough schedule ahead. Last night, the yearlings were put through a half hour scrimmage against the varsity, and managed to give a fair account of them-

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self, although being handicapped by the lack of height and the superior conditioning of the varsity.

Seewald, Bowen, and Hatala showed well for the frosh, and may develop into the best of the squad with some intense working. Nuendorf, tall frosh forward appeared to have his eye on the bucket as he connected twice for one handed push shots from a center pivot position.

The first scheduled game is not definitely set for the yearlings, as the city league schedule is still in the formative stage, and the first week-end date has not been filled, but the game will probably come in the week of January 11.

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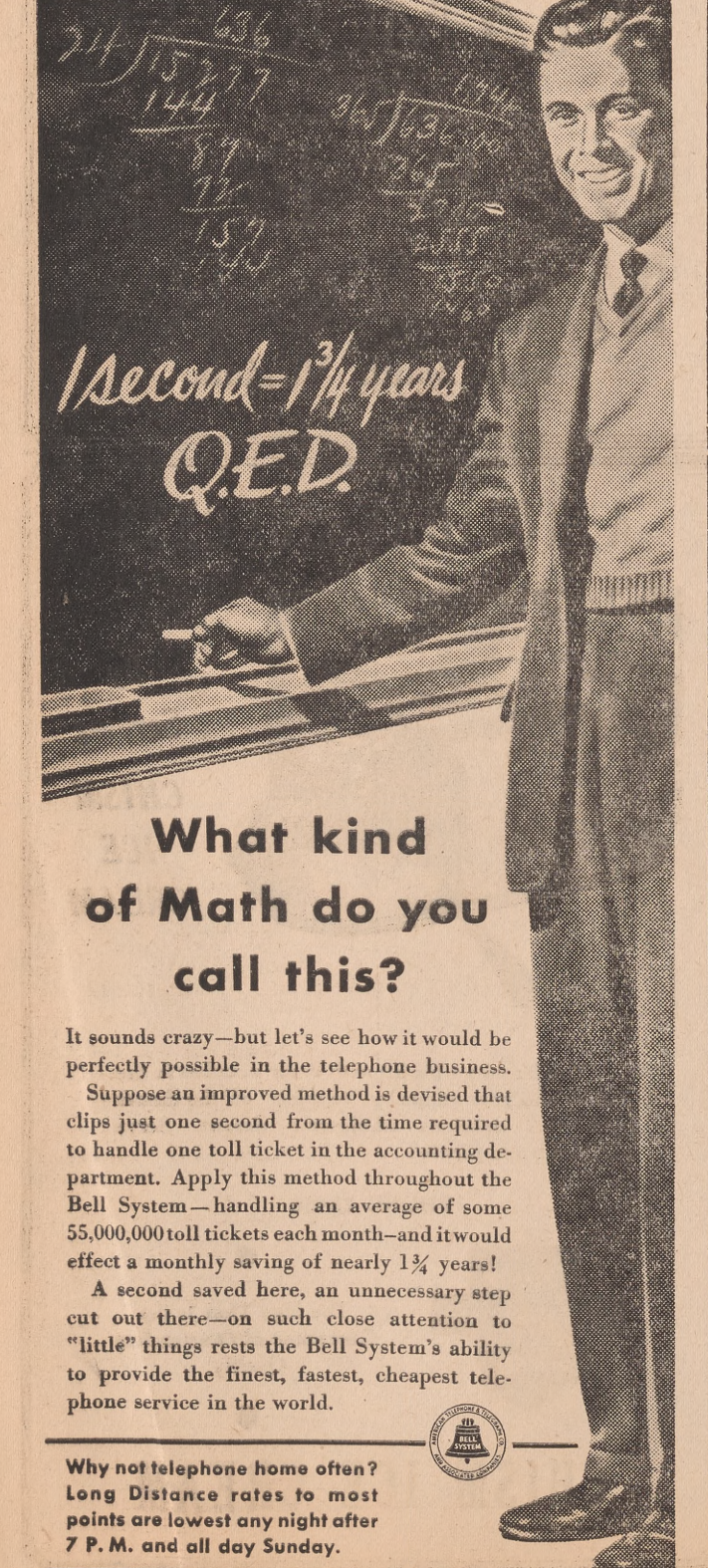
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Hartman Concludes Year Of Service

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are issued on a basis that is in conformity with the system used by major universities all over the nation. Students not fitted for a career in higher education are soon weeded out through new authority delegated to the committee on scholarship.

Facilities in various departments have been improved and new units added. The personnel of the university faculty has been increased by the addition of eleven new members, and new courses which are necessary for the maximum results in various fields have been offered, with more to come as the need arises.

