

# Chief Justice, Senator Battle on Court Ruling

By Don Graydon, Managing Editor

Ex-senator Jim Megquier was sitting on a table next to the wall, his feet dangling over the edge. Fred Dugger, chief justice of the Student Judicial Council, was also sitting on the table, his back against the wall.

The two student leaders were discussing last Monday's action of the court in booting Megquier off the ASUN Senate.

The talk took place in the office of the Sagebrush Monday night. Witnessing the meeting were a number of staff members: D. A. O'Donnell, editor-in-chief; Warren Lerude, business manager; Toddy Watkins, campus political editor; Don Graydon, managing editor; Nancy Horning, assistant business manager.

#### Years of Service

Megquier did most of the talking. He briefly recounted to Dugger some of the jobs he has held in student government during three and one-half

years at Nevada. The chief justice listened to Megquier's history, but made little comment.

Megquier finally said: "I've done this stuff for three and one-half years, and to what avail?"

The former senator-at-large seemed resigned to his punishment, and sincerely apologetic for pulling the chicken-stealing stunt which led to his dismissal. But he couldn't hide his bitterness over the court's decision.

"You pay for what you do," Megquier said, "but you wonder just how much you should have to pay." He told Dugger he was surprised that the court's verdict was so harsh. The court had it in its power to simply recommend a disciplinary warning in the case. If this had been done, Megquier could keep his senate seat and his membership on ASUN committees.

#### Strong Criticism

The ousted senator brought out one strong criticism of the judicial council in his talk with Dugger.

Megquier object to having Dean of Men Jerry Wulk, who is advisor to the court, conferring with the justices when they are deciding a case. Megquier said the justices should decide a case by themselves. He felt Dr. Wulk could bring out his ideas on a case, if he wished, when it was referred from the court to the office of the Dean of Student Affairs.

Megquier, a framer of the court's constitution, said he overlooked this point when the court was first set up. Dugger stated that Dr. Wulk occasionally sits in with the justices when they are deciding a case.

#### "Not A Big Deal"

"I don't want to make a big deal out of this," Megquier said.

But it was clear that Jim Megquier is going to be hurt by his punishment. For a man who has done a lot for those around him, and who should do even more in the future, he acted terribly defeated.

"I've learned my lesson," he said. "I won't go into politics again."

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"NEVADA'S GREATEST WEEKLY"

Megquier Expresses Regret (See Page 6)

# Court Bounces Megquier

## Senator Ousted By Council Edict For Off-campus Action

By Toddy Watkins, Campus Political Editor

The power of the student court was put to the greatest test in its two-year history when the judicial body entered the realm of politics last week and heard the case of a student leader who fought for its acceptance.

The case brought before the five justices was that of Jim Megquier, senior men's senator-at-large, heard on charges of

"conduct unbecoming a student of the University of Nevada" and resulting in disciplinary probation, relieving him of his senatorial position for the rest of the academic year.

Megquier had been tried earlier in the week in Reno civil court for stealing a chicken during Homecoming celebration.

#### Conduct Trial

The student leader was not tried in student court, officially known as the student judicial council, for his civil crime but for his conduct as a University representative.

Although Megquier has served the school in campus politics for three and one half years, his case was heard by the student court as that of a student and not a student leader.

According to Dean of Student Affairs Sam Basta, the student court recommended disciplinary probation for Megquier. Basta said he upheld the recommendation because he felt it was a wise decision. Basta also said the Megquier was a very good worker.

Present during the hearing and after Megquier left the court after presenting his case was student judicial council's advisor, Dean Jerry Wulk.

Chief Justice Fred Dugger, giving the only statement he could

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## Campus Play Cast Set Moran, Evans, O'Leary in Leads

Robert Moran, Gene Evans, and Kathleen O'Leary have been selected for the lead roles in the forthcoming play "The Rivalry." The play will be presented by the university speech and drama department January 13-14 in the university theater.

Gene Evans will play the part of Abraham Lincoln, Robert Moran the part of Stephen Douglas, and Miss O'Leary the part of Adele Douglas.

Other members of the cast include Jim Bernardi, Noel Warner, and Thomas Resner. Sarah Pederson will be stage manager, Bob Lemon will be in charge of lights. The play will be directed by Charles L. Mitten assistant professor of speech and drama.

"The Rivalry," written by Norman Corwin, first appeared in New York in 1959. The play deals with the famous Lincoln - Douglas debates of 1858 over the issue of slavery and the admission of new states to the Union.



