



# The U. of N. Sagebrush

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## TIME TO STOP IT

With the announcement this week of the regular schedule of play for the interfraternity baseball league, an unfortunate and highly distasteful situation arises for the -nth time on the local campus.

Greek houses, fired with the ambition to take home the coveted Kinnear trophy or at least to win the reward for topping play in one of the league's three major sports, are again actively proselyting athletes with a deftness and finesse that would bring tears of envy to the eyes of the smoothest-working college football coach in the game.

It is an established fact that Nevada fraternities can show three distinct seasons when they are successful in adding new members to their pledge classes—at the beginning of school in the fall, after Christmas vacation, and immediately preceding the running off of the interfraternity track meet and baseball schedule. With each ensuing rush season, the "set-up" offered the pledge-to-be becomes increasingly lucrative, until he is finally promised a job within the fraternity and is exempted from paying his dues, all in a final desperate effort to get men whose athletic ability might bring home the athletic bacon. There is absolutely no objection to a fraternity offering at least part-time employment to a worthy and needy pledge, but to offer him such a position as an inducement to join the house is destroying not only the ideals upon which all fraternities have supposedly been built but the first principles of clean play and sportsmanship as well.

The interfraternity council, or any other authority, is powerless to stop such practices. No evidence could ever be presented which would prove that the man in question had simply failed to make up his mind about pledging until just before baseball season began.

The only possible answer to the situation lies with the fraternities themselves. If those houses who have been the consistent offenders in the past do not possess enough self-pride, enough honesty to cease such practices, then local Greeks can look forward with certainty to increasingly heavy competition in the proselyting of athletes and a resulting and inevitable lowering of standards of good will and fair play among the houses.

The physical education department and the interfraternity council keep a close check upon men who are ineligible because of scholastic or financial difficulties or because of the earning of a previous varsity letter in the particular sport. To meet both these leaders half way does not seem to be asking too much of Nevada fraternities.

## WHY NOT VARSITY BASEBALL?

Speaking of baseball, the perennial spring question of the Nevada campus, "Why don't we play varsity baseball here?" has been revived again with the warm weather of several of the days of this week.

Advocates of the idea point out several convincing arguments in favor of the adoption of the national sport on Nevada's athletic program. Talent, they say, is plentiful. A number of men now on the campus, were standouts in the sport at other universities or junior colleges, and the state of Nevada itself has in the past produced a number of good ball players and should be able to do the same again. The argument that Nevada's springs are too cold to allow anything like a full season, they meet with the fact that interfrat squads play out an eight-game schedule during that time with no apparent ill effects. If the Greeks can condition themselves sufficiently to do that, they argue, why would it not be possible for varsity men to do the same?

The plan does hold definite potentialities. There is little chance that Nevada could ever become an intercollegiate baseball power or would even be able to compete on even terms with coast colleges, but a well-rounded schedule of eight or so games would very probably produce at least a few wins. With present facilities being what they are, it would be necessary that all games be scheduled away from home, but that in itself should prove at least a temporary argument in favor of the new sport, for a traveling team does not often lose money on its schedule. When Clark field is completely finished, it is possible that adequate bleachers and other facilities will be erected. If such becomes a reality, little should remain in the way of inaugurating baseball at Nevada.

The new sport might not be placed on a major basis, at least for a few years after its adoption, but whatever its status, it would provide a large number of local students with immeasurable satisfaction and invaluable experience.

## PROSPECTING WITH SMOKY EVANS

It must be a real thrill to be a union "leader," and after a showy skirmish, warn 12 million Americans that unless things go his way, a good share of their defense production will be stopped. This, in a nation under tremendous stress, yet giving the highest wages and living standards in history. Of course, the decision to strike is always made by the "workers"—BUT, not by secret ballot. The "Leaders" are afraid of freely expressed opinion; they use the bludgeon of standing votes with here and there a lead-pipe squad thrown in, to bring the vote their way.

For every sincere union leader with brains, there are at least two with greedy fingers filling their purses. Westbrook Pegler calls most of them racketeers—and so does anyone who knows the leaders and methods of the average union.

And here we meet something mighty fishy. The people in the majority rule the country, and what is their choice of the leaders? A governor who charms them with a hill-billy band; congressmen who support variations of that profound economic theory by which one-half of the people work and support the other half who think they're working, and union "leaders" who can lead sheep, but who couldn't run a peanut stand even at a loss. All this in a small remnant of civilization that stands or falls on the vote of the majority. The fishy part is, can we trust this majority?