General Face-Lifting

Every day the campus is taking on a new appearance. The men's dormitory has been refurnished, as has Artemisia hall. The Orr ditch, running through the front of the campus, is no longer an eyesore but a beauty spot. Various

Carpenter To Attend Engineering Meeting

Prof. Jay A. Carpenter will attend the annual convention of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, Pacific Southwestern Branch, in Los Angeles, during the Christmas holidays.

The convention was held here last year. Besides the regular meetings and discussions of the society, added attractions will be attendance at the Tournament of Roses in Pasadena and the Rose Bowl game.

Improvements of the athletic plant have been and others are being made. And above all, Nevada students will return next fall to the prospect of a new engineering building, and probably a new gymnasium. Probably the most beneficial result of the new program at Nevada lies in the fact that many universities from other parts of the country are becoming aware of the change and have taken recognition of the new order by sending letters of inquiry concerning the new scholastic standings. Many of the letters contain comments remarking that they have heard that conditions are much improved.

At the end of his first year of service to the university Dr. Hartman definitely does not intend to stop there. With an eye to the future he promises: "I am determined that the standards here will be raised much higher."

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The mysterious female blackguard, who has made the "we always get our woman" motto of the committee a laughingstock, is still at large, after a series of flagrant crimes which put to shame the crime waves of Bonnie Parker, the Sea Hag and Lucretia Borgla.

"Emerald Eve" first came to public attention when she failed to appear as a member of the Block "N" painting committee, and was officially notified to appear before the jury of upperclass beauties to be sentenced to leaf-raking, bench-scrubbing, and shoe-polishing, but again the mysterious brigand failed to appear.

Still at large, the one-woman crime wave is being cornered by a drag-net of the committee's long-armed force, which is planning to lay siege to the hide-away which the sleuths have been led to believe (after much research in the registrar's archives) is 737 Lake street.

Chief Lola Frazer, armed with a sub-machine gun, a tear-gas bomb and a summons, knows as well as you do that 737 Lake is the Phi Sig house, but the detective advertised for above will have to be called to break the case with the outstanding discovery that "Emerald Eve" is probably harmless Evo (that's an 'o' girls) Giorgi, Phi Sig pledge, who is quite ready to surrender to the law and return all notices, invitations and summonses from the upperclass committee, the Home Ec Girls Club, and various and sundry sorority rushing committee chairmen.

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So the gal and I changed places. Sitting there on her knee we exchanged views on the corruption of society girls' morals and the influence of football players in the draft, which may or may not have been the subject. When we parted company, she to tell you of the line which will stop Harmon, Evashevski, Franck and company, and I to tell you of the line which will get any red-blooded male. Here 'tis, girls.

Mr. Charles Schuchardt, matron of the basketball society, will entertain at a beautifully appointed dedication of the season's debut at Virginia City Saturday night. A novel entertainment has been prepared, which is something along the lines of pinning the tail on the donkeys. The Nevada lodge is also planning some sort of an entertaining program, but as yet there is a great deal of secrecy as to what the group has to offer.

Several of the embers of the local chapter have declined the kind offer of the matron to accompany the team, as any sane person knows that Christmas time is a festive holiday to be spent near one's family fireside, not badding about the wilds.

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THERE AIN'T NO SUCH SCORE

Skepticism at the scores Nevada rolled up over opponents in several of the opening games during the past football season reached such a marked degree that one Wolf grad, Hal Lang, '38, rushed out and bought an extra copy of a New York paper to verify the 78-0 win over Arankas A. M. Homecoming, the alumnus said in a letter to Prof. Jay A. Carpenter.

Lang, who was drum major of the Nevada band while in school, is at present employed by the Ingersoll-Rand Co. in the New York office.

Other graduates who have written to Prof. Carpenter telling of their whereabouts and progress include Tony

several of the club members, attired in the cunningest little briefies, have been rehearsing in the club rooms of Martie's Stable atop the hill, practicing a whirlwind-dervish ballet, in which an inflated basketball plays some minor part.

There are also plans for a series of like festivities to entertain the home student-body after the Christmas holidays. Director Schuchardt is as yet undecided whether the basketball theme, which he is afraid is not being grasped by the graceful terpsichoreans, will be continued, or whether the group will merely be objects d'art, so to speak, parading before the crowds a la body beautiful.

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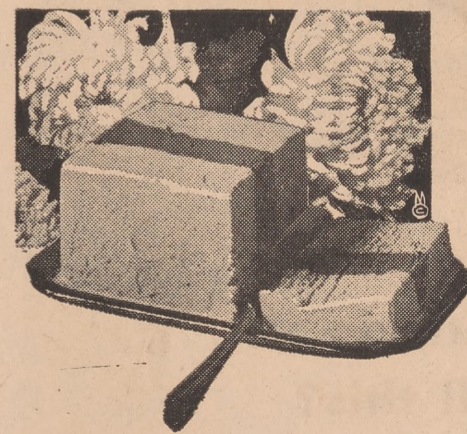
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