WITH THE FIRST SNOW of the season student ski-bugs will be off for the slopes again. This photo of skiing at Squaw Valley was supplied courtesy of the "Olympic Torch"

# Signal Set For 'Death Corner'

The "death corner" at Ninth and North Virginia streets will at last be safe for pedestrian crossing, according to a letter received by ASUN President Ben Echeverria Thursday from W. O. Wright, state highway engineer.

The letter was the first response made to the ASUN after student petitions were sent to Governor Grant Sawyer, the state highway engineer, and Reno city council. Accompanying each petition was a letter from Echeverria explaining the students' strong interest in a signal light at the intersection.

Following is the letter from the state highway engineer:

Dear Mr. Echeverria:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 3, 1960, regarding the problem of safety at the intersection of North Virginia Street and Ninth Street.

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Very truly yours,  
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State Highway Engineer

The signal on the Sixth and Virginia streets crossing is a complete stop light system and changes to a flashing warning light after 10 p.m.

As the City has not yet completed plans for the Ninth and North Virginia street signal, it is not definite that the "death corner" signal will be a stop light. The opinion expressed by city and state traffic and highway authorities before the petitions were sent was that a warning light would better

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## ... Megquier: Senator Loses Position in Ruling

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make on the court's deliberations, said Megquier's case was definitely the longest and most controversial one to come before the court since it was instituted.

### Only Recommends

Also according to Dugger, the court has the power to give to Dean Basta recommendations of acquittal, disciplinary warning, disciplinary probation, suspension or expulsion. The court may also recommend additions or conditions to the various degrees of punishment.

According to the present student court set-up, disciplinary probation would involve being relieved of any duties in student government for a set length of time. In Megquier's case, he will only be removed from his senatorial duties.

Megquier, as president of two organizations on campus, will continue to serve in these capacities. His appearance before the student court will not be included on his University record.

### Chief Spokesman

Last year during the student court's first year of operation on

a trial basis, Megquier was one of the chief spokesmen for acceptance of the system by the student body.

Megquier was elected to the Senate as a sophomore to serve the two-year term as junior men's senator at large and this year's representative senator for senior men. Part of his duties included serving on the two most important ASUN boards, publications and finance control.

He has also been a member of service clubs on campus and has served on various ASUN committees.

During a recent Senate meeting, ASUN President Ben Echeverria appointed Megquier to oversee all action by the important election board. The student leader was named this week to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

Megquier was informed by Dean Basta that he could appeal his case to the faculty judicial committee, and Megquier replied he did not feel he had sufficient grounds for an appeal.

### June Graduation

Megquier will graduate in June of next year, after four years at the University.

According to Echeverria and the ASUN constitution, the executive committee has the duty of submitting to Senate the names of two person when a vacancy such as Megquier's occurs. A two-thirds vote by Senate will determine who will replace Megquier as senior men's senator at large. The approval will be made at the next Senate meeting Oct. 30.

## ... Signal

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serve both pedestrians and drivers.

The difficulty of trucks making complete stops, especially in winter when the roads are icy, was another reason authorities felt a warning light would prevent more accidents than would a stop light.

A total of 1,080 students had signed the three petitions when they left the ASUN office Nov. 3.