Whether you are a Democrat or a Baptist, you will acknowledge the significance of 47 1/2 per cent of the nation's voters accusing the president of packing the supreme court with men of his own clique, of as-

suming powers properly allocated to the legislative field, or building a central government whose growth can be likened only to the fertility of white mice, and other nonchalant deviations from the profound wisdom of the Constitution. In short, one-half of we Americans think the other half are pulling us into the mire of dictatorship, and economic ruin.

Well, it's a matter of opinion, but worthy of our deepest thought. Remember the Townsend plan was elevated to the dignity of a state election in California; and it isn't dead yet.

One or the other of these half is wrong, and it looks as if a rather small section of America may swing the balance. That's where we come in—we who are that minority who are supposed to know more because we're studying more.

It might not be such a bad idea, now that everyone and everything is being conscripted, to conscript educated men and women whose principles keep them out of the ward politician class, and whose concern for the common good and knowledge will leave the actions of that uncertain mass known as, the people. For we very likely hold a strategic balance of power in the welfare of this greatest of democracies.

We didn't ask for this; it is there and we cannot throw it off. What we do may well decide whether there will be a United States of America in 2041.

There's one thing about this conscription; it must be voluntary, and it must work to strengthen democracy in some of its weaker places—and there'll not even be \$30.00 a month in the job either. No pay, mind you, but just the mental guts to grab hold of some of the weaker places in this good old U. S. A., and hold it in one piece, while the holocaust burns round the world.

Send the 'Brush Home.

## Memories Of Gay Nineties Come To Life As Plans Are Made For 50th Anniversary

Approach of the 50th anniversary of Nevada's first four-year class recalls the manner in which the first graduates were presented with diplomas.

Decked out in top hats and canes, white ties and gloves, the tuxedo clad class of '91 presented as dapper a group as has ever graced this campus.

It is evident that the three men taking their diplomas were quite a drawing card too. The event was well attended if the story carried in the June 12 issue of the Reno Journal is any evidence. Seats were scarce, as is the following excerpt states:

"Our obliging Nates furnished seats as long as there were any."

The men were all eloquent speakers, but the favorite was one Cutting who was "humorous as well as eloquent." The fact that his classmates were full mustaches may have had something to do with Cutting's sense of humor.

The hardy men of the '90s were so pleased with half dozen speeches made, the Journal states, "that they hated to see the ceremony end, even though it lasted more than two and a half hours." Quite a contrast to the classes today that fidget and squirm through 50 minutes.

Even though the end was dreaded, it had to come. After receiving their diplomas, "the young B. A.'s were presented with a wheelbarrow load of handsome bouquets, which were wheeled on the platform by a colored youth."

## University Receives Physics Equipment

Many scientific books and valuable pieces of laboratory equipment were received by the department of physics last week from the Dr. William Bernard Johnson Foundation for Biophysical Research, of Reno.

The gift includes a quadrant electrometer, a spectroscope, a thermophile, a high-voltage direct current generator and several other electrical instruments.

The books constitute a reference library on the subject of radiation and include several volumes of the Proceedings of the Royal Society of London, "Radioactivity" by Curie, "Spectroscopy" by Baly, and "Biological Effects of Radiation" by Dugger.

The death last December of R. A. Waters, the foundation's research director, caused the founder, Dr. Johnston, to feel that the research work being done could not be continued. Therefore much of the equipment is being given to the University of Nevada.

Mrs. Waters, wife of the late director, was instrumental in naming the recipient of the gift.

Simile: As unconvincing as a bald magician.

## Summer Session Catalogue Issued

Publication of the catalogue for the 1941 University of Nevada summer session was announced recently by Dr. Harold N. Brown, director of the session.

The catalogue is entirely different in style from publications of previous years.

"An attempt has been made to make the catalogue attractive and interesting, rather than a mere statement of facts," Dr. Brown said.

Numerous pictures of campus scenes will feature the publication. Another major departure is the use of "personal glimpses" of faculty members, both visiting and regular, rather than lists of degrees and experience. Charles Duncan, instructor in journalism, assisted in editing the catalogue.

Dr. Brown stressed the fact that the summer session is designed not only for teachers, but that it offers an excellent opportunity for students to make up credits or grade points or to advance their standings. He said that catalogues may be acquired by calling at the office of the Department of Education.