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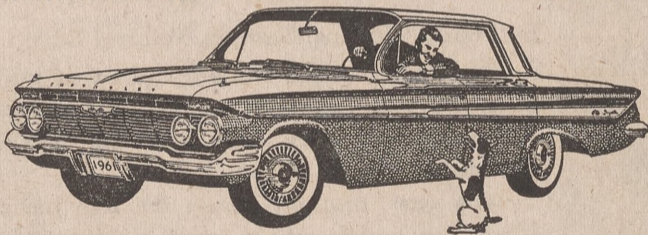
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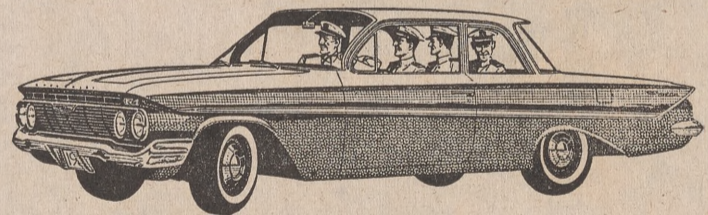
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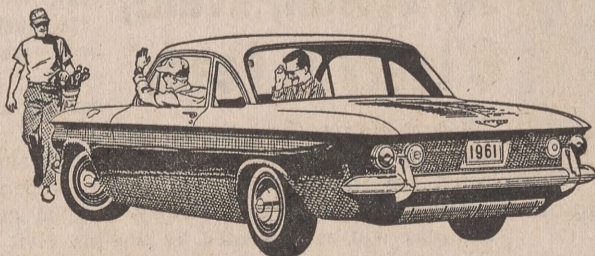
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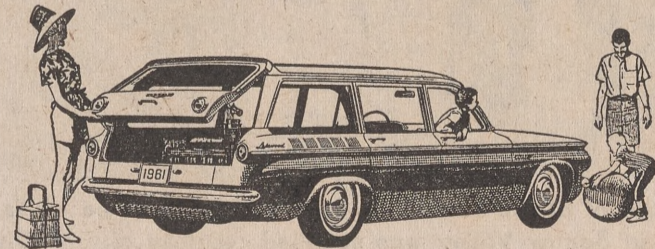
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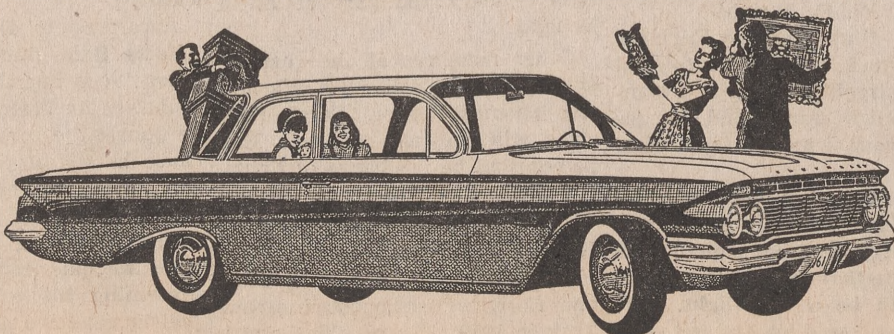
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# Thanksgiving Observances Have Various Backgrounds in Many Nations

By Margo Bartlett

Most countries in the world have a customary harvest festival but Thanksgiving Day in the United States is something unique.

Customs tend to become rituals with little meaning. Holidays, too, become ridden with customs and lose their original significance. Many autumn festivals in other countries began as did our Thanksgiving as times of rejoicing, even if in different ways and for different reasons.

Many hold days began in the middle ages when the dreary life of the peasant was made easier to bear by a great number of religious festivals. Here the people had reason to give thanks for time off from work and for little else. The harvest festivals might also have been times of thanksgiving for a good crop, but they seem to have come down only as times for having good times.

The stern religion of the Puritans who struggled through the hard winter of their landing in America in 1620 permitted no frivolity. They decided to give thanks after the crops were in the following fall. That first Thanksgiving Day was probably a far cry from the colorful day of abundance Americans know now.

This celebration was picked up by others in New England, keeping its religious significance. It spread to other states and in 1863 was recommended by the President as a national observance.

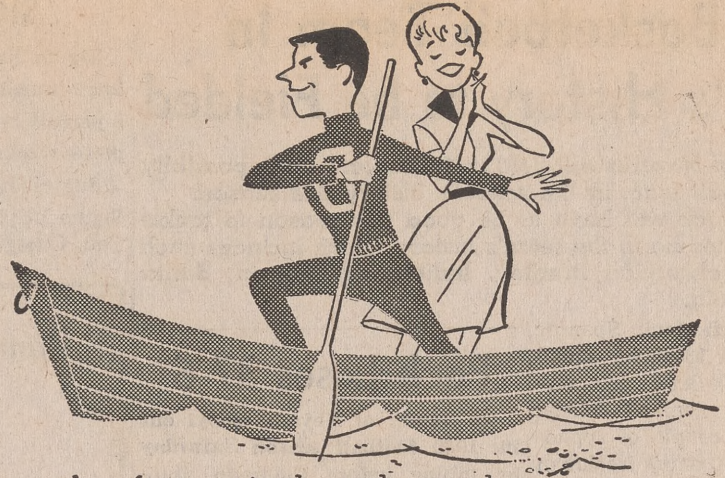
Thanksgiving Day has become for many Americans a day of reverence and of acutal recounting of

blessings. It is a holiday when people wish to be with their families to share Thanksgiving dinner. The good smells of turkey cooking and spicy pastries baking have not disapperaded even in the complex modern society. The almost overabundance of this nation's wealth has not seemed to have destroyed its capabilities of being thankful.

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Ambitious coach Jack Spencer is working with a 13-player squad which includes five lettermen, several outstanding junior college transfers, and a couple of sophomores up from last year's freshman team.

Spencer has six players which are 6-4 are taller to solve the rebounding problem which plagued the team so consistently last season. Last year, Nevada had only one man that was 6-4.

Heading the "New Look" height list is 6-8 center Ron Hedin, a transfer from Santa Rosa JC, and center Bruce Fitzer, an Antelope Valley JC transfer, who also towers 6-8.

Nevada has three forwards who stand 6-5. Sophomore lettermen Stewart Johnson, former prep all-stater from Hawthorne, is back again, along with agile Gene Simpson, a Poterville JC transfer and frosh Brad Baraks, from Rock Island, Ill.

Veteran Val York, a starter on last year's team, and flashy Craig Hall, Kansas City, look like the starting guards.

Joe DeArrieta, of Winnemucca who lettered as a frosh last year, and Lonnie Moore, up from the freshman team, will also see action at the guard posts.

Another letterman, Ed Allison of Carson City, has been moved over to forward this season after starting at center last year.

Available at both the forward and center spots will be 6-4 Dave Craig, a transfer from College of Sequoias, and also back from last year's team is 6-1 forward Bob Shoemaker.

Morgan Jellett, another returning starter from last year's team, is back again along with Eddie Hillygus, up from last season's frosh squad.

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## Pack Loses 37-6

University of Nevada closed out its 1960 football season Saturday by falling before Colorado State College at Greeley, 37-6.

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Nevada won three of its nine games during the year.

Bear halfback Butch Gardner scored three of the winners touchdowns and booted three extra points. Gardner tallied on runs of three and 16 yards, and counted another six points on a pass from Bruce Peck.

Peck himself scored on a spectacular 51-yard pass play from the arm of quarterback Tom Carlson.

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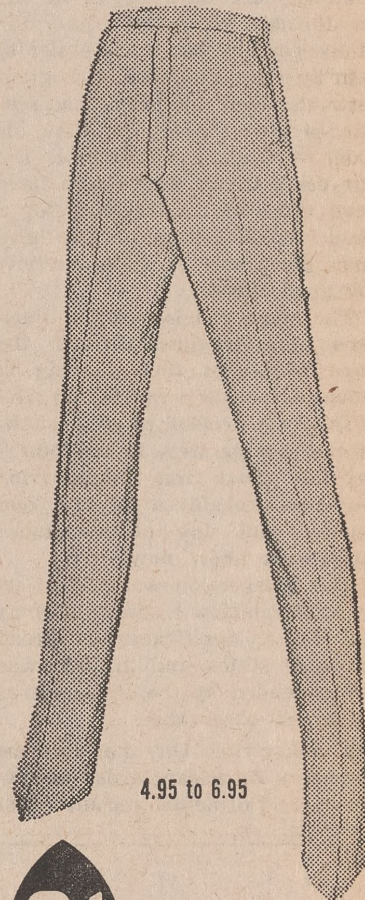
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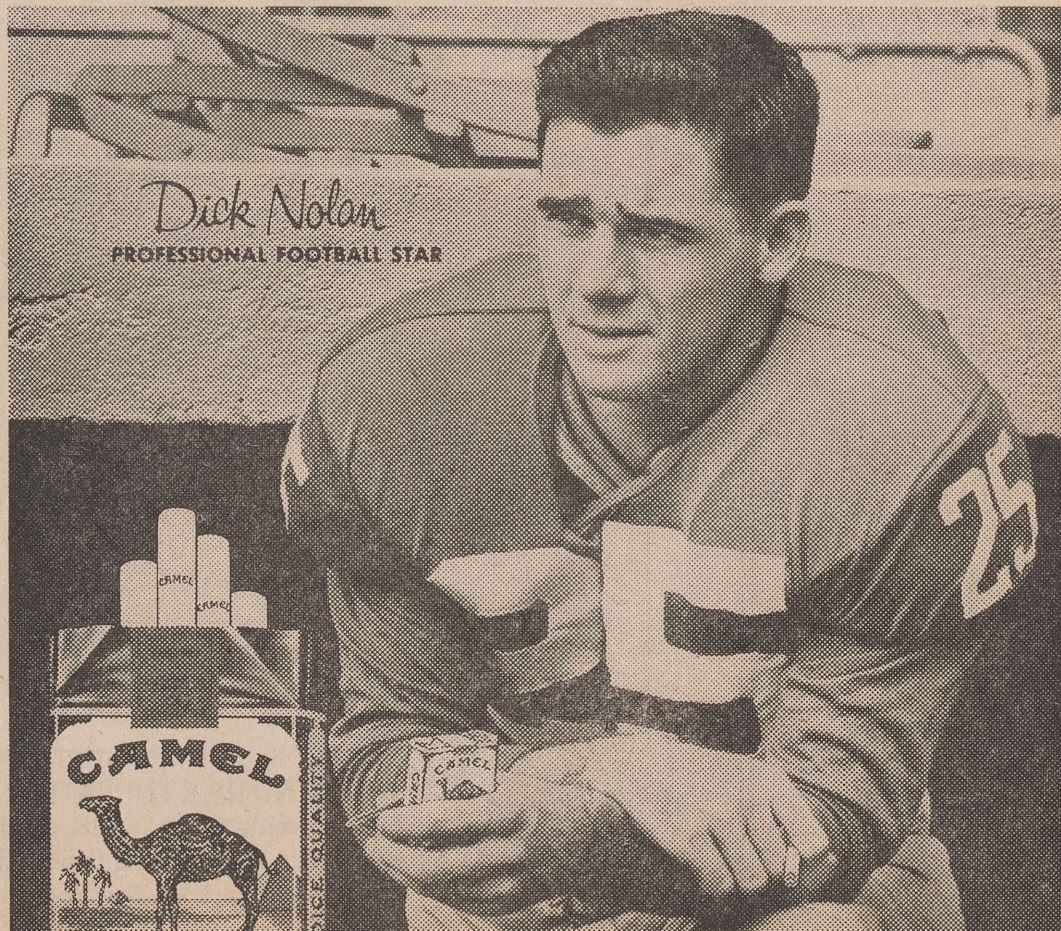
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# SPORTS BEAT