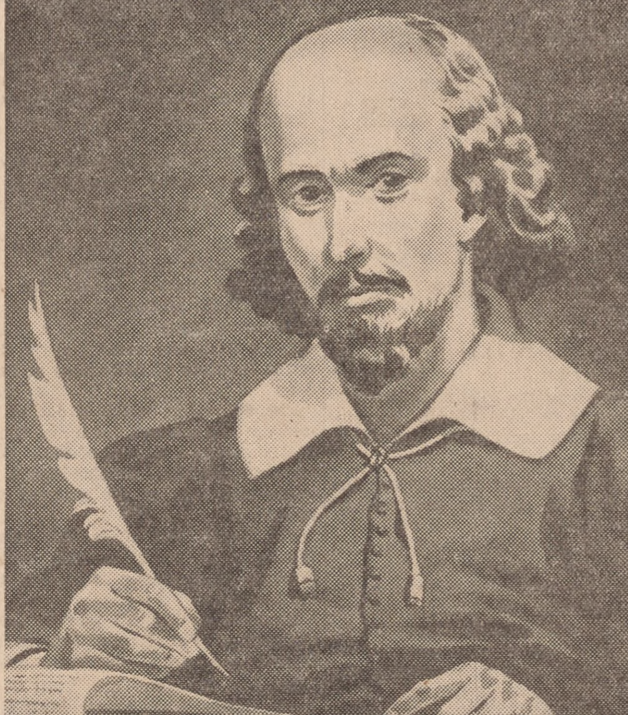
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Rides will be held Monday and Wednesday from 4 to 5:30 and Tuesday and Thursday from 2 to 3:30 and 4 to 5:30 at the Steele ranch, one-half mile east of the Washoe county hospital.

The group's first ride is scheduled for March 10. The equestrians will use Chaska West's horses and ride through outlying hills.

Girls interested in riding may sign up at the gym anytime before March 11, Miss Mason said.

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Mar. 15 — Sat. — Brother Rat — Wayne Morris, Priscilla Lane — Bullets or Rustlers — Charles Starrett.

## Several Books Donated To Mackay Mine Library

Announcement of the addition of a considerable number of technical and historical mining volumes and a set of Harvard Classics to the Mackay mine library was made this week by Prof. Jay A. Carpenter, director of Mackay School of Mines.

The books were donated by Mrs. W. C. Madge, of Virginia City, widow of W. C. Madge, widely-known mining engineer who died recently.

Mr. Madge was at one time an associate of Herbert Hoover, and at the time of his death was employed at the Sierra Nevada mine in Virginia City.

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## Lighting Improved

Lighting in Hall of English classrooms was improved this week as a result of work by members of the university grounds and buildings crew. Chains were lengthened approximately two feet on each of the twelve chandeliers in the building.

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### Fraternities Plan Formal Initiations

Fraternity initiations approached their climax this week, with two houses having already held final degrees for incoming members and other tongs approaching final degree dates.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon will hold a joint initiation Sunday at the Masonic temple with Stanford and the University of California. The Nevada chapter will install 21 men, while the Stanford chapter has three men and Berkeley 12. A founders' day banquet will be held tomorrow night at the Golden hotel. This affair is to bring together the old members and acquaint them with the new class.

Sigma Phi Sigma will hold work week from March 24 to March 29. Thirteen men will be initiated.

The interior of the Lambda Chi Alpha house has been redecorated this week by the pledge class as a project for work week. Sunday marks the first of three degrees to be held for the pledges. The following two Sundays will be utilized for the second and third. March 23, the third Sunday, the ten man class will be formally initiated as members.

Six pledges at the Beta Kappa house will start work week tomorrow. Plans for the final degrees have not been completed as yet.

Phi Sigma Kappa will terminate the season's pledge work with an initiation to be held April 20. Work week is to be held the preceding week. The number of men to take pins at this time will not be determined until later.

Sigma Nu and Alpha Tau Omega have already completed the process of making members of this year's pledge class.

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### Story Of Comstock Mines Is Compiled

Publication of a pamphlet titled "A Technical Review of Early Comstock Mining" by the state bureau of mines, in collaboration with the state writers' project (WPA), was announced here recently by Prof. Jay A. Carpenter, director of the Mackay School of Mines and head of the bureau.

The paper gives the separate histories of Comstock mines for the period 1899-1920. Prof. Carpenter said that it was the purpose of the bureau of mines, aided by the writers' project to complete the history by covering the 1920-1940 period. The bureau had previously written Comstock mining history from its beginning in 1859 up to 1899.

According to Prof. Carpenter, the paper has not only historical value, but is also an aid to those contemplating the re-opening of Comstock mines.

Members of the WPA writers' project do the research work, which is corrected, organized, and published by the bureau.

### Program Outlined

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tained in the basement of Lincoln hall and in the barracks, where they are said to constitute a fire hazard.

**Lincoln Hall To Expand**  
During 1945-47 it is proposed that wings be added to Lincoln hall, to relieve a shortage of room for out of town students. One wing is planned for those years, and another is planned later, at a total cost of \$100,000.

Paving and sidewalk construction to cost \$10,000 are also contemplated during 1945-47. The report stated that all existing roads on the campus, with the exception of the main thoroughfare, are unpaved, and that virtual mires exist on rainy days. Additional sidewalks and paving to cost \$40,000 is recommended for a later date.

The program provides for provision of a practice home and a new hospital during 1945-47, by converting the present hall of English into a hospital. The English building, according to the plan, would be moved from its present site to where the hospital is now and converted into a 10-bed hospital. The hospital would be moved a short distance and converted into a practice home for classes in home economics. The work would cost \$30,000, according to the report.

Also recommended are additions to the greenhouse, and provision of better greenhouse facilities for the college of agriculture, to cost at least \$10,000.

**Financial Plans**  
The report suggested immediate floating of a \$75,000 bond issue to meet the cost of the conversion of the heating plant, and recommended that a two-cent tax levy for the university building fund, abandoned in 1933, be restored. It is also recommended that the allotment of liquor tax revenue to the university be increased by 9 1/2 per cent. The remainder of the funds for the program, it was stated, could be secured from the university and the WPA.

**Theta Pledge**  
Fern Gregory, junior, was pledged to Kappa Alpha Theta sorority Wednesday at 5 p. m. After pledging services, Miss Gregory was the Theta's guest at dinner.

### Lemich Announces Five Definite Bouts For Block N's Fourth Annual Stag Night

Nine bouts, five of them already definite, were promised for Block N's fourth annual Stag Night by John Lemich, matchmaker, last night. Headlining the matches made so far is the Bud Neundorfer-George Rainone battle. Rainone, blurb football from Sacramento junior college, is an out-and-out slugger, with several amateur fights already under his belt. Neundorfer, a rangy boy with a good left, will rely on a superior speed in the fight.

Others who have definitely promised Lemich that they will fight are Tom Ross and Joe Williams at 170 pounds; Jim Borge and Elliot Lima at 155; Perry Jensen and Warren Harrison at 165 pounds; and Joe Mezzano and Charles Henrikson at 140.

Fighters yet unmatched but looking for opposition are Mark Stewart, 140; Paul Yparraguirre, 130; Oliver Henrikson, 140; Jack Diehl, 160; Al Wisniewski, 175; and Alf Sorensen, 150.

Ross and Williams are expected to give the heavyweight feature bout a close run for top honors during the evening. Ross fought a thrilling match here last Stag Night in taking a decision from John DuPratt and displayed a terrific left and good footwork at the time. Williams is also a hard hitter and very rugged.

Jim Borge, Elliot Lima's opponent and a first-semester freshman, has displayed plenty in workouts so far, his handlers claim. Fast and a good hitter, he should hook up in a real battle with the stocky Lima. Lima, though, decided in last year's affair, showed a booming left hook that was dangerous at all times and was beaten only by superior height and reach.

Perry Jensen and Warren Harrison, both entering the ring for the first time, should square off at even odds. Jensen is the rangier of the two, but little else is known about the advantages of either.

Joe Mezzano, speedy little back from the frosh football team, has shown plenty of ability so far in nightly workouts. Fast and a precision puncher, he will be a hard man to beat. Charles Henrikson, his opponent, his put on a good exhibition against his heavier brother on last year's card and knows what the boxing game is all about.

Both heavy and light punching bags were placed in the gym this week, Lemich said, and a new pair of 16-ounce training gloves has been purchased. Fighters are expected to take advantage of the equipment as soon as possible.

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### Applications Taken For Scholarships

Applications for fellowships, scholarships, and assistantships in the department of electrical engineering at Stanford university are now being taken, Prof. S. G. Palmer announced this week. March 25 has been set as the deadline for anyone wishing to apply.

The awards have a total of about \$4,600 and all Nevada electrical engineers are eligible to apply, Palmer said.

Guy Patterson, a graduate of the University of Nevada in 1938, is doing graduate work at Stanford at the present time. Patterson is the only man from Nevada ever to apply for one of these positions, according to Palmer. Previous to attending Stanford, Patterson was employed by the General Electric X-ray Corporation.

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### Barrett To Head Sagers Dinner-Dance Committee

Burton Barrett, sophomore, was appointed chairman of the Sager's annual dinner-dance. President Sam Osgood announced this week.

The dance has been set for April 10 and will be sport, Barrett said. The affair will also be opened to former members of the Sagers.

Committee members assisting Barrett are Jack Fleming, publicity; Ralph Angus, Leonard Anker, and Forrest McQueen.

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