By RON BALL

The 1960 Wolf Pack season is now history. The short pants and pigskins have been mothballed and all that remains is the record book that shows Nevada on the short end of a 3-6 slate.

The story of the 1960 Nevada grid campaign was one of a potentially strong team, loaded with depth, that failed to live up to pre-season expectations.

While Nevada had no super-stars, no Marion Motely or Stan Heath, to carry the team, it had the one thing necessary to make it a good team and a pre-season darkhorse for the Far Western Conference title—depth.

In fact, the difference in ability between the first-stringer and the third-string subs was hardly cognizable. This well-balanced situation would be any coaches dream, especially in the Far Western Conference where there is unlimited substitution.

With no limit to the number of times a player can enter and come out of a game, the coaching staff should be able to keep fresh personnel on the playing field at all times providing they are blessed with the team depth that Nevada possessed.

One of the most important factors that a coach must possess in order to be a good coach is the ability to know when a fresh substitute can do a better job than a tired first-stringer.

It was Trachok and company's overplaying of the regulars that contributed to the sub-par performances of the Wolfpack, for how can a team realize its potential when the potential is sitting on the bench for 59 minutes a game?

Football at Nevada is still of small time category, and the men who participate in the sport play because they have a definite love for the game.

There are no lucrative scholarships offered for outstanding athletes and there is no pressure from die-hard alumni on the coaching staff to win or else. Football exists at Nevada because of the spirit it brings to the University as a whole and the chance it affords the guys who love to play the game.

However, there were several players on this year's team that were in on about only ten plays all season although they possessed the ability and desire equal to the play-

ers that averaged over three full quarters a game.

Out of nine seasonal games, the Wolfpack managed to salvage only decisions—and these were to the perennial "weak-sisters," Pepperdine, Cal Aggies, and Sacramento State.

Out of the other six opponents three could have been considered formidable and favored over the Wolfpack, including San Francisco State, Humboldt State, and Colorado State College.

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### The Megquier Case

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA:** In accordance with rules enforcing violations of the University of Nevada conduct code, I have had my position of Senior Men's Senator-at-Large suspended indefinitely. I wish to sincerely apologize to those who elected me to this position and am truly sorry for betraying the obligation which was given me.

Sincerely,

JIM MEGQUIER

MONDAY EVENING JIM Megquier, almost at the point of frustration, walked into the offices of the Sagebrush and gave the above letter to the editor.

WHAT BROUGHT THIS student leader, respected and liked by all, to do this? It was none other than that little group of tin gods, the student court, and their all-powerful overlord, Dean Samuel M. Basta.

MEGQUIER WAS INVOLVED in a minor incident over Homecoming. He was brought before the Reno Justice Court and fined accordingly. This should have been the end of his punishment. As far as the State of Nevada was concerned, he had paid what little debt to society that he owed.

BUT, NO, THAT was not the end of it. The Office of Student Affairs felt that the matter should be taken further, and, thus, presented the matter to the student court. Two other students were involved in this matter, and they were both given the same "punishment" as Megquier received, disciplinary probation.

BUT IN THIS instance there was no equality of justice as there might appear to be on the surface. Considering their lack of office-holding positions, the other two received little more than a slap on the wrist, so to speak. But Megquier lost much by this.

HIS HUMBLENESS IN this matter is to be admired, but the Sagebrush can in no way agree with him when he says that he should be "truly sorry for betraying the obligation which was given me." What obligation has he betrayed? None. None at all.

THE STUDENTS ELECTED him to act as their representative in student government. He has been wise and just during his term of office and has well served his constituents. The students didn't elect him to just act as a figurehead, someone to be shown off to townspeople and other persons who are not members of this campus community. This is what Dean Basta indicated when contacted by the Sagebrush.

SENATOR MEGQUIER admirably met the obligation given him by the students during his term of office. It is just plain ignorant of a person to say that he was elected for any purpose other than just to represent the students in campus government.

THE FUTURE POLITICAL implications of this action of the court are obvious. In effect, anytime the members of that group wished to remove a person from office they could do so with ease. And the same thing goes for the power of the Office of Student Affairs over campus government. All vestiges of separation of powers have been eliminated by this action.

THE COURT IS undoubtedly out of bounds in this matter. The group has overstepped its implied authority. Cases such as this one—involving actions that do not take place on campus—should not even be heard by a student court. If the Dean of Student Affairs wants to take action in a matter such as this, he shouldn't use a group of students as a scape goat.

IF SUCH ABUSES of authority as this continue to be the case with the court, the students will have no recourse but to drastically revise the court or to eliminate it completely.

## The Hungry Eye

By MARILYN KOTTER

**TO DICK MORRIS:** \* \* \* (hoo ha).

**ALL MINORS** are now hanging out at the Gold and Silver. All socials from now on will also be held there.

**THIS COLUMN** will feature a regular apologies section, since some seem to feel it is necessary. Apologies to the Haseltine clan for the misspelling. Also, it wasn't Revlon, it was HaSel Bishop. ALSO, to the Taus, who are really nice boys.

**ONLY THEIR HAIRDRESSER KNOWS:** Participating in a campus session were Lynn Fry, Beth McKenzie, and Sheri Harwood, who now have the New Look.

**"I WANT TO BE A CARDINAL"** Tryouts for Cardinals, a branch office headed by Jerry Ennis and John Ward, are being held nightly at Shakey's.

**BUGGY:** Will someone please straighten the picture in the library for Karl Breckenridge, who is developing the crossed look.

**WHAT kind of a prize did Manzanita win, so that the girls are now able to employ Miss Barnes and Dean Mobley as char maids in the basement?**

**OUT FROM THE INTERIOR:** Lambda Chi's entertained the Delta's last week at a jungle social to beat all jungle socials. The main interest was in walking the LC's mascot, Sheila, the Afghan.

**WITH THE FLYBOY:** Lorraine O'Dell is taking flying lessons at Stead on Saturday night.

**CELEB IN OUR MIDST:** Laurie Wier is now attached to Hollywood, as she is working with one of the movie companies. She will be

pleased to autograph pictures.

**THE BIG GAME:** Many migrated to Cal-Stanford for the weekend. Seen waving various banners was Bada, who went to see Jim, Val Estes at the Phi Kap dance, Janice Crumley at the Phi Delt dance, and Alice Urrutia with u-no-hoo. Also SAE's with the Chi Ome gas and Tardo, Nevada's foremost playboy, who was kicked out of the Gay Nineties for drinking water (?).

**VENISON SOCIAL:** The Pi Phi's escaped but the Phi Sig's now have police records. It's getting so you can't even socialize any more.

**INTERIOR DECORATOR'SVILLE:** Admiring the original wallpaper at Jim Fee's apartment during the poker game were Bob Henderson, George Frank, George Davis, Wayne Osborn, Dale Wagner, and Barbara Brannen, Penny McCullom, and Becky Rose, who invaded.

**AHA, A DATE SOCIAL:** Sigma Nu's and their dates who drank COFFEE and ate do-nuts at the social were John Davies and Kate Warner, Pat Williams and Connie Wagner, Linda Young and Ted Stover, Jim Durham and Tricia Hug. Who was Diane McManus with?

**SINCE it is already Thanksgiving, start looking for the Christmas Assembly.**

**HEAD FOR THE HILLS:** The general movement has begun. Enjoying Heavenly Valley were Brenda Barnes and Bill Cantlon with HOMER, and Joyce Hollenbeck, Janet Steiner, and Ann Thorburn.

**SOCIALIZING: FAMIL'SVILLE.**

**GOING DOWNHILL WITH BENNY:** The living groups are with you, SIR, and even now the leaders are busily engaged in hunting for standards.

## Why Not?

By BILL ADAMS

**One of the tallest basketball teams in Nevada's history will take to the floor Dec. 2 and 3 against Eastern Oregon. The team average will be in the 6'6" range with Ron Hedin's 6'8" frame leading the group. Head Coach, Jack Spenser, is looking forward to a very successful year. It should be mentioned that there were five returning lettermen and only one made this year's top five. The man that has this honor is letterman Val York, who had a tremendous season last year, and I am sure will have an equally as good one this year.**

The university received some very favorable publicity last week by exceeding the quota for the Reno-Sparks Community Chest drive. As of last week we had reached a total of \$1,859.55 or 102 per cent. I would personally like to congratulate the faculty, staff and student body for contributing to this worthwhile community service. The student body gave approximately \$300.00 through their respective living groups and the donation containers in the ASUN Bookstore and the Snack Bar. The Jot Travis Union is also to be commended for their donation of a days receipts from their coffee sales. It goes without saying, that the alumni and citizens of the Reno area appreciate this type of publicity rather than the type they have been reading for the last two weeks.

**Concerning my pool on the all school dances—The cards and letters that have come to my hot little hands so far, tend to agree with me. Remember, if you agree or do not, write to "Why Not" room 111 (campus mail c/o the TUB.)**

As Ken Murray once said about the women in his "Black Outs," "The power of suggestion can raise a man's curiosities." He was referring to the fact that a floor show could have just as much sex appeal with the women clothed rather than not. I think Morris of 90% fame, used this same philosophy in his recent article about Freudian symbolism. Although a few \* \* \* will not have the effect on a person as the Black Outs, it allows one to read into a story

many things. I must admit that his article was very humorous and if he continues to use his \* \* \* at football games, and thinks that it is a \* symbol then I agree that everything might become 90% crud.

Many students will leave today for their mothers delicious (if your mother is a good cook) Thanksgiving dinner. However, there will be many students that will be unable, because of the short vacation, to travel home. I think it would be appropriate for you that live in the Reno area to invite any friend of yours that falls into this category.—To my friends—I'll be out of town.

Two very fortunate students will be considered the bread winners upon their arrival home for the holiday. John Coxs and John Whitlock were the lucky students that won the turkeys at the Turkey Trot. The dance was held Saturday night at the Dining Commons. The dance was termed a tremendous success with about 250 students in attendance. Carol Warner is surely to be congratulated for the wonderful decorations. And it is my personal opinion, that Don Rauch and his band, is one of the finest we have had at a student dance.

Concerning the article that appeared in Fridays Nevada State Journal "The Crack Down" on university drinking—rumor has it that the Reno Police Department is hiring fellow students as under-cover agents. Their purpose will be to set at a bar and watch for students that they know are under twenty-one and then place a phone call to the local constabulary.—Be careful—Big Brother is watching.

**Rehearsals for the 26th annual presentation of Handel's famous Christmas classic, "The Messiah," by the University-Community Symphonic Choir and Orchestra began Tuesday evening and will be held weekly. I would like to recommend to all new students that you attend this concert on Sunday, Dec. 11. This annual program has been a tradition in western since 1927.**

Drive carefully—Have a real good Thanksgiving—Why Not?